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Members & friends enjoy a lovely dinner at our December Christmas meeting.

Perpetual Trophy awards and prizes for Aggregate Plant Competition were distributed in a congenial atmosphere which included Carols accompanied by piano music from Pauline Simcock and a percussion band of Santa's helpers. .

**Jan. meeting is on 18th January at our hall at Long St Plympton ---
access available 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. .

2023 PROGRAMME **Wednesday January 18th 2023.**

January meeting is traditionally a review of the best seedlings tabled at our meetings and shows, discussed by our Judging Registrar, Don Higgs, and photographed each meeting by our photographer, John Seidel. Both these jobs entail a lot of work and follow up, and we appreciate their dedication and efforts. Photographs taken and shown on good equipment are so much more impressive on the large screen. January starts off a new round of monthly exhibitions of members' plants Please bring them along.

Birthdays for January . 2023

Best wishes to these members, who are celebrating birthdays this month..

Denise Cassar Anton Drew John Dunn Ralph Edwards Jane Higgs John Seidel Lucy Spear.

Next Committee Meeting: *Saturday . January Jan 21st 2023*

Next Judges Meeting

To be advised

Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting AS advised for 2023 by Reg Judging Panel

Some papheopedelums can be grown with your cymbiums, although a bit of protection in a cold glasshouse will be of benefit, as long as a good air movement is maintained. They can be seen regularly on the show bench locally. I grow the species paphs. p. villosum and p. insigne with the larger cym. to give them a bit of extra shade. I have also grown the primary hybrids p. Crossianum (insigne x venustum) and p. Leanum (insigne x spicerianum) with limited success.

Paph. insigne

P. insigne, from Nepal/Northern India, is an easy to grow autumn/winter flowering orchid bearing a single flower on each stem. Flowers of different plants can be variable and a superior sized variety 'Fairfield Hall' can sometimes be seen as can the yellow form var. 'Sanderae'. P. insigne can be grown into specimen plants with more than twenty blooms. Trevor Vogler had a large plant which at appeared at our Winter Shows regularly for a number of years.



Paph insigne

Paph. villosum

P. villosum, from Burma/North Eastern India, is also an easy to grow autumn/winter flowering orchid bearing a single flower up to 12 cms. wide, on each stem. The petals are two toned with the top half reddish brown and the bottom half a yellowish green. The glossy sheen of the flower can be seen in several generations of its progeny.

Kel Staples has won several major shows with specimen plants of P. villosum, some having up to eight flowers.



Paph villosum



Paph villosum



Paph. callosum var alba

Thank you, Alan.

Ed.

PRESIDENT'S Report

Happy New Year to all our members and their families. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmastime and New Year.

Our Christmas dinner celebration was a credit to the members who prepared the meal, and to all those who helped make the evening such a resounding success – see notes in this Review. I have had a number of very favourable comments from those attending. Well done to all those involved..

Pauline has been busy organising our guest speaker list for the coming year. Please try to attend if you can, and bring along your flowers for judging.

Congratulations to all who won trophies and prizes, but also to those who just regularly bring along their flowering plants to show others how they grow theirs. Viewing well grown plants gives us all an incentive to try something different or to discuss plants showing outstanding culture.

Thank you to those dedicated people who nominated for Committee, and to all those, including Judges, who take on the jobs which keep the wheels of our

Society turning so successfully.. It makes a busy year, but also brings rewards in the widening of social interaction and friendships. Our club could not have been successful for nearly 60 continuous years without your support.

I look forward to seeing many of you this meeting, and send best wishes to those of us who are not in such good health at present.

Season's greetings to all
, **Diana Bird** (President)

LAST MEETING -- 2022 CHRISTMAS DINNER.

On Thursday, 15 December, 2022 we held our first Christmas Dinner at the 'new venue', and although the number of those attending was small, we had a great evening. The kitchen at Simcock Chateau was working overtime over the three days prior to the dinner, and the kitchen at the Hall was working well.

Shopping for meat proved a bit of a challenge – pork and turkey was not so hard to purchase, but a trip to Gepps Cross to purchase the beef was necessary. Potatoes are not plentiful throughout the country apparently, but we were able to purchase some, while

pumpkins and carrots were readily available. Purchasing broccoli was not a task for the faint hearted, and we were able to get some small but really nice caulis.

Thanks must go to Jane Higgs, who was responsible for the gravy which just finished off the main course. Jane arranged and made the table decorations, and Jane and Diana Bird made the fruit salads. Diana was responsible for cooking the pumpkin.

Garry Simcock got busy and made a number of Christmas puddings, and these were served with custard and icecream or 'the lot'. We were indeed very fortunate, because it would appear most of the members had been "nice" and maybe some had been a little bit "naughty"; our red suited guest still visited us and brought good cheer to all members of the Club. I have it on good authority that the reindeer enjoyed the grass on the median strip of Anzac Highway.

Two gentlemen for whom I can vouch for being 'nice' are Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju; they rushed home from work in time to serve our roast meal while it was hot, then the desserts, and then they made a wonderful job of serving the beautiful cake

made by Meredith Edwards, and cut this year by Peter McCauley.

There were many who helped to make the evening the great success it was, and I am aware that I have not named all, and for this I apologise. However, I have named those who were involved in the preparation and serving of the meal. Those people who set up the tables and made the room appear very festive. Thank you.

A big thank you must go to all who attended and helped with the dinner and assisted with the clearing up afterwards. There were many willing helpers and Garry and I thank you all for joining in the very enjoyable evening that it was.

Pauline Simcock

Thank you, and Garry, too, for the delicious meal which you and Garry prepared for us for our Christmas Social dinner. I have had a number of comments from members that it was the best they could remember. The desserts were similarly splendid, fruit salad from Jane & Diana, home made Xmas pudding (gluten free) and custard made by Pauline & Garry, and Golden North ice cream. – a wonderful finale to a sometimes stressful year. *ED.*



'Could I have a bit of this, and a bit of that, oh! and a bit of that, too? please.'



'Some choir members were noted for their singing ability -----'



'-and others more for their enthusiasm. Sorry, Pauline, that fat one's blocking our view of you at the piano.'



'Pauline and her musicians, who added to the musicality of members' carol singing.'

PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2022.

_____Our Society has a number of Perpetual Trophies presented annually to the exhibitors who gain the most points over the year in a number of specific and important types of orchids.

LAST YEAR'S WINNERS ARE

CYMBIDIUM CUP **JOHN SEIDEL**

DRIFFIELD CUP (for Laeliinae genera)

MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY & OUI JU

MELVA OLIVER TROPHY (for Australian Natives classes)

JANE & DON HIGGS

Mem. MERV. STEELE TROPHY (for Popular Vote Competition)

J & D CASSAR

Mem PETER FRENCH TROPHY (for Oncidiinae genera)

MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY & OUI JU

Mem EDITE NICHOLLS TROPHY (for Best Seedling)

MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY & OUI JU.

Mem CRAIG GURNEY TROPHY (for Champion Paph. at Winter Show)

JANE & DON HIGGS

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITORS for 2022

OPEN DIVISION

MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY & OUI JU

FIRST DIVISION

J & D CASSAR

SECOND DIVISION

VANDA ROUNSEFELL

Thank you to our judges who evaluated the plants, and to those who recorded the results each month, and at our Shows.



Joe Cassar receives the Popular Vote Shield from Registrar, Don Higgs



Our Registrar passes the Cym Cup for 2022 to John Seidel.

We wish all our members and their families a very Happy and Successful New Year.=====

