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This species, *Paphiopedilum haynaldianum*, is from the Philippines and has up to 4 blooms on the raceme, each up to approx. 12 cm across. This one was shown by Michael & Oui at the Nov. AGM meeting. (there was no plant competition in December)

Perpetual Trophy awards and prizes for Aggregate Plant Competition for 2024 were distributed after enjoying a home cooked Christmas dinner provided by Garry and Pauline Simcock, plus others, and was followed by our 2024 Christmas social meeting...

**Jan. meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> 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.
		2024	John Seidel, Valerie Speer

*\*Denotes deceased member*      Researched K.Gurney.

### 2025 PROGRAMME **Wednesday January 15th 2025.**

In January, we traditionally review the previous year's best seedlings tabled at our meetings and shows, discussed by our Judging Registrar, Don Higgs, with photos taken each meeting, last year by, Jane Higgs.and Diana Bird.

John Seidel, took a rest from the photographer duties last year. He had taken our official photos for 35 years. .and was voted Life Membership at our last AGM.. His Life Membership Certificate will be presented this meeting.

### Birthdays for January . 2025

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:** *Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 pm* at Findon Western Link hall.

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

**Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting** *As advised for 2025 by Reg. Judging Pane.l*

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## **. PRESIDENT'S Report.**

Happy new year to all of our members & families. I hope you all had a great & safe Christmas & I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

A big thank you to all involved in making our Christmas celebrations a resounding success, well done everyone.

Congratulations to our new life members John Seidel & Val Speer. Unfortunately John was unable to attend our Christmas function so he will receive his certificate & badge at our January meeting, Val was presented with hers on the night.

A big thank you to Diana Bird for her dedicated service over the past three years as President & also to Alan Davies who has, for over 40 years, had many roles too many to mention, letters thanking both were presented on the night. Congratulations to all who won trophies & prizes, and to all that showed off their beautiful plants during the year, Please keep it up so we can have another successful year.

This year we have a couple of new committee members in John Dunn & Charles Yeo, I'm sure their contribution will add great value to our club. Thank you to all of

our committee members & judges who help make our club the success it is.

Next meeting speaker will be Don Higgs presenting all the winning plants of last year, from meetings nights & shows, This should be great as usual.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year, & hope to see as many plants benched as possible.

Cheers

*Joe Cassar* (President)

## **PERPETUAL TROPHY AWARDS FOR THE 2024 YEAR.**

\_\_\_\_\_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**

**MEM MELVA OLIVER TROPHY** (for Australian Natives classes)

**J & D Cassar & R Huddleston**

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

**J & D Cassar & R Huddleston**

**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)**

**M Willoughby & Oui Ju**

**Mem ELVA & GORDON SHAWYER  
TROPHY for Champion Sarcophilus  
(October Meeting)**

**M Willoughby & Oui Ju**

***MOST SUCCESSFUL  
EXHIBITORS for 2024***

**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 determined in the Annual Aggregates, and Perpetual Trophies lists. The First Div. results should not have listed Peter Haltis, as he'd advanced to Open Div. from 2024, and won two categories there, one for Cyms. over 90 mm, and Cyms

Under 60 mm (a very creditable result considering the competition). John Dunn's name should have been included for 2 prizes in the First Division List – one for Dendrobiums, and one for Aust. Native Terrestrial Species



Two years in a row Cym. Cup success for Peter Haltis

.Thank you, Peter Haltis, for bringing the error to the Editor's attention. .The Registrar's Aggregate Points List produced last month was correct.

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

There is a change in the Laeliinae judging categories this year, with the amalgamation of the "non-standard laeliinae class" with the "non standard cluster laeliinae " group from this January.. No doubt our Registrar,

Mr Don Higgs , will confirm this change at the meeting.

### PROMOTIONS

Analysis of the annual Judging results has resulted in some members being promoted from Second Division to First Div. this year. They include Sarka Laznicka, Ralph Edwards and Diana Bird

Joe Cassar won many prizes in First Division, but does not have to progress to Open Div. this year cause our Rules enable a member to remain in their current Division for 3 years before being required to move to the higher Division (although any member may voluntarily exhibit in a higher Division if they wish.) Once your Division has been established, you must remain there for the whole year's competition.

### <sup>s</sup> CHRISTMAS MEETING 2024

Our Christmas meeting again was a great success this year, with a lovely meal of roast meats and vegetables being provided by Garry and Pauline Simcock, and gravy and from Diana Bird, dinner rolls from Ralph Edwards Desserts were fruit salad from Jane Higgs, and Xmas pudding, custard and ice-cream Garry & Pauline. Meredith Edwards again this year cooked the Christmas cake. A number of others helped carve the

main course and Oui and Michael again did a great job serving up the meal.



Pauline Simcock led us on the piano with Christmas Carols, and our impromptu orchestra and choir, helped by everyone's beautiful singing, made some "wonderful"?? Christmas music.





At the end of the evening other helpers washed up the dishes and it was a great all- round effort. Members supplied a really good array of gifts for the raffle and the whole evening went off extremely well. Thank you all who contributed in any way towards making the evening so enjoyable.

**VAL SPEER -- LIFE MEMBER**

Val Speer receives her Life Member Certificate 50 years participation, 8 years as Secretary, many years producing Show prize certificates on giant typewriter, life time partner of Peter Speer (Life Member from 1992) still involved in Society activities. Current Secretary, Pauline Simcock provided her prestigious framed Life

Member Certificate , presented to Val by our newly appointed President, Joe Cassar.



**MORE NOVEMBER PHOTOS.**

Because we had no plant competition last month, here's a few more pictures from the November meeting.



*Bifrenaria harrisoniae*

Shown by Garry Simcock , this is a hardy orchid from Brazil. Easily grown, it requires less water during winter, Its

leathery leaves can withstand reasonably strong light



*Ansellia africana* comes from Central Africa, and is easily grown provided it gets temperate temperatures during winter. Canes are robust, up to 2 – 3 ft. long, similar to a sturdy hard cane dendrobium, and it blooms from the apex of the canes, and also from nodes along the canes where the old leaves have joined the canes when well grown. This one from Ralph has distinctly marked blooms in yellow with dark brown spotting. Colours can be variable and there is a clear, lemon coloured variety



*Dendrobium chordiforme*, from New Guinea, has growth like the Aust. dockrillias, with long, skinny rat tail leaves, but the clouds of small typical dendrobium shaped blooms are most attractive. This one is mounted on a flat slab of wood, and looks like it has been growing there for many years. it's the first time I've seen it, so ask Michael or Oui how they grow it

*We wish all our members and their families a happy and healthy 2025 Good growing. Ed.*