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.Ralph Edwards was so proud of his lovely white lycaste orchid that we just had to put it on the cover this month. Five blooms and one bud all on the leading bulb was a great effort.

**November. meeting** on the **THIRD** Wednesday of the month November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Long St, Plympton Community Centre, enter at 7.30pm **Annual General Meeting.**

Your last chance to gain points for the 2022 Annual Aggregate points competition.  
Prizes for the recent Spring Show will be distributed, too.

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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 November 16<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Our main feature this month will be the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**.

No election of officers will be required as we have sufficient nominations to fill the positions. . **Spring Show prizes will be distributed**

Remember, this meeting is your last opportunity to gain points in the annual plant competition

## Birthdays for November. 2022

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

. J Cuming S French D Higgs M Hume D Johnston  
C. Robertson R Rankin C Yeo R Huddleston.

**Next Committee Meeting:** Uniting Church hall 93 Crittenden Rd Findon Jan 2023  
**Next Judges Meeting** Nov.21st 2022 at Peter Haltis's home 7.30pm  
**Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:** Zoom meetings as advised for 2022

## **SPANISH MOSS (*Tillandsia usnoides*) by Jane HIGGS**

Spanish Moss, a member of the pineapple (Bromeliad) family is a common sight in the Southern United States. It grows in large beardlike masses up to twenty five feet long. Although it has aerial roots and is supported by other plants, it is not a parasite. It can cause a problem as the weight of it can break the tree branches. It is sometimes used as a filler in packing boxes and as upholstery.



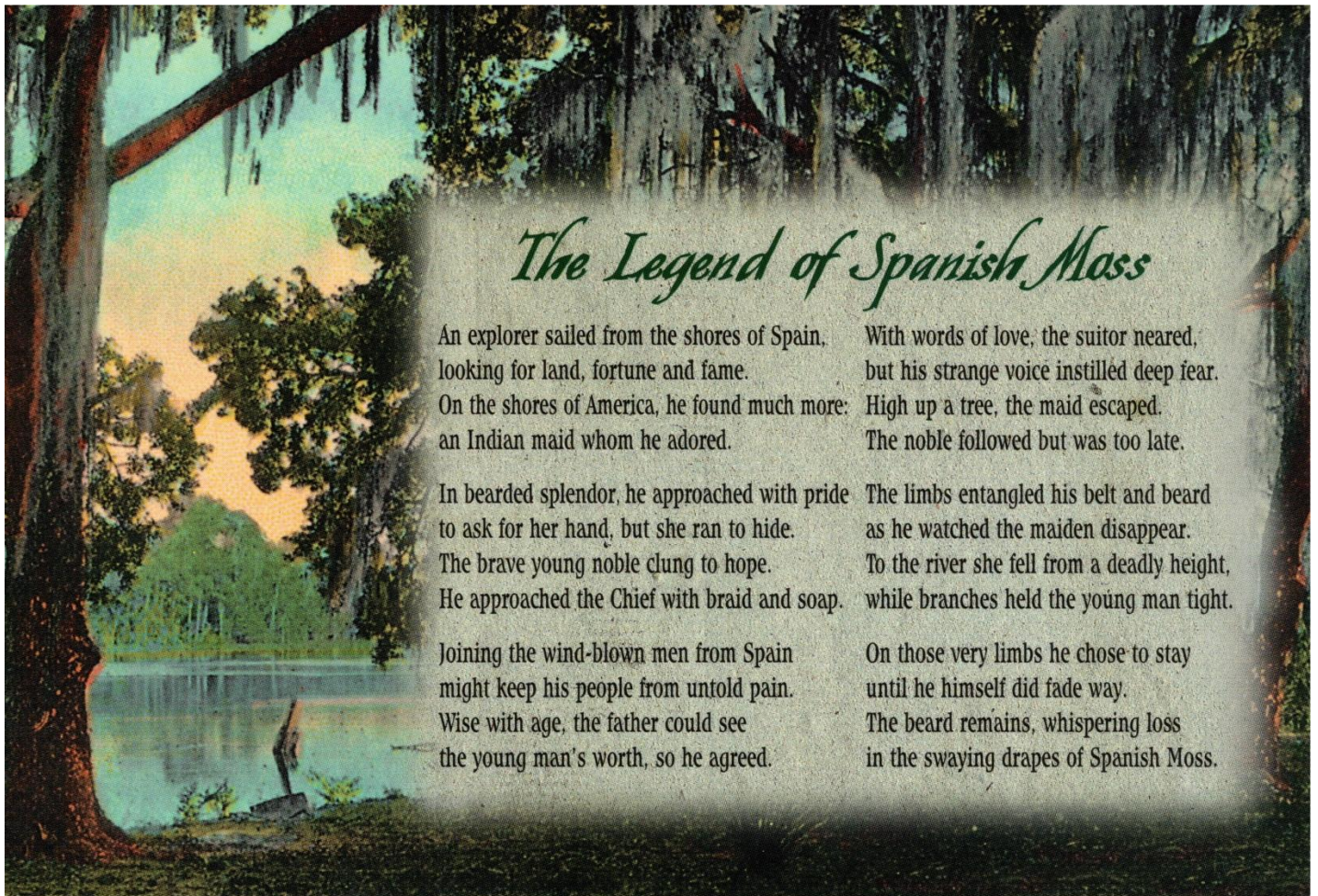
Spanish moss adorning the trees in South Carolina.

