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Ctt Kew, a bifoliate (2 leaves) type, an easily grown hybrid from South American species which flowers regularly in Autumn., ..It was grown by Joe Cassar. Pauline Hockey will give an informal talk on how she deflasks seedlings and how crossings are made. Trevor Jacob will give us a slice of history, talking about the early days of judging in South Australia.

May meeting is on 17th May at our hall at Long St, Plympton --- access available from 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

Researched K.Gurney. .

2023 PROGRAMME **Wednesday May 15th 2023.**

Trevor Jacob will talk about the history of judging in SA from the early ;60's around the time the AOC judging system was adopted here, and its application to our Society., Pauline Hockey will give us an informal talk about deflasking and caring for baby cymbidiums. . We look forward to your company. We will be back at the Plympton hall.

Birthdays for May . 2023

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

Patricia Carman Pauline Simcock Geoff Spear.

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday May 22nd 2023 at Findon.*

Next Judges Meeting *Monday june 5th at Findon Uniting..*

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

MY INTEREST IN ORCHIDS

by RAYNE RIGGS>

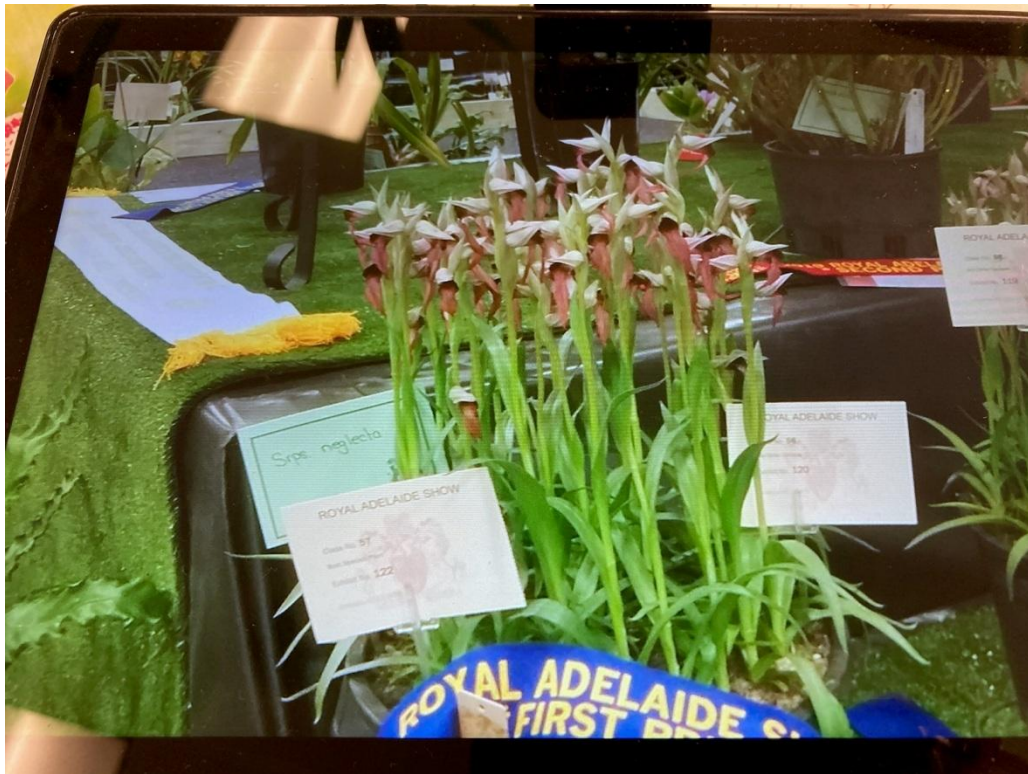
My association with orchids began at a very early age. My grandfather grew orchids and he convinced my father to become interested in orchids as well. As the years progressed, they both saw that I was developing an interest in those intriguing plants, and they both passed on their knowledge about culture and growing tips to me. This stimulated me to undertake the five year Australian Orchid Council judging course which helped me in appreciating what a quality orchid looked like. I completed the course in December 2016, and was ratified as a Judge from 2017.

