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Paphiopedilum Fanaticum, a primary hybrid from two fairly recently discovered species from China, shown by Michael & Oui last meeting, Colour and form closely follow the *Paph micranthum* species first shown in England in 1984. This plant was Grand Champion at the recent SA Orchid Fair.

Meetings every third Wednesday each month. (July 20th this month) Our meeting hall is at **34 LONG ST PLYMPTON. NOTE – ACCESS TO HALL IS 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 July 20th 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.

Guest speaker this month will be Mr Roger Herraman, well known for his extensive knowledge of many orchid genera. He will be talking this meeting on the shapely, small growing, cattleya type orchids.

BIRTHDAYS FOR July 2022

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

. . Robyn Dunn Mark Hockey Pauline Hockey Trevor Jacob Rayne Riggs

Next Committee Meeting: **Uniting Church hall 93 Crittenden Rd Findon** July 25th 7.15pm
Next Judges Meeting Uniting Church hall, 93 Crittenden Rd Findon August 1st
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting: To be advised

The Story of the Genus *Cattleya* *by Peter Haltis*

In the 19th Century, the British Empire spanned almost the entire world. Their appetite for acquiring new things in order to improve their scientific, economic and other horizons was insatiable. An interest in acquiring new and exotic plants was part of their quest. In 1818, a prominent English horticulturalist, **William Cattley** (1788 – 1835) received a consignment of ferns from Brazil, which had some unknown, leathery plants included as packing material. Curious, Cattley planted some. Three years later he was ecstatic at the emergence of the most beautiful exotic flowers.

In 1823, Cattley hired the eminent Orchidologist, John Lindley, to catalogue his plants, and to describe his wonderful new orchid. Lindley recognised the similarities of this orchid to one which flowered a little earlier, then incorrectly named *Epidendrum violaceum* of Loddiges. He immediately created a new genus, *Cattleya*, in honour of William Cattley

In his work, COLLECTANIA BOTANICA 1824 he corrected the genus of *Epi. violaceum* to *Cattleya loddigesii* and he named Cattley's orchid *C labiata*, in reference to its beautiful labellum. The former was a bifoliate (two leaves), while the latter was a unifoliate (single leaf), each representing a distinct group within the *Cattleya* family.

Cattleya labiata took England and the whole of Europe by storm. Its flowers became corsages for the aristocracy and the new genus *Cattleya* became synonymous with orchids for more than 60 years. By the end of the 19th Century, the perfumed, dainty Asian cymbidiums began gaining momentum, giving the opportunity to less affluent citizens to own and grow orchids.

For decades, the unifoliate *C. labiata* remained the only representative of this species. Other varieties were discovered, but were of different colour, bloomed at different times, or displayed a unique horticultural aspect. Botanically, most of these unifoliate cattleyas were considered as varieties and subvarieties of *C labiata*, with Cattley's plant considered as *C labiata vera* (the true *C labiata*)

As the number of variants grew, and as hybridisation began to utilise these forms, the cumbersome botanical nomenclature was modified, and the varietal names were raised to the rank of individual species. Thus today, we speak of *C. mossiae*, *C. dowiana*, *C. trianae*, *C. gaskelliana*, *C. warscewiczii*, *C. maxima* and *C. labiata* of course, just to name some of the better known unifoliate cattleyas.



Two colour forms of *Cattleya labiata*.

Thank you, Peter

Ed.

PRESIDENT'S FORUM

June 2022.

Hello, everyone.

The recent SA Orchid Fair at Campbelltown was a great success, and we particularly thank Garry and Pauline Simcock who were our co-ordinators for the catering for the weekend, and thank you to all who contributed and assisted, both from our members and others from other Clubs who helped. Our display was beautifully produced by James Argent and his assistants, and all who brought in such lovely orchids and foliage plants are to be congratulated.

There were some lovely exhibits from the participating clubs, and everyone attending were enjoying themselves, and making lots of purchases from the enticing offerings

from the local and interstate commercial vendors. I particularly was intrigued by the range of the 'jewell orchids' which I'm sure we haven't seen in such variety previously in Adelaide...

Our July meeting will feature a talk by Mr. Roger Herraman, who has spoken to us on a number of occasions. He is an excellent speaker who is very popular with our members, and we thank Mr. Herraman for his knowledgeable talks and presentations

. The next month, our August meeting, will be our [mid-year dinner , on the Thursday night, August 18th](#), starting at 6.15 pm. Our Treasurer, Garry, will be pleased to receive your dinner contribution at our July meeting. \$5 for members, \$10 for partners and friends. (a subsidised contribution).