Here we use it in our orchid displays and around orchids in their pots for aesthetic reasons.



Blackbirds love to line their nests with it if they can gain access to where we have it growing. It only needs to be kept hanging up in a moist atmosphere to thrive, and can be grown without spraying it

with fertiliser, needing only a quick spray with the hose to rejuvenate it. Our Botanic Gardens used to be very successful growing it in their former large glasshouse, but have nowhere their previous success growing it in the modernistic Schomburg glasshouse. Anton Drew had great success growing it in his magnificent glasshouse, draping it in and around the roots of his hanging vanda orchids.



## *The Legend of Spanish Moss*

An explorer sailed from the shores of Spain,  
looking for land, fortune and fame.

On the shores of America, he found much more:  
an Indian maid whom he adored.

In bearded splendor, he approached with pride  
to ask for her hand, but she ran to hide.  
The brave young noble clung to hope.  
He approached the Chief with braid and soap.

Joining the wind-blown men from Spain  
might keep his people from untold pain.  
Wise with age, the father could see  
the young man's worth, so he agreed.

With words of love, the suitor neared,  
but his strange voice instilled deep fear.  
High up a tree, the maid escaped.  
The noble followed but was too late.

The limbs entangled his belt and beard  
as he watched the maiden disappear.  
To the river she fell from a deadly height,  
while branches held the young man tight.

On those very limbs he chose to stay  
until he himself did fade way.  
The beard remains, whispering loss  
in the swaying drapes of Spanish Moss.

Thank you, Jane. You provided this story for us previously (a long time ago) , but it is well worth telling it again. Spanish moss is very popular, sold in plastic bags on the sales benches at shows, where it brings good prices.

*Ed.*

Articles contributed from members have proved very popular with others in our Society, and I have had a number of favourable comments. The efforts of our President in twisting a few arms has been most beneficial, and I'm sure it hasn't been too painful for our writers, either.

## **PRESIDENT'S Report**

Don't let the Annual General Meeting put you off from attending this month. We have nominations for all positions except for the committee position which Jill Taylor formerly held. We will be also be distributing the prizes won at the Spring Show. We have had some unusual orchids on the monthly competition benches lately which add to the interest, and of course, it will be your last chance this year to gain points in our annual aggregate points competition.

Congratulations to Peter Mccauley for having the Champion exhibit at our special Sarcochilus Show last meeting, even though the late season reduced the numbers of plants in bloom.

