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Phal Cool Water from Open Div and Registrar's choice last month.

Mr Graeme Hazledine will be guest speaker this month. This will be the first time in many years since we have had the pleasure of hearing Graeme talk about his orchids. It will be worth hearing.

April meeting 17th April at Long St, Plympton --- 7.30 pm. access

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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 April 17th 2024.

Graeme Hazledine has earned the reputation of selecting and growing only the best examples of the many genera he grows, and has had great success exhibiting his plants. A respected AOC judge, Graeme and his partner, Maureen, have always been willing to pass on sound cultural advice to other growers, You should learn a lot from Graeme's address this month.

Volunteers for Supper Roster this month are Sarka Laznicka and Jan Whibley

Birthdays for April 2024

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

Lesley Gunn and Shirley Brand are the only two members celebrating birthdays this month. Our best wishes, ladies.

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday April 22nd 2024 at Findon. Western Link Uniting.*
Next Judges Meeting *Monday 3rd June at Findon*
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting As advised for 2024 by Reg Judging Panel

Many members will not have heard of Shirley Little, who has remained a member of our Society for many years, , and who has been very successful with growing her orchids and many other plants at her home in the Western suburbs. Successful growers like Ralph Edwards still grow plants with which Shirley, over the years, has won shows against strong opposition from some very good growers. This is her story, dating back to the early 1960's. Thank you, Shirley.

Orchid Review Story **By Shirley Little**



“ Confucius once said, “Person who grow orchid’ rapidly become addicted!” So it was for me, too. In the beginning, it was an enjoyable hobby, then an all consuming addiction, and then more of a way of life than a hobby. The year was 1962, when a general interest in gardening was stimulated into trying something “different’. My family suggested growing orchids.(now they are a little dubious about their original suggestion) in Sept. 1962 I drove myself to Syd Monkhouse’s place at Camden park, and with Syd’s advice, purchased 6 flowering cymbidium plants.. At home, we had erected a sarlon topped pipe frame shade house measuring some 12 x 14 ft. and we all wondered how I was going to fill that very large space. How, indeed!!! Famous last words!! Since then, almost every structure in our yard which can be moved, has developed a terrible disease called “shadehouse interruptis’. For many years, I had great enjoyment and some success in growing , and flowering, those 6 plants namely ;- Grace Mitchell, a Babylon `Castle Hill” seedling, Samarkand, Cooksbridge ‘Orange’ and ‘Elvina’ and Ceres `F.J. Hanbury’ (all good, easily flowered varieties for the time *Ed*) Later, I joined the Orchidaceous Society, which not only started an enjoyable learning process, but also made me many good friends.

For many of the years since 1962 I have concentrated on growing Cymbidiums and Australian Natives, but since 1984, have ventured a little further, and have tried a few paphiopedilums and some Cattleyas. (you should see Shirley’s plants now , of all types of orchids and others as well, just about filling her whole yard., all meticulously grown) Although I started with standard cymbidiums, eventually miniatures were added, Later, when “intermediates’ were introduced (or `novelties’ as they were first known) came

into vogue, many of these were added to the collection. (Shirley had many of the top varieties of the day, and made from some shrewd selections)

Each year, a few new seedlings were purchased and put in the `pipeline' so that there was always something new flowering. - Some proved to be quite lovely, others turned out to be just ordinary, but it's always exciting to witness the new flowerings each season. Over the years, some have long since gone from my collection, others remain. "

Shirley was particularly fond of the *Cym Anita's*, which generally had long, arching spikes of strong blooms, good flowers and numbers of spikes. Her Rumours `Desiree' named after her daughter, is still a very good orchid, and won for Ralph Edwards at one of our recent show, When Shirley showed this seedling in 1983 at our Spring Show at Tea Tree Gully, it won the Gold medal, with 20 flowers on each spike and had lovely clear pink blooms. Parents were sensation `Vieux Rose x Vieux Rose `Dell Park, purchased from Sydney when it was a seedling 8 inches tall.

Shirley concludes "In the early years, when my collection was a lot smaller than now, I would always use commercial composts, purchased through retail outlets, however, as my collection expanded, I found it too expensive to purchase ready-made composts, and more recently have made my own. My plants have continued to do very well. However, I can recommend to newer growers with few plants, that the commercially made potting mixes are very good, especially from the commercial orchid growers who do so much to help our Society. Good growing, everyone."

Shirley's experiences over the years provide a good blueprint for newer growers to follow, and I must have kept her paper in my collection as a guide for newcomers to follow. She still actively grows not only orchids, but other plants, too, for exhibition, and continues to win prizes at Garden Club shows .

Thank you for sharing your article with other members, Shirley . *Ed.*,

. PRESIDENT'S Report

Hello, again, members.

Last month's talk by James Argent was most interesting, and a big thank-you must go to him for this.

We had very few exhibitors at our meeting. This was a shame, but what flowers were tabled were most enjoyable to view. I really hope as the flowers start coming, that more members will bring along their plants for us to see.

Our Autumn show is fast approaching, See dates further on. At

this show , we can trade orchids and other plants, too.

This month's speaker is Graeme Hazledine, a judge and grower from Gawler. I am looking forward to his talk.

The Committee is working on the library, and we should have a box of books for you to borrow very soon. Please look at home in case you may have one or two of the Club's books there, and also whether you might have any others you might like to donate to the Club's library so that others can enjoy the book, too

I look forward to seeing you at this month's meeting.

, **Diana Bird** (President)

LAST MEETING --

James Argent has always been meticulous in his presentation of exhibits, and last month he first showed how he manufactures unobtrusive stands of varying heights to show his plants growing on mounts. This was followed by demonstrations on how he prepares and fixes epiphytic orchids on boards to show them off how they actually grow in nature. His talk was very much appreciated by both newer and experienced growers alike. A sincere thank you, James, for the way you took the trouble to develop such an 'hands on' talk.



