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.A beautifully presented hybrid using the Aust. Native species *Cym suave*, shown by J & D Higgs.

December. meeting on the **THURSDAY DECEMBER 15th** at the Long St, Plympton Community Centre, **entry from 5 pm for hall set-up. Dinner before regular meeting which starts at about 8pm Arrive about 6 pm for 6.30 dinner start.**

Winners of Perpetual Trophy awards and prizes for Aggregate Plant Competition will be distributed. Christmas Raffle to be conducted Your donation of raffle prizes will be welcome, but please make it a present which you yourself would be happy to win.

A BYO Licence has been obtained, and soft drinks will be available as usual.

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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 Thursday December 15th 2022.

Christmas Dinner Celebration of the 2022 year. followed by presentation of Perpetual Trophies and plants for Aggregate plant competition winners..
Come along for our social meeting from about 8 pm even if you can't make the 6.30 pm dinner. Soft drinks as usual BYO licence obtained will allow BYO refreshments and glasses. Christmas Raffle and Music.

Birthdays for December. 2022

Happy Birthday to these members, who are celebrating birthdays this month..

Sofia Hadiuk

Peng-Ha Yeo

Sarka Laznicka

Next Committee Meeting: *Uniting Church hall 93 Crittenden Rd Findon Jan 2023*
Next Judges Meeting *To be advised*
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting *As advised for 2023 by Reg Judging Panel*

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the year 01 November 2021 to 31 October 2022

Receipts	Amount	
Transfer from Term Deposit	4,000.00	
Membership Subscriptions	930	
Raffle Sales	761.1	
Trading Table	0.00	
Lucky Square	270.85	
Interest	80.32	
Donations	21.40	
Miscellaneous sales	3,143.80	
Christmas Dinner	795	
Functions Receipts (/Aug din)	170	
Autumn Show	0.00	
Winter Show	2,567.50	
Spring Show	4,640.55	
Sundry	281.76	
Total Receipts		17,662.28

Payments	Amount	
Typing Review	132	
Printing and Stationery	41.4	
Postage and Phone Calls	418.4	
Post Box	0.00	
Guest Speaker	100	
Badges	68.6	
Raffle Supplies and Seedlings	539.6	
Lucky Square Supplies	271.2	
Prizes and Trophies	1,169.30	
Supper	8.60	
Hire – Hall/ Committee Room	1,212.50	
Advertising and Donations	6	
Equipment and plant	297	
Repairs/Maintenance	56.44	
Insurance	246	
Affiliation	178	
Publications	248.5	
Registrar's Expenses	46.46	
Books	0.00	
Honorarium	1,050	
Autumn Show Costs	0.00	
Winter Show Costs	1,891.40	
Spring Show Costs	3,669.10	
Xmas Dinner	1,900.41	
Functions	2,996.05	
Sundry	182.00	
Total Payments	16,728.96	

Net 17,662.28 – 16,728.96 = + 933.32

Cash in Business Account (After all Cheques Cleared) =2,625.61

Unpresented Cheques 587 +209.60+300+37.60 = 1,134.20

Term Deposit 24,966.94

AGGREGATE POINTS PRIZEWINNERS in each Judging Division 2022

OPEN DIVISION

Aggregate points needed in each category to win seedling 10 points

Exhibitors qualifying for prizes This year 3 growers. Last year 1 grower.

Jane & Don Higgs (2 prizes) Aust Native Terrestrial Species , Other Genera Species

John Seidel (4 prizes) Standard Paphiopedilum Other Genera Hybrids Seedling, Zygopetalinae.

M Willoughby & Oui Ju (10 prizes) Paphiopedilum species Non Std Paphs, Cym Under 60mm Oncidiinae, Oncid Species, Laelininae Non Std.Cluster, Laeliinae Species, Other Genera Species, Aust. Epiphyte Species , Popular Vote.

FIRST DIVISION

Aggregate points needed in each category to win seedling 6 points

Exhibitors qualifying for prizes. This year 2 growers Last year 3 growers

J & D Cassar (6 prizes) Cym Under 60mm, Laelia species, Laeliinae Non Std Cluster, Oncidiinae , Other Genera Species, Popular vote

Peter Haltis (6 prizes) 60-90mm Cym, Aust Native Epiphyte Hybrids, Oncid Species ,Zygopetalinae, Seedling

SECOND DIVISION

Aggregate Points needed to win seedling in a category 4 points.

