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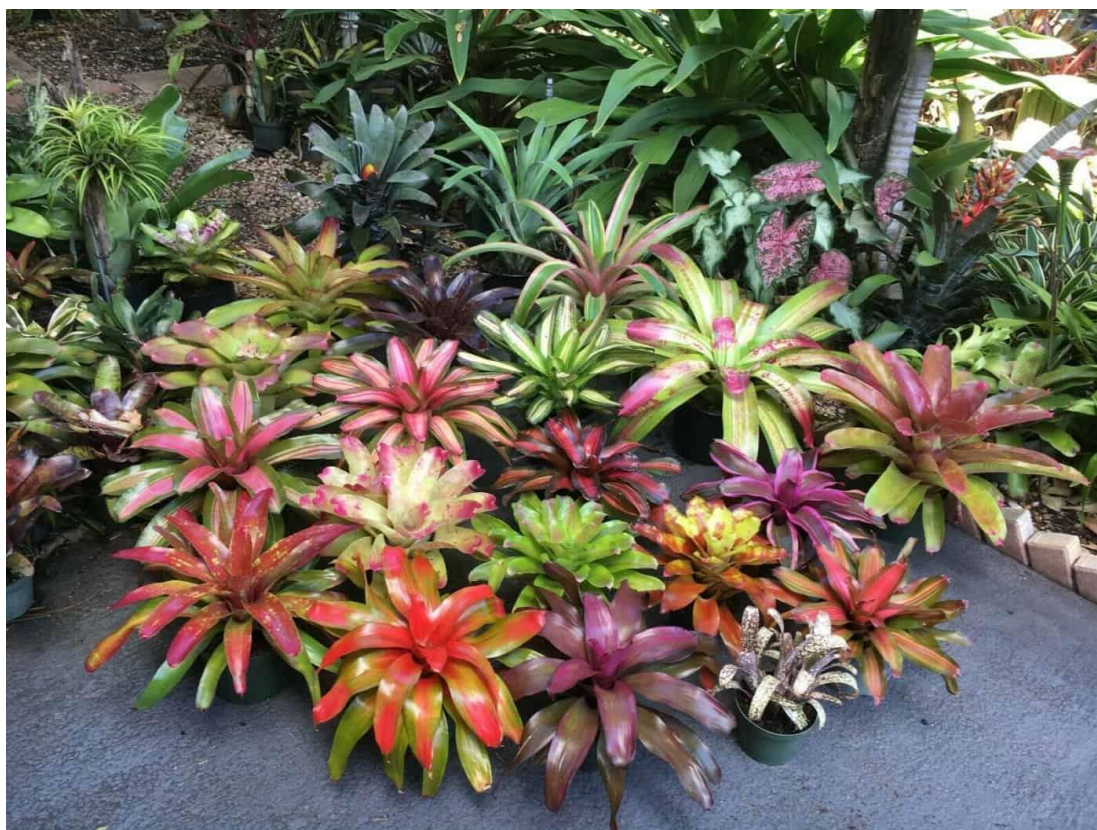
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This month's meeting is on **Wednesday 16th July**
in the Plympton Community Centre, Long St., Plympton, at 8pm.
Hall opens for set-up from 7.30pm
Carpark and entry is from the rear.

The guest speaker for the July meeting will be **Mr. Peter Nelson**, from the Enfield Horticultural Society who will talk on the culture of **Bromeliads** and their care.

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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*
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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 Val Speer

*Denotes deceased member

Researched K.Gurney.

WEDNESDAY 16th July 2025 – Our Guest Speaker is

Mr Peter Nelson talking on growing and the care of Bromeliads.

Volunteers for Kitchen duties this month are Carmel and Diana.

Birthdays for July 2025,

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

Robyn Dunn, Mark Hockey, Pauline Hockey, Trevor Jacob.

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday 21st July at Western Link Church Findon.*
Next Judges Meeting *To be advised by Registrar*

July 2025 Presidents Report

Hello again to all our members. Unfortunately, we have a few members on the sick list Trevor Jacob who is our bulletin editor, he has been unwell for some time which caused last month's issue to be missed, get well soon Trevor. Also, on the sick list are Bob & Lesley Gunn and to all other members who may be feeling unwell, get well soon.

