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Jane Higgs's large tabletop display took centre stage at the Winter Show.

No meeting at the hall this month. We want your plants that night (Sept. 21st) at the Gilles Plains Shopping Centre from closing of shopping hours to set up our Spring Show display.

“THANK YOU, MA’AM, FOR YOUR SERVICE AND LIFETIME DEVOTION TO YOUR PEOPLE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE COMMONWEALTH OVER THE PAST 70 YEARS.”

E I I R *Rest in Peace..*

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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 September meeting on Wed. 21st has been cancelled due to the need to set up and judge our Spring show at Gilles Plains Shopping Centre after shops close.

Bring your plants for the Sales Table that night.

Shops will open on the Public Holiday, Thursday^{22nd} Sept. from 12 noon.

The show will cease at close of shopping hours on Sat. 24th September.

The normal monthly meeting on Oct 19th will be held at 8pm, when our special Sarcophilus night will be featured.

Nomination forms for positions on Committee will be available at the Oct meeting. These nominations close Friday Oct 21st.

BIRTHDAYS FOR September and October 2022 will be included separately in the 'birthday draw' in Oct. meeting.

Next Committee Meeting: Uniting Church hall 93 Crittenden Rd Findon Sept. 26th 7.15pm

Next Judges Meeting Uniting Church hall, 93 Crittenden Rd Findon To be advised.

Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting: To be advised

Background

- Melbourne

I was born in Melbourne during WW2. My lawyer father, a bit of a *Renaissance Man*, was already into orchids in a modest way. I was named *Vanda Barbara*, a bit of family humour: “Barbara (Latin barbarian), implies a wild strain –“our little galloping orchid!” he said. So then he disappeared into the Air Force (Sq 10, England, Sunderland flying boats) when I was 7 months old, returning to the Melbourne bar in 1945 after the war was over. He was lucky – 4/5 were killed at one stage.

In 1950s Melbourne, Dad grew Cymbidiums in the open, under a huge Magnolia tree. I watered them after school. He had about 20 big pots, all flowered prolifically: pink ones and green ones, my favourite – those were labelled *Lowianum*, which I memorised. It was mandatory for departing guests to be given arms full of orchid spikes, with strict instructions for keeping them alive for weeks. He prettied them up with a fine misting spray attached to the sink in the kitchen, and said to take off a tiny slice with a razor blade each day, and change the water.

- TPNG

In 1957 when I was 15, the family moved to Port Moresby. The Territory of Papua & New Guinea was a naturalist’s heaven. At only 42, Dad became the youngest Chief Justice in the world, young enough to leap at full throttle into a land full of natural wonders and interesting people. His work took him away from home ‘on circuit’, 10 months of the year. He travelled all over the Territory, and we couldn’t wait for his return(s), as he always came back dripping with prizes: specimens of mosquitoes for the local malariologist, unnamed beetles and other insects for the entomologist, artefacts for the museum, pottery from remote markets and very often orchids he found in the jungle, many of which were new to science. He kept up a running correspondence with the Bernice Bishop Museum in Hawaii, and dissected some of his specimens, getting me to draw them to illustrate his notes.

Moresby is very dry, hot and quite windy. Dad had a collection of orchids growing under the house on the structural posts and lattice near where we had barbecues and long, lazy colonial nights. This was a bit protected from the Trade winds, but it was really quite open. I remember some names: *Oncidium*, *Arachnis*, *Bulbophyllum*, *Dendrobium*. He fed them with “Aquasol with a dash of detergent”, and again, I often watered them – with super-chlorinated and undrinkable town water. They grew just fine.

My parents were great mates with Hermon Slade and his friend Geoff Elworthy, both well known to the global orchid community, who were living in Port Moresby at that time. Hermon named two *Dendrobiums* he bred after my parents (Den. Alan Mann and Den. Yvonne Mann). He and Geoff themselves had dens named after them, and I was privy to many of their learned conversations, doing my silent-but-all-ears teenage hanging-out thing in their shadow.

Dad was also well acquainted with Andrée Millar from Lae, a renowned expert on PNG orchids. I went to boarding and then medical school with her daughter. When Dad died distressingly young from a stroke at 56, unknown people snuck into our garden and stole many of his orchids. When Andrée heard about this she came to Moresby, and based on his remnants and many of her own plants, built a comprehensive *Sir Alan Mann Memorial Orchid Collection*, planned to be a living memorial to him at the TPNG Museum and Art Gallery, which he was instrumental in establishing. After Independence, I thought I might visit, so tried to discover details of this collection, but it seems to have vanished. The new Director of the Museum & Art Gallery said he’d never seen it, but thought there might have been something like it at the House of Assembly, but no!. A dead end, mystery unsolved. If any members have knowledge of what happened or of current whereabouts, if any, I’d be fascinated to hear!

