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This sturdy specimen size *Laelia tenebrosa* from Michael & Oui had 15 open blooms and was the Registrar's 'Plant of the night last month'.

.**Les Nesbitt** has been an acknowledged expert grower of native terrestrial orchids and a judge for many years. He will tell us about how he grows them this meeting. Our usual plant competition will give us all an idea of the summer flowering orchids which we can grow to expand your own collections.

Feb. meeting is on 15th February at our hall at Long St Plympton --- access available after 7.30 pm.

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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 February 15th 2023.**

February meeting will be a talk by our local Mr Les Nesbitt, who is an Aust. wide acknowledged expert on culture of Aust. Native orchids, and particularly the South Aust. Native orchids, which are all terrestrial. He has made and officially named hybrid crossings, and is prominent in preservation activities. Our members Jane Higgs, Kevin Western, and the late Mr Les Burgess have promoted our local natives, but we encourage even more members to .give our Spiders (Caladenias to you) a fly.

Birthdays for February . 2023

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

. Ellen Hume Robert Gunn Beryl Wilson and Kevin Western

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday February 20th 2023*

Next Judges Meeting *Monday 27th Feb. at Findon.*

Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting As advised for 2023 by Reg. Judging Panel

This is the second article in the series with further suggestions for ‘*learners orchids*’ which I have grown cold with my cymbidiums and watered and fertilised at the same time

THE ZYGOPETALUM ALLIANCE

The zygopetalums are easy to grow with your cymbidiums, and are readily available to extend your collection. The species *Z. mackayi*, which is Autumn flowering, is strongly scented and can produce upright spikes with up to seven flowers, is commonly available locally, and also *Z. intermedium* and *Z. crinitum* occasionally.

My zygos. grow with the cyms. but they can be subject to some spotting of the broader leaves, during wet winters.

Well known crossings such as Zygo. B.G.White, Zygo.Titanic, Zygo. Helen Ku, Zygo. Artur Elle, Zga. Adalaide Meadows and Zga. Kuipto are fairly common, and an expanded range of newer crossings has added to the interest in these popular plants, many of which are perfumed.



Zygopetalum mackayi (now *Z.maculatum*)

Laelia anceps

Lailia anceps comes from Mexico and is a very hardy species. Usually grown in pots with open free draining compost it flowers in autumn and winter with tall upright spikes each with 2 to 5 flowers about 10 cms. across. Flower colour usually can vary from pinks to deep lavender and a plum purple lip with a yellow throat. The variety ‘Chamberlainiana’ is superior in size of both psuedobulbs and flowers, and considered by many to be a tetraploid. Some white flowered varieties such as ‘Veitchiana’ and ‘Williamsiana’ also occur.



PRESIDENT'S Report

Hello again, members. We are off to another good start to a year in which we hope for active participation by a wide cross section of members.

We started last month with our Registrar, Don Higgs, giving a very good review of last year's seedlings and plants, including comments and information on how they were grown. Thank you, Don.

This month, Les Nesbitt, one of our foremost expert on culture of local native terrestrial orchids, will tell us about their culture and care. These orchids are a part of our South Australian heritage, and over many years Les has done much to maintain awareness and importance of these dainty and well loved plants for the people of our State..

Committee has been finalising events for the year, and I sincerely thank them for their devoted behind the scenes work to keep our great club going. I must thank here all the other wonderful members who help with the activities to keep our club successful, too.. A big thank you to you all.

I look forward to seeing many of you this meeting.

, **Diana Bird** (President)

LAST MEETING --

Our Judging Registrar, Don Higgs gave his now annual presentation of the best seedlings and other outstanding plants benched or displayed last year. John Seidel, our club photographer, makes himself available to take his meticulous photos each meeting. This provides members with closeup views of some of the season's best orchids. Numbers at the Jan. meeting were lower than normal, but we were pleased to see some members who haven't been able to come for some time, (Phil Steer and Anton Drew come to mind.) We hope to see more and more members attending as the year progresses.

SUPPER ROSTER There are still some slots to be filled in our annual roster. Duties include setting out the cups and biscuits (supplied) before the meeting starts, and pouring out hot water for the tea and coffee at conclusion of the meeting. Sarka Laznicka and Ralph Edwards have volunteered to help this month. There are still some vacancies available if you would like to help out during the year. Margaret Jacob, who has helped set out the cups previously has other duties , selling raffle tickets and monitoring the sign in book (for insurance purposes in case of accidents)

Judges love to be kept busy with quality plants or unusual orchids brought along, so keep them happy with your nice plants to share with members. This also helps other growers to know what orchids flower at various seasons, and what plants are available to try.

CHEERIOS.

We send our best wishes to members still on the sick list, and hope you will soon be able to return to our meetings. Special wishes to Judith Gardner, who has had to return to hospital.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023.

Subscriptions for this year are now due. If you haven't renewed before the March meeting, that month will be the last issue you receive.

NEW POLICY ON ISSUE OF MONTHLY REVIEWS.

You may be aware that Aust. Post has again increased cost of delivering letters from last January.

Our new policy for distribution is

1. Normal distribution will be by e-mail to arrive in the week before meeting nights.
2. If you are on e-mail and want a hard copy, you can pick it up at the monthly meeting. You must notify the Treasurer of this request before the March meeting. If you miss a meeting, we will hold a copy for you so you can maintain your set of Reviews.
3. If you cannot get to the monthly meetings, we can arrange to post you a copy. Again, you must advise if you wish to receive your Review this way.
4. If you are not on e-mail you can continue to receive the Review as previously. We cannot guarantee you will get your copy before the meeting, but Aust Post has improved its deliveries in recent times. We post out copies at least a week before the meeting dates.