Our guest speaker, Kevin Western, gave a wonderful talk about how to grow these lovely Aust. Native orchids, and about the advances in breeding which provides us with a kaleidoscope of colours these days.

. Our Christmas meeting preparations are well under way, and \$15 per head (subsidised) for members and \$20 for non-members is really good value these days. Treasurer, Garry Simcock will be glad to accept your payment at this month's meeting, and we now have facilities to accept your payment electronically too..

Please remember, our regular Christmas Social meeting in December has been put back to Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. 6pm for 6.30 pm start.

Pauline Simcock has ben very busy arranging for guest speakers next year, and the programme is well advanced. If you have a special genus to have discussed, please let Pauline or any of our

committee know, and we will be pleased to investigate.

*Diana Bird* (President)  
**COVID WOES**

Government authorities are currently very reluctant to publicise the incidence of COVID infections in our State. If you have been able to find them you would see that last week there was a rising number of cases, totalling 3,700 here, and unfortunately 29 Covid related deaths. There is an expected continuing rise in cases, peaking before Christmas. No mandatory government instructions have been issued by the Health Department, but it would seem circumspect to take precautions, both for your health, and for that of your relatives, friends, and others too.

We believe that wearing masks in an indoor setting, and the use of hand disinfectant would seem to be a good precaution, both for yourself, and others, in the face of rising cases, so we earnestly suggest that our members consider these facts whilst attending our meetings at the present time.

### **LAST MEETING..**

Kevin Western was our guest speaker last month, and he gave an excellent presentation on growing sarcochilus species and hybrids, accompanied by some great pictures. Thank you, Kevin.

Tabled plants were varied in lots of genera rarely seen, and the softcane dendrobiums were numerous and well grown. There were a number of plants

for members to enthuse over. Thank you, exhibitors.

Prizes from the Winter Show were distributed.

### THIS MEETING.

We have received sufficient nominations to Committee to fill almost all vacancies ( except for the committee position held by Jill Taylor)

Spring show prizes will be distributed.

This meeting is your last opportunity to gain points in the annual aggregate points competitions in all Divisions.

### Book Auction

Alan Davies will supervise a silent auction of six volumes of orchid books (including a 4 volume set covering many popular genera) by J Rentoul, a prominent Aust. Orchid grower, to be bid all together. The member writing down the highest bid at the concluding time specified by Alan will get the whole 6 volumes.

The books have been kindly donated by Shirley French, and we thank Shirley most sincerely for her gesture.

### 2022 SARCOCHILUS SHOW. LAST MONTH

**Special classes for Sarco's.** were separately judged for species and hybrids, and, as usual, were judged separately for Open, First, and Second Divisions. The Perpetual Trophy for **Overall Champion Sarcochilus** selected from all Divisions was won by *Sarco*. Kulnura Sanctuary x Kul. `Gifted' from Peter McCauley,, and which was naturally **Best of Open Division.**



Peter McCauley receives the Champion Trophy from Registrar, Don Higgs

### SARCO SHOW RESULTS.

#### GRAND CHAMPION'

Kulnura Sanctuary x Kulnura Gifted  
.Peter McCauley

#### **OPEN DIV. RESULTS.**

##### Sarco Species

1. *Sarco hartmannii* Mt Molly x Derry  
P McCauley
2. *Sarco hartmannii* `As it Is  
Michael & Oui

##### Sarco Hybrids

##### White/Red Centre

1. Kulnura x Kulnura Absolute  
J & D Higgs

##### White/Cream

1. Bunyip  
J & D Higgs
2. Rachael  
J & D Higgs

##### Red/Pink

1. Kulnura Sanctuary x Kul. Gifted'  
P McCauley
2. Bewitched  
J & D Higgs

##### Yellow/Green

1. Kulnura Coral x Kulnura  
`Kaleidascope  
P McCauley

- 2.Nugget x Heidi Ho P McCauley  
 Any other Colour  
 1.Brock Harley J & D Higgs  
 2.Galaxy `Golden Circle J & D Higgs

