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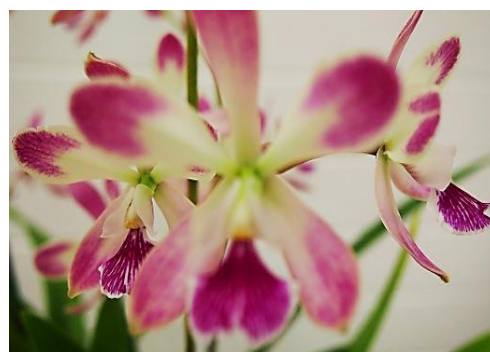
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Cty Burdekin Honey 'Shona'

Jane Higgs, Past President, , and Don Higgs, our Registrar of Judging, are both AOC judge and are Life members of our Society. Last August, they visited and judged at the recent AOC National conference in NSW. Jane is a highly respected speaker and this month she will tell us of their experiences from there. Don't miss it...

**March meeting is on 15th March 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*	2013	Margaret Jacob
	Edith Halliday*, Mervyn Green*	2014	Brian Brand, Shirley Brand
1976	Trevor Jacob	2018	Lesley Gunn, Robert Gunn
1977	Jack Moore*, Harold Luckhurst*, Ken Wynes*		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

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2023 PROGRAMME **Wednesday March 15th 2023.**

March meeting will be a talk by our Mrs Jane Higgs, who will present an outline of the Aust. Orchid Conference August 2022, which she and Don attended. Jane's presentations are always meticulous and very informative, and this meeting will be among the best of this years' talks, titled "For the Love of Orchids". We look forward to your company. The usual segments will be presented, too.

Birthdays for March . 2023

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

Neil Cooper Joe Cassar Judith Gardner Peter Haltis , and Phil Steer.

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday March 20th 2023*

Next Judges Meeting *Monday at Findon Uniting..*

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

EXPANDING YOUR ORCHID COLLECTION - Part 3

ALAN DAVIES

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. 'Sanderiae'. P. insigne can be grown into specimen plants with more than twenty blooms. Trevor Vogler had a large plant which 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.



Paph villosum

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



Paph villosum



Paph. callosum var alba

PRESIDENT'S Report

Hello once again, members. We welcome Glen Thompson, husband of recently joined Barbara Thompson, to our Society. "Can't let the ladies have all the fun, can we, Glen?". *Ed.*

Last meeting. we were treated to a wonderful talk from Les Nesbitt, one of our State's experts on native orchids, who presented pictures of many easily grown species orchids, and commented on how we can grow them. His talk was enthusiastically received by a good attendance of members. This month, Jane Higgs will give her impressions of last year's AOC Conference which she and Don attended, and participated in judging. A sure highlight among this year's programmes.

Special best wishes to Judith Gardner, who has again been back in hospital. Autumn has arrived right on schedule, and our autumn blooming orchids will appreciate the cooler nights. Look after your plants, with our Autumn Show resuming again on Friday 5th May (set up) and Sat 6th May, 9 am to 4 pm. at the Western Link Church, Crittenden Rd. Findon, where we previously held our monthly meetings.

A big thank you to you everyone working to keep our Society operating smoothly.

As you will be aware, the Council is undertaking a major upgrade to the Plympton hall, and we need to be flexible as work proceeds. I strongly recommend members read updates of current happenings and progress.

Seven of our members joined with Cym. Club members to attend Brian & Shirley Brand's home on a rescue mission for their plants. Brian & Shirley are Life Members of both Clubs, and have been sterling helpers for many years. Alan Davies, in conjunction with the Cym Club. organised a recent day to help, as Brian and Shirley are unable to do the necessary maintenance on their own. A very good gesture as Brian and Shirley have given many years service to both Clubs.

I look forward to seeing many of you on 15th March.

