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August meeting is on **THURSDAY 17th at our hall at Long St, Plympton -access is available from 7.30 pm.**
No Dinner this month. Bring along supper to share for a good `end of night` spread.

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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 **Thursday 17th August 2023.**

Ms June Niejalke, specialist on SA Native orchids, is our guest presenter, and will review her new book Native Orchids of SA –a Field Guide. Copies available for sale. (\$50, I think.) It contains many colour photos.!

Normal meeting time start. Hall entry will be available from 7.30 pm. Bring along supper to share at meeting conclusion.

Birthdays for August . 2023

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

.Dr Tony Bourne Shirley Brand Jenny Clifton Alan Davies Graham Zerbe
Garry Simcock Val Speer Jan Whibley

Next Committee Meeting: Monday Aug 21st 2023 at Findon.Uniting hall.
Next Judges Meeting to be advised At Findon Uniting..hall
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting As advised for 2023 by Reg. Judging Pane.l

EARLY DAYS -- SHOWS AND JUDGING in the `60's. T. Jacob.

Sorry folks, my keyboard `ecs' is kaput for now, hence the erratic & creative spelling - sorry!!

EARLY JUDGING RECOLLECTIONS.

Some of SA's best early growers (in the 1960's) had friends in NSW who grew orchids well, and that friendship saw SA adopt judging standards introduced by the Australian Orchid Society, a breakaway group from other Sydney and Vic. growers, who were attempting to form a nationwide association of Clubs (the Australian Orchid Council). All other States joined this group, and SA eventually conformed with the majority and also joined, resulting in a common set of standards and rules for judging,(a points system,) which was a great step forward. For uniformity

At that time, the best orchids were grown in Sydney and Melbourne, and to allow us to attain the standards of judging required to be recognised nationally, the Sydney expert judges would evaluate spikes of cymbidiums (mainly) . bocs them up, and send them to SA for the judges and associate judges (the trainees) to evaluate, and compare and learn to adjust our marks to conform with the interstate experts results.

. The important attributes of the spikes of flowers were judged on a 100 points system (out of 30 each for shape & colour, with 10 points for substance & texture, spike habit, number of blooms on the stem, and for size of flowers.. Our judges would combine their points and arrive at an average for each spike and for each component of the total, which were recorded by me, (minute secretary) and records kept of how each judge performed against the average and each component. The same was done for the trainees to see how their understanding was developing. It made interesting reading to compare the judges' results. One senior judge, Wes Harris, grew very good orchids, but loved them all equally. His evaluation of the sectional factors was always high, and the Registrar would compensate for Wes's high points by allocating his own scores low. That way, the average would come out closer to the correct result. If a judge regularly marked his points erratically, he was expected to adjust and re-evaluate his thinking. If his marks for a particular category were all over the place, it showed he didn't understand what he was doing, and he (or she) would be given further tuition by the Registrar.

Similarly, results were kept on the performance of the trainees. It was my job to graph the points scores of everyone on the panel, for each spike, and for each characteristic being pointed up. I would then have to

present the results next judging meeting so our progress towards achieving the magical 'average figure' could be gauged. Somehow, with practice, we eventually all achieved around the same scores. Note: the points scores were eventually abandoned by the AOC in favour of an Appreciation System, whereby each judge was expected to develop an intimate knowledge of the well known species in each genus and its dominant characteristics when used in a hybridising programme.

GETTING YOUR PLANTS TO SHOWS.

Back in the early days, not everyone had access to cars capable of taking lots of plants to shows, so in 1963, when we shifted our shows to John Martins auditorium. Sir Edward Hayward came to our rescue. As well as being boss of Johnnies, he was Patron of the St Johns' Ambulance Brigade, and he arranged for their large ambulance vans to make up rounds, and pick up plants from growers' homes and transport them to North Tce. In the City, where they would be unloaded, put on Johnnies low flatbed carrier vehicles, to be taken up the carpark ramp to the Second floor Auditorium and unloaded. People down the suburban streets would wonder what the commotion was as Ambulance vans would arrive early in the morning and foliage and orchid plants loaded to take them to the Shows

The walls of the Auditorium would be painted with murals by the wonderful Johnnies artists to depict the themes selected for the backdrops. What a waste when the walls would be painted over when the exhibition was finished!