Our subscriptions at \$25 per single membership, \$35 for a family, are

among the lowest in the State, for a full 12 month subscription.

LAST MONTH'S PLANTS.

Firstly, our Registrar has arranged for comments on the Divisional winners – Open Div. and Registrar's Choice

Laelia tenebrosa, a specimen sized plant (6 spikes, 5 open) with 15 open flowers of even plum-bronze colour, with large attractive labellums. From Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju.

First Div.

Phil & Anne Steer's *Phal* Sweet Talk 'Hillview', a "big lip" type, with 5 delicate pink blooms beautifully arranged. A smaller growing phally, making a lovely overall spectacle.

Second Div.

Sarka Laznicka's species specimen plant of *Brassia verrucosa*, beautifully grown, with the large, spidery blooms displayed to advantage. 9 long spikes, with about 65 blooms, pale lime green tepals with white lips, spotted green.

Best Seedling

John Seidel's smaller growing *Paph tigrinum* 'Z1' a seldom seen species paphiopedilum locally, a lovely plant, well grown with a nicely balanced bloom with attractive evenly balanced colour combination.

There were not so many plants tabled at the January meeting, but there some really good ones amongst those that were brought along.

There were some very nice specimen sized plants, as you can see in the pictures on the front cover, and Sarka Laznicka's carefully cultivated *Brassia verrucosa*.



Oui and his *L. tenebrosa*. Always smiling, (probably because he grows his plants so well), Oui gives us a good idea of the size of the plant, a native of Brazil.



Judges evaluate Sarka's plant. Rayne Riggs must have drawn the short straw. She spent half the evening counting the well displayed blooms



Brassia verrucosa, (syn *Brassia brachiata*) is found from Mexico to Venezuela, but grows well in local shadehouses with good light.

There were some lovely slipper orchids in Open Div. Micael & Oui must have known something when they first purchased these Paph Magic Lanterns. The colours were a highlight, as were the lovely shape of the blooms, easily recognised as being

from the 'Chinese' group, all growing on small plants, too.



Phal. Sweet Talk

Anne Steer's phallies made a lovely display, this one especially took my eye. Note the large lips, as big as another petal. This trait has been bred in and a whole range of colours of these can be purchased if you know where to buy them. Anne grows them in a well lit second bathroom

Ralph Edwards continues to show his prowess with his lycastes, this yellow and green hybrid *Lyc. Michelli* was a good example with multiple blooms emerging from the base of the bulbs. Many lycastes are deciduous, so the blooms emerge when the leaves drop off. We should grow more of them.

COMP. RESULTS Jan. 2023

SPECIES LAELIINAE

Open Div.

1st *L. tenebrosa* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

1st *Psh cochleata* A & I Davies

Second Div

1st *Psh cochleata* S Laznicka

2nd *Enc. atropurpurea* D Bird

Non Standard shape CLUSTER LAELIINAE

First Div

1st *Epi Topaz Delight* J & D Cassar

NON STANDARD shape PAPHS.

Open Div

1st Magic Lantern 'Vincent Vista' M Willoughby & O Ju

2nd Magic Lantern 'GB512' M Willoughby & O Ju

3rd Magic Lantern 'GBF' M Willoughby & O Ju

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div

1st *tigrinum* 'Z1' J Seidel

2nd *superbiens* J Seidel

STANDARD shape PHALAENOPSIS

First Division

1st Sweet Talk A & P Steer

NON STANDARD shape PHALAENOPSIS

First Div.

1st Lemonade A & P Steer

2nd Unknown A & P Steer

3rd Carrot Cake A & P Steer

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

First Div

1st *Ons Tan Treasures 'Lavender Picotee'* J & D Cassar

2nd *Onc Unknown* P & H Haltis

ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

Second Div

1st *Brassia verrucosa* S Laznicka

OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

Second Div

1st *Lycaste Michelli* R Edwards

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

First Div

1st *Coelogyne tormentosa* P & A Steer

SEEDLINGS

Open Div

1st *Paph Sandalwood xHamana* Ann J Seidel

2nd *Paph villosum var annamense* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

3rd *Cym Arachnid 'Z'* J Seidel

ZYGOPETALINAE HYBRID

Open Div

1st *Pptm Kiwi 'Zodiac'* J Seidel

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

1st *L. tenebrosa* BJW M Willoughby & Oui Ju

2nd *Paphiopedilum tigrinum 'Z1'* J Seidel

3rd *Paph superbiens* J Seidel

First Div

1st *Ons Tan Treasures 'Lavender Picotee'*

J & D Cassar

2nd *Phal Sweet Talk* A & P Steer

3rd *Phal Unknown* A & P Steer

Second Div.

1st *Brs verrucosa* S Laznicka

2nd *Psh cochleata* S Laznicka

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

***Laelia tenebrosa* 'BJW'**

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Division

Phal. Sweet Talk

A. & P Steer

Second Division

Brassia verrucosa

S Laznicka.

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Laelia tenebrosa 'BJW'

M Willoughby & Oui Ju



John Seidel's *Paph tigrinum*, a seedling which had good balance & a nice long stem. on a compact plant..



Joe Cassar's oncidium hybrid Tan Treasures won Popular Vote in 1st Division. It featured bright and attractive flowers on a well grown plant with multiple sprays of blooms.



We should have a class for Most Innovative presentation. Here's *Coelogyne tormentosa* from Phil Steer. He's been practicing with his Lego, apparently.

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