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Attractive orchids in a wide range of genera featured at our last meeting. We can look forward to more of these as the season progresses.

**July meeting is on 19th July at our hall at Long St,
Plympton -access is available from 7.30 pm.**

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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 **Wednesday July 19th 2023.**

The very popular and knowledgeable Mr Roger Herraman will be our guest speaker this month .He will tell us how he grows his *Cymbidium canaliculatum* , a very popular, late season blooming Australian species.

Birthdays for July . 2023

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

. Robyn Dunn Mark Hockey Pauline Hockey Trevor Jacob Rayne Riggs

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday July 24th 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.

In the early 1960's orchid growing in Adelaide was at the beginning of a great expansion, with new cymbidium plants and seedlings becoming available here from the larger orchid companies in Sydney like the American company Dos Pueblos, and the Australian owned Wondabah Orchids.

Syd Monkhouse became agent for Dos Pueblos, Stan Johnston was agent for Wondabah Orchids, Merv. Green was friends with a major Sydney exporter, John Gulbas, and so we were all able to order plants and seedlings. DP followed the USA style of breeding which favoured the large, more open style in pastel colours on long stems, whilst Wondabah developed a range of more compact plants with more vibrant reds and orange colours favoured by the Japanese and European export markets., These began to flourish as Australian breeders improved the quality of their blooms.

In those days, the best growers here had orchid growing friends in Sydney and Melbourne, and the improved quality of plants gradually fed into increased numbers and even better quality plants here in Adelaide. In other genera, as well as cymbidiums, which was our favourite orchid and easy to grow ,in shadehouses, too.)

The Orchid Club here had a judging panel consisting of mainly more affluent growers who could afford the more expensive but better quality plants. An aspiring group of ``Associate Judges'' was formed, and a 5 year training course instituted, which was expanded as demand for judges increased, but tempered by space limitations as judging sessions were held in the home of Ray Waye, and later at Syd Monkhouse's home at Camden.

The first orchid show I attended was the Orchid Club's Winter Show at the TPI Building on South Tce, and I was intrigued by the colours and shapes of the various plants. One of the judges, Max Hill from Gawler, became notorious when he berated the slipper orchid exhibitors for their lack of quality and poor presentation. He faded from the scene after that.

I joined the Club and attended the 1962 Spring Show held in Eclipse Motors showroom ,on the corner of Victoria Square and Franklin Street (the old AMP Building). but it was interesting when one of the senior growers, Clarrie Scott, publicly clashed with members of the judging panel when they judged his plant Cym. Balkis`Luath' a newly rising orchid in the NSW firmament, as inferior to another nice white cym.

Clarrie announced he would form his own orchid club, and as he was a good cym. grower, and generous to newer growers with information, and bits of plants, he succeeded. Newer growers didn't care about politics – they just had an additional place to show off their orchids, and learn more about culture.

Learn what happened next in a future exciting instalment. T J.

PRESIDENT'S Report

Hello once again, members.

What a topsy-turvey experience life can be. One moment, everything is going fine, and then in the blink of an eye, things can change dramatically. Garry Simcock remains seriously ill in Intensive Care. but reports are now encouraging. We wish Garry and Pauline all good support and a swift return to good health and complete recovery.

Our Winter Show is fast approaching, and we can all do our best to ensure its success - details follow further on.

It is always heartening to hear of co-operation between clubs, and we have just received a message from our friends in the Cymbidium Club. Their next meeting is a week after our July meeting and they are having an expert on orchid viruses visiting from Tasmania. Their president, Graham Fear, has extended an invitation for us to join them at 8pm on July 26th at the Burnside Town hall (enter from the carpark at the rear of the building – you'll see all the other cars arriving.) To help defray costs they have requested a gold coin admission. We will be seeking an indication from members at our meeting on the numbers we will likely have going along. It should be a very informative night, and give us some idea about how another successful orchid Club operates. We

thank the Cym Club sincerely for their kind invitation.

We hope to see many of you at the July 19th meeting at 7.30..

Best wishes.

Diana Bird.

CHEERIOS.

