

# CYMBIDIUM NEWS

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Flower of  
the night

also

Best in  
Second Division

**Cricket  
'Invincibles'**

Grown by

Graham Fear



**Freeling 'Green Ice'**

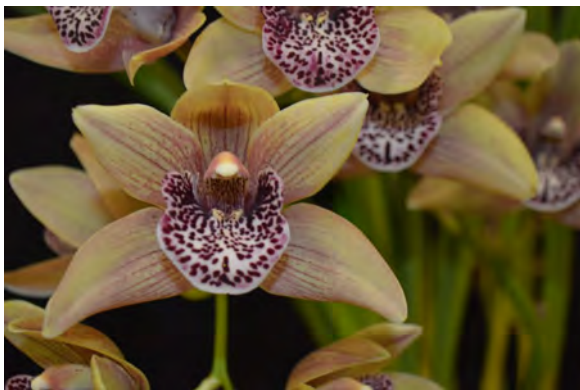


**Miss Muffett ‘Cutie’**

Sorry, we are not able to give **details** of the prize winners this month. Unfortunately there were not large numbers of flowers displayed at the October meeting. Hope you enjoy the photos here in this magazine



**Bulbarrow  
‘Robin Hood’**



# Cymbidium News, Volume 18 No. 10 November 2016

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Graham Morris, Dean Roesler #, Jeanne Hall #, Wayne Baylis,

Ben Knobben Brian & Shirley Brand, # indicates Deceased

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We are now on Facebook. Lots of up to date information and photos. Over 1000 views on many postings. Follow this link <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cymbidium-Orchid-Club-of-South-Australia/149369758460045?hc>

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## Presidents Message November 2016

Welcome to our November magazine. Where has the year gone? Here we are in the third week of November with only 5 weeks before Christmas, and it only seems like yesterday that I had the press gang at my door and on the phone, to take on the President's role. I guess time flies when you having fun ????????

Well we seem to have got through the year without any major hiccups, mainly because of the support you, the members have given me and the committee, without whose help I could not have done it.

I must thank these people who have worked hard for you, the members this year, and made my job easier.

Barry Bailey for being Barry, if you all knew the time he puts in to help the club.

Graham Morris our editor, photographer and all round helper with everything.

Ben Knobben for his work at the shows and meetings with judging.

Our two show marshals Wayne Baylis and Peter Aigner-Muehler who did great jobs with this year's shows

A special mention to Michael Willoughby who never gets to attend a meeting as he is on the computer, out the back most of the time, and his work at the shows, the Brands and Heddles for their work, and anybody else who helped out on the trading tables, also those of you that donated or stored plants, helped with super, and anybody else who helped during the year, **thank you very much from all of us.**

We only make this work because of the people mentioned above and other proactive members. When we ask for help next year and we will need some, so if you want to help yourselves, and your fellow members, become a proactive member, and not just roll up once a month. It does not hurt to be part of the action and just maybe you will enjoy it, I know I have, so let's together help to make the club even stronger in 2017.

The October meeting was a great night, a bit rushed with trying to squeeze two meeting into one, so well done for all your patience with some very interesting photos from the Melbourne show, and Russell Lynch's presentation was very interesting, especially to those of you that like canalicutums, and plenty of action on his, and the Hockey's sale's tables

Our guest speaker for November will be Kevin Butler from Ezi-Gro Orchids, Western Australia. You will get an insight into Kevin's growing

and hybridizing secrets, how they do it in WA and the success he is having with his plants. He had a great display of very interesting plants at the Melbourne Show in September, which had to be seen in the flesh to be fully appreciated.

It will also be our Christmas meeting with a great spread of finger food for supper with some fun and games, some surprise's and more than likely, a visit by that red suited grey bearded gentleman who says Ho, Ho, Ho. It should be a fun night for all and our last meeting for the year, so make sure you all come along.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families.

I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Kind Regards

Graham Fear (President)

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### **Very Important**

The November meeting is the last meeting for year 2016. The February meeting is the Annual General Meeting, and we need a strong and hard working Committee for next year. There are some sitting members who will not continue next year.

**Good news** after our call last month, for a Web Master for our Internet Web site ([cymorchidssa.com.au](http://cymorchidssa.com.au)). We have a relatively new member Sue Hollands, who is experienced in managing Web sites, who will manage our existing site soon. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote our club, so please make Sue and her hubby very welcome, and please try to assist her.

**Please consider nominating for Committee next year. It is not particularly demanding, and members have the opportunity to learn a huge amount about the bigger cymbidium world, just by being more involved in the running of the club.**

Please talk to our President, if you feel you can assist.

