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Grown by Chee Ng





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Grown by George Misirlis

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President Graham Fear

Welcome to our November issue,

As was the case with the September meeting, there were some nice plants shown at the October meeting. Well done to Chee Ng, for plant of the night, Doo Wop 'Ringwood'.

The October meeting saw some great photos of plants shown at both the Dural and Victorian Cymbidium Club shows. Many thanks to Bill Jayne for taking the photos at Dural, and to him and Barry Bailey for their presentation.

Thanks also to Terry Poulton for supplying us with the photos of the Victorian show and to Graham and Sue for presenting them.

For all of you who are coming to the dinner at this month's meeting, and have not payed yet, please make sure you pay Christine when you arrive. Water and soft drinks will be supplied by the club, and dinner starts at 7.00pm.

Our normal meeting and our guest speaker Scott Barrie will commence at 8.30pm with a small supper at the end of the meeting for those members not attending the dinner.

Welcome to all our new members and well done to the group of members who have been promoted to First Division from Second Division. Their names appear on page 10 of this issue.

Its been a great year for the club and I hope all of you have enjoyed the entertainment and shows that we have been able to present this year. Although it is getting harder to find guest speakers, we have been able to overcome this with everybody's help and understanding.

Many thanks to everybody that has helped this year. Your committee has been outstanding in the work they all do to help you, the club members. Moss and Rosemary for looking after all of our seedlings that we use for prizes. Without their help, it just would not happen.

Our two show marshals for their tireless work before and during the shows. Peter for bringing the supper each month, and all of you that have served supper to us during the year, a great big thank you.

Graham for all the things he does with the beginner's class, magazine, storing the Neutrog products and all the others bits and pieces, also Tony for running the trading table and anybody else who has helped out during the year. The club thanks you very much. This is the last meeting and magazine for the year, and I look forward to seeing you all at the February meeting. If you know of any of your friends who would like to join us next year, please bring them along in February and we will make them very welcome. If anybody is interested in helping us out on committee next year, please give me a call and we would welcome your help with open arms. It is only one night a month over ten months, so nothing too strenuous. Please let me know if you are at all interested. I would like to wish you are your families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and stay safe and well over the holiday period

I look forward to seeing you all on the 27th of February.

Kind Regards Graham Fear President

Neutrog Order news

There are a number of members who ordered Neutrog products a month or two ago. A lot was bought to last month's meeting, but there are some members who have not collected their order yet.

Additionally the lawn fertilizer is now available.

I can bring most of it to the November meeting

The following members have orders to collect

Glen Stearnes also Pauline and Kevin McLean

The following have lawn fertilizer to collect

George Misirlis, Peter Haltis, Elayne Sanders, Shane Moeller,

Chee Ng and Diana Reid

I will bring it all to the November meeting, but please contact me if you are NOT able to attend to collect it. I hate loading it, and having to bring it back home again. Graham Morris 0419 823 724

If anyone is interested in some seedlings from the species cymbidium dayanum, please contact Helmuth Gerber. He has a seed pod ready to sow, and is prepared to have members share plants from it.

Foggers for sale. See page 21 for photograph

The club has purchased a small number of foggers for members to purchase. Foggers can cool a shadehouse considerably in extreme heat conditions and prevent heat damage to your plants. They are somewhat difficult to purchase commercially, as a large minimum number of units has been required to be ordered.

They are available from our treasurer or trading table in packs of 5 foggers. Cost is \$15 for the five.

They are attached to 12mm poly pipe via a barb in the fogger. Each fogger produces a very fine mist and cools the area and provides a much needed humidity boost. They use approximately 5 litres of water per hour, depending on your water pressure. Operating them for even a few minutes each hour helps the plants in hot conditions. They are very easy to install, and are best automatically operated by a timer or thermostat.