Our guest speaker last month was Trevor Jacobs reviewing past shows, thank you Trevor.

Our guest speaker this month is Mr. Peter Nelson from the Enfield Horticultural Club who will be giving us a talk on growing Bromeliads.

The South Australian Orchid Fair was a great success with 5 lovely displays. The best display being won by S.A. Orchidaceous Society. Well done to all who supplied orchids and to those who set up the display.

Our Winter Show is fast approaching only a little over a week away Friday 18th June, put in 4.00pm, Judging 6.30pm. Show commences Saturday 19th June 9.00am - 4.00pm. Sunday 20th 12.00 noon – 4.00pm. Hope to see as many members as possible setting up their own displays. Don't forget our trading table at this show you are able to sell what you like.

Joe Cassar

President

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs for 2025 are now well overdue. As Treasurer, I am more than happy to take your payment, in cash , by credit card , or by direct deposit.

If making a payment by direct deposit, please remember to give your name.

Our bank Details are : The South Australian Orchidaceous Society Inc.

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Garry, Treasurer

OUR WINTER SHOW

Western Link Uniting Church

Friday 18th July

4pm setup Displays

6p.m. Tea for Judges

6.30pm Judging commences

Saturday 19th July

open from 9am to 4pm

Sunday 20th July 12 noon to 4pm .

Then all hands on deck to clean up.

Trading Table - Garry will have Plant Sales sheets available at the July meeting.

THE SPRING SHOW DATES

Our **Spring Show**, also at Crittenden Rd Findon **Friday 29th August** put in displays from 4pm followed by judging, then **Saturday 30th August** 9am to 4 pm and **Sunday 31st August** from 12 noon to 4pm

Our **Plant Sales Day** is scheduled for **Saturday 11th October** at the Crittenden Rd Findon Church hall from 8am set up for your sales items, Open to public 9 30 am until 4pm You can sell all sorts of plants, pots, potting mix etc.

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Remember it is in our venue, so ***anything of value can be put on the Trading Table.*** Garry will have Sales sheets for you to fill out if you have items for sale.

Remember the **August** meeting is our **Winter Dinner**

This will be held at the Plympton Community Centre, Long Street, Plympton on **Wednesday, 20 August, 2025 at 6 for 6.30p.m. start.**

This will be a main meal of roast chicken and baked potatoes and a variety of salads

Dessert will consist of fruit salad and ice cream. Tea and coffee and cold drinks will be provided.

The meeting will be our normal General Meeting agenda, and the Guest Speaker will be

Graham Fear, President of the Cymbidium Society of S.A.

The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Please pay Garry Simcock at the July meeting or let Garry or Pauline know that you intend to attend before 15 August (mob. 0419 837761)

Please come and join us.

Your plants will be displayed and judged as at a normal monthly meeting.

Unfortunately, Trevor Jacobs has been in hospital again and John Dunn has stepped up to publish the Review until either Trevor is again well enough to take the reins back or John will continue to produce the magazine.

We wish Trevor a speedy recovery and hope to see him back at the club soon.

I would like to acknowledge and thank **Mr. Steve Howard** for supplying me Cultural Notes for each month and I hope you the members can get a lot of benefit from them. He has spent a lot of time writing them and are a great source for both beginners and experienced growers alike.

The cultural notes come after the Monthly Competition Results



Best in First Division
Zga. Explosive Charm x *Z. crinitum*

COMPETITION RESULTS.

CYMBIDIUMS 60 - 90mm

First Div.

Cym. Unknown D. Bird

2nd Div.

1st Cym. Without Peer 'Soft Touch' G & P Simcock

2nd Cym. Valentine Love 'Diana' G & P Simcock

CYMBIDIUMS Under 60mm

Open Div.

1st Cym. (Khairpour x *erythraeum*) Michael & Oui

2nd Cym. Ba Trieu P & H Haltis

CYMBIDIUM Species

Open Div.

1st Cym. *erythrostylum* 'Magnificum' Michael & Oui

LAELIINAE – 80mm and Over

Second Div.

1st Rlc Memoria Anne Balmores 'Carmela'
C. Edwards

LAELIINAE – Standard under 80mm

Open Div.

1st Lc. Angel Heart 'Hihimanu' Michael & Oui

2nd C. Lavender Ice Michael & Oui

LAELIINAE – Non Standard

Open Div.