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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.

# **NOTICE**

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| • <i>Seamungus</i>                              | 20 Kg bag | \$22         |
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(Best time to call is early evening on home number)

One of our previous guest speakers Alan Merriman produces a monthly newsletter which offers lots of good advice about many issues, particularly pest and disease control. He has given approval to reproduce parts of his newsletter, so long as I acknowledge where it comes from.

The following advice is part of the newsletter received on the 9th of November

Your repotting should be well under control not like mine. My stint in hospital certainly put me behind this year! Try and do your repotting on cool days, not 30 degrees plus. After your days repotting, give plants a good soak and a spray with AUXINONE® then spray the plants with ENVY® to keep respiration levels down to stop bulb shrinking! If you put some MERRI COTE in with your compost you will not need to use a liquid fertiliser for some time. In the old days growers would feed their freshly repotted plants with a brew made up with Potassium nitrate. This is to build up the potash levels to allow the plant to combat summer heat.

During summer an application of magnesium sulphate monthly to help combat heat + spiking etc. Remember to mist your plants in the cool of the evening, not in the heat of the day!

If you top dress with OSMOCOTE®, NITROPHOSKA® or MERRI COTE remove all weeds old husks and old racemes. This is the time to check for scale, two spotted mites and fungus spotting and of course the dreaded lurgie – virus! Now you can think of repotting your Cattleya alliance plants. New roots have just started to move. Be careful not to injure those new roots. It is a good idea to dampen all of the roots before dividing etc. Wet roots are easier to repot than dry hard roots. After repotting water plants well and drench with AUXINONE®. Watch your shading after repotting. After the winter season, fertilise with a good organic fertiliser such as a fish or seaweed brew. Now is a good time to spray with MANCOZEB mixed with ECO OIL ®. You may have to water every five or six days depending on the weather and of course depending on where you live!

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A little more from another previous guest speaker Kevin Handreck, who is a world acknowledged expert on potting mixes. He worked for a long time at the CSIRO, and has written many reference books relating to potting mixes and plant nutrition (very worthwhile reading). He advised us when he spoke at the club some years back, that the addition of small marble chips into the mix, can help stabilize the PH of the mix as it ages. As most potting mixes age, the organic components break down, and the mix turns acidic. The marble chips dissolve and stabilize the mix. Incredibly, after a few years, the chips disappear. The small (5mm size) chips are best, but are not as readily available as the larger chips. Garden Grove do stock them, if you can't find them elsewhere. Add about 10% of them to your mix. It will also add some weight to make pots less likely to blowing over .





These four pages show  
flowers seen at  
Royale Orchids  
in early August

Bright and unusual  
coloured flowers  
were numerous

Left  
Linda Italiano 'Pink'



Left  
Trinity Gold  
x  
Viva Las Vegas



Left  
Tathra 'Dark Beauty'



**Vidar  
'Harlequin'**



**Giants Causway  
'Orange Crush'**



**Cape Mahogany  
'Springtime'**



Mind Games  
x  
Marie Bashir



Gloria Streeter  
x  
(Gloria Streeter  
x Karen)



Viva Las Vegas





**Donovan  
x  
Giants Causeway**



**Blushing  
x  
Elle Ronnis**



**Insigne**

**.The next Meeting of the  
Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.  
will be held on**

**Wednesday 26th November 2016  
at the**

**Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore, SA**

**Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month,  
February to November**

**Program - November 2016 Meeting**

**7.00 pm Auditorium opens**

**7.15 pm Beginners Class (All welcome)**

**8.00 pm Meeting commences.**

**8.15pm Kevin Butler, the proprietor of Ezi-Gro Orchids in Western Australia will talk about how he grows his plants and about his highly successful hybridizing program. Kevin is world famous for his breeding of pelorics and very pendulous miniature and intermediate cymbidiums. He travels the world extensively, and is eminently positioned to comment on our status in world breeding. This is a meeting which should not be missed.**

