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Winter Show 2018

**Grand Champion
Champion Seedling
Champion Large Standard
Champion of Open Division**

**Dural Dream x Pepper Blaze
HCC COCSA July 2018**

Grown by John Moon





Winter Show
Above First Division Champion
& Champion Miniature
Thumbs up 'Tamera'
Grown by Shane Moeller

Below Second Division Champion
Julie Hawkes
Grown by Graham Fear



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Graham Fear

President's Report

Welcome to our July issue,

Our winter show at Munno Para has come and gone and congratulations to **John Moon** for his **Grand Champion Dural Dream x Pepper Blaze** (a first flowering seedling). It was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate by the Judges. Congratulations John. Many thanks to all our helpers on the Saturday, the judges, scribes, also Michael Willoughby for his continuing support in inputting and printing the prize cards. Special thanks go to all the people who manned the trading table and helped put up the displays. Without your help we could not run it.

A big thanks to Peter Aigner-Muehler for his tireless work

over the months before the show, with his liaising with the management at Munno Para, arranging and planning the displays and just doing a great job as the Show Marshall, plus the many hours he has put in manning the trading table in the evenings and mornings.

Many thanks go to all of you who brought plants to be judged, displayed and for the trading table. It is a hard time of the year to get plants to open. I found myself with only two plants for judging and three for the trading table.

With the spring show at West Lakes on the 25th August, we now need to start planning for it, as it is coming up very quickly. Only 5 weeks before we do it all over again. As with Munno Para we will be looking for members to man the trading table and for security of the displays. Unlike Munno Para, we will have the usual eight or nine displays around the centre, so again we need your help.

Wayne Bayliss has been able to negotiate our trading table moving 50 metres down into the centre court, which opens us up to four passage ways, and an entrance, so we should get better exposure than last year, and a bigger area for our tables and plants for sale.

The same rules will apply for the Spring show as the Winter show, so if you want to sell plants on the trading table, please find some time to help and your sales percentage will be lower than the non-helpers. This excludes country members, but working members still have a chance to help on the Sunday, any night from 6.00pm until 9.00pm, or the last Saturday.

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We will pass the roster sheet around at the next two meeting so please do your bit, as West Lakes is going to be easier for most of us to get to man the trading table.

The club's thirtieth birthday celebrations at the June meeting went well, and congratulations to Malcom Osborn for a great presentation on the history of the club. It was good to see some old faces at the meeting.

Well done to Barry Bailey for arranging the two cakes. They were great even though some was left over. There were some rumbles about how much food was present, but the whole idea was to eat the birthday cake and not other things. I guess we can't please everybody.

Angus Irwin our Patron, the CEO from Neutrog, will be our guest speaker for the July meeting, Angus is a great speaker so we will all look forward to his presentation on the 25th. Don't miss it.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 25th July, many thanks to Barry for taking over in April and Wayne in May, while I was on holiday.

Kind Regards

Graham Fear, President

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS versus HAND WATERING **by Brian Milligan**

All commercial growers and many large-scale hobby growers use automatic sprinklers to water their orchids and many smaller growers therefore believe that they should do the same as soon as they can afford the cost. But there are pros and cons to both systems, which you should consider before you install an automated watering system.

The obvious advantage of a fully automated sprinkler system is that you can program the computer and theoretically take off for a round-Australia holiday. Unfortunately, it's not quite as simple as that. The optimal frequency of watering is highly dependent on the weather, even when the plants are grown under cover. They become dry very rapidly under warm, windy conditions and may need watering two or three times as frequently under such conditions as they will if the weather is cold and windless. Maybe this isn't so important during the summer months but orchids greatly resent being continually wet during cold, wintry weather, so an automated system with a simple timer is not ideal, especially in winter.

Another disadvantage of sprinkler systems is the difficulty of ensuring even water distribution over all the plants. It's possible to achieve this by judicious placement of the sprinklers but much water is still lost on paths and beyond the boundaries of the growing area. Even then, complete coverage may not be achieved if a strong wind blows from a particular direction.