October Meeting Showbench results

Class	Category	Prize
Judge's Choice	Best Overall	
Judge's Choice	Best in Open Division	
Judge's Choice	Best in First Division	
Judge's Choice	Best in Second Division	
Judge's Choice	Best Small Standard Seedling	
Judge's Choice	Best Miniature Seedling	
Judge's Choice	Best Specimen	
Open Division	Small Standard Other Colour	1st
Open Division	Intermediate Other Colour	1st
Open Division	Miniature Pink	1st
Open Division	Miniature Green	1st
Open Division	Miniature Brown	1st
Open Division	Miniature Brown	2nd
Open Division	Miniature Other Colour	1st
Open Division	Miniature Other Colour	2nd
First Division	Miniature Polychrome	1st
Second Division	Small Standard Pink	1st
Second Division	Small Standard Green	1st
Second Division	Intermediate Cream	1st
Second Division	Miniature Pink	1st
Second Division	Miniature Red	1st
Second Division	Miniature Yellow	1st
Second Division	Miniature Other Colour	1st
Second Division	Miniature Other Colour	2nd
Second Division	Miniature Other Colour	3rd

October Meeting Major Prize Winning plant descriptions

Best Overall and Best in Open Division Doo Wop 'Ringwood' Grown by Chee Ng This was an Intermediate size pink, with 2 bulbs, one lead and one cascading flower spike with 22 flowers of lovely shape. It had a strikingly beautiful lip, with wine red spotting markings. It was growing in a 150mm (6 inch) pot

Best in First Division Dry Devon Grown by George Misirlis

This is a mating of a very early standard (Dryad) and the late flowering species devonianum. The flowers were perky, star shaped blooms, showing colour characteristics from the Dryad (parishii x insigne). There were five pendulous flower spikes, with well arranged blooms on each stem. It was well gown in a 150mm pot.

Best in Second Division Radiant Ruby 'Aussie Gem' Grown by Peter Haltis Growing in a 200mm pot, with 3-4 back bulbs and 3-4 green bulbs and two flower spikes. The flowers were extremely dark red (almost black), with 27 flowers per spike. Potting mix was a combination of bark and perlite

Plant Name Exhibitor Doo Wop 'Ringwood' Chee Na Doo Wop 'Ringwood' Chee Ng George Misirlis Dry Devon Radiant Ruby 'Aussie Gem' Peter Haltis Wallacia x Foxfire Amber Chee Na Devon Shell x Memoria Amelia Farhart Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju Memoria Amelia Farhart 'Stasia' Wallacia x Foxfire Amber Chee Na Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju Memoria Amelia Earhart 'Stasia' Doo Wop 'Ringwood' Chee Na Peter & Marilyn Aigner-Muehler Canal Parish Black Forest x Devon Railway Chee Na

Devon Shell x Memoria Amelia Earhart 'Genesis 3' Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

Helmuth Gerber

Midnight Muffet x canaliculatum

Mad Irishman x Wallacia Chee Ng Dry Devon George Misirlis Regal Princess 'Caitlin' Laurie and Sue Carter Laurie and Sue Carter Icho Tower x Karen Koushu Current 'N.H.' Laurie and Sue Carter Maluka 'Pink Martini' Laurie and Sue Carter Radiant Ruby 'Aussie Gem' Peter Haltis Sarah Jean 'Yellow' Laurie and Sue Carter Fatal Beauty 'Australian Beauty' Laurie and Sue Carter Laurie and Sue Carter Koala 'Cutie' [(John John Fry x Jill) x Miss Muffet] Laurie and Sue Carter

The Annual General Meting of the Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia will take place on Wednesday 27th February 2020, starting at 8.00pm.

The February General Meeting will commence after the AGM is closed.

All elected positions, except for 3 committee positions elected for 2 years in February 2019, will be vacated at that time. Elections will occur to fill all other positions. Nominations for positions on committee for year 2020 should be given to the Secretary, prior to the commencement of the February meeting.

Please contact our President, Graham Fear if you have any questions, or if you wish to find out more about what is expected of committee members.



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Helpful hints for beginners. The topic discussed at the October Beginners Group meeting. Refer to photographs on pages 20 and 21