Exhibitors qualifying for prizes. This year 4 growers Last year 5 growers.

Ralph Edwards (3 prizes)Cym Under 60mm, Dendrobiums, Other Genera Hybrids

Diana Bird (3 prizes) Cymbidium 60 to 90 mm, Aust Native epiphyte hybrid, Other Genera Species, .

Vanda Rounsefell (4 prizes) Oncidiinae, Zygopetalinae, Seedling, Popular Vote, .

Sarka Laznicka (1 prize) Laeliinae Non Std Cluster

The “No Prize Awarded” in a number of categories does *not* mean that there wasn’t competition in that class – only that no exhibitor gained sufficient points to gain a prize. There may have been intense competition in that particular class, resulting in the monthly points being spread around, and no one gaining the sufficient points required to win a prize..

When you consider there was no meeting last Jan & September, the points tallies were quite competitive.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT A.G.M. 16th NOVEMBER 2022.

Presented by Mrs. Diana Bird, President, at the 2022 AGM.

Good evening , members.

It is with great pleasure that I give you my first President's report. I entered the position with some trepidation, but with the wonderful support of my committee and also the members, I have survived. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

The year started with a massive change for us all, with a new venue having to be found for our Society meetings. This was done, and we have settled very well into our new club home.

Another change we made was to our monthly "Orchidaceous Review" We decided to try involving our members more by introducing our 'Members' Corner'. This involved different members submitting an article of their choice on orchids, their journey with orchid growing, or a garden related article. This has been very successful to date, and I thank all those who contributed this year. I hope we can continue next year (2023).

We have had three occasions on which we were able to display our Orchids this year, with the SA Orchid Fair, our Winter Show, and our Spring Show; all lovely occasions enjoyed by members and the general public. We have also had our Plant Sale Day in October, and I must thank our hard working Committee and Members who made it a grand success, bringing much needed funds to keep our Society going.

We had fewer members attending our meetings this year, due mainly to illness, cold winter nights, and unfortunately, the inevitable march of time, as we have felt the sad loss of three of our dearest members this year, Ben Knobben, Jill Taylor, and Michael Ferry. We were represented at each of their funerals.

Our monthly meetings had a great variety of knowledgeable speakers this year. A big thank you to you all for making our meetings so interesting.

We also had a great show of orchids tabled for judging, keeping our hardworking judges very busy each month and at our Shows.

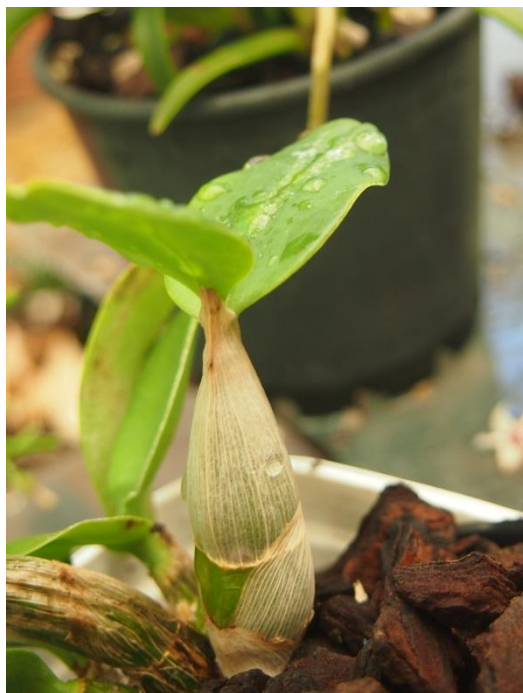
A big thankyou also to Mr Tom Koutsantonis, Member for West Torrens,, and his staff, for assisting with producing our magazine each month. The colour photos really bring the Review to life.

Thanks again to my Committee and all you members for the support I have received this year, and I look forward to a happy and successful 2023.

Diana Bird.

Dendrobium speciosum var pedunculatum.