Sandwiched among these dates will be our Winter Show, at the Klemzig Community Centre, on North East Rd. on 6th and 7th August.

Our grateful thanks, too, to Graham Zerbe, who stepped in last month to take photos of the orchids displayed when John Seidel was unavailable.

My thoughts go out, too, to those of us who are not in the best of health recently, and we are all thinking of you.

Our very best wishes to you all.

Diana.Bird President

The SA 2022 ORCHID FAIR.

Fresh from his write-up of last year's orchid Fair published in Orchids Australia, Alan Davies has given us his impression of [this year's Fair](#) at the Campbelltown Functions Centre.

"Over the long weekend in June, the 2022 South Australian Orchid Fair was staged by member Clubs of the South Australian Regional Orchid

Council, comprising participating Orchid Clubs from South Australia and Mildura.

The new venue was the Campbelltown Function Centre, 172 Montacute Road, Rostrevor, and despite being in a new location, the Fair was a *great success*. This is still South Australia's Premier Orchid Show for the year, at which vendors from leading orchid nurseries and garden horticultural specialists, both local and interstate, offered an extensive range of orchid genera and garden products.

The show consisted of floor and tabletop displays, with each Club and members competing for various prizes and awards. South Coast Club was adjudged to have, the best overall display. and the Champion Orchid was a spectacular *Paph. Fanaticum* from Michael and Oui.

Cultural and information sheets on growing orchids were available, with experienced growers on hand to give free advice and answer questions. Orchid Potting demonstrations on dividing and potting orchids were conducted throughout both days of the Fair by Rob Wood from Millicent Club

. A sterling effort, mostly from Orchidaceous and Native Orchid Club members all working in harmony, ensured that the Light Lunches, Devonshire Teas and refreshments were readily available, and the entry and raffle desks were manned. The feedback from both the

general public and the vendors was very positive although some changes to layout and arrangement will be needed next time."



S.A.Orchidaceous Society display.

S.A. NATIVE ORCHID SOCIETY **The Les Nesbitt Propagation Facility**

In May, 2022, Garry and I attended the opening of the Les Nesbitt Propagation Facility of the S. A. Native Orchid Society, at Heritage Court, Oakden.

The S.A. Native Orchid Society meets in a part of the former Hillcrest Hospital kitchen. Their facility comprises a meeting room, and another laboratory-type room which houses the laminar flow cupboards. A smaller room houses the autoclave and other equipment.

Outside in what is the carpark area, there are several large shadehouses where hundreds of small plants of numerous varieties are growing. It appears that before long, more shadehouses will be required. There was plenty to see inside the building. Along one shelf in the meeting room, the Native Orchid Perpetual trophies were on display. At one end of this room was a small trading table; amongst the stock,

beginner's packs were available for sale. Beginner's packs, made by the members, contain a spray bottle, a clear pot, a sandwich bag of small bark chips, Keiki instructions, & photograph. These packs are in a coreflute box and resealable bag. Clearly, this facility is a work in progress, as the building is quite old. In terms of plant propagation, there is a great deal being done by a small group of very enthusiastic members.

I can only say "Congratulations, and well done" to the members of the Native Orchid Society, and a thank you for the invitation to attend.

*Pauline Simcock Secretary,
SA Orchidaceous Society*



Autoclave.



Laminar flow cabinets.

CHEERIOS.

The winter season brings more than a fair share of health problems, and this month we send a heartfelt CHEERIO to Vanda Rounsefelt, Fred Cawse, both Brian & Shirley Brand and to Geoff and Lucy Spear. And any other folk, too on the sick list.

LAST MONTH

Experienced members carried out simultaneous demonstrations. and members moved around to ask questions informally, and learn how our experts handled the various genera.. We have some great action shots of the demo.s and we should be able to produce a very informative meeting at a future date if needed



Here, Joe Cassar comes to grips with a division of his large Aust. dendrobium which he has wrestled out of its pot

Jane Higgs dissected a large bifoliate cattleya from Garry Simcock, aided here by Bob Gunn to extract it from its pot. A number of divisions were expertly potted and distributed.



“Careful with those roots, Bob.”