- 1. To get good results, a well located and built shadehouse will give best results. Under a tree or a pergola will often suffice but with a lot more problems than a good shadehouse.
- 2. Locate the shadehouse where it gets good sunlight for as many hours as possible. Trees and buildings often shade them in suburban areas. If unable to position it so it gets full sun all day, morning sun is considered more important than afternoon sunshine.
- Black 50% shadecloth is commonly used with good results. Pale coloured can let more light to plants, but more burning in extremely hot conditions often happens with pale colours. Consider having an extra piece of shadecloth to cover the roof in extreme heat conditions.
- 4. The shadehouse frame can be anything which holds the shadecloth in position. Steel water pipe or lightweight tubing connected with Downee fittings is an easy way to make a frame. Some growers make a frame with permapine logs. Try to make it that animals cannot enter the shadehouse. Blackbirds are often a particular problem. A wide door is helpful when moving large plants (in flower)
- 5. A good supplier of shadecloth is J A Grigson Trading, at Lonsdale. They have 3.66 metre rolls, 50 metres long for a little over \$300, which is much cheaper than buying smaller quantities elsewhere. Consider sharing a roll with another grower.
- It is easy to clip shadecloth to wires over the shadehouse frame, using netting clips made by Whites. Most hardware stores have the Netting Clips and a special plier, priced quite cheaply
- 7. Many growers have their plants on stands. There are literally dozens of materials which can be used successfully. Be aware that in strong winds, plants on stands may blow over. Some growers firmly attach empty pots to the stand, and place flowering plants in their pots, inside the empty pot. It is acceptable to sit plants on the floor of the shadehouse.
- 8. The floor of any shadehouse is best covered with a material which holds water, then adds moisture to the air (humidity) after watering is finished. Many growers place weedmat or plastic sheeting on the floor, then cover it with 3 to 5 centimetres of gravel or sawdust. Plastic on the floor can be a problem if the shadehouse floor doesn't slope, and water pools on the floor. Weedmat lets water through it. Sawdust needs to be replaced after a year or two, so small size gravel is most often used. Babies tears groundcover grows well under benches and can help improve the humidity, and help prevent weeds germinating
- 9. An efficient automatic watering system is a huge advantage to help get success. Well placed sprinklers which provide even watering over the whole floor area are necessary, but often hard to achieve. Space the sprinklers so that there is considerable overlap of the individual sprinkler coverage. Two or three separate sprinkler systems, one perhaps attached to the roof structure, can achieve good coverage and helps avoid dry spots. A relatively new sprinkler head, called a wobbler (or other trade names), are very efficient and gives relatively even water coverage.
- 10. The controller for the watering system could be a simple tap timer, or a good control system, controlling several solenoid valves (electrically controlled valves). Tap timers can be attached to a tap, and programmed to turn on and off automatically. They can be purchased from about thirty dollars. A really good automatic system controlling six to ten solenoid valves can be set up for the price of a handful of good plants. Solenoid valves can be purchased for about \$30 each, and a 6 station controller can be purchased from about \$70. A well set up and programmed watering system is a great asset and saves one from messing about when weather conditions change. With an automatic system, plants can be reliably watered at the best times for your plants, and when you are not there to turn taps on (holidays, during the night etc)

- 10. To supply the water to a shadehouse, it is best to connect to an existing water pipe, and feed the solenoid valves with piping which will not restrict the water flow and cause pressure drop, which makes many sprinklers perform poorly. Plastic water pipe branded Blueline, is extremely easy to install. It can be easily cut to length and Blueline connectors (elbows, tees and taps) are readily and cheaply available at most good hardware stores and plumbing supplies. They are easy to screw together, and if installed correctly, rarely leak. It is easy to connect more pipes if the need arises.
- 11. A selection of small hand sprayers, with insecticides and herbicides (weedkillers) located within easy reach is a great way to control pests and weeds.
- 12. A convenient tap or two placed within the shadehouse makes hand watering easy, and eliminates having to drag long hoses through the plants (usually knocking them down)
- 13. Purchase an EC meter (EC stands for Electrical Conductivity), to test the strength of the fertilizer you are applying to your plants. They can be purchased on eBay for less than \$50. Many fertilizers applied at the manufacturer's recommendations are too strong, and not good for your plants. With an EC meter you can check the strength of the fertilizer you are applying to your plants. Aim to apply fertilizer no more concentrated than 1000 parts per million (ppm). Adelaide water has a lot of salts in it. It regularly reads 400 to 700 ppm (depends on the time of year), so only an extra 300 to 600 ppm of good fertilizer can be added before the 1000 ppm limit is reached.
- 14. Apply snail bait **year round**. Don't let snail populations build up before early winter, before applying bait. Also be on the lookout for rats and mice. They can eat developing flower spikes, flowers, and even the green bulbs. It is wise to have rodent baits available at all times. Rats and mice are present at most times, in most gardens (they come from your neighbour's property, not yours). There are some new generation rodenticides available, which are more effective than older types. These are also much less likely to harm animals, unless they eat very large quantities of the bait.
- 15. Consider growing some seedlings. The good ones will be the future champions when they mature. Choose them wisely. Some will be sub standard. Get lucky and get some good ones, and you could win a major prize at a show.
- 16. Plan an area away from wind, rain and pests, to house plants when flower spikes are nearing opening. Flowering plants in the open environment are often damaged, and flowers can easily develop ugly markings and spots. A protected area for your flowering plants is necessary if you are to be successful on the showbench.

