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A good form of *Rossioglossum grande* at last month's meeting.(a seedling,too) A cool grower, it needs a cool dry rest after flowering is finished over winter.

Guest speaker this month will be our Registrar, Don Higgs, who will discuss the month by month flowers we brought along to meetings and shows during 2021.

Meetings every third Wednesday each month. (May 18th this month) 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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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 May 18th meeting will be held at the Plympton Community centre
34 LONG St. PLYMPTON

The hall is open from 7.30 pm. Entry either through the front or rear doors.

**Our Judging Registrar, Mr Don Higgs, will review the 2021 plants
tabled at meetings and shows last year.**

BIRTHDAYS FOR May 2022

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

Patricia Carman Pat Lampard Pauline Simcock Geoff Spear .Andrew Woron

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

Growing Coelogyne By Anton Drew

This is a synopsis of how I grow the genus *Coelogyne*, specifically, species *Coelogyne*.

First a brief overview of the genus.

Coelogyne is an Asiatic genus that can be found at sea level to the tops of the tropical mountains. Identifying coelogyne has always been problematic, the islands of Borneo and Sumatra are rich in species of the genus but few keys are currently available to identify them.

In 1821, John Lindley, in his "*Collectanea Botanica*", named and described the genus *Coelogyne* based upon *Coelogyne cristata* Lindl. and *Coelogyne punctata* Lindl. The genus consists of 190 known species, two additional subspecies and 12 additional varieties giving a total of 204 taxa.

Since records began, over 400 taxa have been included in the genus at various times. Many of these have subsequently been proven to be synonyms or taxa that were placed in the wrong genus. Synonyms and other taxa formerly in *Coelogyne* are detailed in the Index of Synonyms and Excluded Species.

In my collection, I have specialised in collecting species rather than man made hybridisations as I prefer the pure flowers as they would be found in the wild, therefore my culture is to mimic their natural conditions which include high humidity (60% -90%), temperature range from 15C to 32C, and plenty of air movement.

In the wild, *Coelogyne* don't grow in bark, hence I only use sphagnum moss which is found on the trees they grow on. My mix is ½ sphagnum moss, ¼ Perlite for moisture retention as Adelaide has a very dry atmosphere (Av RH 1% to 25%), and charcoal to keep the mix sweet. Generally, I repot about 3 yearly for smaller plants not filling the pot, and for larger plants as needed when on potting or dividing.

I keep the mix quite damp and feed once a week in summer and 2 to 3 weekly in Winter depending on the moisture content in the pots. I vary the orchid food so they get a good range of nutrients; we don't like to eat the same food and neither do they. ;o)

I have the majority of my collection in hanging pots to get bright sunlight.

At present I have around 26 plants in my collection including 3 which have been awarded by the AOC, and these plant range in size from small *C. swaninana* up to extremely large *C. mayeriana* (1.5 m high x .5m across) and *pulverula* canopy 1.5m across with leaves 500mm long).

I have varied my collection to have plants flowering at different times of the year so there is always a show of colour in the warm-house.



Coelogyne mayeriana



Coelogyne mayeriana



Coelogyne speciosa



Coelogyne speciosa



Coelogyne pulverula



Coelogyne pulverula



Coelogyne multiflora



Coelogyne multiflora

PRESIDENT'S FORUM

February 2022.

Hello, everyone.

Hasn't the year just flown by, even with Covid quarantines being endured by more and more of us. Autumn blooming orchids have shown us a variety of blooming plants quite different to what we see when the main seasons of winter and spring show us the latest results of the breeders' art. A lot to look forward to, with our Orchid Fair over the long weekend in June, and our Winter Show in early August. Some of our members intend to visit the Victorian Country Orchid Challenge, in July, too, which features a number of the cooler growing orchids which we don't see in such numbers here in SA. .

Covid cases remain high, and for the safety of all of us it makes it even more important to continue with precautions like wearing of masks in enclosed areas and disinfecting of hands.

Our guest speaker last meeting, Graham Fear, President of the SA Cymbidium Society, told us how he grows his cymbidiums, and it is always interesting to hear and see how other successful growers manage their orchids. His use of Seed & Cutting potting mix has been innovative for small cymbidiums straight from the flask to

community pot has been successful and produced both good root and top growth.. Perhaps worth a try.! Thank you, Graham.

We look forward to seeing more of our members next meeting as the flowering season advances. Remember to look after your plants to show them off when show time arrives.

Best wishes,

Diana Bird President

LAST MEETING.

Mr. Graham Fear was a popular guest speaker last meeting, when he showed views of his growing area, some of his high quality cym, and how he transplants small seedlings straight from the flask into "seedling & cutting mix" into community pots. He showed the results of very good growth using this method, and others are following his procedures.. .