First, the good news. Kevin Western has now returned home from an extended stay in hospital. He has not yet recovered completely, but is on the mend. Just try not to do too many things all at the same time, Kevin. You have many friends out there who will be only too willing to help you out, so don't hesitate to request assistance when it is needed. Some of you have heard that Garry Simcock has been in hospital. He needed procedures done the day after our last meeting which did not go well. He has been in hospital since then, much of which has been in the intensive care Unit. He is gradually recovering, and his children have stayed with Pauline to help work through the trauma. We do not expect to see Garry and Pauline at meetings for some considerable time whilst he recovers, and we send the Simcock family our very best wishes, and look forward to Garry's complete recovery. Pauline will advise us of his progress.

Others, too, are experiencing problems, healthwise. We wish you all good progress, and a fast return to good health

The Winter Show is fast approaching, and we will all need to pull together to ensure its success. Details are listed further on.

THIS MONTH.

Our guest speaker is 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. Come along and enjoy his presentation about the Aust native cymbidium, *Cym canaliculatum*. this month.

We will need assistance to hand out the refreshments at the end of the meeting.

.SA ORCHID FAIR



The Cymbidium Club allowed me to show this photo of their display at the Orchid

Fair, complete with the team which produced such an attractive exhibit. Our late member, Ben Knobben, worked hard for a number of years almost singlehandedly to produce a good display using just the one genus of orchids. A feature of the latest show was that the Cym. Club judges exclusively judged all the cym. benched, and they did a great job.

Years ago, we only saw a few early species and spidery blooms looking much like the early green *Cym.hookerianum* parent. Times have changed, thanks to the hybridists

LAST MEETING –

Andrew Bird has been back home from studies at Latrobe University, and we took the opportunity to find out about some of his studies in Conservation Biology in Melbourne.

It is nice to know that native orchids and their pollinators have not been neglected in our scientific endeavours to learn more about our native fauna and flora and their interactions.

Andrew spoke about his work on identifying species caladenias and their pollinating wasps working from the knowledge of the phenomenon that quite similar looking orchids have pollinators which are quite specific in selecting the orchid compatible with their needs.

Unfortunately , I was unable to extract any of Andrew's quite interesting photos from his Powerpoint presentation, but I have the complete talk on my computer for anyone with a specific interest in the subject..

WINTER SHOW INFORMATION.

Venue – Klemzig Community Hall
North East Rd. Klemzig

Doors open 7.30 am on **Sat.12th August** for set up.

Judging starts 9.30 am

Open to public 12n to 5pm on **Saturday 12th** and 11am to 4pm on **Sunday 13th August**. Hall to be cleared before 5pm. on Sunday.

Sales Tables will be operating..Sales sheets must be filled out before your plants are checked off and priced on the sales benches. Plants of all types can be sold, also fertilisers, hangers, potting mix etc can all be included for sale You must be prepared to help with the Sales Table if you want to participate. Plant donations for the Raffle will be welcome.

Canteen for refreshments will be in operation. Scones have been donated, but jam and cream offers will be welcome. This can be discussed at the next meeting if not arranged before..

Displays can be floor or tabletop types. Remember, it is a Show, so try to present your plants to advantage.

CO-OPERATION CAN BE WONDERFUL.

The Cymbidium Club has issued our Club members with an invitation to join their members at

their next meeting at the rear of the Burnside Town Hall, when they have an interstate visitor from Tasmania who is an expert on orchid viruses, and it will be a very informative meeting for all of us who want to keep their collections free of the incurable virus infections which plague orchid collections worldwide.

Their meeting is on **July 26th at 8pm**, but I suggest you get there early Plenty of parking is available.

A gold coin entry fee will gain you access if you are not a member of the Cym Club. It is only manners to tell them how many of our members would like to attend, and we will be asking the question at our meeting next week. (July 19th). If you can't tell us then, and would like to go, ring Trevor Jacob on

8346 6155 An answering machine is connected, so wait till the beep before telling us your name.

LAST MONTH'S PLANTS.

Sarka had a wonderful flowering of her cattleya *R/c* Village Chief North with over a dozen blooms on the stem last meeting. The blooms were a bit crowded on the stem, but I hadn't seen a plant of this clone with so many blooms before.

There were some very nice plants on display, and I hope you will have many more for our Winter Show on 12th and 13th August



Paph. Yi-Ying 'Golden Slipper'



The zygo's are beginning to bloom again. Nice shape, contrasting well displayed lips, and good colour. on a compact plant.