, **Diana Bird** (President)

LAST MEETING --

Les Nesbitt gave a highly acclaimed talk about the species orchids he has grown over a long and successful career in growing orchids, and his lovely slides proved how successful he has been. A number of members

told me how much they enjoyed his talk.

Some very nice early-season orchids were benched – see the Registrar's comments.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome a new member, Glen Thompson, husband of Barbara, one of our newer members, to our Society, and hope that he gets lots of information, and makes many new friends in our Society.

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 the end of the meeting. Sarka Laznicka and Ralph Edwards helped last month. Thank you. There are still some vacancies available on the roster.

We have **Jan Whibley** and **Denise Cassar** this month to pour the tea & coffee provided at the conclusion of the meeting. Thank you, ladies.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Members are reminded that any outstanding subs . for 2023 are now overdue. **If you haven't made arrangements with the Treasurer, Garry Simcock, this will be the last Review sent out..**

Subs are unchanged from last year. \$25 for single membership and \$35 for joint members. for full 12 months meetings, plus subsidised dinners, and participation opportunities in our Shows and Sales days.

CHEERIOS.

We hear that Phil Steer is back in hospital again, and we send Phil our best wishes and to both John and Patricia Carman, to Judith Gardner, to Joe Cassar, and other members and their families who are being troubled by ill health.

A HELPING HAND.

At our last meeting, Alan Davies invited members to assist in a 'working bee' at the home of Brian and Shirley Brand's home.to help with urgent maintenance required with their orchid collection. They have not been in the best of health for some considerable time, and Alan sought assistance from any of our members and members of the Cymbidium Club, where both Brian and Shirley have been helpers and Life Members for many years. Brian used to exhibit with his father as "The Brand family" in those very early times.

This visit was well supported by both Clubs, and great results were achieved. Tea, coffee and lunch was provided for the

helpers . A very big thank you to all who attended for a job well done..... *Ralph Edwards*

LAST MONTH'S PLANTS.

Firstly, our Registrar has arranged for comments on the Divisional winners –

Open Division

Cty. (Catyclia) Burdekin Honey 'Shona'
Owned by M Willoughby & Oui Ju

This was an excellently grown and presented plant of award quality. The 40 flowers on 4 stems were glossy, fresh and evenly spaced on the stem. They measured 52mm(w) by 48mm(h) and were white overlaid purple veining on the ends of the segments with darker purple veining on the end of the lip. It is grown in a shade house, watered weekly in winter and 2 – 3 times a week in summer and fertilised every watering.

First Division

Rlc. (*Rhyncholaeliocattleya*)
Makaha Gold X *Rth.* (*Rhyncattleanthe*)
Karina Millett X *B.* (*Brassavola*)
Madosa Owned by Peter & Helen Haltis

There were 8 inflorescences with 25 flowers and 3 buds evenly distributed around the plant. The flowers were a dark yellow with no markings and of fairly even size, 85mm(w) by 70mm(h). Peter mists the plant fairly often and waters once a week. It was potted in coarse bark in a 180mm pot. Peter says that it is a reliable flowerer and they are long lasting. Unfortunately we don't know exactly what the crossing is as there are no brackets to indicate what was the first parental crossing. However on checking, none

of the possible crossings have been registered.

Second Division

Phal. Sea Breeze Owned by S. Laznicka
With 14 clean white flowers on a cascading stem, this plant was a gem. There was some red veining in the rear of the labellum and a smudge of lemon yellow on the side lobes of the labellum. The flowers were 90mm(w) by 70mm(h). It was growing in medium bark in a 180mm pot. Sarka grows this plant in her house by a north facing window.



Vanda falcata.

This dainty little seedling was once known as a *Neofinetia*. Geoff Spear had a large plant which flowered profusely. It comes from Taiwan.



C Mini Purple 'Lea'

We'll see more of these small growing cattleyas as the season progresses. There are a number of good varieties.



Sarka's *Phal* Sea Breeze.

We have a number of good phalaenopsis growers in our Society.



Gomesa flexuosa.

