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We thank Denise Cassar for taking on the raffle ticket job from Margaret Jacob this year. Charles Yeo tallies the Popular Vote tickets for us again, too. We appreciate your help. Thank you to Margaret for her contribution, also, after she took over raffle duties from her late sister, Judith Gardner...

**Mrs Jane Higgs** will be guest speaker this month. She and Don have travelled widely around the world and in Australia for conferences, and their trips to Pt. Macquarie and Cairns will be very interesting. See you there.

Feb. meeting is on **21st February** at our hall at Long St Plympton --- access available after 7.30 pm.

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## The Executive Committee of the S.A. Orchidaceous Society Inc.

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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
		2023	Sarka Laznicka, Peter McCauley, Jan Whibley, Charles Yeo.
1996	Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver*		

\*Denotes deceased member

Researched K.Gurney.

## 2024 PROGRAMME Wednesday February 21st 2024.

February meeting will be a talk (with pictures) of orchids from eastern Australia (Port Macquarie and Cairns) by Jane Higgs. The quality of Jane's talks is well known, and she will give us some really good insight into how orchids thrive in the warmer, more humid conditions in northern Australia.

## Birthdays for February . 2024

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

Ellen Hume    Robert Gunn    Beryl Wilson    .Kevin Western

**Next Committee Meeting:** *Monday February 26th 2024 at Findon.*

**Next Judges Meeting** *To be advised*

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

## **PRESIDENT'S Report**

Hello, again, members. Our new year got away to a good start, when our Judging Registrar, Don Higgs gave us a review of the orchids which stood out at meetings and shows last year. Thanks to you and the judging panel for all your efforts. Over the past 35 years, John Seidel has been our official photographer, and he certainly produces some outstanding pictures. John is standing down this year for a well earned rest, and Jane, who takes some lovely photos on her phone, will take on this job. It takes a lot of expertise to produce results which present the blooms at their best angle.

Committee has been working to lock in dates and venues for our shows this year, and our Autumn and Winter Shows have been finalised.. We are still negotiating for our Spring Show, and will keep you advised.

Jane Higgs has agreed to present our feature talk this month, and we thank her sincerely.

I am keen to continue with articles in our Review from members about how they grow their plants. Are you willing to give it a try? I have received a number of appreciative comments from other members – it adds some fresh viewpoints on how we grow our orchids under different cultural conditions.

I'm looking forward to see the plants members bring along to the meeting this month. Plants generally seem to have grown well this year ( *including weeds Ed.*)

I hope to see you at the February meeting . With all my best wishes

, **Diana Bird** (President)

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2024**

We are tired of hearing that prices are coming down and Govt. telling us that inflation is coming under control We still find our money doesn't go as far as it once did.. Well, good news! Subs haven't gone up, and we still have 12 meetings per year., thanks to minimising costs of our twice annual subsidised dinners by catering for these functions ourselves. We have our Treasurer, our Secretary, Pauline, and a select group of volunteers who provided salads, desserts, Xmas Cake and other sundries, to thank. They proudly providing great food, and low costs, resulting in . satisfied members

Yep ! It deserves repeating  
**NO INCREASE IN SUBS THIS YEAR** \$25 single, \$35 family.

Now you can do your bit. Subs for 2024 are now due. I'm sure Garry will be pleased to see you lined up, and yes, Cash is not yet obsolete, so money in hand is still gratefully received.. .

## **LAST MEETING --**

Registrar, Don Higgs, gave us a reminder of last year's outstanding plants at meetings and shows last month.. Thank you, Don. The photos were taken by John Seidel, who has been doing these duties for the past 35 years, but is having a well earned spell in 2024, and Jane Higgs is carrying out those duties this year. Our grateful thanks all round..

## **THIS MONTH.**

Jane Higgs will deliver her impressions of orchid visits to the Eastern States , specifically, to Port Macquarie and Cairns, where the more

humid and warm climate is conducive to growing the many orchids which naturally grow in those conditions..