1st Bc. Gulf's Shore Beauty x Rlc. Stippled Sunset
J. Seidel

First Div

1st Lnt. Wrigley J & D Cassar & R. Huddleston

Second Div.

1st Rlc Topaz Classic P & G Simcock

2nd Ctt Browniae x Lc Interceps P & G Simcock

LAELIINAE Cluster

Open Div.

1st Ctt. Le Phoenix Michael & Oui

Second Div.

1st Ctt. Meadii P & G Simcock

May 2025

LAELIINAE Species

Open Div

1st L. *anceps* P & H Haltis

2nd *Psh cochleata* 'Rita' Michael & Oui

First Div

1st *Psh cochleata* 'Millie' A & P Steer

PAPHIOPEDILUMS NON STANDARD

Open Div

1st Paph Lone Hill J. Seidel

2nd Paph Crossianum Michael & Oui

3rd Paph (Spicy Henry x *charlesworthii*) J. Seidel

PAPHIOPEDILUMS Species

Open Div

1st Paph *primulinum* Michael & Oui

2nd Paph *insigne* 'Chianti' J. Seidel

3rd Paph *spicerianum* 'Viscent Vista' Michael & Oui

Dendrobium (Other Than Australian Native)

First Div.

1st Den. Yaya Victoria J&D Cassar & R. Huddleston

Second Div.

1st Den. Supernova A. Mussared

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE Hybrids

Open Div.

1st Den. Edric 'Olly' Michael & Oui

2nd Den. Hilda Poxon P & H Haltis

Second Div.

1st Den. Hilda Poxon P & G Simcock

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE Species

Open Div.

1st Liparis *swenssonii* Michael & Oui

ONCIDIINAE Hybrids

Open Div

1st Gom. [(*barbata* x *varicosa*) x *forbesii*]
Michael & Oui

2nd Gom. [(*barata* x *varicosa*) x *forbesii*] Seaview
Michael & Oui

3rd Brat. Aztec 'Toni' Michael & Oui

First Div.

1st Brsdm Spiderman 'Teflon 2' A & P Steer

2nd Brsdm. Spiderman 'Teflon 2' A & P Steer

3rd Oncsa Sweet Sugar A & P Steer

Second Div.

Brsdm Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol' V. Rounsefell

ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

Open Div

1st Gpd. *divanatum* Michael & Oui

OTHER HYBRIDS NOT LISTED ABOVE

Open Div

1st Fdk. Darkest Desire Michael & Oui

2nd Sngl. Venus 'Noel' Michael & Oui

OTHER SPECIES NOT LISTED ABOVE

Open Div

1st Anoectochilus *roxburghii hayata* 'HongSia'
J & D Higgs

2nd Liparis *condylobulbon* Michael & Oui

First Div.

1st Ans *africana* R. Edwards

MAY 2025 RESULTS CONTINUED

ZYGOPETALINAE

Open Div

1st Z. Kiwi Choice P & H Haltis

2nd Z. Kiwi Fiftyone 'KI' Michael & Oui

First Div

1st Zga Explosive Charm x Z. *crinitum* D. Bird

SEEDLING (All Genera)

Open Div.

1st Fdk. Darkest Desire Michael & Oui

2nd Bc. Gulfshore's Beauty x Rlc. Stippled Sunset
J Seidel

3rd Cym. (Khairpour x *erythraeum*) Michael & Oui

First Div.

1st Zga Explosive Charm x *crinitum* D Bird

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div.

1st Brat. Aztec 'Toni' Michael & Oui

2nd Gdp *divanatum* Michael & Oui

3rd Paph Lone Hill J Seidel

First Div.

1st Den. Yaya Victoria J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

2nd Oncsa Sweet Sugar A & P Steer

3rd Ons Wildcat 'Bloodshot' A & P Steer

Second Div.

1st Rlc Memoria Anne Balmores C Edwards

2nd Brsdm. Yellow Star V Rounsefell

3rd Den. Supernova A. Mussared

Best Orchid In Each Division



Open Division

**Gom. [(*barbata* x *varicosa*) x
forbesii]** Michael & Oui

First Division

**Zga. Explosive Charm x
*crinitum*** D Bird

Second Division

**Brsdm Yellow Star 'Golden
Gambol'** V Rounsefell

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE



**Brsdm Yellow Star 'Golden
Gambol'** V Rounsefell

Competition Results

June 2025

Cymbidiums 90mm and Over

Open Div.

