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**December. meeting on the THURSDAY DECEMBER 14th** at the Long St, Plympton Community Centre, **entry from 5 pm for hall set-up.** Dinner before social meeting which starts at about 8pm **Arrive about 6 pm for 6.30 dinner start.**

Re-run of the Life Member voting conducted last month--- see note further on. Winners of Perpetual Trophy awards and prizes for Aggregate Plant Competition will be distributed. Christmas Raffle will be conducted Your donation of raffle prizes is welcomed, but please make it a present which you yourself would be happy to win.

Soft drinks, tea & coffee will be available as usual..

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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 December 14<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Christmas Dinner Celebration- we need helpers from 5pm for .hall setup. Dinner is 6pm for 6.30 pm start, followed by presentation of Perpetual Trophies and winners of the plants for annual `Aggregate plant competition.` .Re –run of the Life Member voting initially carried out last meeting is required–see note further on. BYO refreshments and glasses. Social meeting Christmas Raffle and Music. – no plant competition. Bring a savoury salad to share.

## Birthdays for December. 2023

Happy Birthday to these members, who are celebrating birthdays this month..

Sofia Hadiuk

Peng-Ha Yeo

Sarka Laznicka

Carmel Edwards

**Next Committee Meeting:** *Uniting Church hall 93 Crittenden Rd Findon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024*  
**Next Judges Meeting** *To be advised*  
**Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting** *As advised for 2024 by Reg Judging Panel*

## **AGGREGATE POINTS PRIZEWINNERS in each Judging Division this year ----- 2023**

The “No Prize Awarded” in a number of categories does *not* mean that there wasn't competition in that class – only that no exhibitor gained sufficient points to gain a prize. There may have been intense competition in that particular class, resulting in the monthly points being spread around, and no one gaining the sufficient points required to win a prize..

### **OPEN DIVISION**

**Minimum Aggregate points needed in each category to win seedling 10 points**

Exhibitors qualifying for prizes                      This year 3 growers. Last year 3 growers.

**Jane & Don Higgs** (3 prizes)    Aust Native Terrestrial Species    Aust Native terrestrial hybrids.,    Other Genera Species

**John Seidel** (3 prizes)    Standard Paphiopedilum    Seedling,    Zygopetalinae.

**M Willoughby & Oui Ju** ( 10 prizes) Paphiopedilum species    Non Std Paphs,    Cyms Under 60mm    Cyms 60-90 mm    Oncidiinae, hybrids,    Laelininae Standard over 80mm,    Aust.Native Epiphyte Species ,    Aust Native Epiphyte Hybrids    Popular Vote.,    Other Genera Hybrids.

### **FIRST DIVISION**

**Minimum Aggregate points needed in each category to win seedling 6 points**

Exhibitors qualifying for prizes.                      This year 2 growers Last year 2 growers

**J & D Cassar** (7 prizes)    Cym Over 90 mm,    Laeliinae Non Std Cluster,    Laeliinae Non Standard -    Oncidiinae ,    Paphiopedilum Non Standard,    Popular vote    Seedlings

**Peter Haltis** (7 prizes)    60-90mm Cyms,    Cymbidiums Under 60 mm    Cymbidium Species    Aust Native Epiphyte Hybrids,    ,Zygopetalinae,    Seedling    Other Genera Species.

### **SECOND DIVISION**

**Minimum Aggregate Points needed to win seedling in a category 4 points.**

Exhibitors qualifying for prizes. This year 4 growers Last year 4 growers.

**Ralph Edwards** (4 prizes )    Cym 60 – 90 mm,, ,    Dendrobiums,, ,    Other Genera Hybrids,    Other Genera Species,.

**Diana Bird** (3 prizes)    Cymbidium Under 60 mm,    Aust Native epiphyte hybrid,    Laeliinae Non Standard .

**Vanda Rounsefell** (1 prize)    Cymbidiums Over 90 mm

**Sarka Laznicka** ( 4 prize)    Laeliinae Non Std Cluster,    Laeliinae Species.    Phalaenopsis Standard,, ,    Popular Vote..