Peter Haltis demonstrated examples of all sizes, shapes and spike habits of his cymms, and showed samples of his potting ingredients, and an intriguing comparison of how different growing situations can influence the growth of same size divisions of the one plant. He also prepared a page of cultural observation notes. He has spare copies for anyone interested..



Here Peter discusses finer points of culture with Sarka Laznicka and Ralph Edwards.

Last but not least, Kevin Western deflasked and potted up native terrestrial orchids, and some of his beloved sarcochilus, some larger ones straight into individual pots.

Here we see Kevin handing out potting instruction to some interested members who are potting baby seedlings into community pots using damp sphagnum moss.

A fun night, both informative and instructive.,



MEETING DATES FOR 2022.

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

No meeting in Sept. (Show put-in at Gilles Plains is on what would normally have been our Sept. meeting night.)

IMPORTANT SHOW DATES

WINTER SHOW at Klemzig Community Hall 6th and 7th August Hall opens at 8 am on Saturday for set-up.

SPRING SHOW AT Gilles Plains Shopping Centre Put in Wed 21st Sept. at 5pm after shops close, followed by judging, and open shopping hours until 5pm Sat 24th Sept.

SALES DAY Monday 3rd Oct (Public Holiday) at Klemzig Community Hall. Bring along all types of plants, books, and other good stuff to sell on the trading table

MEMBERS' CORNER

Peter Haltis has contributed to our 'Members corner' articles this month. Members we have approached to participate have happily agreed to our President's initiative. Diana has proved very effective in getting members to provide an article

Well done, everyone, and thank you, all. Different growing practices & opinions make a more interesting Review.

WINTER SHOW COMPETITION.

The following not separately judged in Divisions.

Besides all our usual judging categories for plants, we have other sections to diversify and make our Show even more interesting for the general public.

FLORAL ART :-James Argent who is a fully accredited Floral Art judge, will be judging the following Sections ;-

1. An arrangement using orchids and one other medium e.g. wood , bark.
2. An arrangement using only three flowers.

3 An arrangement using unusual containers.

4 An arrangement using a vase. The vase should be taller than the neck is wide...

There will also be a Section for **Miniature Table Top Displays.**,

Also, a Section for **Photography** featuring

- 1 A single orchid bloom
- 2 Multiple blooms.
- 3 A general gardening or horticultural scene.

We will also have a non-competitive display of **orchid related paraphernalia.** Bring along those orchid themed items.

A Big Party at Montacute Garry Simcock

All local and visiting rodents are invited to attend. There will be a plentiful supply of bright blue blocks which can be enjoyed either in a sheltered position or in complete isolation. Sorry: there will be no take-away of Uber-type delivery available; you must attend in person?? If you cannot make it immediately, do not despair. There will be an ongoing supply of food, so much so that it will kill you trying to eat it all.

I have experienced rats digging into cymbidium pots to eat the Rapid Raiser pellets in the past. Earlier this year, I discovered that they like the bulbs of *Oncidium* Twinkle, eating 4 plants completely and half eating two. The recent rain and cold weather must have driven more into my orchids.

Kevin did a wonderful job demonstrating deflasking and potting up little plants at our last meeting. Pauline got a flask and he helped her to pot them up. I doubt that I will

ever get the chance to see if I have sufficient skills to keep them to maturity as they have been found to be delicious. Something has pulled nearly every plant out of the sphagnum and eaten the roots and bulb.

Ed. Note : A technical difficulty means that Garry's accompanying photos will be shown at a later date. Sorry.

Continuing on the theme of Catering, but keeping it completely separate from the above topic, we need to look at the upcoming [Winter Show](#) and [August Dinner Meeting](#).

At the [Winter Show](#), we hope to have a few sandwiches, soup, scones with jam and cream, and slices as well as cold drinks for sale in the kitchen. A roster will be available at the July meeting and we hope to get all positions filled.

Remember! If you are selling on the Trading Table you need to serve some time on it. This is our show in our venue, and we are not limited in what we can sell. (Partners are not included in this list)!!

Sales sheets and lists will be available at the July Meeting for you to prepare for the Winter Show.

I plan on being available at the July meeting with receipt book in hand to collect payments for

- Membership fees from those who have not yet paid
- Payment for [August Dinner](#) \$5.00 per member, \$10 per guest. If you cannot make payment in July and plan on coming to the dinner, you must let me know so that we can cater accordingly. Saying that you are coming is a commitment to pay.