One of our other early judges, Don Couzner, transported his plants around in a large hearse, which always created a degree of interest when he rolled up with a hearse full of orchid plants.

Times have changed. It wouldn't happen nowadays, but the St. Johns and Charities would benefit as it was insisted that we share the proceeds of the entrance fees with charities.

Our Society also became involved in having Orchid exhibitions in the City, as Myers, supporting the Good Friday Appeal, and the remarkable Mrs, Beryl Lipman, Chairperson of the Adel Children's Hospital Auxiliary, arranged for us to have orchid shows in the Myer Apollo Dining room on Myers, 8th Floor. (In the 70's, I think it was, as I remember putting in a show when my father died) When it became unavailable after some years, Mrs Lipman used her good offices to arrange our exhibitions in the Institute Building on the corner of North Tce and Kintore Avenue in the City. Our secretary/treasurer for our first 15 years, Mrs. Sawyer, had a very amicable and cooperative friendship with Mrs. Lipman, which saw us raise over \$1000 donation each time we had shows. Haven't times changed.

Next time, we find our Society expanding, and our wonderful Spring Shows take to the suburbs.

T Jacob..

. **PRESIDENT'S Report**

Hello once again, members.

First of all, Garry Simcock is still seriously ill but is now recuperating at home and reports are now encouraging. He has lost so much weight. We wish Garry and Pauline, and all their family all best wishes for a complete recovery.

Administration matters have had to be revised, and other members will need to step into the void.

Thank you to Robert Gunn who is taking on the important Treasurer's role. Thank you, Rob.

The address for Secretarial correspondence has been transferred to [Trevor Jacob, 26 Barham St Allenby Gardens SA 5009.](#) , as Garry is unable to carry on the Post Office for the foreseeable future.

The Cymbidium Club hosted a number of visitors from other clubs at their last meeting, and we are very grateful for their kind gesture. We had a number of our members attend, and enjoyed their hospitality. Thank you, Mr Graham Fear and Cym Club members.

Our Winter Show at Klemzig has just concluded, and from the exhibition viewpoint, it was very successful, but financially, due to football at the adjacent oval all day Sat. it was very sad. Unfortunately, very few paying visitors came along on the Sunday, even with no rain

and no football. Thank you to all of our members who contributed to the organisation of the weekend.



Composite floor display. Note our best display of standard shape slipper orchids for a number of years.

Our guest speaker this month, June Niejalke has written a widely acclaimed field guide to S. A's native orchids, and will have copies for sale this meeting.'

This month's meeting is on Thursday 17th, as we originally intended to hold a mid year dinner, ,but circumstances ruled that out. Committee decided we would leave the date we had arranged for the following night, (Thursday) and the meeting will start at our normal time of 8pm. with all our normal features (hall open at 7.30pm). We intend to have an enhanced supper that night, and would like members attending to bring some supper to share. . We hope you will join us on Thursday August 17th at 7.30..pm in the Plympton hall.

Best wishes. Diana Bird.

CHEERIOS.

Many of you have heard that Garry Simcock has been in hospital, much of which time has been in the intensive care Unit. He is now recuperating at home, and his children have stayed with Pauline to assist. We do not expect to see Garry and Pauline resuming normal activities for some considerable time and we continue to send the Simcock family our very best wishes. Garry made a surprise monitored visit to our Winter Show. It was great to see him but he has lost a lot of weight, and will need ongoing support from his family

Joe Cassar is finally going into hospital for a long delayed procedure, and we all wish him well.