**Intergeneric Hybrid**

- 2.Sartylis Braveheart `Sandy`  
 P McCauley

**Best Seedling**

- 1.Currambene x Patricia Abell  
 Michael & Oui  
 2.Sweetheart x Rachael  
 Michael & Oui

**Best Specimen**

- 1.*Sarco hartmannii* `As it Is`  
 Michael & Oui  
 2.Ballerina x Kulnura Ruby  
 P Mccauley

There were no sarcochilus in either of First or Second Divisions, for the first time ever, which emphasised the lateness of the season this year, as I know there were plants in spike from exhibitors in these Divisions. Let's hope there's more for the judges to adjudicate next year, or perhaps we'll have to consider deferring the special sarco. night to the November meeting.



Champion sarcochilus of Show.

**ORCHIDS LAST MONTH**

Whilst many growers reported a late season for flowering their orchids this

year, the soft-cane dendrobiums seemed to have no problem, and we saw an enhanced display of these in both First and Second Div.



Second Div *Den nobile*, a beautifully flowered example with heavy textured blooms from Ralph Edwards.



Lots to adjudicate.!

Thank you, Don Higgs, for providing a resume of the DIVISIONAL WINNERS LAST MONTH

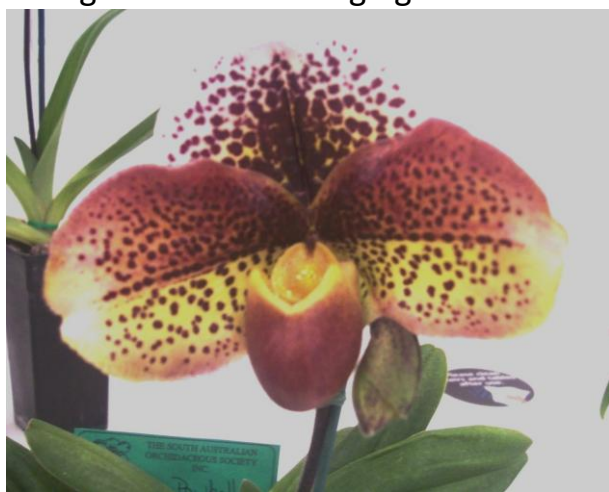
**Open Div.and Orchid of the NIGHT.**

*Brasidostele* Gilded Tower `Mystic May`, 13 narrow segmented blooms of dramatic, dark colouration and contrasting lips. Grown in a glasshouse and watered approx. once per week, and with a variety of fertilisers applied every second watering. Flowers regularly each year, with blooms arranged regularly along the stem

**First Div.** *Cym* Mad Magic `Amber`, a well grown & flowered hybrid with the Aust. species *Cym madidum* influencing the spike habit, size of blooms, and

large bulb & growth size. 95 blooms and two buds on four arching spike in an 8 inch pot..

**Second Div** *Dendrobium nobile*, a popular Indian species orchid which grows well in a shadehouse. Blooms arrange themselves along the sturdy 'softcane' pseudo-bulbs, generally on the previous year's made up bulb. The plant was potted in small pine bark in a 6 inch pot, with six flowering canes and 75 lovely two toned flowers. More new growths are emerging.



*Paph Cocoa Pawbella* from J Seidel

## **DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING -- Thursday DEC 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Normally, our meetings are on the third Wednesday. Wednesdays are unavailable for access to the hall at 5pm due to other bookings, and so we have brought our date back to **THURSDAY DEC. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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 members.

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. Alcoholic drinks will be able to be consumed (BYO), subject to approval for a licence, which is a different provision to what applied at our previous venue..

**Garry will be collecting money for the dinner at the next meeting:**

**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..

## **PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

Would people with Perpetual Trophies) please return them this meeting if you forgot last month..

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## COMPETITION RESULTS.

