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President, Diana Bird, presents Secretary, Pauline Simcock and Treasurer, Garry Simcock, with their Life Membership awards last meeting.

Guest speaker this month will be Mr. Graham Fear, President of the SA Cymbidium Club, who will tell us about his experiences with growing cymbidium.

Our new meeting hall is at 34 LONG ST PLYMPTON . NOTE – ACCESS TO HALL NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL 7.30 pm Parking at side and at rear of hall Access is via either front or back entrance after 7.30 pm..

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LIFE MEMBERS

1970	Spiro Drikas*	2005	Alan Davies, Iris Davies
1975	Elva Shawyer*, Gordon Shawyer* Edith Halliday*, Mervyn Green*	2013	Margaret Jacob
1976	Trevor Jacob	2014	Brian Brand, Shirley Brand
1977	Jack Moore*, Harold Luckhurst*, Ken Wynes*	2018	Lesley Gunn, Robert Gunn Don Higgs, Jane Higgs Jill Taylor
1986	Kelvin Staples*, Stan Johnston*	2021	Dr Tony Bourne
1992	Peter Speer*, Deane Johnston, Frank Neighbour*, Nancy Neighbour*	2022	Pauline Simcock, Garry Simcock
1996	Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver*		

*Denotes deceased member Researched K..Gurney

2022 PROGRAMME

Our April meeting will be held at our new venue 34 LONG St. PLYMPTON
The hall is open from 7.30 pm. Entry either through the front or rear doors.

**Mr Graham Fear, popular President of the SA Cymbidium Club, will
be our guest speaker this month, and will be talking to us about his
experiences with growing cymbidium orchids'**

BIRTHDAYS FOR April 2022

'Birthday draw' for a plant for members with a birthday this month include.

Lesley Gunn and Shirley Little.

Next Committee Meeting:	Pine View, Village, Glenside	April 25th	7.00pm
Next Judges Meeting	To be advised.		7.30pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:	To be advised		

PRESIDENT'S FORUM

February 2022.

Hello, everyone.

We have now settled well into our new venue, with any teething problems sorted. The dates for the Society's activities have been finalised so please get your diaries out to keep those dates clear.

Our guest speaker was to be a long term orchid expert and friend of many, Barry Bailey. Unfortunately, Barry has had some long term health problems which sometimes have altered his plans, and so it has transpired this month, and he will be unable to attend this month. Barry is known as a down to earth speaker, very popular with a wide range of cym growers, (he has an extensive knowledge of growing other types too,) and he indicated he will be pleased to come along when his health allows. We knew it could possibly happen, and Graham Fear, the efficient and popular President of the SA Cymbidium Society will replace Barry for this month. Graham's talk will be well worth your attendance this month. The Cym Society has many knowledgeable and successful growers and exhibitors, and Graham is happy to pass along some of this specially relevant information..

I look forward to his talk as I have quite a few cyms myself now.

Anton Drew had agreed to provide an article for our magazine, and we are privileged to be able to include his paper this month. Thank you very much, Anton.

Our meeting this month will be missing two of our very hardworking members, Pauline and Garry Simcock who are visiting family. I wish them a lovely, well earned break. Others are stepping up to keep things rolling along, and I look forward to seeing many of you this month

Best wishes,

Diana.Bird President

CHEERIOS.

The Covid infections are still increasing, so please take the opportunity if appropriate, to keep up with your booster shots. The Health Dept. advice is that although the latest variant is more easily transmitted, the outcomes are not as severe. . Some members have contracted Covid in recent days, but all appear to have recovered well. Please continue to take precautions, wear your masks, and make commonsense decisions to limit infection We send a big cheerio and best wishes to all members, families, and friends who have not been well lately.

LAST MEETING.



Our guest speaker Nicky Zurcher last month gave us the recipe for successfully cultivating slipper orchids, which was good revision for those who already grow them, and encouraging information for those who have only limited experience with their culture..

