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Our regular meeting hall is not available this month.

We will be meeting in the COWANDILLAH COMMUNITY CENTRE, corner of Sir Donald Bradman Drive and Brooker Tce. Hilton. Entry to the car park is at Western side of the hall on Sir Donald Bradman Drive..

Our Guest speaker this meeting will be Mr. James Argent, who will talk on preparing plants for judging and display, and about presentation of displays at Shows. James is an accredited orchid and horticultural judge, and of the S A. Floral Art Council.

SUPPER ROSTER Members who have volunteered for supper roster duties this month are Joe Cassar and Raymond Huddleston. We thank Denise Cassar and Jan Whibley for helping prepare the refreshments and putting out the biscuits for our traditional cuppa at the conclusion of our last meeting,

April meeting is on 19th April at the Cowandillah Community Centre, located at the south-west corner of Sir Donald Bradman Drive and Brooker Tce intersection at Hilton from 7pm. Parking access is from Sir Donald Bradman Drive at the western side of the building.

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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
1986	Kelvin Staples*, Stan Johnston*	2021	Jill Taylor*
1992	Peter Speer*, Deane Johnston, Frank Neighbour*, Nancy Neighbour*	2022	Dr. Tony Bourne
1996	Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver*		Pauline Simcock, Garry Simcock

*Denotes deceased member

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2023 PROGRAMME **Wednesday April 19th 2023.**

Note: VENUE CHANGE for this meeting – see front cover .

Assistant Registrar, James Argent, will give us hints and advice on preparing your plants for exhibition, and some useful tips on the aesthetics of putting a display of plants together We look forward to your company this meeting. Usual segments of judging, raffle etc will be presented, together with advice about .the judging categories for the Autumn Show on Saturday, May 6th.

Birthdays for April . 2023

Our best wishes to Lesley Gunn and Shirley Brand, the only members celebrating birthdays this month

Next Committee Meeting: Monday April 24th 2023 at Findon

Next Judges Meeting Monday 5th June at Western Link Utg. Findon..

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

Autumn Show Floral Competition Schedule

CHAMPIONS

Grand Champion
Reserve Champion
Open Division Champion
First Division Champion
Second Division Champion
Most Outstanding Seedling.

CARD CLASSES

Applies to each Division

Cymbidium Over 90 mm	Dendrobium other than Australian Native.
Cymbidium 60 – 90 mm	
Cymbidium under 60 mm	
Species Cym. any size, not Aust, Native	Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid
Laeliinae Standard 80mm & Over	Aust Native Epiphyte Species
Laeliinae Standard under 80mm	Aust Native Terrestrial Hybrid
Laeliinae Non Standard	Aust Native Terrestrial Species
Laeliinae Cluster	<u>Oncidiinae Hybrid</u>
Species Laeliinae	<u>Oncidiinae Species</u>
Paphiopedilum Standard	<u>Zygopetalinae</u>
Paphiopedilum Non-Standard	Other Species not listed above.
Paphiopedilum Species	Other Hybrid not listed above.
Phalaenopsis Standard	Seedling
Phalaenopsis Non Standard	<u>Specimen.</u>

EXPANDING YOUR ORCHID COLLECTION – Part 4 ALAN DAVIES

C. HAWAIIAN WEDDING SONG ‘VIRGIN’

Some cattleya orchids can be grown cold quite successfully.

C. HAWAIIAN WEDDING SONG ‘VIRGIN’ has been very successful for me over a number of years, winning Champion Orchid at the Enfield Horticultural Winter Show two years in succession.

This orchid was grown out with the cymbs. then brought in under cover when the buds started to emerge in autumn.. It is stain resistant, much sought after by the florists for wedding bouquets, and can remain in pristine condition for about three weeks.



Photo above of the late Jill Taylor and Iris Davies, both Orchidaceous Life Members and Australian Orchid Council Judges, admiring a winning specimen plant of Cattleya HAWAIIAN WEDDING SONG ‘VIRGIN’

BIFRENARIA harrisoniae

This easy to grow orchid has one or two creamy/white flowers with a mauve lip on short stems,. and a very pleasant fragrance when fresh.