Ongoing best wishes to Kevin Western and to Phil Steer, too, as well as any other friends who are having health issues. Let's hope the coming warmer weather has a positive effect on us all healthwise.

LAST MONTH.

Our guest speaker was Mr Roger Herraman, who has given us some excellent talks in the past. He has loads of knowledge and experience, and knows how to impart knowledge in an easy to understand way. Last month's talk about the Aust native cymbidium, *Cym canaliculatum*. was no exception, .His photos clearly showed the main colour groups, and demonstrated why they are so

popular His cultural advice was invaluable to all who may have tried and failed to give this Aust native species the conditions it requires.

THIS MEETING –

We had intended to have a midyear dinner as part of this meeting's activities until fate intervened and forced its cancellation. We have retained the date (one day later than our usual 3rd Wednesday slot,) but we will have a normal meeting instead, except that we will have an expanded supper to share at the end of the night. **Please bring some supper to share.**

Our guest speaker is still coming, which will be of great interest to all who love our South Aust. native terrestrial orchids June Nieujalke has produced an acclaimed new book, which has up-to-date information on our natives, and June will have copies for sale. You owe it to yourselves to give your family the information on the orchids we used to know and love growing Here in SA, and provide your kids with a modern guide for future knowledge of their natural history.

Our very nice displays at the recent Winter Show can be discussed, too, if time permits,

WINTER SHOW INFORMATION.

GRAND CHAMPION & CHAMPION OPEN DIV.

Den Issys Snow `Seaview`
M Willoughby & O. Ju

RESERVE CHAMPION

Cym. Arachnid `Seaview`
M Willoughby & O Ju

Mem. CRAIG GURNEY MEMORIAL TROPHY.

Paph. Chouvetii `Van Dyke`
J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

CHAMPION SEEDLING.

Den Class x Ray's Dream
M Willoughby & O Ju

CHAMPION FIRST DIVISION.

Cym Katydid `Veridian`
P & H Haltis

CHAMPION SECOND DIVISION

*Rlc. Village Chief North `Green
Giant`*

S Laznicka

BEST OVERALL FLORAL ART

J Higgs

BEST PHOTOGRAPH

D Bird

BEST MINI DISPLAY

J Higgs



Floor display – individual exhibitor.
M Willoughby & Oui Ju.



Den Issy's Snow `Seaview`
Grand Champion.



CRAIG GURNEY MEMORIAL Trophy.

J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

Show displays were generally very good this year. It was a pity so few members of the public were able to attend due to very limited parking availability.

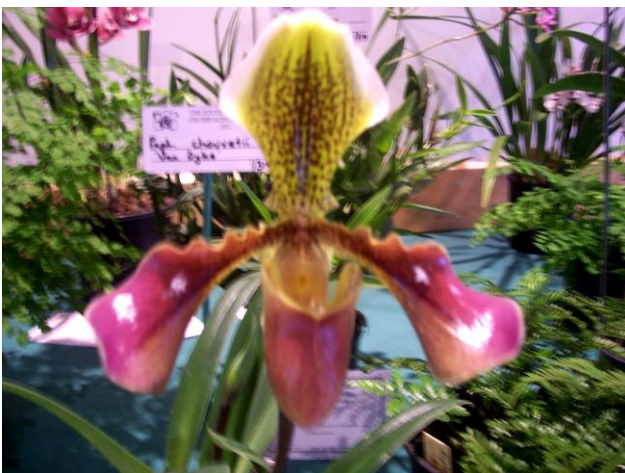
LAST MONTH'S PLANTS.



J Seidel's *Paph* Zodiac Glory. We're seeing more standard paphs this year.



Michael & Oui's quality *Paph* Vanguard



DeniseCassar's *Paph* Chouvetii van Dyke

Watch out , boys. Denise Cassar can sit in her new glasshouse and watch her favourite paphs grow, now.



Michael & Oui's *Paph* Fanaticum at the Winter Show was impressive.