Before the various *Den.speciosum* varieties were sorted by the taxonomists, this particular variety was just known as *Den speciosum var compactum*, the name referring to the diminutive growth habit of its pseudobulbs. The length of the mature canes varies from about 5cm in some forms, to about 20 cm with the tall forms.



Stumpy growth of *var pedunculatum* seedlings

Den. var pedunculatum is found mainly growing on exposed rock faces, where its small stature copes more easily with harsh summer sunlight conditions. In shadehouse conditions the pseudobulbs can grow progressively longer, but one experienced NSW grower finds they grow and flower better right up close to the sarlon shade cloth. The size of the flowers are not miniature, as the plant's stature might indicate, and the colour range can vary from pure white to mainly cream, but do not feature the bright yellows which is an attractive characteristic of other *Den speciosum* varieties.. If you want seedlings which will give you brightly coloured results, it might be better to steer away from plants bred using *var pedunculatum*, unless the breeder can show results otherwise.

One distinctive feature is that the canes flower only from the top of the canes. They can repeat flowering from the same cane as in other years, but do not form inflorescences from nodes adjacent to the lower leaves on the cane .

The revised name describes its most important feature, the peduncle, which is the stalk which attaches the flowers to the top of the plant's pseudobulbs (or canes as they are sometimes called.). Other forms of *Den. speciosum* have the sprays of blooms starting close to the main pseudobulb, but this Variety has .a distinct bare stem before the spray of flowers form.

One clone I have, regularly flowers earliest of all my speciosums, and I had two pieces blooming for the SA. Orchid Fair last year.

Their natural habitat is around the Atherton tableland, which indicates that it likes the cooler climate which the higher altitude indicates.



Flowering June 2022



Blooms long gone, but you can see the length of the peduncle before the blooms commenced.

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PRESIDENT'S Report

Hello, members.

Well, another year has hurried by, and it's time for our Christmas festivities after a very successful year.

My thanks to my great committee, and to all you members for your participation and your support in our activities throughout the year. Special thanks to those members who contributed to the Members Corner section of our Review. I hope it can continue next year. (Alan Davies has kindly offered to start us off in January.)

We will have some Christmas carols in keeping with the spirit of the occasion at our meeting on Thursday 15th December, so tune up your voices. I will be joining

with you this year, as my hands have now made it almost impossible to continue with the violin playing. Bring along a good appetite, as Garry and Pauline, with helpers have a feast for us on the way, and don't forget an optional gift for the Xmas raffle if you wish.

Ring Pauline on **0430 194 808** if you intend coming, & haven't yet advised.

I wish you all a lovely Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas social meeting in the hall at Plympton.

Diana Bird (President)

LAST MEETING. –AGM.

Last meeting was, of course, our AGM, No ballot for positions was

required, (see page 2 for new list.) An offer was received post the AGM to fill one vacant Committee position until it can be officially filled at the next AGM., We thank James Argent for offering to help out, James is a longstanding member, well liked by all, and a very experienced and knowledgeable orchid grower, Committee is grateful for his offer.

Helpers for the many jobs needed to keep the Society operating smoothly are being contacted , and a list will be finalised early in the new year. Offers of assistance are most welcome.

Andrew Bird is currently studying interstate, and decided not to re-nominate this year. We thank Andrew for his past service and wish him well with his tertiary studies. He has offered to make a contribution when it becomes possible next year..

VALE.

We were shocked and saddened recently to learn of the sudden passing of Michael Ferry, who was an enthusiastic exhibitor at our Shows, although unable to attend many of our general meetings.



Michael had an extensive knowledge of orchids and other plants from his horticultural studies. Reserved and polite to all, he was extremely well liked by members who knew him,

His father, Mike, who was also a member, passed away last year, and we extend our deep and heartfelt sympathies to Michael's mother, Barbara , for her sad loss.

Rest in Peace, Michael.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING -- Thursday DEC 15th.

Our normal 3rd Wednesday was unavailable for early hall opening so we have brought our date back to **THURSDAY DEC. 15th.**

The Annual Christmas Dinner planning is well under way. The main course is being fully catered for by our own resources this year. The three selections of roasts will be cooked off-site, then transported to our hall, and finished off and served by our own experienced volunteers.