Nicky's is a successful paph breeder through introduction of hardier genetic lines more suited to our climate. Together with tetraploid conversions to facilitate breeding advances, they were discussed in his talk at the Aust Orchid Conference at Dural, NSW recently, and we hope to share information of his successes at a later date .when he has reviewed his paper.

You will see from the front page photo that well deserved Life membership Certificates were presented to Pauline & Garry Simcock after being granted at our AGM last November.

Thank you to Kevin Gurney for his ongoing work over the years in providing top quality trophies and Awards for our Society. The Award certificates are very aesthetically pleasing, and Diana Bird's selections of frames added just the right touch.

THIS MONTH

We have long planned to have Barry Bailey talk to us about cym, but he is unavailable this month, but Graham Fear, the Cym Club's popular President, has offered to help us out this month Graham, too, has had long experience and success, and his entertaining style will make a most interesting talk for all of us. Thank you, Graham.

Members bringing in plants for judging can gain access either through the front or back doors, after 7.30 pm

MEETING DATES FOR 2022.

All meetings are booked for the third Wednesday of the month, except.. August Dinner meeting **Thursday**, 18 August, 2022, & December Christmas Dinner meeting on **Thursday**, 15 December, 2022

No meeting in Sept. (Show put-in)

IMPORTANT SHOW DATES

SA ORCHID FAIR

Put in June 10th Open to public
11th and 12th June

WINTER SHOW at Klemzig
6th and 7th August

SPRING SHOW AT Gilles Plains Shopping Centre Put in Wed 21st Sept, until 5pm Sat 24th Sept
SALES DAY Monday 3rd Oct (Public Holiday)

OTHER DATES TO CONSIDER
Enfield Hort Soc. Autumn Show
Sat 30th April /Sun 1st May at Klemzig

VIC. ORCHID CLUBS' COUNTRY CHALLENGE. At Stawell this year Sat July 2nd 12–5pm & Sun 9am-3 pm.. Details at APRIL meeting.

A.O.C. HONOURS .

Personal honours are not awarded lightly by the AOC, but SA has a number of recipients, the last two to receive “Awards of Honour” being **Roger Rankin** for his services to Judging over many years (Roger and Pauline are still members of our Society), and **Les Nesbitt** for his contribution to advancement of knowledge and information about Aust. native orchids, particularly the Aust. Native terrestrial group. Only two others,(listed as still alive) are our **Nicky Zurcher**, recognised in 1986 and Dr.K Dixon of WA. in 1987.

The other group of personal honours recipients are “Fellows of the Aust Orchid Council” and of those still living, SA has five . They include **S Monkhouse**(1971), **D Gallagher** (1990), **D J Harris** (1994), **L Brombal** (2003), and **Miss C Hills** (2013). The dedicated work of all the Award recipients is worthy of our thanks for their commitment to the advancement of orchid growing in Australia Congratulations, and thank you all from the SA Orchidaceous Society’.

MEMBERS' CORNER

Our President, Diana Bird, introduced this concept last meeting with an article from Andrew Bird, and her perseverance has paid dividends with articles from Anton Drew and Jane Higgs.

Thank you, everyone.

DO TUBERS HAVE A MEMORY

For many years I have been trying to ascertain what it is that triggers Australian Native terrestrial tubers to come out of dormancy. Why are they later to appear at Myponga (750 ft. above sea level) than the Adelaide plains or Victor Harbor, which is further South and lower in altitude and generally has a more moderate temperature range? Serapias in Victor often appear a month ahead of mine.

Tubers that come from other locations e.g. the Australian Native Orchid Society of Victoria, tend to shoot and flower as if they were still in that location and take a couple of years to acclimatise.

On our property we have numerous springs and the rising of the springs co-incides with the emergence of the first shoots appearing in the terrestrials. I am told that the rising of the springs is triggered by air pressure, so is this the same for tubers?

When I repot terrestrials about the first week of January, often I come upon some that are already shooting, but these appear above ground at the same time as others that are not shooting then.

It has been suggested that they are affected by the tides and/or the moon, length of daylight and/or night-time hours. If this is the case, overcast days should equal shorter days but doesn't seem to.