It has a round cymbidium type shape, with cone shaped bulbs, each with a single leaf.

This species is one 30 species of Bifrenaria, 25 being found in Brazil, with some species in Venezuela, Peru, and a few other South American countries.





THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY INC
PRESENTS FOR ONE-DAY ONLY; THE

AUTUMN SHOW

SATURDAY 6 MAY

9am until 4pm

COME AND SEE OUR LOVELY
EXHIBIT OF ORCHIDS ON DISPLAY

Western Link Church Hall.
93 Crittenden Road, Findon

\$5.00 Entry (per person) includes
a complimentary cup of coffee, tea and a biscuit.

*Orchids available for purchase - a great opportunity to spoil yourself
with an orchid of your own or find the perfect Mother's Day gift!*

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please contact our
President on 0412 644 353 or Secretary on 0430 194 808.

Our Sales table can cater for all types of plants, and other items like pots, fertiliser etc. Get your Sales sheets from Garry

. PRESIDENT'S Report

Hello once again, members.
Hasn't the month flown by.

Jane Higgs's talk about her visit to the AOC Conference last year was spectacular, with lots of warmer growing orchids making a lovely display.

Our routine will be upset this meeting as the Plympton hall is being renovated, and will be unavailable. The Council was able to provide another hall for us this month, and should be available from 7.00 pm on the corner of Sir Donald Bradman Drive and Brooker Tce at Hilton, across the road from the Council Chambers. Parking is available on the western side of the building our Autumn Show resuming again on Friday 5th May (set up) and open to public on Sat 6th May, 9 am to 4 pm. at the Western Link Church, Crittenden Rd. Findon . (We used to hold our monthly meetings there about 10 years ago) We will have flyers available at the meeting to hand out to friends Sales stalls will be open (orchids, other plants, and other items you might like to dispose of. No doubt garry will have sales sheets available for you to fill out similarly to our usual Show Sales. You may be able to pick up a present for Mum

as Mothers Day is the next weekend.

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter Weekend, and I hope to see you this meeting when James Argent will tell us how we should present our plants and displays for best effect.

Kind Regards.

, **Diana Bird** (President)

LAST MEETING --

Once again we were denied the use of the high definition overhead projector for showing pictures when Jane Higgs presented her very interesting programme about her visit to Queensland to attend the last Aust. Orchid Council .Conference and Show..The *Den speciosum* display was spectacular, but the honey perfume proved overpowering for many. There were many cattleyas and other warmer growing orchids for visitors to enthuse over. Thank you, Jane & Don.

SUPPER ROSTER

There are still some slots to be filled in our annual roster. Duties include setting out the cups and biscuits (supplied by our club or members' donation) before the meeting starts, and pouring out hot water for the tea and coffee at the end of the meeting.

CHEERIOS.

We send our best wishes to members and their families who on the sick list

COVID is still with us, and there are significant new cases reported

each week. The influx of many visitors, and reluctance of some people to pay out for testing suggests there are even more cases than are reported. Take precautions.!

Please let our Secretary or the editor know if you hear of any members who have not been well lately.

LAST MONTH'S PLANTS.

Not a lot of plants were tabled last meeting, but there were some very nice examples amongst them

The Registrar's Choice plant (see back page) was particularly well grown and presented. We hope all our usual exhibitors are grooming their plants for the Autumn Show (our first for some time) to present some good examples for the public to admire. It is quite some years since we held a show in the western suburbs.