.There's a lot of checking/recording of results required to arrive correctly with accurate totals for each exhibitor each month, then maintaining cumulative totals right through to the end of the year totals    BOB GUNN and TONY

BOURNE used to maintain these records every year, and now Tony has not been attending meetings for **some** time, Bob Gunn has been carrying the burden on his shoulders. I just thought members and exhibitors should know of Bob's dedication which he has carried out so carefully for such a long time. CONGRATULATIONS, BOB.

Accurate recording of the results is important. Thank you for your contribution.....*Ed.*

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT A.G.M. 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023.**

***Presented by Mrs.Diana Bird, President, at the 2023 AGM.***

Good evening , members.

I have great pleasure in presenting my second President's report. It has been a tough year in some ways, with important people suddenly being unavailable with health issues, but with the wonderful support of my committee and also other members, we have overcome the difficulties.. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

Our venue at the Plympton Community hall has proved very satisfactory, and the West Torrens Council has liaised well with our treasurer, Garry Simcock when the facilities at the hall were being upgraded. We thank them for their support..

We worked to maintain our members' involvement again this year, by keeping our 'Members' Corner'. going. This had been very successful to date, and I thank all those who contributed an article this year. I know a number of members appreciate their efforts, I hope we can continue next year, too...

We have had four occasions on which we were able to display our Orchids this year, our Autumn show, then the SA Orchid Fair, our Winter Show, and our Spring Show; all lovely occasions enjoyed by members and the general public. We have also had our Plant Sale Day in October, and I must thank our hard working Committee and Members who made it a grand success, bringing much needed funds to keep our Society going..

Members attending our meetings have been reduced this year, due mainly to illness, cold winter nights, and unfortunately, the inevitable march of time. We felt the sad loss, too, of our hard working member this year, Judith Gardner, Margaret Jacob's sister.. .

Our monthly meetings had a good variety of knowledgeable speakers this year. A big thank you to all of you for making our meetings so interesting.

We also saw a reduced benching of orchids for judging, especially First Division, but the quality was high, keeping our hardworking judges busy each month, and at our Shows.

A big thankyou also to Mr Tom Koutsantonis, Member for West Torrens and his staff, for assisting with printing our magazine each month. Their prompt assistance during their own busy schedules, has been very much appreciated.

Thanks again to my Committee and all you members for the support I have received this year, and I look forward to a happy and successful 2024.

*Diana Bird.*

## **DECEMBER PRESIDENT'S Report**

Hello, members.

Well, another year has scurried past, and it's now time for our Christmas festivities after a very hectic year.

My thanks to my great committee, and to all you members for your participation and your support in our activities throughout the year. Special thanks to those members who contributed to keeping the wheels turning, whilst the Simcocks were involved with stressful health issues, just as the busiest activities were approaching. It is at such times we can appreciate just how much Pauline & Garry contribute to activities of our club.

**CHRISTMAS MEETING.** We will have lovely meal provided by the Society, with your contribution of a salad, and presented by the Simcocks and other designated members.. We will have some Christmas songs and Carols in keeping with the spirit of the occasion at our meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, and don't forget an optional gift for the Xmas raffle , if you wish .

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas social meeting in the hall at

Plympton. On Thursday, December 14, 2023

*Diana Bird* (President)

### **NEW MEMBER.**

New members seem so rare these days, so Christmas time is a great occasion to welcome **Carmel Edwards** to our membership. We wish her good fortune, and I know she will be welcomed by all our members, and will learn lots, and participate with enthusiasm in our activities..