My terrestrials are all undercover so the break in the season or the first rains shouldn't affect them, but it does. Is this the cooler humidity in the air, whether they receive the actual rain or not that affects them? A very wet winter

one year doesn't seem to make a difference but can do the following year.

The pots that receive more early morning sun on the North Eastern sides of the pots start shooting before other pots, which negates the theory that less bright light initiates the growth.

In conclusion. some of the tubers appear to have memories, while others do not. These are just a few thoughts, things that have been suggested to me and surmises, but I guess that we will not really know the answers and have to accept that the tubers will perform whenever the mood takes them!.

Jane Higgs.

PLANTS SHOWN LAST MONTH

Open Div and Registrar's Choice

Registrar's Choice for the night, and Best in Open Div. was *Ctt.* (Cattleanthe) Valentine Day 'Chloe' grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju This was a well presented Cluster type Laeliinae and typical of the Valentine Day grex. Flowers were a good clear glossy red./ purple. There were two inflorescences of 13 and 16 flowers, a very good count.

Seedling

. *Psh. cochleata* 'Pixie' was grown by Pauline and Mark Hockey This is a very desirable plant with 4 inflorescences of 3 flowers each and a total of 9 buds. The flowers are a very pale creamy green. This plant has a lot of potential as it grows in size. Other examples of this selfing were also on display

First Division

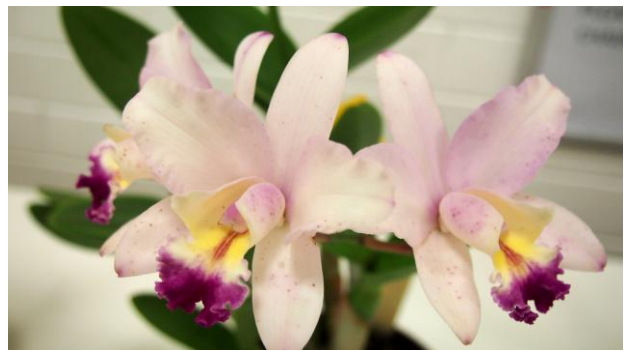
Onc. (Oncidium) Aka Baby grown by Joe & Denise Cassar

This has *Onc.* Sharry baby as a parent and as a first impression could be mistaken for Sharry Baby. However there are some differences, in particular, the colour of the tips (white) of the tepals and the shape of the lip which were modified by *Onc.* Jimbo - the other parent. There were 2 inflorescences on the healthy plant with many flowers which were clean with good substance.

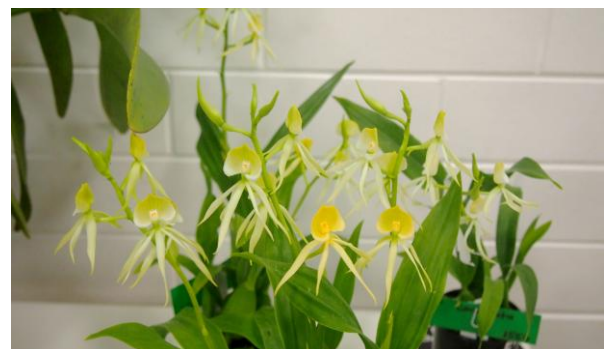
Second Div.

Rth. (Rhyncattleanthe) Topaz Classic was grown by Garry & Pauline Simcock

This was a small compact plant with 6 flowers on 2 inflorescences. The soft pink flowers with contrasting labellums and some spotting on the petals and sepals were held well above the foliage for maximum visual effect



Rothara Topaz Classic



Psh cochleata 'Pixie'

COMP. RESULTS March 2022

CYMBIDIUMS 60 -90 mm.

Open Div
1st Autumn Cherry 'P & M Hockey

CYMBIDIUMS Under 60mm

Open Div
1st Sundaani Autumn Sunshine P & M Hockey'
2nd Sundaani Parade P & M Hockey

STANDARD LAELIINAE 80mm and over.