What an reyecatcher. Fancy finding that in the Brazilian jungle.



A strong growing oncidium hybrid, featuring good flower presentation



Many of the compact cattleyas have good flower form. This one has good colour as well.

John Seidel must be very pleased with his plants of the novelty slipper crossing (*Paph Spicy Henry x charlesworthii*).. He showed two good ones last month and two more this time.



Paph wardii, my pick of the species slippers.

COMP. RESULTS June 2023

CYMBIDIUM OVER 90 MM

Second Div
1st Yanalan R Edwards

CYMBIDIUM UNDER 60 mm

Second Div
1st Another World D Bird
2nd Morialta `Morialta Falls` D Bird

SPECIES CYMBIDIUM

Open Div.
1st *Cym erythraeum* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

STANDARD LAELIINAE Over 80mm

Open Div
1st *Rlc . George King `Serendipity`*
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

STANDARD LAELIINAE UNDER 80 mm

Open Div
1st C. Dal's Elite M Willoughby & Oui Ju
Second Div
1st C Precious Jewel x Royal Beau
R Edwards

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

First Div
2nd *Ctt Wrigleyii* J & D Cassar & R Huddleston
3rd *Ctt Wrigleyii* J & D Cassar & R Huddleston
Second Div
1st C Hawaiian Bride S Laznicka

STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

Open Div
1st *Lc Angel Heart `Hihimanu`*
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

Second Div
1st *Rlc Village Chief North `Green Genius`*
S Laznicka

STANDARD SHAPE PAPHS

Open Div
1st Yi Ying `Golden Slipper` J Seidel
2nd Roniz Point `West Richmond` J Seidel

NON STANDARD SHAPE PAPHS.

Open Div.
1st *Paph Spicy Henry x charlesworthii*
J Seidel
2nd *Paph Steve Waters `Green`* J Seidel
3rd *Paph Crossianum `Album`*
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div
1st *Paph gratixianum* J Seidel
2nd *Paph wardii `Seaview`*
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
3rd *Paph gratixianum* M Willoughby & O Ju

AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Open Div
1st *Den Hilda Poxon `Ross Watts`*
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd *Den Avril's Gold `Ray`* J & D Higgs
First Div
1st *Den Australian Sea Breeze*
J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

Second Div
1st *Den Graham Hewitt Arthur`* D Bird

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Aci pusillus Green* J & D Higgs
2nd *Ptst sanguinea* J & D Higgs

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div
1st *Onc (barbatum x varicosum) x forbesii*
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

ZYGOPETALINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div
1st *Zga Happy Bay `Coral Tillman`*
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div
1st *Hmwsa June x Zga Adel Meadows*
J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

Second Div.
1st *Zga Adelaide Meadows `Gaye`* R Edwards

SEEDLINGS

Open Div
1st *Paph Spicy Henry x charlesworthii 7*
J Seidel
2nd *Paph Spicy Henry x charlesworthii 8*
J Seidel

First Div
1st *Hmwsa June x Zga Adel Meadows*
J & D Cassar & R Huddleston
2nd *Den Australian Sea Breeze*
J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div
1st *Lc Angel Heart `Hihimanu`*
M Willoughby & Ou Ju
2nd *Den Avril's Gold `Ray`* J & D Higgs
3rd *Paph gratixianum* J Seidel
First Div..
1st *Ctt . Wrigleyii* J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston
2nd *Ctt . Wrigleyii* J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston
3rd *Den Aust Sea Breeze* J & D Cassar

Second Div
1st *Rlc* Village Chief North `Green Genius'
S Laznicka
2nd *Cym* Morialta `Morialta Falls, S Laznicka

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

Lc Angel Heart
`Hihimanu'
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Division

Den. Australian
Sea Breeze.
J & D Cassar
&R Huddleston

Second Division

Rlc . Village Chief North
`Green Giant'
S Laznicka.

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Lc Angel Heart
`Hihimanu'
M Willoughby & Oui Ju



Lc Angelheart.



The shape of *Paph charlesworthii* can be quite dominant in first generation crosses, but allows the colour of the other parent to come through..

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