### **LAST MEETING. –AGM.**

Last meeting was , of course, our AGM, We had a ballot for positions on Committee, -- (see page 2 for new COMMITTEE positions list). Joe Cassar was elevated to the second vice-president position. James Argent had been seconded to a vacant Committee position after the AGM last year, and has officially joined the elected Committee this year. He has also been voted Deputy registrar of our judging panel by its members, and his expertise will be an asset to our Registrar. Iris Davies had indicated she would stand down from Committee this year, but

has remained, following a request by Committee to help where required, muck like Jill Taylor did some years ago. Thank you, Iris. Other positions were filled as before, following a challenging 2023.

A special thankyou to Robert Gunn who substituted for Garry Simcock with the Treasurer's duties when Garry spent some time in hospital with a serious illness.

We owe our special thanks, too, to our photographer,, John Seidel, who has, for 35 years, regularly taken our official photos for the recording of judging results, with his outstanding photography. He also regularly has judged the photographs at our Winter shows competitions, and has provided outstanding plants on the meetings show benches and at shows

John is stepping down for a spell next year, so we are in need for an official photographer for our monthly meeting results.

Helpers for the many jobs needed to keep the Society operating smoothly are being contacted , and a list will be finalised early in the new year. Offers of assistance are most welcome.

Our special thanks, too, to Our Secretary, Pauline, and to Garry Simcock , our treasurer. It is very difficult to cope when significant health issues interrupt the orderly flow of our regular activities, yet we all worked together to maintain our responsibilities. It's good to see Garry back again competing with his orchids on the show benches., and his culinary

skills will be again be displayed at our Christmas social meeting.

Last meeting's Quiz, run by resident guru, Jane Higgs, was a great success, and amongst the best of the year's meetings. I know other clubs are interested to get Jane to speak next year, so it seems she will have a full schedule. Thank you, Jane.

### **RE-RUN OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP BALLOT FROM LAST MONTH!**

Tthe ballot which was conducted last month for Life Membership positions. will need to be re-run this month when It was found the voting did not comply with conditions set down in the Constitution. The Committee's recommendations are , alphabetically,

**Sarka Laznicka,, who joined in 2005** and has supported our plant competition .and assisted regularly since then with our end of meeting `cuppas' . She has assisted at shows with `kitchen duties', has contributed with talking to the public about selecting plants at sales days and plant sales at shows .She is regular provider of a variety of plants and orchids on sales tables at Shows, and is a regular exhibitor in our annual Shows, a regular participant at dinners and Christmas meetings, an enthusiastic participant each month with plants to display. She has regularly provided transport for one of our other very helpful members who would otherwise have no way to attend meetings.

**'Jan Whibley.** - Has been a member from the early 1990's working her way to the Open Div. with regular tabling of plants at

monthly meetings and shows. Jan, with her late husband Kevin, has always been a worker at canteens at our shows, and, together with Sarka with Sarka ,Laznicka,, has assisted with regular help with supper at meetings She operated the meeting sales table with husband Kevin for members' plants, for a number of years until 2016, when it was discontinued.

**Peter McCauley** was introduced to orchids with our club by his Mum in its early days, and . worked his way to be an accredited AOC Judge; He has judged at a number or World Orchid conferences, as well as judging our shows when duties & travels interstate in WA and Vic,, studying & collecting native orchids, .allowed. He stepped in this year to record results at our shows when Pauline was unwell, and took over our sales Day leadership role when Garry Simcock became ill and Robert Gunn (acting Registrar) came down with Covid..

Peter has given feature talks at our meetings over the years, and assisted judging at monthly meetings and shows when requested.. With Charles Yeo, he operated the early morning shifts at a number of Spring shows, for each day, when Shopping Centre early opening. hours made our Sales tables vulnerable to thefts..

**Charles Yeo** One of those characters, always smiling, always regularly helping where he can, without being asked, putting out chairs & putting them away after meetings. Always willing to help at meetings –he is our current Popular

Vote Competition collector & recorder, and he assists Margaret Jacob with raffle tickets A reliable and responsible admission ticket seller, popular with visitors at Showtime. – the sort of member which all clubs need to keep the wheels turning , always looking to help. He regularly, with Peter McCauley, arrives early each morning at Shopping Centre shows to assist on the roster for people helping with Sales bench security & sales. Regularly arrives & assists with security fencing unloaded for displays at Spring shows.