A judge should develop a knowledge of growing the various genera, and expand that knowledge as they gain experience. I started off with cymbidiums first, then developed my knowledge about cattleyas and other genera as well. My Dad, Les Burgess, developed an interest in growing native terrestrials and he grew them very well, expanding to a special interest in Aust. Native epiphytes, both species and hybrids. Then he received tubers of the Mediterranean terrestrial species, *Serapias lingua* and *Serapias neglecta* which grew very well for him, and he received awards for them. A couple of years later he had the idea of making his own hybrid crossing which he named *Srps Den's Surprise*.

I am currently both a member and judge of the Orchid Club of SA, the South Australian Orchidaceous Society, the Gawler & Districts Orchid Club, and the Species Orchid Group. Over the years I have made many friends and learnt a lot, and I am still learning, which any good judge should be doing.

It is so rewarding to see flower spikes coming, and putting plants in shows, and people looking at and admiring your plants.

Rayne Riggs.



Growing orchids is fun, especially when your plants are rewarded with recognition of your efforts.

PRESIDENT'S Report

Hello once again, members. I will be unavailable this meeting, and Alan Davies will chair the meeting.

Last meeting., James Argent gave us a thorough but easily understood talk on preparing our plants for presentation for judging, be it monthly meetings or shows. His experience as an accredited orchid judge, and a qualified Horticultural and Floricultural judge gave us a good idea of what was required to be successful. Thank you, James.

Our temporary move to the Cowandilla Community hall was successful, and the necessity of having to use round tables for our activities was surprisingly easy, and worked well



This month, we will have two of our own members providing the feature items. Pauline Hockey will give us information about deflasking cym. seedlings, and how crossings are made, and Trevor Jacob will tell us about

development of judging in SA from the early days before the AOC judging system was eventually adopted here, and resulted in a national system with all States participating.

Special get well wishes to Kevin Western, whose stay in hospital did not proceed as well as we all hoped it would, and Kevin is still in hospital, but recovering, and we look forward to seeing him resume his usual hardworking and important activities in the orchid growing community.

We understand Phil Steer is at home again, and we all send you our best wishes, too, Phil.

Both Pauline and Garry Simcock have been unwell, but have recovered to be able to carry out their important tasks they so cheerfully carry out on our behalf, and some good news, Judith Gardner is now home from hospital, for good, we hope, this time.

We will be back at our usual venue this meeting, although all alterations are not yet complete, and the West Torrens Council advises .we will be able to operate as normal.

Our Autumn Show was a resounding success, and a number of members were able to

sell products to eager visitors to our Show. Congratulations to all who made it such a success.

I look forward to being back for the June meeting, and of course, our participation in the Orchid Fair over the long weekend in June. Our success in running the kitchen facilities depends on the participation of as many members as we can muster, and your participation and help will be an important factor in the Fair's continuing success. Can we depend on your involvement?

I look forward to seeing many of you in the near future.

, **Diana Bird** (President)

LAST MEETING --

James Argent, our Deputy-registrar of judging, gave us a simple, succinct, and thoroughly understandable talk about preparing your plants for the exhibition bench, which is always a great idea, even if you only show them to your friends when they visit. Members commented about how much they enjoyed his talk. Thank you, James.

The layout of the Cowandilla hall and the round tables for exhibiting was something new, and worked surprisingly well, with members able to view the plants tabled from all angles. The parking was adequate, and

everyone seemed to be having an enjoyable evening. Members prepared their plants for our Autumn Show, which turned out a big success, both with entries, and supply of all types of products and plants. for the trading table. Thank you to all who enthusiastically contributed. It will, of course, be over by our May meeting, when we'll obviously have a description of the day's activities, with results reviewed in the June Review. By the May meeting,, we'll all be busy working out our entries for the Orchid Fair to be held at Campbelltown over the King's birthday long weekend in June. Please remember, our society has the responsibility for running the canteen and we'll need help from club members, as well as assistance from other clubs to make the catering side of things a big success. Can you help??

ORCHID FAIR TIMETABLE.

Friday 9th June Hall open 9am for setup of stalls & exhibition layout, and setup of displays from 12 o'clock. ,and with judging from 6pm in the evening

Saturday 10th June , open to the public 9am to 4pm

Sunday 11th June open to public 9am to 4 pm.