1st Cym Cronulla Star 'Blessing x Anna Dragon' P & H Haltis

2nd Cym Valley Torch 'The Lip' P & H Haltis

Cymbidium 60-90mm

Open Div.

1st Cym. Arachnid P & H Haltis

First Div.

1st Cym Unknown S Laznicka

Second Div.

1st Cym. Peter Pan 'Greensleeves' C Edwards

Cymbidium 60mm and Under

Open

1st Cym Unknown P & H Haltis

First Div.

1st Cym Pharaoh's Dream 'Dural' D Bird

2nd Cym Morialta 'Morialta Falls' D Bird

3rd Cym Unknown R Edwards

Second Div.

1st Cym Unknown M Henschke

Cymbidium species

Open Div.

1st Cym *tracyanum* J & D Higgs

Laeliinae Non Standard

Open Div.

Rth Spring Love J Seidel

First Div.

1st C. Hawaiian Bride S Laznicka

C. Portiata 'Mel' R Edwards

Laeliinae Cluster

First Div.

Ctt Browniae 'Riga' J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

Laeliinae Species

First Div.

1st L. *anceps* P & A Steer

2nd C. *percialiana* P & A Steer

3rd L. *anceps* J Dunn

Paphiopedilum Non Standard

Open Div.

1st Paph Fair Yerba J Seidel

2nd Paph *wordii* x *venustum* J Seidel

3rd Paph Lone Hill 'Zodiac' J Seidel

Paphiopedilum species

First Div.

1st Paph insigne 'Ros' J Dunn

Dendrobium (other than Australian Native)

First Div.

1st Den Yaya Victoria J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

First Div.

1st Den Saigon Super Dream x Graeme Banks J Dunn

2nd Den Hilda Poxon R Edwards

Oncidiinae Hybrid

Open Div.

1st Alca Pacific Nova 'Okiko' J Seidel

First Div.

1st Onc Sweet Sugar 'Sweet Sugar' P & A Steer

2nd Arthurara Sea Snake 'Unforgettable' J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

3rd Onc Sweet Sugar R Edwards

Zygopetalinae Hybrid

Open Div.

1st Zga (Zest x Z Kuitpo) J Seidel

First Div.

1st Z (Mellow Bill x Zodiac Nebular) R Edwards

2nd Z Pine Road x Zga Kosciuszko J Dunn

3rd Z. Kiwi Choice x Hmwa Aussie Quest D Bird

Other Hybrid not listed above

Open Div.

1st Prag Eumelia Arias J & D Higgs

First Div.

1st Lycaste Shoalhaven White x Alwine Miller R Edwards

2nd Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice' J Dunn

Other species Not Listed

First Div.

1st Ptst *repandum* J Dunn

2nd Max *cucullata* P & A Steer

Seedling (all genera)

Open Div.

1st Paph Fair Yerba J Seidel

2nd Cym (Cronulla Star 'Blessing' x Anna Dragon) P & H Haltis

3rd Paph Lone Hill 'Zodiac' J Seidel

First Div.

1st Den. Saigon Super Dream x Graeme Banks J Dunn

Popular Vote

Open Div.

1st Cym *tracyanum* J Seidel

2nd Cym Unknown P & H Haltis

3rd Paph Lone Star 'Zodiac' J Seidel

First Div.

1st Arthurara Sea Snake 'Unforgettable' J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

2nd Cym Pharaoh's Dream 'Dural' D Bird

3rd C. Hawaiian Bride S Laznicka

Second Div.

1st Cym Unknown M Henschke

2nd Cym Peter Pan 'Greensleeves' C Edwards

Best Orchid In
Each Division

Open Division

Paph Fair Yerba -

John Seidel



First Division

***Ptst repandum* –**

John Dunn

Second Division

***Cym Unknown* –**

Marlene Henschke



Registrar's Choice

***Ptst repandum* –**

John Dunn

Orchid Culture Notes for July

July usually fronts us with the coldest and windiest weather of the year and it can be hard to drag ourselves away from the fire and out into the orchid house unless you are lucky enough to have a heated glasshouse. Despite the weather there is much to do this time of year. By now you will have a good idea of the upcoming native flowering season as spikes elongate and buds begin to fill out. Try and keep plants on the dry side, especially the developing flowers that can damp off overnight if kept wet and cold. Slugs, snails and caterpillars will all be on the lookout for native flower spikes.