All these nominations are supported by Committee – members who look to help even before being asked .

PEOPLE LIKE THESE PROVIDE THE OIL WHICH HELPS KEEP THE WHEELS TURNING WHEN OTHERS ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL THE JOBS NEEDED TO BE DONE..

### **DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING -- Thursday DEC 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Hall opens at 5pm to set up tables etc. Other attendees .can arrive at 6pm for 6.30 pm start. After the dinner, a Social evening from approx. 8 pm..will follow A quality raffle will be conducted. If you donate a prize (not compulsory). please make it some thing you would like to win yourself. Thank you.

The Annual Christmas Dinner planning is well under way. The main course is being fully catered for by our own resources this year. Garry & Pauline are taking care of the meats,

and some hot vegetables. We ask members to please supplement the main course with a salad to share – others have been designated to help with the sweets. This way we hope to keep the general price rises in check, and have been able to reduced attendance charges to \$10 per head, for both members and visitors. Help make our evening a success.

We would appreciate some assistance in setting up the hall (ACCESS from 5PM ) OR arrive at 6PM –( DINNER TO START 6.30 PM), and for cleaning up after the evening concludes.

Jane Higgs has offered to provide the table decorations.

Our Christmas cake will again this year be made by Meredith Edwards. Thank you, Meredith.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. or BYO.

**PLANTS LAST MEETING.**

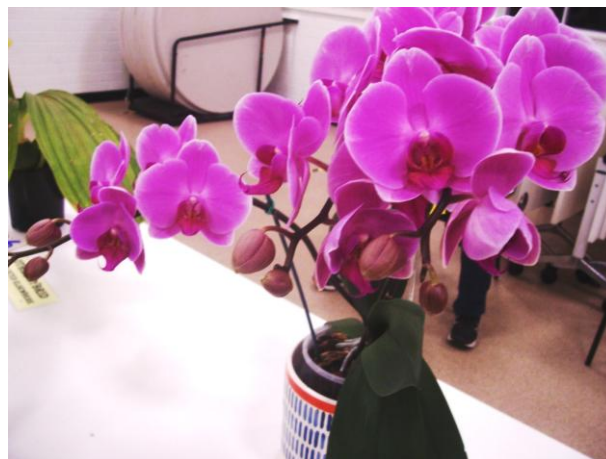
Late cymbidiums tabled in the last couple of months in the year are usually the small flowered varieties, among which the Australian species feature prominently in the breeding, Impressive flowering results can be obtained. .



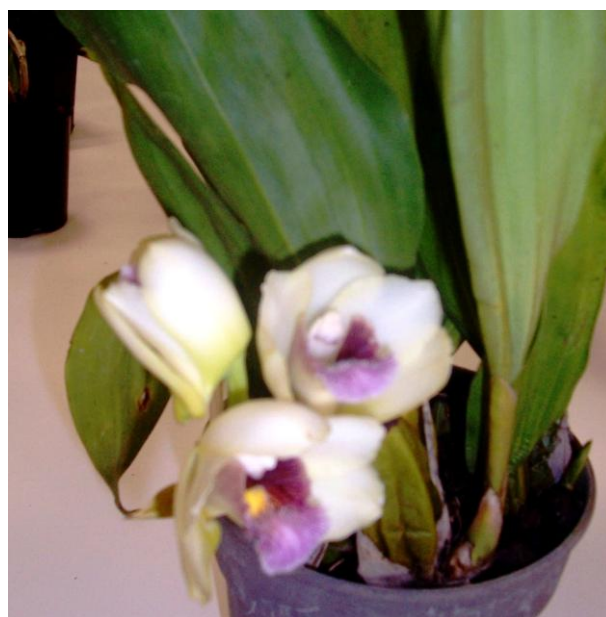
Cym Cricket `Rosetta` from A & P Steer.