As President of SAROC, Pauline Simcock will obviously be heavily involved in an overall supervisory role and with decisions to make the Fair run smoothly. This means that, as our Society is responsible for the running of the canteen, we will need member support in carrying out catering functions. Please help if you can.

Location Campbelltown Community Centre, at the rear of Campbelltown Council Chambers Montacute Rd Rostrevor.

SUPPER ROSTER

Denise & Joe Cassar and Raymond Huddleston served the supper last month. Denise made a special effort with the supper, but if you're on the roster sometime, don't worry,. we always have adequate stocks on hand.

We have **Pauline and Garry Simcock** to help with supper duties this month Pauline is having a significant birthday this month so we'll need to check the biscuit supplies. Thank you, everyone who helps.

CHEERIOS.

Judith Gardner is home from hospital which is good news., to Joe Cassar, still waiting for treatment, and other members and their families who have been troubled by ill health, we send our best wishes.

Our President's report has covered advice about some of our members who have been unwell'

Please let our Secretary or the editor know if you hear of any or our membership who have not been well lately, and who might be cheered up somewhat by way of a note in the Review..

LAST MONTH'S PLANTS.

Our Registrar, Don Higgs, has arranged for notes on the Divisional champions.

Open Div.

Alicea (Alcra) Samurai from Michael & Oui

This plant had 7 inflorescences (some branched) with 91 open blooms and 40 buds, with open form, very dark blooms with contrasting white front lobes on the lips. Very well presented blooms.

First Div.

Ctt Kew (see front page) a well grown plant which resides with the cym. under 70% shade cloth. Pseudobulbs were supported to hold the flower heads well clear

of the foliage The Cassars have owned the plant about 5 years. grow it in pine bark, watering when needed in summer, and fertilising every two weeks. A well deserved Registrar's Choice. Second Div.featured attractive colours

Sarka Laznicka regularly exhibits this plant each year, improving the plant size each time. Flowers are nicely arranged on the outer ,newest growths, and show the relatively short stems on this type of miltonia, to good advantage. 19 inflorescences held 38 blooms in a 20 cm pot. Flower count and positioning typical for this type of breeding. Potting mix is with five flower racemes medium bark and perlite mixed, and the plant is grown in a shadehouse with relatively light shadecloth, Watering in summer is approx. 3 - 4 times per week



Miltonia Christine Carpenter Rumsfeld.

A well grown plant, made more attractive with dark maroon

sepals and petal, contrasting with wide and flat purple lips.

Peter Haltis flowered a very nice seedling zygopetalum (see photo on last page) which had dark chocolate brown petals & sepals. and deep purple labellums. It had 5 spikes on the plant, but only one was open.



Onc Aker Baby had attractive flowers with good colour contrast on the frontal lobes of the lips. The spikes will be longer on a larger plant.



We saw *Paph Recovery* last month, , but it now has one more flower open.

An attractive hybrid of the multi blooming group of paphiopedilums..



Cym Tapioca Tundra x canaliculatum, bred by Pauline Hockey, features peloric lip markings appearing in the petals of all the blooms, and without petal deformity. Others of this crossing show the same marking. , I believe it has just been awarded for this unusual characteristic. Congratulations, Pauline.

AUTUMN SHOW 2023.

The Autumn Show was held in the hall of the church where we once held our monthly meetings until about 2014, when we outgrew the available space. It proved a most successful event, the hall was not too big for the flowers available at this time of year, and the sales table proved quite a hit with the visitors. Results should prove very satisfactory, even after costs are taken into account. A one day show was a new venture

for us, and despite the weather, people came along. The hall was close to where we had previously held .Winter shows at Findon



Views of the display were provided by our president, Diana Bird.

Well done to all concerned.

Sprays COMP. RESULTS April 2023

CYMBIDIUMS Under 60 mm

Open Div

1st 1stSundaani Autumn `Tessaani`

CYMBIDIUMS 60-90 mm

Open Div

1st Tapioca Tundra x *canaliculatum*
P & M Hockey

Second Div

1s Enzan Summer D Bird`

CYMBIDIUM SPECIES

1st Div.