A reliable and easily flowered oncidium type, well grown here from Peter Haltis. Plenty of light and regular feeding through summer produces good, strong pseudobulbs which result in flowering like this.

The picture at the top of the next column illustrates a fine form of the

'blue' type cattleyas, not a common colour in the laeliinae family.



C Topaz Classic from Garry Simcock makes an attractive display.



A very nice paphiopedilum species, *dianthum*, one of the multi flowering type on a single stem shown by Michael & Oui..

COMP. RESULTS Feb. 2023

CYMBIDIUMS Under 60 mm

Open Div

1st Sundaani Autumn `Goldie` T & M Jacob

STANDARD LAELIINAE Over 80mm

Open Div

1st C Mini Purple `Lea` M Willoughby & Oui Ju

STANDARD LAELIINAE Under 80mm

First Div

C Elisabeth Calov P & A Steer

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

Open Div

1st Cty Burdekin Honey `Shona` M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

1st Rlc Makaha Gold x Rth Karina Millet x B Madosa P & H Haltis
2nd Ctt Mary E. Bohn `Royal Flare` J & D Cassar

3rd Psh prismatocarpa x E tampensis A & P Steer

Second Div

1st C Unknown G & P Simcock
2nd C Meadii D Bird

NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

First Div

1st Ctt Valentine Day P & A Steer
2nd Epi Pacific Thrill P & H Haltis
3rd Ctt Valentine Day Osborne` J & D Cassar

SPECIES LAELIINAE

Open Div

1st Psh cochleata Friday's Gift` P & M Hockey

2nd Psh cochleata `Tylo` P & M Hockey

3rd Psh cochleata `TY` P & M Hockey

First Div

1st Psh cochleata P & A Steer

Second Div

1st Epi radicans D Bird

NON STANDARD shape PAPHS.

Open Div.

1st Magic Lantern `GB512` M Willoughby & O Ju

2nd Charles Sladden `West Richmond` J Seidel

3rd Magic Lantern `ZY` J Seidel

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div

1st Paph dianthum M Willoughby & Oui Ju

STANDARD shape PHALAENOPSIS

Second Div

1st Sea Breeze S Laznicka

NON STANDARD shape PHALAENOPSIS

First Div.

1st Unknown A & P Steer

Second Div

1st Unknown S Laznicka

AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

First Div

2nd Place Den Hilda Poxon `Nailsworth` A & P Steer

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div

1st Ons Warm Memories `Wild Fire` M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

1st Obscr Sarcatum A & P Steer

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

Open Div

1st Vanda falcata J Seidel

2nd Stenoglottis woodii J & D Higgs

SEEDLINGS

Open Div

1st Vanda falcata J Seidel

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

1st Cty Burdekin Honey `Shona` M Willoughby & Oui Ju

2nd Cym. Sundaani Autumn `Goldie` T & M Jacob

3rd Vanda falcata J Seidel

First Div

1st Gomesa flexuosa P & H Haltis

2nd Rlc Makaha Gold x Rth Karina Millet x B

Madosa P & H Haltis

3rd C Elizabeth Calov A & P Speer

Second Div.

1st Phal Sea Breeze S Laznicka

2nd C Unknown G & P Simcock

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

**Cty Burdekin Honey
`Shona`
M Willoughby & Oui Ju**

First Division

***Rlc.* Makahara Gold x
Rth Karina Millett x
B Madosa**

P & H Haltis

Second Division

***Phalaenopsis*
Sea Breeze
S Laznicka.**

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

**Cty Burdekin Honey
'Shona'**

**M Willoughby & Oui Ju
(see cover photo)**



Peter Haltis's 1st Div winner.
Sometimes judges do like the starry shape
flowers, (depending on breeding, of course)!



This reed-stem epidendrum type is a classic
example of the breeders art – a big
improvement in size, form, and substance
of the older type hybrids, probably treated
to convert it to a higher ploidy count..

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