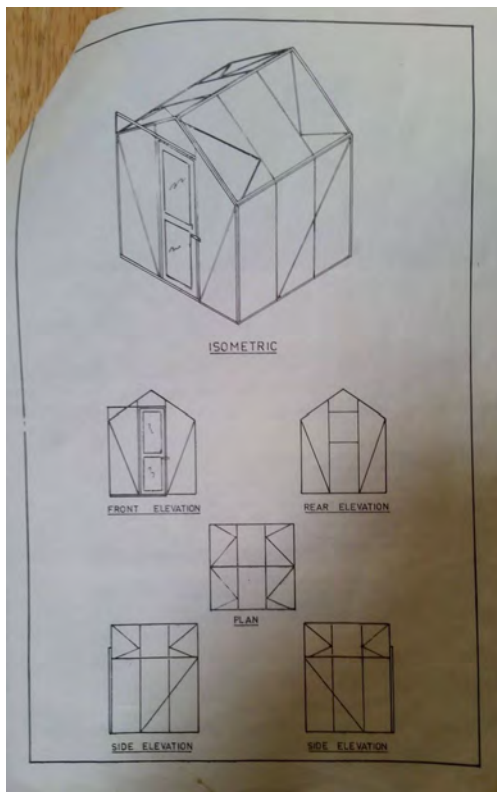
**9.30 pm Meeting closes. A special Christmas light supper will be provided, and we expect a very special visitor to appear. A number of fun things are planned. Join in!!!**

**Future meetings for 2016**

	<b>Supper Roster</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Barry Bailey and helpers</b>	<b>Kevin Butler</b>

**November is also our special Christmas meeting. Lots of surprises**

Small glasshouse in good condition Located Eastern Suburbs  
 (Previously owned by the late Alan Sim)  
 Free, but must be disassembled and transported by the interested party.  
 Contact Sandy Bockman on 0403172997



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 Something to try for those who grow plants from flask. When we visited Terry Poulton in Melbourne, he showed us how he deflasks his plants. It is worth noting that he is a very good grower and flowers his plants from flask very quickly, so his method is worth considering.

He uses small seedling trays, with multiple cells, and lays the bare rooted small plants in the bottom of the cell. He then covers the roots with Scotts Osmacote (plus trace elements) **Seed Raising & Cutting Mix**.

He is very successful using this method. I have recently tried it and my plants are growing very well, & I think better than using previous methods.

As the plants are in individual cells, they should not be set back when they are potted on, as are plants grown on from community pots.

The Seed Raising & Cutting Mix is available from Bunnings (and others).

I shall bring my first plants growing using this method, to the November meeting.



Single Flower Competition

At each meeting this year, we will be promoting a single flower competition. We love you to bring your whole plant in flower to exhibit, but there are many reasons why this may not be possible. If this is the case, take this opportunity to show off your single flowers. Please ensure the plant name is on a card, and if possible add a short description of the plant. For example indicate how many flowers per spike, plant size and how many flower spikes, or any other points of interest. Flowers exhibited should be collected after the meeting by the exhibitor. If not possible, please arrange an alternative arrangement with the judges when presenting your flowers for judging. Flowers not collected will be destroyed.

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Interstate Cymbidium Clubs

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For details of other South Australian Orchid Clubs, refer to our Web Site [cymorchidssa.com.au](http://cymorchidssa.com.au)

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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).

Stop Press We recently received well over 5000 views in 24 hours for the posting of Spotted Madam ‘Brydie’ We regularly get over 1000 views in the first 24 hours, sometimes 2000+ views, but never before well over 5000

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### **The Annual General Meeting of the**

### **Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia**

**will be held on Wednesday 22nd February**

**In the Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore, S.A.**

**Starting at 8.00pm**

Nominations for positions are to be in the hands of the Secretary  
prior to the commencement of that meeting.

At the completion of the AGM, the February General Meeting will commence  
Amongst other things, the flower of the year will be judged by the members at  
the February meeting

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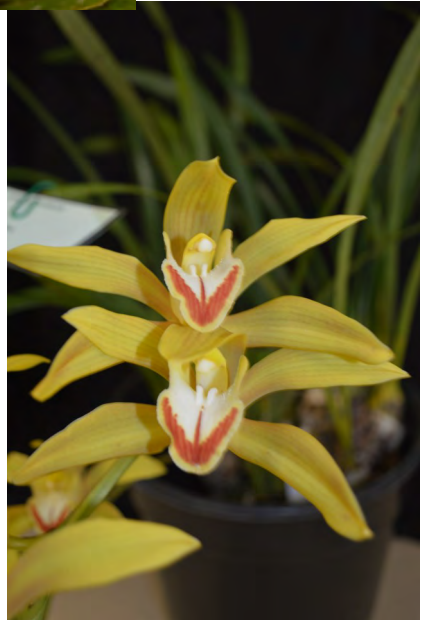


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page are  
Species Cymbidiums

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At right lowianum 'Pitts'

Below insigne







Best in Open Division

**Memoria Amelia Earhart 'Issa'**

Grown by Graham Morris



**Prized 'Visit'**



**Mary Green 'Georgina'**