Thank you, Graham, for a most enjoyable talk

THIS MONTH

We usually run a commentary on the previous year's judging results at our January meeting, but that meeting was cancelled due to Covid concerns, and this month is the first opportunity to bring you the review.. Don Higgs will present the program, which comprises mostly of the best orchids each month taken by John Seidel, our official photographer. Thank you.

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.

MEMBERS' CORNER

Diana Bird should run for parliament. I've tried for years to get members to provide us with relevant articles for inclusion in our Review, but she gets results. This month, you can see Anton Drew's submission about his beloved coelogyne orchids.

Jane Higg's item last month about the timing of terrestrial orchid tubers putting in an appearance each year provoked some thought., Other plants and bulbs also seem to have a built in seasonal timer, and Jane's observation about our native terrestrials gave us all information for us all to think about.

I believe Diana has persuaded Kevin Gurney to tell us about his orchid growing, too.. Kevin maintains his interest, although he has been unable to join us at meetings for some time. He provided me with a photo recently of a specimen plant of *Gongora galeata* with 26 spikes, I think, which he flowered last year. I'll be looking forward to his contribution, too. Well done, Diana..

Thank you, everyone.

PLANTS SHOWN LAST MONTH

Second Division and Registrar's Choice

Cattleya. Unknown, Grown by Pat & John Carmen. With 3 inflorescences supporting 4 flowers and clean foliage, this was an eye catching plant. The 85mm (w) x 100 mm(h) flowers were a delicate pink encircling contrasting dark mauve labellums with a splash of yellow in the throat. It is grown in small bark in a 16cm pot and John told me he has had this plant for 20 plus years.



First Division

Stenoglotis (Sngl) longifolia, owned by Peter and Helen Haltis. Peter has owned this plant, which is growing in the original mix of sand and peat moss in a 140mm pot, for a year. It had 10 strong inflorescences of even height carried many fresh flowers and, being a progressive flowerer, many buds still to come. The plant is grown under 50% shade cloth and on average Peter waters the plant 3 times a week and if the temperature is over 35C it gets misted for 2 minutes 3 times a day



Open Division

Paph. Magic Lantern '21' grown by John Seidel. There was one very nicely shaped flower on one inflorescence. It was a lovely soft purple / pink in colour with stronger purple lines on the tepals. The staminode was yellow which was a nice contrast. It was potted in 6 - 9mm bark and perlite in a 90mm pot located in a glasshouse and one of the reasons it appeals to John is that it has multiple flowers each year.



Paph Magic Lantern

Besides the Divisional winners, there were many others which deserve a mention. An outstanding line-bred example of *Ctt bowringiana* from P. Haltis showed the breeders' art



Ctt bowringiana 'Dark Prince'



Ctt Little Fairy

Diana Bird's bright yellow bifoliate cattleya stood out for colour, and had lovely clean, compact foliage



Cym dayanum

The species *Cym dayanum* reliably flowers at this time of year when well grown like this one



Seedling *Cym Sister Doris*

A bright start to the cym season for this compact plant from J Seidel



Zga Freestyle Meadows x Titanic

Michael & Oui's zygonaria was a very fine quality plant, with lovely shape and deep, even chocolate coloured tepals contrasting with the wide lip. Just wait till the plant matures!

South Australian Orchid Fair Formerly SAROC

The Fair will again be held on the long weekend in June, with the venue open from 9.a.m. on Friday to allow setting up of the Kitchen and

the arrangement of displays and vendors.

It should be noted that the venue will not be open to anyone other than those setting up.

Plants for display can be brought in from midday and displays arranged ready for judging on Friday night.

We have a new venue this year, The Campbelltown Function Centre at 172 Montacute Road, Rostrevor, a more pleasing venue with plenty of parking.

It should be noted that the venue will not be open to anyone other than those setting up.

We do not have to take most of our house to the venue; pie warmer, working stove, fridges, microwave etc are all on site and in working order, unlike the last venue. We do not have to pay for parking which was not available last year due to the football and the ice arena, nor are we being charged to help pay for the redevelopment.

Once again, the SA Orchidaceous Society is responsible for the kitchen and we are inviting all members to help whenever they can. This could be by supplying scones, jam, or soup and helping in the kitchen on Saturday and Sunday. (Hopefully we will have enough helpers for Friday in the kitchen). A roster and donation sheet will be available at the May meeting to make your commitment.

A Fair dinner will be held on Saturday Night, June 11. This will be held at the Tower Hotel on the corner of Magill

and St. Bernards Road, about 1½ kms. from the show venue.