As a uni student I always made myself orchid corsages to wear to all the dances, a social fashion of the day, supposedly a partner's responsibility but unaffordable for most. Florists' wire was cheap!



I was lucky enough to have Dad alive to see me through marriage in Brisbane in 1964. He saw to it that a bouquet of white phalaenopsis came down from Townsville for me, with dear little green orchid buttonholes for the men. Not sure what they were. I went to a mad lot of trouble hand-moulding fine icing phalaenopsis flowers for the wedding cake.

Wow!. With Vanda's life being so involved with orchids, it was so prophetic when her parents gave her a name of such a lovely and important orchid genus.

Next month we will conclude her story about when she came to Australia and became involved with orchid growing at Aldinga here in South Australia.



Here's a shot of her very professional looking glasshouse in course of construction..

Thank you, Vanda. *Ed.*

PRESIDENT'S FORUM

Sept. 2022.

Hello, everyone.

Our Winter Show weekend is now done and dusted, and I would like to thank all those members who worked so hard to make the show a success. We had some lovely exhibits from those who exhibited, (see photos further on)

Following the show, we moved quickly along to our mid-year dinner. Both Garry and Pauline spent so much time and effort to ensure the success of the evening, backed up by support from a number of others. Thank you all.

Our guest speaker Coralie Hills gave us a wonderful insight into the formation and development of the Australian Orchid Council, South Australians have been deeply involved in its administration over the years, and names of some involved brought back memories to those who were around following its inception. Thank you, Coralie.

Our attention now turns to the Spring Show at Gilles Plains Shopping Centre, and we hope for participation of many members in plants for the displays and sales tables. Set up and judging is next Wednesday 21st Sept. after close of shopping hours, and continues until close of shopping hours on Sat. Sept 24th

Our Government has declared a Public Holiday on Thursday 22nd, and shops will be open at 12 noon on that date.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Oct. 19th, and will be our annual Sarcophilus special meeting night.

Nominations will be available for Committee positions then. Note that nominations for positions close two days later on 21st Oct, so please give

earnest consideration to joining our Committee before then. Our AGM is on 16th November this year, and we will have vacancies to fill...

Our very best wishes to you all.

Diana.Bird President

CHEERIOS'

A number of members have been experiencing a bout of ill health recently, and we send them our best wishes for a return to good health as soon as possible. Included, but I suspect, by no means a complete list are Christine Robertson, Lesley Gunn, Jill Taylor, Phil Steer, Brian & Shirley Brand.

IMPORTANT SHOW DATES

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. Due to a Public holiday being declared following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, shops will be open that day only from 12 noon.

SALES DAY Monday 3rd Oct (Public Holiday) at Klemzig Community Hall. All types of plants, (not just orchids), potting mix, fertilisers, books, and other good stuff will be available for sale on the trading table. (Usual commissions apply to sellers to cover costs for the hall)..

LAST MONTH.

Our last meeting was our midyear dinner, followed by a talk about the formation and growth of the Aust. Orchid Council by Coralie Hills who has been recognised for

her service with the conferring of Fellow of the Aust Orchid Council (FAOC) prestigious award.

Registrar Don Higgs has been eliciting advice from growers on some of the best on display. in recent months. Thanks, Don.

Second Division

Den Finlay's Gem x (Intice x Julia) won this Division for Sarka Laznicka. It had two inflorescences, white overlaid with pale mauve, and mauve lips.

First Division

Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' won this Div. for Joe & Denise Cassar and Ray Huddleston'

This well known plant grows well, with lovely long pendulous racemes with miniature white blooms, and this time had 6 spikes.

Open Division

Dendrobium 'Avril's Gold, spectacularly presented by Michael & Oui had 28 racemes of clear yellow blooms and won the Registrar's Choice. Many of this crossing are slow growing, but the rich colouration of some ,and the addition of reddish spotting makes it a hybrid well worth growing.



Den Avril's Gold

The next picture features *Catasetum* Lovena, a popular hybrid with some growers in our club. Some *catasetums*

lose their leaves before flowering, which some people find intriguing.



Catasetum Lovena



C. coccinea

Once known in the genus *sophranitis* this jewel like miniature from South America featured strongly in the colourful, multigeneric *potinara*s! It reputedly grows cooler than many other *laeliinae* orchids. Michael & Oui grow it beautifully.

WINTER SHOW EXHIBITS

Jane Higgs opted for a tabletop format for her display this year (see cover photo) with Asan orchids surrounding her dramatic tiger picture, but as usual, it was immaculately executed.



Paph villosum Grand Champion.

The best floor display from a single exhibitor was staged by T & M Jacob this time. It took three car loads of plants .