We would appreciate some assistance in setting up the hall (ACCESS 5PM) OR 6PM –(DINNER TO START 6.30 PM), and for cleaning up after the evening concludes.

Jane Higgs has offered to provide the table decorations.

Menu: choice of three roasted meats: pork, beef and turkey breast, served with roast vegetables and/or salads.

Dessert: gluten free Christmas pudding (suitable for diabetic folk), custard, fruit salad, and icecream.

Our Christmas cake will again this year be made by Meredith Edwards. Thank you, Meredith.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. A (BYO) alcoholic drink licence, will be available

Garry will be collecting money for late booking at the christmas meeting, but

you must advise that you will be attending.:

**Members; \$15 Guests: \$20
At 6pm, for a 6.30 p.m. start.**

We must have final numbers by 08/12/2021

We invite you to provide an appropriate gift for the raffle, wrapped if applicable.. Raffle tickets for this month only are 50c each.

PLANTS LAST MEETING.

Cymbidiums tabled in the last couple of months in the year are usually bred from the small flowered species, among which the Australian species feature prominently in the breeding, but these types can build to some impressive flowering results. We saw samples of these last month, (see cover photo of *Cym* Koala), also Vanda Rounsefell's *Cym* Peewee, and Joe Cassar's *Cym*. Cricket.



Cym Peewee from V Rounsefell

Joe Cassar tabled this small plant of *Dedrobium nobile* It has been grown on a wooden mounting block and the plant size is quite appropriate for this size mount. Joe's *Den nobile* plants are usually specimen size with large canes. The smaller canes may be due to the reduced water & feeding due to

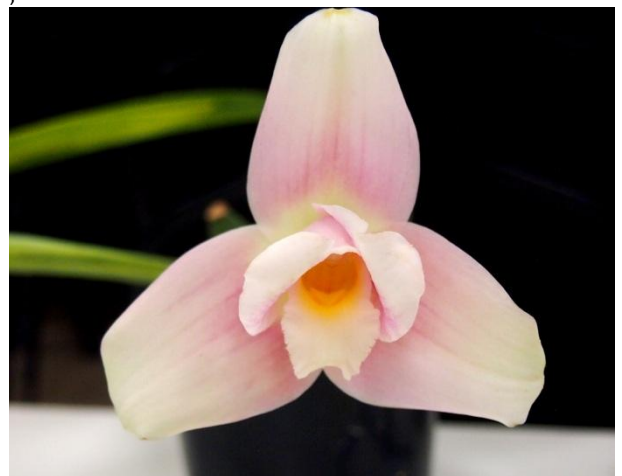
mounting the plant on a block, but the overall result is effective.

The whole makes a very nice exhibit staged with one of Joe's specially fabricated stands



Dendrobium nobile

Ralph Edwards continues to show his cultural expertise with yet another fine lycaste plant.



Lycaste Macama

This is from a most successful Aust. hybrid bred by the late Fred Alcorn of Sydney, well known in past days from his great success breeding lycastes.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL.**

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COMPETITION RESULTS.

CYMBIDIUMS Under 60 mm

Open Div.

- 1st Koala `Cutie' J & D Higgs
2nd Black Stump J Seidel

First Div

- 1st Cricket J Cassar

Second Div

- 1st Peewee `Brownray' V Rounsefell

STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

First Div

- 1st *Epi* Topaz Delight `L Pink' J & D Cassar
2nd *Epi* Topaz Delight Carmine J & D Cassar

SPECIES LAELIINAE

Second Div

- 1st *Arpophyllum giganteum* D Bird

Non Standard Cluster LAELIINAE

Second Div

- 1st *Ctt* Trick or Treat S Laznicka

NON STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUMS

Open Div

- 1st *sukhakulii* x Hsing Webb J Seidel
2nd Tignanello Beauty `Short Arms' J Seidel

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

Open Div

- 1st *Paph sukhakulii* J Seidel

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRIDS

Open Div

- 1st *Sarco* Gwyneth J & D Higgs
2nd *Sarco* Cenedra J & D Higgs
3rd *Sarco* Melba X Lyn Johnson J Whibley