Open Div
1st C Hawaiian Wedding Song `Virgin`
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd C Mari's Love x Ryc Chin Sung Smile
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div
1st No award
2nd C Hawaiian Wedding Song `Virgin`
J & D Cassar

Second Div
1st Rth Topaz Classic G & P Simcock

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

Open Div
1st Rlc Shin Shiang Diamond x CHsinying
P & M Hockey
2nd Rlc Shin Shiang Diamond x CHsinying
P & M Hockey

Second Div
1st Bct Hawaiian Treat P & G Simcock

NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

Open Div
1st Ctt Valentine Day M Willoughby & Oui Ju
First Div
1st C Kew J & D Cassar

SPECIES LAELIINAE

Open Div.
1st *Enc alata* `Marion` M Willoughby & O Ju
2nd *Psh cochleata* `Pixie` P & M Hockey
3rd *Psh cochleata* P & M Hockey

NON STANDARD PAPHS

Open Div
1st Lynleigh Koopowicz Michael & Oui
2nd Andronicus J Seidel
3rd Quantum Light x *concolor* J Seidel

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div
1st *glaucophyllum* M Willoughby & O Ju

DENDROBIUM

Open Div
1st Wolong `Blue Lip` M Willoughby & O Ju
2nd Little Green Apple M Willoughby & O Ju

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div
1st Milt Goodale Moir Golden Wonder`
M Willoughby & O Ju
2nd *Psychopsis* Mendenhall `Hildos`
M Willoughby & O Ju

First Div
1st *Onc* Aka Baby J & D Cassar
2nd *Onc* Tan Treasures `Lavender Picotee,
J & D Cassar

Second Div
1st Milt Christina Carpenter .Rumfeldt
S Laznicka

OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

Open Div
1st *Phrag* Sorcerer's Apprentice J Seidel

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Stanhopea insignis* G & L Spear

SEEDLINGS

Open Div
1st *Psh cochleata* `Pixie` P & M Hockey
2nd *Paph* Quantum Light x *concolor* J Seidel
3rd *Psh cochleata* `alba` P & M Hockey

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div
1st Milt Goodale Moir Golden Wonder`
M Willoughby & O Ju
2nd *Psychopsis* Mendenhall `Hildos`
M Willoughby & O Ju
3rd *Phrag* Sorcerer's Apprentice J Seidel
First Div
1st C Kew J & D Cassar
2nd *Onc* Aka Baby J & D Cassar
3rd C Hawaiian Wedding Song `Virgin`
J & D Cassar

Second Div.
1st Milt Christina Carpenter .Rumfeldt
S Laznicka
2nd Bct Hawaiian Treat P & G Simcock

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

Ctt .Valentine Day `Chloe`

M Willoughby & Oui Ju.

First Division

Oncidium Aker Baby
Joe & Denise Cassar



Onc Aker Baby

Second Division

Rothara Topaz Classic
Garry & Pauline Simcock

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Ctt Valentine Day `Chloe`
M Willoughby & O Ju



Ctt Valentine Day `Chloe`



Milt Goodale Moir `Golden Wonder`



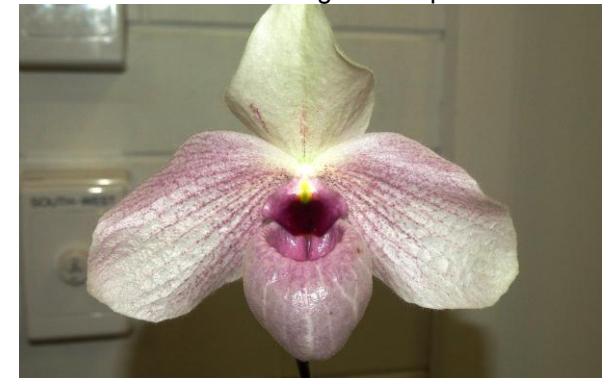
Milt Christine Carpenter `Rumfeldt`.



Cym Autumn Cherry.



Den Woolong `Blue Lip`



Paph Lynleigh Koopowitz