- Dinner will begin with a choice of soups, followed by roast chicken and vegetables, and finish with dessert of pastries and ice cream or custard.

PLANTS SHOWN LAST MONTH

Open Div. Champion and also Registrar's Plant of the Night was Michael & Oui's *Paphiopedilum Fanaticum*, a Chinese slipper orchid with tessellated foliage., It had a long straight stem and a regal looking bloom taking after its *Paph micranthum* parent growing strongly on a miniature plant in a small pot – a lovely exhibit. (see cover photo) which was Grand Champion orchid at the recent SA Orchid Fair. It was a seedling, too.

First Div featured only one plant, an early flowering of a very good Hilda Poxon cross in the Native Hybrid section. It well deserved its placing as it featured a mature plant with good large blooms, and with good presentation, something some Hilda Poxons miss out on. A plant reflecting Joe Cassar's usual good culture.

Second Div was won by Sarka Laznicka's *Ctt Meadii*, a hardy bifoliate type cattleya which flowers readily on tall, slim pseudobulbs. Multiple flowers on each raceme, too. A very reliable bloomer on mature plants, its inflorescence follows the *Ctt forbesii* parent's structure..

COMP. RESULTS July 2022

CYMBIDIUMS under 60 mm.

Open Div

1st Elegant Elf `Nan` M Willoughby & Oui Ju

2nd Fatal Beauty Rosalie` Michael & Oui

SPECIES CYMS

1st *Cym erythrostylum* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

STANDARD LAELIINAE UNDER 80mm

Second Div

1st C Precious Jewel x Royal Beau
R Edwards

NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

Second Div

1st *Ctt* Meadii S Laznicka
2nd *Epi* Fairy Lavender G & P Simcock

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

Open Div

1st C Lavender Ice M Willoughby & Oui Ju

SPECIES LAELIINAE

Open Div.

1st *C percivaliana* `Summit` M Willoughby
& Oui Ju

NON STANDARD PAPHS

Open Div

1st Fanaticum M Willoughby & Oui Ju

2nd Hilo Super Green xM Willoughby & Oui Ju

3rd Hilo Super Green xM Willoughby & Oui Ju

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div

1st *sukhakulii* `Vincent Vista`
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

2nd *wardii* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

3rd *wardii* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Open Div

1st *Den* Hilda Poxon M Willoughby & Oui Ju

2nd *Den* Jazz M Willoughby & Oui Ju

Second Div

1st *Den* Lookout V Rounsefell

AUST. NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div

1st *Acianthus borealis* J & D Higgs

2nd *Ptst sanguinea* J & D Higgs

3rd *Acianthus exertus* J & D Higgs

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div

1st *Brat* Aztec `Toni` M Willoughby & O Jui

Second Div

1st *Onc* Unknown R Edwards

2nd *Brat* Aztec `Toni` G & P Simcock

3rd *Oncsa* Sweet Sugar D Bird

ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

Open Div

1st *Gdo* *divaricatum* M Willoughby & Oui Ju`

1st *Milt* *moreliana* M Willoughby & Oui Ju`

OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

Open Div

1st *Lyc* Shoalhaven x Spring Present
M Willoughby & Oui Ju`

Second Div

1st *Lyc* x *michelii* R Edwards

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

Open Div

1st *Ptst* *reppandum* La Foa J & D Higgsi

ZYGOPETALUM HYBRID

Second Div

1st *Zga* Zest x Artur Elle V Rounsefell

SEEDLINGS

Open Div

1st *Paph* Fanaticum M Willoughby & Oui Ju`

2nd *Milt* *moreliana* M Willoughby & Oui Ju`

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

1st *Gdp* *divaricatum* M Willoughby & O Ju

2nd *Brat* Aztec `Toni` M Willoughby & O Jui

First Div

1st *Den* Hilda Poxon J & D Cassar

Second Div.

1st *Zga* Zest x Artur Elle V Rounsefell

2nd C Precious Jewell x Royal Beau

R Edwards

3rd *Lyc* x *michelii* R Edwards



Gdo divaricatum

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

Paph. Fanaticum

M Willoughby & O Ju.



Paph Fanaticum

First Division

Den Hilda Poxon

J Cassar



Den Hilda Poxon

Second Division

Ctt Meadii

Sarka Laznicka

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Paph. Fanaticum

M Willoughby & O Ju.



Zga Zest x Artur Elle

A very nice zygo from Vanda – lots of blooms on the flower spikes, too.