November 2022

First Div

- 1st *Sarco* Joy x Dove P Haltis
2nd *Sarco* George Colthup hyb. J & D Cassar
3rd *Sarco* Rosella x Zoe P Haltis

Second Div

- 1st *Sarco* Snowhart x Fizzy Dove G & P Simcock
2nd *Sarco* Heidi G & P Simcock
3rd *Sarco*. Fiery Glow G & P Simcock

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Open Div

- 1st *Cym canaliculatum* `Jessica' J Seidel
2nd *Cym canaliculatum* J Seidel
3rd *Sarco hartmannii* J & D Higgs

First Div

- 1st *Sarco hartmannii* J & D Cassar
2nd *Sarco hartmannii* P Haltis

OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

Second Div

- 1st *Lyc* Macama R Edwards

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

First Div

- 1st *Den nobile* J & D Cassar
2nd *Bifrenaria harrisoniae* J & D Cassar

SEEDLING

Open Div

- 1st *Sarco hartmannii* J & D Higgs

First Div

- 1st *Sarco* Rosella x Zoe P Haltis

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

- 1st *Paph* Tignanello Beauty J Seidel

- 2nd *Cym* Koala `Cutie' J & D Higgs
3rd *Sarco* Gwyneth J & D Higgs

First Div

- 1st *Cym* Cricket J & D Cassar
2nd *Den nobile* J & D Cassar
3rd *Bif harrisoniae* J & D Cassar

Second Div

- 1st *Sarco* Snowhart x Fizzy Dove G & P Simcock
2nd *Arpo giganteum* D Bird
3rd *Cym* Peewee `Brownroy' V Rounsefell

BEST ORCHID IN EACH DIVISION

Open Division

***Cymbidium* Koala `Cutie''**

JANE & DON HIGGS..

First Division

***Cymbidium*. Cricket**

J. & D CASSAR

Second Division

**Sarco. Snowhart x Fizzy
Dove**

**GARRY & PAULINE
SIMCOCK**



Sarco Snowhart x Fizzy Dove

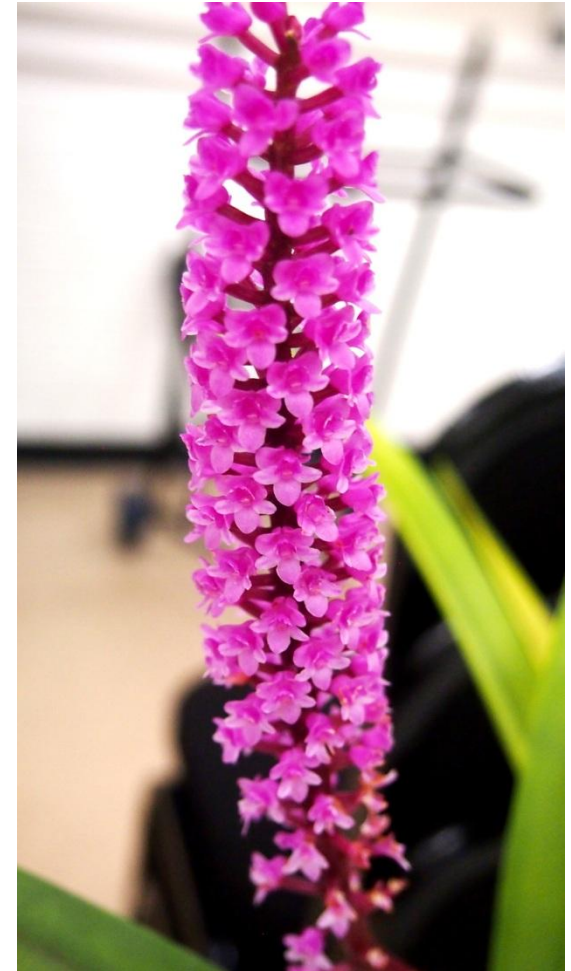


Paph Tignanello Beauty

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

***Cymbidium* Koala `Cutie`**

JANE & DON HIGGS..



Arpophyllum giganteum

**SEASON'S GREETINGS
TO ALL>**

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