### CYMBIDIUMS OVER 90 mm

Second Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Unknown	G & P Simcock
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Priam	R Edwards

### CYMBIDIUMS 60—90 mm

Second Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Red Nelly x Valley Inga	G & P Simcock

### CYMBIDIUMS Under 60 mm

Open Div.		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pearl Dawson	M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vincent Pride	M Willoughby & Oui Ju
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Duvall	J Seidel
First Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mad Magic `Amber`	J Cassar
Second Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Heartbreak Doctor ``Lips of Wine`	R Edwards

### SPECIES CYM

Second Div.		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>lowianum</i> `	V Rounsefell
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>lowianum</i>	R Edwards

### STANDARD LAELIINAE

Open Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	C Prince Albert	M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### Non Standard Cluster LAELIINAE

Second Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Ctt</i> Trick or Treat	S Laznicka

### STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUMS

Open Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cocoa Pawbella `Zodiac`	J Seidel

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### NON STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUMS

Open Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Yang Ji Apple. M Willoughby & Oui Ju	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hilo Green x Hsinying Majakum	J Seidel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hsinying Rainbow x Red Czar	J Seidel

### SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

Open Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Paph lowii</i>	M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### DENDROBIUMS

First Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Merlin Flake	J Cassar
Second Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Gatton Monarch	R Edwards
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Snow	R Edwards
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yukidaruma	R Edwards.

### AUSTRALIAN NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRIDS

Second Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Den</i> Specio-kingianum	D Bird

### AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Open Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Sarco hartmanii</i> `Mt Molly x Derry`	M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Sarco hartmannii</i> `As it Is`	M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL HYBRIDS

Open Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Ptst</i> Hoodwink	J & D Higgs
Second Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Ptst</i> Hoodwink	D Bird

### AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Calda tentaculatum</i>	J & D Higgs

### ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Open Di		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Bcd</i> Gilded Tower	J & D Higgs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Ons</i> Hansueli Isler	M Willoughby & O Ju

### OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

Open Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Lyc</i> Bega Sunset x <i>skinneri</i>	M Willoughby & Oui Ju
Second Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Lyc</i> Shoalhaven x Alwine Miller	R Edwards

### OTHER GENERA SPECIES

Open Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Masd. coccinea</i> `Snow Bird` AM/AOC	M Willoughby & Oui Ju
First Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Den</i> <i>nobile</i>	J & D Cassar
Second Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Den</i> <i>nobile</i>	R Edwards
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Bletilla striata</i>	D Bird

### SEEDLING

Open Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Cym</i> Robert Duval	J Seidel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Paph</i> Yang Ji Apple	M Willoughby & O Ju
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Cym</i> Vincent Pride	M Willoughby & O Ju

### POPULAR VOTE

Open Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	?	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	?	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	?	
First Div		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Cym</i> Mad Magic `Amber`	J & D Cassar
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Den</i> <i>nobile</i>	J & D Cassar

Second Div  
 1<sup>st</sup> *Den Specio kingianum* D Bird  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *Den Gatton Monarch* R Edwards  
 3<sup>rd</sup> *Ctt Trick or Treat* S Laznicka

**BEST ORCHID IN EACH DIVISION**

**Open Division**

***Bcd.* GILDED TOWER  
 `Mystic Maze`...  
 JANE & DON HIGGS..**

**First Division**

***Cym.* MAD MAGIC `Amber`  
 J. & D CASSAR**

**Second Division**

***Den. nobile*  
 R EDWARDS**

**REGISTRAR'S CHOICE**

***Bcd.* GILDED TOWER  
 `Mystic Maze`...  
 JANE & DON HIGGS..**



*Cym* Mad Magic.  
*Cym* Mad Magic `Amber` has the Aust species *Cym madidum* in its

parentage, making it a valuable late bloomer..



*Bcd* Gilded Tower `Mystic Maze`

This unusual orchid, is an intergeneric hybrid named *Brascidostele* Gilded Tower, from the *Oncidium* alliance. It was awarded an AM in New Zealand in 2019 with 12 blooms. The shape of the sturdy blooms is heavily influenced by the genus *Brassia* in its background.

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