We will have a room (maximum of 60 people) to ourselves, so we do not have to contend with other patrons, and we will be able to mix, speak and hear others.

There will be a choice of about 8 pub-type meals in the range of \$25 - \$30. Drinks, tea and coffee and dessert will be available for purchase separately.

In order to avoid additional unwanted costs as at past fairs, we are asking for \$20 deposit per person to be paid to the Treasurer at the May meeting. It does not take many people failing to attend after saying that they would, and meals being ordered and having to be paid for, causing the costs to go up.

If you are not at the May meeting, you can contact

Pauline on 0430 194808 or Garry 0419 837761.

More details about the display will be available at the May meeting.



R/c Creation 'Sakura Candy'

COMP. RESULTS April 2022

CYMBIDIUMS Over 90mm

Open Div
1st Sister Doris J Seidel

CYMBIDIUMS 60 -90 mm.

Second Div
1ST Lemon Sorbet D Bird

SPECIES CYMBIDIUMS

Open Div
1st *dayanum* M Willoughby & Oui Ju'

STANDARD LAELIINAE 80mm and over.

Second Div
1st C Unknown P & J Carman

STANDARD LAELIINAE UNDER 80mm

Open Div
1st *Rlc* Creation 'Sakura Candy'
M Willoughby & Oui Ju'

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

Second Div
1st *Cct* Little Fairy D Bird

NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

Open Div
1st *Ctt* Browniae 'Riga' M Willoughby & O Ju
First Div
1st *Ctt* Browniae 'Riga' J & D Cassar
2nd *C* Portia 'Cannizaro' J & D Cassar

SPECIES LAELIINAE

First Div.
1st *Ctt* *bowringiana* 'Dark Prince' P & H Haltis

NON STANDARD PAPHS

Open Div
1st Magic Lantern '21' J Seidel
2nd *Maudiae* x *Hsinying* Cyber Leopard
Michael & Oui
3rd Clifton Booth J Seidel

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div
1st *henryanum* 'Mouliache'
M Willoughby & O Ju
2nd *charlesworthii* M Willoughby & O Ju

AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Den liparis swenssonii*
M Willoughby & O Ju

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div
1st *Alcra* Samurai M Willoughby & O Jui
2nd *Pasr* Chian-Tzy Lovely 'Ct -Goldmine'
M Willoughby & O Ju

ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Rossioglossum grande*
M Willoughby & Oui Ju'
Second Div
1st *Gomesa flexuosa* P & H Haltis

OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

Open Div
1st *Phrag* Sorcerer's Apprentice J Seidel
2nd *Masd* Peppermint Glow
M Willoughby & Oui Ju'

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Sngl longifolia* M Willoughby & O Jui
First Div
1st *Sngl longifolia* P & H Haltis

ZYGOPETALUM HYBRID

Open Div
1st *Zga* Freestyle Meadows x Titanic
M Willoughby & O Jui
2nd *Z* Kiwi Auckland 'Seaview'
M Willoughby & O Jui
First Div
1st *Zga* Unknown P & H Haltis

SEEDLINGS

Open Div
1st *Paph philippinense x malipoense*
J Seidel
2nd *Ros grande* M Willoughby & Oui Ju'
3rd *Cym* Sister Doris J Seidel
First Div
1st *Zga* Unknown P & H Haltis

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div
1st *henryanum* 'Mouliache'
M Willoughby & O Ju
2nd *Alcra* Samurai M Willoughby & O Ju
3rd *Paph* Magic Lantern J Seidel
First Div
1st *Ctt bowringiana* 'Dark Prince' P & H Haltis
2nd *Sngl longifolia* P & H Haltis
3rd *C* Portia 'Cannizaro' J & D Cassar
Second Div.
1st *C* Unknown P & J Carman

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

***Paph* Magic Lantern**

John Seidel.

First Division

Stenoglottis longifolia

Peter & Helen Haltis

Second Division

***Cattleya* Unknown**

Patricia & John Carman

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

***Cattleya* Unknown**

Patricia & John Carman



Paph henryanum 'Mouliache'

This small growing, compact species grows well for Michael & Oui, and multi-spikes each time it is presented.

It is much easier to transport than John Seidel's *Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice*, and which has won the "Other Hybrid Section" for the past three months. A great effort, and the racemes and number

of blooms just seems to increase each month



Masdevallia Peppermint Glow.

Masdevallias need cool conditions, and are not widely grown here.. This is a lovely shaped flower from Michael & Oui.



Liparis swenssonii

Many *liparis* have a disagreeable odour so beware if you are asked to sniff them!