THIS MONTH.

Graeme and Maureen Hazledine have always selected the best examples of the types of orchids they grow and show, and have used their judging experience to allow us all to see and appreciate really good examples of orchids from all round the world. This month, you will

see how the application and sharing this knowledge can help us all to grow better plants in our own collections. Don't miss Graeme's talk this meeting.

SAROC FAIR 2024. King's Birthday Long Weekend)

Arrangements for the 2024 SAROC Fair at Campbelltown have been put in place, and our Society has again been given the task of operating the canteen. We would be pleased if our members could again help to make this a big success.

Set up will be on Friday 7th June, and open to the public on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June (the King's Birthday long weekend)

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 17th May**

Open to Public Saturday 18th May only. 9am to 4 pm 4 to 5 pm Clear up.

WINTER SHOW (two day show)

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

Open to public Saturday 3rd August Show opens at 9am to 4 pm

Sunday 12 noon to 4 pm

SPRING SHOW

Findon Uniting Church hall Crittenden Rd. Findon. (plus expanded Display space, Sales, and Refreshment areas, (where we have Committee, Judging, and in past years, monthly meetings as well.)

Spring Show over Friday 6th September (set up and judging afternoon and evening)

Open to public Sat 7th Sept. **times to be confirmed**)

Sunday 8th Sept. from **12.30 pm** to close at 4pm .

SALES DAY

Saturday 12th October

Same venue as last year – The Western Link Uniting Church Findon Uniting Church hall) **93 Crittenden Rd. Findon.** All sorts of plants (specially orchids) fertilisers, books, potting mix etc)

CHEERIOS

We are advised that Kevin Western has had a further trip to hospital recently. We are all thinking of you, Kevin, and hope that things are turning for the better.. Our best wishes, too, to Vanda Rounsefell, who has had some health issues. I know of others also who have not been in the best of health. We hope you all return soon to best of health.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAYMENTS.

In recent days, some Financial Institutions have decided not to issue cheque books. Our treasurer, Garry Simcock has made arrangements(if you haven't yet paid), whereby you can pay your subs (\$25 single, \$35 family) by making a direct payment into **BSB 065 152, and Account Number 19953971.**

Don't forget to indicate that the amount is for '2024 annual subscription for SA Orchidaceous Society membership, and indicate your name.

PLANTS TABLED LAST MEETING

Numbers of plants tabled have been down in the early months of this year, but we find some of interest in those benched. For instance, this slipper orchid from Michael & Oui, is a freshly discovered species from Asia Its colour is not particularly eye catching – almost a greyish tone, but on close inspection it has lots of character. As the name suggests, it was discovered in Myanmar.



Paph myanmaricum

I will endeavour to get more information about it. It will probably be still in bloom next month, too



This seedling, the only one shown last month, *Paph Transdoll*, was attractive and had good colour, and a compact growth habit. Seedlings are always of special interest as their blooms open!



Cym Sundaani Autumn 'Goldie' has been flowering since February, this piece had 8 spikes in a 20cm pot. I like this cross, bred by Pauline Hockey. Colours are always bright, and includes some with tangerine coloured flowers. –it's the first one to flower for me every year.



Joe Cassar's *Rlc Rosella's Direction* had a lovely lip, and is one of not so many larger standard cats to bloom so early in the year.



Phrag. China Dragon's colours would indeed be popular in China, but they hail from South America.?? Jane's collection must like her climate – they always grow so well.



Diana Bird's *Gastrochilus* once was named *Haraela*. It grows in a pot about 2 inches square, and we got the photo courtesy of Jane Higgs's trusty phone camera. Thanks Jane and all our exhibitors last meeting.===

COMPETITION RESULTS MARCH

2024

CYMBIDIUM UNDER 60 MM

Open Div

1st Sundaani Autumn `Goldie`, T & M Jacob.

STANDARD LAELIINAEr 80mm & Over.

First Div

1st *Rlc* Rosella's Direction J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston

NON standard Laeliinae

First Div

2nd C M.E. Bolin `Royal Flare` J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston

NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

First Div

1st *Ctt* Browniae `Riga` J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston

Second Div

1st *Ctt* Meadii D Bird

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div

1st *Alcra* Samurai M Willoughby & Oui Ju

Second Div

1st *Miltonia* Cogniauxiae D Bird

OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

Open Div

1st *Phrag* China Dragon J & D Higgs

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

Open Div

1st *Phal fasciata* J & D Higgs

2nd *Phal pallens* J & D Higgs

Second Div

1st *Gastrochilus retrocallus* D Brd

SEEDLINGS

Open Div

1st *Paph* Transdoll M Willoughby & Oui Ju

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POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

1st *Paph sukhakulll* M Willoughby & O Ju

2nd *Phal* Cool Water J & D Higgs

3rd *Phrag* China Dragon J & D Higgs

First Div

1st *Ctt* Browniae `Riga` J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston

2nd C M E Bolin `Royal Flare` J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston

3rd *Rlc* Rosella's Direction J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston

Second Div.

1st *Gastrochilus retrocallus* D Bird

2nd *Miltonia* Cogniauxiae D Bird

3rd *Ctt* Meadii D Bird

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

***Phal* Cool Water**

Jane & Don Higgs

First Division

***Ctt* Browniae `Riga`**

**J & D Cassar & R
Huddleston**

Second Division

Gastrochilus retrocallus`

D Bird

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

***Phal.* Cool Water**

Jane & Don Higgs