## OUR SHOW DATES THIS YEAR.

### OUR AUTUMN SHOW (one day show)

Same venue as last year – The Western Link Uniting Church Findon Uniting Church hall) **93 Crittenden Rd. Findon**

Put in, set up displays and judging **from 4 pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Open to Public Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May only. 9am to 4 pm 4 to 5 pm Clear up.**

### WINTER SHOW (two day show)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 4pm Put-in, and set up displays. Judging.starts at 6 00 pm**

**Open to public Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

**Show opens at 9am to 4 pm**

**Sunday 12 noon to 4 pm**

### SPRING SHOW

Our preferred dates **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept set up**

**Open –Shopping hours Thursday 12th Sept and Friday 13h Sept.**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. Trading to 4pm. THEN CLEAR UP AND EXIT BY 5 PM.**

**Tentative dates only. Venue & dates subject to confirmation.**

## CHEERIOS

We have a number of members who have been seriously unwell in recent days, Thankfully, some have recovered, or are on the path to good health, for which we are grateful. Others remain on the sick list and we send all our best wishes to you for a speedy recovery .

## PLANTS TABLED LAST MEETING

Not so many plants tabled last meeting, as we expect at this time of

year, but those that were made an interesting selection

Jane Higgs's camera can better images of smaller orchids than can mine, which makes it easier for members to view. Thank you, Jane

.Michael & Oui tabled some very nice non-standard paphiopedilums, stately and intriguing in shape



*Paph St Swithin*



This species *Paph superbians* was a lovely ,fresh bloom, from Michael & Oui

For colour, this lovely Potinara Hawaiian Prominence hybrid from the Hockeys

would be hard to beat. Quite a good size for a potinara, too.



*Wilsonia* Tiger Brew is a cochlioda hybrid, colourful and shapely, shown by Diana Bird. It will look spectacular on a larger plant



*Epi* Sunny Girl 'Ann' from the Cassars shows what the new epidendrumhybrids from Qld can produce.



Diana's *Encyclia alata* is quite a contrast to her wilsonia, but it does have good strong colour, and can produce lots of blooms



Joe Cassar's *Onc.* Aka Baby was a well grown plant, no flecking on the leaves like its relative, *Onc* Sharry Baby, and distinct white front lobes of the labellums.



*Psh* Green Hornet shows its blooms to advantage, obviously a *Psh cochleata* hybrid.

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## COMPETITION RESULTS Jan 2024

### STANDARD LAELIINAE 80mm & over

Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Pot.* Hawaiian Prominance x Rubescence  
P & M Hockey

### NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Psh* Green Hornet M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Epi* Sunny Girl `Ann` J & D Cassar  
& R Huddleston

2<sup>nd</sup> *Epi* Unknown J & D Cassar  
& R Huddleston

3<sup>rd</sup> *Epi* Pacific Classic J & D Cassar  
& R Huddleston

### SPECIES LAELIINAE

Second Div.

1<sup>st</sup> *Epi radicans* D Bird

2<sup>nd</sup> *Psh cochleata* D Bird

3<sup>rd</sup> *Enc. alata* D Bird

### NON STANDARD PAPHS

Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Bernice `Peewee` Michael & Oui

2<sup>nd</sup> St Swithin Michael & Oui

### SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *parishii `superbiens`* M Willoughby & O Ju

### AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRIDS

Second Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Den* Tosca S Laznicka.

2<sup>nd</sup> Den

### ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

First Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Onc* Aka Baby J & D Cassar  
& R Huddleston

Second Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Wilsonia* Tiger Brew D Bird

### OTHER GENERA SPECIES

Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Sngl macgloughlinii* M Willoughby  
Oui Ju

Second Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Sngl macgloughlinii* D Bird

### SEEDLINGS

Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Paph* St Swithin M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
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### POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Paph* St Swithin M Willoughby & O Ju

2<sup>nd</sup> *Paph* Bernice `Peewee` M Willoughby &  
Oui Ju

3<sup>rd</sup> *Pot* Hawaiian Prominance hyb  
P & M Hockey

First Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Onc* Aka Baby J & D Cassar  
& R Huddleston

2<sup>nd</sup> *Epi* Sunny Girl `Ann` J & D Cassar  
& R Huddleston

3<sup>rd</sup> *Epi* Unknown J & D Cassar  
& R Huddleston

Second Div.

1<sup>st</sup> *Den* Tosca S Laznicka

2<sup>nd</sup> *Onc* Tiger Brew D Bird

3<sup>rd</sup> *Enc alata* D Bird

## BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

### Open Division

***Paph* Bernice `Pee Wee`**

**M WILLOUGHBY & OUI JU**

### First Division

***Onc* Aker Baby**

**J & D Cassar & R  
Huddleston**

### Second Division

***Den* Tosca`**

**S Laznicka**

## REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

**' *Paph* Bernice `Pee  
Wee`**

**M WILLOUGHBY & OUI JU**