The parent *Paph* Gold Dollar from this hybrid was produced by Nicky Zurcher and created quite a stir when it was first shown (this was in the era before the wonderful 'Chinese' type hybrids were found), and its brilliant gold colour was lauded and awarded by the State judging panel. Nicky was very canny, as he had other examples of the cross blooming at home, so when he later benched another of the cross with even better shape and still with

the lovely colour, what else could they do but award the new plant, too

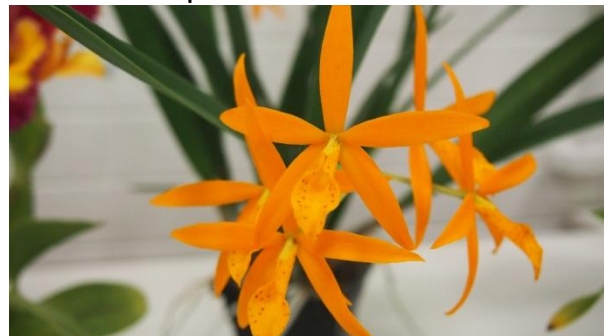


Joe Cassar showed this *Ctt* Mary E Bonn last month, too (different blooms) It photographs beautifully.



This strikingly coloured hybrid from Pauline Hockey makes us all feel warmer now the weather has changed.

And so does this *Pcv* Golden Peacock, also from Open Div.



Have you noticed we are seeing more *sarcochilus* blooming earlier in the year – Hooray for the hybridists. Garry Simcock tabled a nice one but my photography wasn't so good.

COMP. RESULTS March. 2023

CYMBIDIUMS Under 60 mm

Open Div
2nd 'Sundaani Autumn `Goldie' T & M Jacob

STANDARD LAELIINAE Over 80mm

Open Div
1st C Rosella's Tune x Hawaiian Wedding
Song P & M Hockey
2nd Rlc Runynapha Fancy P & M Hockey

STANDARD LAELIINAE Under 80mm

First Div
C Elisabeth Calov P & A Steer

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

Open Div
1st Pcv Golden Peacock
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
First Div
1st Ctt Mary E. Bonn `Royal Flare
J & D Cassar

NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

Open Div
1st Ctt Valentine Day `Lisa'
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
Second Div
1st C Meadii G & P Simcock
2nd Ctt Valentine Day `Red' G & P Simcock
3rd Ctt Bactia `Grapewax' G & P Simcock

SPECIES LAELIINAE

Open Div
1st .Psh cochleata `alba' P & M Hockey
Second Div
1st Enc alata G & P Simcock

NON STANDARD shape PAPHS.

Open Div.
1st Recovery M Willoughby & O Ju
2nd Gold Dollar xVerde Orb
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div
1st Paph concolor M Willoughby & Oui Ju

DENDROBIUMS

Open Div
1st Den Woo Leng `Blue Lip'
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Open Div
1st Sarco Belmont Rose `Disney'
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd Sarco Belmont Rose M Willoughby & O Ju
3rd Sarco Belmont Rose M Willoughby & O Ju
Second Div
1st Sarco Shining Star G & P Simcock

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

First Div
1st Onc Aka Baby J & D Cassar

ZYGOPETALINAE

First Div
1st Z Iron Baron J & D Cassar

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div
1st Ctt Valentine Day `Lisa'
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd Den Woo Leng `Blue Lip'
M Willoughby & Oui J
3rd Rlc Runynapha Fancy `Warm Welcome'
P & M Hockey

First Div

1st Onc Aka Baby J & D Cassar
2nd Ctt Mary E. Bonhn `Royal Flare
J & D Cassar

Second Div.

1st Ctt Valentine Day `Red' G & P Simcock
2nd Ctt Bactia `Grapewax' G & P Simcock
3rd Enc alata G & P Simcock

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

Ctt Valentine Day `Lisa'

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Division

**Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn
`Royal Flare'**

J & D Cassar

Second Division

Sarcochilus
Shining Star
G & P Simcock.

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Ctt Valentine Day
`Lisa`
M Willoughby & Oui Ju



Ctt Valentine Day 'Lisa'



A beautifully presented example of a bifoliate Cattleyanthe, staked correctly to allow the blooms to display themselves to best advantage.

The *Ctt Valentine Day* crossing has produced some excellent progeny in the 'red' colour range. This one is an attractive shade of dark pink, and with typically shiny, heavy textured blooms

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