Jane Higgs's *Laelia anceps* at the Show – a distinctly different small variety from that normally seen. It's colour really glows in daylight.



Waiting for the customers!

COMP. RESULTS July 2023

CYMBIDIUM OVER 90 MM

First Div
1st Rosefieldense J & D Cassar & R
Second Div
1st Unknown V Rounsefell

CYMBIDIUMS 60-90 mm

Open Div
1st Arachnid `Seaview`
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd Unknown T & M Jacob
First Div
1st Ruby Valley `Bo of Chocolates` P &
HHaltis
2nd Ruby Valley `Bo of Chocolates` P &
HHaltis
3rd Seasol Magic J & D Cassar & R
2nd Div
1st Willunga Regent `Purple Pageant` D
Bird

CYMBIDIUM UNDER 60 mm

First Div
1st Thumbs Up `Tamara` P & H Haltis
2nd Bedivere `Highbury` J & D Cassar &
R Huddleston

SPECIES CYMBIDIUM

First Div.
1st *tracyanum* Tambourine P & H Haltis

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

First Div
1st *R/c* Unknown J & D Cassar &
R Huddleston

SPECIES LAELIINAE

Open Div
1st *C. percivalana* M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd Huddleston *Arpophyllum spicatum* J & D Higgs
Second Div
1st *Laelia anceps* S Laznicka

STANDARD SHAPE PAPHS

Open Div
1st Zodiac Glory `Sooner or later` J
Seidel
2nd Ronez Point `West Richmond` J Seidel
3rd Sandalwood x Hamana Anne J Seidel

NON STANDARD SHAPE PAPHS.

Open Div.
1st Vanguard M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd Huddleston *Paph* Spicy Henry x *charlesworthii*
J Seidel

First Div
1st Chouvetii van dyke` J & D Cassar & R

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div
1st *Paph villosum* M Willoughby & O Ju

AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Open Div
1st *Den* Saigon Victory M Willoughby & Oui
Ju
First Div
1st *Den* Graham Hewitt P & H Haltis
2nd *Den* Aust. Sarlet Red P & h haltis
3rd *Den* Hilda Poxon P & H haltis
Second Div
1st *Den* Graham Hewitt Arthur` D Bird
2nd Unknown V Rounsefell

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Ptst nutans* J & D Higgs

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div
1st *Brat* Aztec Toni` M Willoughby & O Ju
Second Div
1st *Brsdm* Yellow Star Vanda Rounsefell

OTHER SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Ptst repandum* (New Guinea) J & D Higgs

ZYGOPETALINAE HYBRIDS

First Div
1st Z Iron Baron
J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

SEEDLINGS

Open Div
1st *Paph villosum* M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd Huddleston *Paph* Spicy Henry x *charlesworthii* 8
J Seidel

First Div
1st *Den* Australian Scarlet Red
J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div
1st *Cym* Arachnid `Seaview`
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd *Paph* Ronez Point West Richmond
J Seidel
3rd *C percivaliana* `Summit`
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
First Div..
1st *Paph* Chouvetii van Dyke J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston

2nd *Cym tracyanum* Tambourine P & H Haltis
 3rd *Cym* Thumbs Up Tamara P & H Haltis'
 Second Div
 1st *Brsdm Yellow Star`Golden Gambol,* V Rounsefell
 2nd *.Cym Willunga Regal `Purple Pageant* D Bird
Den Graham Hewitt `Arthur" D Bird

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

Cym Arachnid
 M Willoughby & O Ju

First Division

Cym. Thumbs Up
 `Tamara'.
 P & H Haltis

Second Division

Brsdm. Yellow Star
 `Golden Gambol'

V Rounsefell.

`Hihimanu'
REGISTRAR'S
CHOICE

Brsdm. Yellow Star
 `Golden Gambol'

V Rounsefell.



Vanda's *Brsdm Yellow Star*



Cym Thumbs Up `Tamara'