*Cym canaliculatum* `Jock's Comet`



*Phalaenopsis Unknown*



*Bifrenaria harrisoniae*, an easily grown species orchid from Brazil.

*More photos next month*

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## COMPETITION RESULTS.

### **CYMBIDIUMS Under 60 mm**

Open Div.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Little Beauty M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Midnight `Black Beauty` J Seidel

First Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cricket ``Rosetta` A & P Steer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cricket ``Rosetta` P & H Haltis`  
3<sup>rd</sup> Little Beauty `Guy` A & I Davies

Second Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> Peewee `Brownroy` D Bird

### **STANDARD LAELIINE Over 80mm**

Open Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> C Royal Beau `Dendi` J Seidel

2nd Div

- 1st C Bob Betts x *Rlc* Mem Helen Brown  
R Edwards

### **Non STANDARD LAELIINAE**

First Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *C intermedia* x *Ctt* Aussie Sunset  
P & H Haltis

Second Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> C Unknown D Bird

### **Non STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE**

First Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Ctt* Chit Chat `Tangerine` A & P Steer

### **Non STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUMS**

Open Div

- 1st In-Gold `Lippegold. J Seidel  
2nd Pilot M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
3<sup>rd</sup> Charles Sladden J Seidell

First Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> Black Spider x Hsinying Ruby web  
J & D Cassar

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maudiae x Hsinying Carlos J & D Cassar

### **SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS**

Open Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Paph hirsutissimum* var *alba*  
M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Paph wenshanense* M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Paph delenatii* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### **STANDARD Shape PHALAENOPSIS**

Second Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> Unnamed S Laznicka

### **AUSTRALIAN NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRIDS**

Open Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Sarco* Heidi `Ross Watts` M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Sarco* Heidi `Ross Watts` M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Sarco* Kulnura Passion M Willoughby & Oui Ju

Second Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Sarco* Snowhart x Fizzy Dove  
G & P Simcock

### **AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES**

Open Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Cym canaliculatum* `Jessica` J Seidel  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Cym canaliculatum* `Jock's Comet` ?

### **ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS**

First Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Onc* Gower Ramsay J & D Cassar

### **ONCIDIINAE SPECIES**

First Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Onc sphacelatum* J & D Cassar

### **AII OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS**

Second Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Lyc* K May x Jason R Edwards

### **AII OTHER GENERA SPECIES**

Second Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Den thyrsiflorum* R Edwards  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Bifrenaria harrisoniae* G & P Simcock

### **ZYGOPETALINAE Hybrids**

Open Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Zga* Zest x Artur Elle J Seidel

### **SEEDLING**

Open Div

- 1st *Sarco* Kulnura Passion M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Paph* Pilot M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Sarco* Peace x Kulnura Gifted  
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Paph* Black Spider x Hsinying Ruby web  
J & D Cassar  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Paph* Maudiae x Hsinying Carlos  
J & D Cassar

### **POPULAR VOTE**

Open Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Cym* Little Beauty M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Vanda tricolor* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Cym* Cricket `Rosetta` P & H Haltis  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Paph* Black Spider x Hsinying Ruby web  
J & D Cassar

Second Div

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Den thyrsiflorum* R Edwards  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Phal* unknown S Laznicka

**BEST ORCHID IN EACH DIVISION**

**Open Division**

***Cymbidium Little Beauty***

M Willoughby & Oui Ju..

**First Division**

***Ctt Chit Chat `Tangerine`***

A & P Steer

**Second Division**

***Den thyriflorum***

R Edwards.

**REGISTRAR'S CHOICE**

***Cymbidium Little Beauty***

M Willoughby & Oui Ju.

*(picture on front cover)*



***Ctt Chit Chat `Tangerine`***



***Paph hirsutissimum var alba.***



***Den thyriflorum***

*We Wish All Our Members, Their Families and Friends, the Compliments of the Season.*