These notes are just a few hints to assist newcomers to our hobby. There will be many points which you may not fully understand or appreciate. Please feel free to call me, or talk to other experienced growers for more information. We will discuss these hints, and more, at future beginner's group meetings. Hopefully many more experienced growers will get some ideas to follow up on if they read this article. Graham Morris 0419 823 724

Congratulation to the following Second Division members who have been promoted to First Division after a wonderful year of showing their plants

Sue & Laurie Carter, Adrian Bockman, Roger Long, Peter Haltis, Graham Fear,







Best Specimen Mem Amelia Earhart 'Stasia' Grown by M Willoughby & Oui Ju



Open Division

Best Miniature Brown

Black Forest x Devon Railway

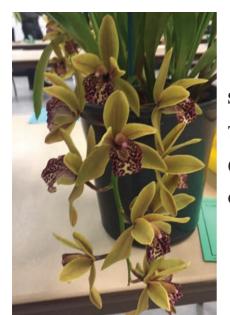
Grown by Chee Ng



Open Division First Miniature Other Colour Mad Irishman x Wallacia Grown by Chee Ng



Second Division
First Miniature Other Colour
Fatal Beauty 'Australian Beauty'
Grown by Laurie & Sue Carter



Second Division

Third Miniature Other Colour

(John John Fry x Jill) x Miss Muffett

Grown by Laurie & Sue Carter





Second Division
First—Small Standard Green
Icho Tower x Karen
Grown by Laurie & Sue Carter



Second Division

First Miniature Yellow

Sarah Jean 'Yellow'

Grown by Laurie & Sue Carter

Interstate Cymbidium Clubs

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For details of other South Australian Orchid Clubs, refer to our Web Site cymorchidssa.com.au

Our "Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia" Facebook site is receiving well over 1000 views per posting, from growers all around the world. Plants shown at our meetings are posted, and we try to add some interesting articles, which often cannot be published in this magazine. Try to look in on us and support the site (please).

Refer also to our Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Website cymorchidssa.com.au

Bags of TriSodium Phosphate are now available from the trading table (for sterilizing cutting tools etc). One Kilogram bag \$10, 500 grams \$5.00. Larger bags are available on request. Note, these prices are much cheaper than you can get privately.

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.The next Meeting of the

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will be held on

Wednesday 27th November 2019 at the

Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tusmore, SA

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, February to November

Program - November 2019 Meeting

members.

- 6.30pm Hall is open. Helpers required to assist setting up seating for the dinner Sorry, No Beginner's Group this month due to Christmas Dinner. Suggest that Beginners share one or two tables for dinner.
- 7.00pm Please be seated for Christmas Dinner
- 8.30pm November meeting commences. Scott Barrie from Baritta Orin Sydney, will address the meeting. He is sure to show us some fabulous photos of plants he has bred, and is growing in his huge commercial nusery.
- 9.15pm Judges will comment on the plants bought in for judging.
- 9.30pm A special Christmas friend is likely to make an appearance9.45pm Meeting closes and a light supper will be served. Chat with fellow
- The next meeting is on Wednesday 27th February 2020.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the beginning of the meeting, and the February General Meeting will follow on. Judging for the flower of the year will be conducted at that meeting.

Refer pages 9 and 10 for notes about these pictures





Downee fittings for connecting frame components





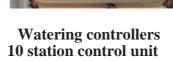


Netting clips LHS clips

Middle Plier for fixing clips

Shadecloth Stitched with clips







tap timers

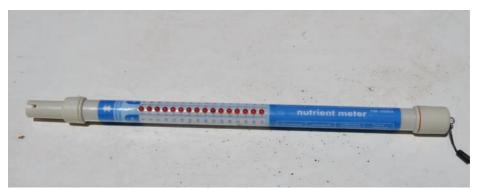
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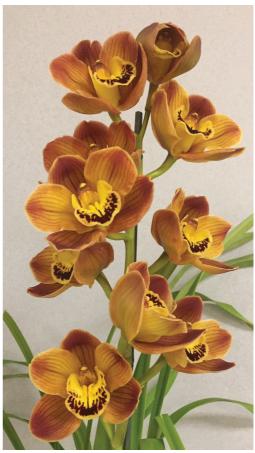
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