1st *Cym dayanum* P & H Haltis

STANDARD LAELIINAE Over 80mm

Open Div

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

2nd C Elusive Dream `Peace` M Willoughby & Oui Ju

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

First Div

1st *Lc Wrigleyi* J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

2nd *Lc Topaz Angel` Broad Band`*
J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

3rd C Hawaiian Wedding Song `Virgin`
J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

First Div

1st *Ctt Kew* J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

2nd *Ctt Browniae `Riga`*
J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

3rd *Ctt Browniae `Riga`*

J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

NON STANDARD shape PAPHS.

Open Div.

1st Recovery M Willoughby & O Ju

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div

1st *Paph henryanum* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Open Div

1st *Prschs Cherub* M Willoughby & O Ju

First Div

2nd Place* *Den Aust Botanic Sparkler*
P & H Haltis

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div

1st *Alcra Samurai*
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

1st *Ons Wildcat Bloodshot Ruby `A & P Steer*

2nd *Onc Aker Baby* J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

Second Div

1st *Milt Christine Carpenter Rumsfeld*
S Laznicka

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

Open Div

1st *Mka ringins Kevin` M Willoughby & Oui Ju*

Second Div

1st *Sngl fimbriata* G & P Simcock

ZYGOPETALINAE HYBRIDS

First Div

1st B. G .White `Abbeville` P & H Haltis

2nd Z Port Vincent x Kiwi Choice P & H Haltis

SEEDLINGS

First Div

1st Z Port Vincent x Kiwi Choice P & H Haltis

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

1st *Alcra Samurai* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

2nd *Paph Recovery* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

3rd C Mini Purple `Anan` M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

1st *Onc Aka Baby* J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

2nd *Cym dayanum* P & H Haltis

3rd *Ctt Kew* J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

Second Div.

1st *Milt Christine Carpenter Rumsfeld*
S Laznicka

2nd *Ctt Kew* D Bird

3rd *Cym Enzan Summer* D Bird

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

ALcra Samurai

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Division

Ctt. Kew

P & H Haltis

Second Division

**Milt. Christine Carpenter
Rumsfeld**

S Laznicka.

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Ctt Kew

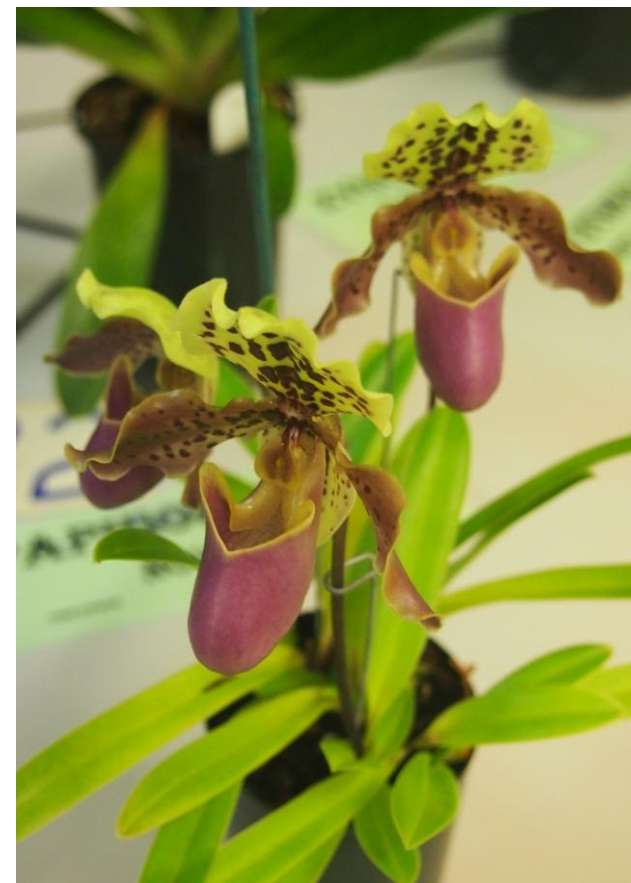
**J & D Cassar &
R Huddleston**
(see cover photo)



Peter Haltis's seedling winner..

Z Port Vincent x Kiwi Choice

It had five spikes, but only one was in flower..



Paph henryanum

This diminutive species *Paph henryanum* was adjudged as the Grand Champion of the Autumn Show on 6th May, I understand. Three blooms on a small plant. Not long stems, but the flowers were of good colour, and were held clear of the foliage..

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