Floor display – individual exhibitor.

Featured were some fine cym. like *Cym* Flaming Pepper Kirrawee' and the lovely green *Cym* Green Opal.



There were other nice exhibits, too, with Diana Bird, John Seidel ,and friends combining to produce this attractive and interesting display



Paph villosum var *alba*

This alba form of *Paph villosum* by J Seidel is somewhat more tricky to grow than the normal coloured form..

AOC QLD. CONFERENCE

Some of our members visited the early Sept. .AOC Show in Logan Qld. and Pauline Simcock has some great photos .Jane Higgs is talking about it at a future meeting, so I can't preempt her talk too much,



'I'll have one of these and one of those'.

COMP. RESULTS August 2022

CYMBIDIUMS over 90mm

Open Div		
1 st	Coraki Glowing `Kentlyn`	J Seidel
2 nd	Arachnid Z1	J Seidel
3 rd	Mutawa x Pywacket	J Seidel

CYMBIDIUMS 60 -90 mm

1 st Div		
1 st	Flaming Vulcan x Barry Baker	P Haltis
Second Div		
1 st	Valley Olympic `Rose`	J & P Carman

CYMBIDIUMS under 60 mm.

Open Div		
1 st	Clint Eastwood	J Seidel
1st Div		
1 st	Sarah Jean ``Ice Cascade`	J & D Cassar
2 nd	My Sweet `Amy`	P Haltis
2 nd Div		
1 st	Crackerjack	R Edwards
2 nd	Unknown	R Edwards
3 rd	Nancy Maxwell `Shirley`	R Edwards

SPECIES LAELIINAE

Open Div.		
1 st	C coccinea	M Willoughby & Oui Ju

Non Standard LAELIINAE

First Div		
1 st	Ruby Love	P & H Haltis

STANDARD PAPHS

Open Div		
1st	Winston Churchill `Indomitable`	J Seidel
2 nd	In Charm Hamavin `Z3`	J Seidel

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div		
1 st	<i>venustum</i> var <i>alba</i>	J Seidel

2 nd	<i>villosum</i>	J Seidel
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AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Open Div		
1 st	Den Avril's Gold	M Willoughby & Oui Ju`
2 nd	Den Victorian Regency	J Seidel
3 rd	Den Avril's Gold x Dunokayla	J Seidel
First Div		
1 st	Den Victorian Stripe x Vic. Flare	P & H Haltis
2 nd	Den Australian Starlight	J & D Cassar
3 rd	Den Tyabb Treasure x Aust Rhubarb Pie	J & D Cassar

tSecond Div

1 st	Den Finlay's Gem x (Intice x Julia)	V Rounsefell
2 nd	Den Graham Hewitt	D Bird
3 rd	Den Redmond x Jesmond Sparkler	D Bird

AUST. NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div		
1 st	<i>Chiloglottis trapeziformis</i>	J & D Higgs
2 nd	<i>Pheladenia deformis</i>	J & D Higgs
3 rd	<i>Ptst nutans</i>	J & D Higgs

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

First Div		
1 st	Onc `Twinkle` Fragrant Fantasy	J & D Cassar

OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

Open Div		
1 st	Ctsm Lovena	M. Willoughby & O. Ju

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

Open Div		
1 st	Serapias lingua	M. Willoughby & O. Ju

SEEDLINGS

Open Div		
1 st	Paph Sandalwood xHamana Ann	J Seidel
2nd	Paph <i>villosum</i> var <i>annamense</i>	M Willoughby & Oui Ju`
3 rd	Cym Arachnid `Z`	J Seidel

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div		
1st	Paph villosum `Orchidhaven`	J & D Higgs
2 nd	<i>Laelia anceps</i>	M Willoughby & O Jui
3 rd	Den Star Imp xRutherford Starburst	J Seidel

First Div

1 st	Cym <i>tracyanum</i> `Tambourine`	P & H Haltis
2 nd	Cym Boundless	J & D Cassar
3 rd	Cym Marilyn Levy `Wedding Buttons`	P & H Haltis

Second Div.

1st	Zga Zest x Artur Elle	V Rounsefell
2 nd	Oncsa Sweet Sugar	D Bird
3 rd	Den Lookout	V Rounsefell



Cym Coraki Glowing `Kentlyn`,
A popular modern mericlone, – usually
shown staked upright.

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

Den Avril's Gold

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Division

Cym Sarah Jean `Ice Cascade`

J & D Cassar



Den Avril's Gold

Second Division

*Den Finlay's Gem x
(Intice x Julia)*

S Laznicka.

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Den. Avril's Gold

M Willoughby & O Ju.



Paph Winston Churchill `Indomitable`

This is a famous breeding slipper parent from England, producing a line of well shaped progeny in past days.

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