Show bench plants should all be under cover and be receiving as much light as you can give them. Full sun in July will not harm them unless the plant has been in heavy shade previously. That being the case then a gradual acclimatisation to increased light is recommended. This should start sometime late April. I made the same mistake with a cool growing, terete leaved Vanda that I brought over from Northern NSW in May. The plant was living in part shade. In May the sun is weak here yet one day full sun was all it took to burn the living daylights out of it.

Watering and feeding of natives is generally fortnightly and less for the bigger plants that won't dry out as fast. Mounted plants in the open shadehouse are OK with natural rainfall but watch out for plants that sit on the wrong angle or are covered by a plant above. I check my mounts after a moderate shower and move those that are still dry. Plants under cover will benefit from a light mid-morning misting of the roots. The more common terrestrials grown i.e. the greenhoods (*Pterostylis*) and the *Diuris* clan will be

well underway with the greenhoods already showing developing spikes. A weak organic feed at this time will do no harm. Just stick to a dilution the colour of weak tea. I'm talking about Maxicrop or similar here. Worm juice diluted is also a good tonic for most genera during the growing season. Don't let pots get too wet as some plants will damp off or be affected with fungal spots and rots.

Spring flowering *Cattleyas* should have sheaths beginning to fill out now and should be staked for presentation once the buds and stem emerges.

Remember any ties must be below the ovary of the flower (that's the little swelling behind the flower) Watering is infrequent and plants allowed to dry out between watering. If a sheath shows signs of rotting or spotting before the flowers emerge it is a good idea to split the sheath and cut it away as the rot can transfer to the buds and at best ruin the flowers. A big problem with many plants in flower this time of year is spotting caused by the cool and humid conditions. This is the reason a separate, dry and well-lit flowering enclosure can be a real benefit. I use the laundry and the results are OK except when I have *Zygopogon* and natives out. The smell upsets the board of control.

Sarcopogon will also be showing new spikes now and will all be looking rather fresh with nice active roots. Watch out for the odd fungal spot and yellowing leaf as well as micro slugs and caterpillars. Keep the mix moist but not wet and feed weekly to fortnightly with a high potash, low nitrogen feed at half the recommended strength. Don't forget some sheep poo ether. Half a dozen pellets to a small pot is OK but keep it off the roots.

July is resting time for many orchids and these are generally kept on the dry side. Many will have canes and bulbs that shrivel and this is normal. A knowledge of the particular genera grown is required to know how to treat these plants.

As a rule, many of the Oncidiums, Cattleyas and native epiphytic species we grow all have a definite rest period that should be respected. For the newer growers that are given or buy something a bit different ASK QUESTIONS.

Zygos should now be fed with a high nitrogen feed as the new growths come away after flowering. Keep moist and ensure good air movement and 50 to 70% shade. An occasional spray with Mancozeb or similar will reduce the spotting to some extent. Keep water and fertilizer out of the new growths as they are prone to rot in the cold weather, likewise, remove dead flowers that fall on the leaves and will cause leaf spot/rot almost overnight. For those with baby tears as a ground cover under the benches it would be a good idea to take a closer look. Although it looks nice and provides that all important humidity in the summer it is also home to all sorts of bugs that only have one thing on their mind. Champions. The damage these bugs cause is usually evident on the baby tears first before they migrate to something juicier. The usual culprits are the little green caterpillars, slugs, slaters and earwigs. Keep up to date with your snail baiting programme this month. All pots with flower spikes should have a few pellets sprinkled. If you find that you are still experiencing some snail damage then you most likely have garlic or bush snails. These small brown, almost translucent shelled mini snails live in

the mix and are not that fond of pellets and can only be controlled with a snail killer applied as a drench to the pots. Night time is a good time to check out your enclosure with the aid of a powerful torch. It is amazing how many critters are running around after dark and will give you a much better idea of your pest problem.

As July ends and August begins we notice the increasing day length and the heat coming back in the sun. Spring is not that far away.

Steve Howard