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This large, relatively rare *Paph stonii* from Borneo was staged at the previous meeting

Perpetual Trophy awards and prizes for Aggregate Plant Competition were distributed after enjoying a home cooked Christmas dinner cooked by our members prior to a Christmas social meeting...

Jan. meeting is on 17th January at our hall at Long St Plympton --- access available after 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*	2023	Sarka Laznicka, Peter McCauley, Jan Whibley, Charles Yeo.

*Denotes deceased member

Researched K.Gurney.

2024 PROGRAMME Wednesday January 17th 2024.

January meeting is traditionally a review of the best seedlings tabled at our meetings and shows, discussed by our Judging Registrar, Don Higgs, and photographed each meeting by our photographer, John Seidel,. and we appreciate their dedication and efforts.

John is taking a rest from rhe photographer duties this year. He has taken our official photos for 35 years .and we sincerely thank him for his service and superb quality photos.. January starts off a new round of monthly exhibitions of members' plants Please bring them along.

Birthdays for January . 2024

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

Denise Cassar Anton Drew John Dunn Ralph Edwards Jane Higgs
John Seidel Lucy Spear.

Next Committee Meeting: *Saturday . January Jan 22nd 2024*

Next Judges Meeting *To be advised*

Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting *As advised for 2024 by Reg Judging Pane.l*

PRESIDENT'S Report

Happy New Year to all our members and their families. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas time and a happy New Year.

I wish to thank you all for a most enjoyable last meeting – see notes in this Review. I have had a number of very favourable comments from those attending. The Christmas theme was lovely, and the food splendid. Many thanks to all involved from preparation to presentation

We had some amusing moments with the plumbing in the hall, but we carried on regardless. (Sounds like a Carry on movie script, doesn't it.)

Santa's helper came along and did a commendable job when Santa left suddenly. Perhaps he had an upset tummy or something. One of Santa's helpers stepped in and handed out some little presents Santa left behind. Seemed somewhat familiar, somehow!. I heard the next day Santa appreciated the carrots for his reindeer, and the lovely cushion for him to sit on in his sleigh.

The dinner was followed by the finalisation of the AGM, and a constitutionally acceptable election of four new Life

Members, Sarka Laznicka, Peter McCauley, Jan Whibley, and Charles Yeo. Congratulations from all of us.

This meeting, Don Higgs will give us a resume of last year's winning plants, photographed by John Seidel. I find it interesting to look back on the year that was.

I do hope someone with a good camera will volunteer to carry on with the lovely photos which John has given us over the past 35 years.

Your Committee has been busy working on this year's program, but we are finding it more difficult to find suitable halls/shopping centres to hold our shows. Any suggestions from members would be appreciated.

I look forward to seeing many of you this meeting, and send best wishes to those of us who are not in such good health at present.

MY VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FOR A HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL 2024.

, **Diana Bird** (President)

WEB SITE DIFFICULTIES

For some time we have had administrative problems with gaining access to our website, but after a convoluted process, the problems have

been sorted. Our thanks are due to Helen Haltis, who is our webmaster, and who maintains our public access window for people to find out what is happening in our Society. Thank you, Helen, and to Garry Simcock for his expertise in fixing the problem

**LAST MEETING --
2023 CHRISTMAS DINNER.**

On Thursday, 14th December, 2023 we held a very enjoyable Christmas Dinner. Garry & Pauline Simcock provided and cooked the main course, and the gluten free Christmas pudding, supplemented by custard and ice cream. Diana and Jane supplied lovely fruit salads, and members made a variety of salads to accompany the main course. In this way, costs were minimised, too, and everyone enjoyed the subsidised meal.

Ralph Edwards' wife Meredith, again this year cooked our gluten free Christmas cake, which was cut with her "Best Wishes to All" by Lesley Gunn.

Thank you all who helped in any way to make the evening such a success.

**PERPETUAL TROPHY
WINNERS FOR 2023.**

Our Society has a number of Perpetual Trophies presented annually to the members who gain the most points over the year in a number of specific and important types of orchids.

LAST YEAR'S WINNERS ARE

CYMBIDIUM CUP Peter Haltis

DRIFFIELD CUP (for Laeliinae genera)

J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

MELVA OLIVER TROPHY (for Australian Natives classes)

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

Mem. MERV. STEELE TROPHY (for Popular Vote Competition)

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

Mem PETER FRENCH TROPHY (for Oncidiinae genera)

J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

Mem EDITE NICHOLLS TROPHY (for Best Seedling)

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

Mem CRAIG GURNEY TROPHY (for Champion Paph. at Winter Show)

J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

ELVA & GORDON SHAWYER TROPHY for Champion Sarcochilus (October Meeting)

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

***MOST SUCCESSFUL
EXHIBITORS for 2023***

OPEN DIVISION

**MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY &
OUI JU**

FIRST DIVISION

**J & D CASSAR & R
HUDDLESTON**

SECOND DIVISION

R EDWARDS.

Last month we thanked the people who, throughout the year, recorded and checked the monthly and Show results so that the winners could be recognised in the Annual Aggregates, and Perpetual Trophies lists. I was unaware that Neil Cooper was Bob Gunn's partner in the important process of checking and compiling the results. It is a regular and recurring process which ensures the judging results are accurate. Editor's apologies to Neil.

Thank you to our judges who evaluate the plants, and to those who record the results each month, and at our Shows.

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CHRISTMAS MEETING 2023



Here's the catering staff (unpaid) dishing out the main course. Bevan Bird was part of this team, too, but he was in the kitchen expertly carving the ham.



Lesley Gunn cuts our 2023 Xmas cake.



Michael Holmes receives his new membership badge. From Diana Bird Michael and fellow new member, Carmel Edwards received their new membership badges at the Christmas meeting last month.

Carmel sent a number of photos through for our Review, as did our President, Diana Bird. Thank you Your

editor didn't take any, so the photos were very useful.



Carmel Edwards gets her new membership badge, from President, Diana Bird.



Father Xmas's helper receives carrots and a cushion for the sleigh to pass on to Santa. .I believe he was very pleased.

We wish all our members and their families a happy and healthy 2024 Good growing.



Peter Haltis looks pleased to show the Cym Cup, which he won for his successful 2023 season.



Registrar, Don Higgs, congratulates Joe Cassar on his successful year.