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June meeting Showbench Results

Division	Class	Prize
Judge's Choice	Best Overall	
Judge's Choice	Best in Open Division	
Judge's Choice	Best in Second Division	
Judge's Choice	Best Large Standard Seedling	
Judge's Choice	Best Small Standard Seedling	
Judge's Choice	Best Specimen	
Open Division	Large Standard Cream	1st
Open Division	Large Standard Pink	1st
Open Division	Large Standard Yellow	1st
Open Division	Large Standard Brown	1st
Open Division	Small Standard Yellow	1st
Open Division	Small Standard Yellow	2nd
Open Division	Intermediate White	1st
Open Division	Intermediate Pure Colour	1st
Open Division	Intermediate Pure Colour	2nd
Open Division	Intermediate Polychrome	1st
Open Division	Intermediate Novelty	1st
Open Division	Miniature Pink	1st
Open Division	Miniature Red	1st
Open Division	Miniature Novelty	1st
Second Division	Large Standard Pink	1st
Second Division	Small Standard Green	1st
Second Division	Small Standard Other Colour	1st

Showbench results June meeting 2018

Best in Open Division, also best seedling Dural Dream x Pepper Blaze, Grown by John Moon.

Growing in a 200mm pot, it was a healthy and vigorous plant with three mature green bulbs, two strong leads, and one robust, upright inflorescence, displaying thirteen open flowers, and one bud. Individual flowers had excellent substance and vigour, and were fairly evenly arranged around the stem, looking at it from all angles. It's elegant pink colour is beautifully contrasted by a nice rounded lip that bares strong red spots, arranged in linear formation. The plant displays flowers well filled in and rounded in shape, and is definitely worth including in one's collection

Plant Name	Exhibitor
(Dural Dream x Pepper Blaze)	John Moon
(Dural Dream x Pepper Blaze)	John Moon
(Khan Flame x Prized)	Adrian Bockmann
(Dural Dream x Pepper Blaze)	John Moon
(Amber Wall x Gwen Thomas)	Shane Moeller
Pharaoh's Dream 'Dural'	Chee Ng
(Joan's Charisma x Peter Dawson)	Chee Ng
(Dural Dream x Pepper Blaze)	John Moon
[(Ambersand x Foxfire Amber) x Dulcet]	Shane Moeller
Prized 'Symbol' x Prized 'Visit'	Chee Ng
(Amber Wall x Gwen Thomas)	Shane Moeller
Jeanne Hall	Graham Morris
Sakura Mousse	Barry Bailey
Pharaoh's Dream 'Dural'	Chee Ng
My Generation '105'	Shane Moeller
(Dural Dream x Pepper Blaze)	Shane Moeller
[(Teddy Roosevelt x Beaconfire) x Champagne Robin]	Chee Ng
Sundaani Fire 'Lollypop'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Gypsy Rose 'Princes'	Ben Knobben
Peggy Sue 'Barrita Flare'	Chee Ng
(Khan Flame x Prized)	Adrian Bockmann
Summer Ice	Peter Haltis
Doris	Peter Haltis

No First Division plants were displayed

Best in Second Division was a seedling of Khan Flame ‘Can Sav’ x Prized ‘Apricot Delight’, grown by Adrian Bockman

This plant had three green bulbs, and one flower spike with eleven fully open flowers. It had deep pink petals and sepals with a dark red banded labellum. Pinkish edging laced the labellum. The flowers were set off by white pollen caps, contrasting against the deep pink background. It was growing in a 200mm pot, in a fine bark and perlite mix.



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There is information about it on the Net. It is certainly worth checking.

It is quite expensive, and available in 5 litre bottles (minimum)

Adrian Bockman has purchased a bottle. Chat to him. He might just let you have smaller quantities.





June meeting

**Best overall,
Best in Open Division,
Best Large Standard Seedling**

Dural Dream x Pepper Blaze

Grown by John Moon

**Note This plant went on to be
Grand Champion of the Winter Show**





**At left
June Meeting
Best in Second Division
Khan Flame x Prized
Grown by Adrian Bockman**

**Below
June meeting
Best Specimen
Pharaoh's Dream 'Dural'
Grown by Chee Ng**





June meeting

1st Large Standard Brown

Prized 'Symbol' x Prized 'Visit'

Grown by Chee Ng

June meeting

1st Small Standard yellow

Amber Wall x Gwen Thomas

Grown by Shane Moeller





June meeting

1st Intermediate Novelty

**(Teddy Roosevelt x Beaconfire)
x Champagne 'Robin'**

Grown by Chee Ng

June meeting
Valley Olympic
'Feathered Rose'



CYMBIDIUMS AND FROST by Julian Coker

Cymbidiums will generally tolerate extreme conditions with little apparent detrimental effect. However there are a few climatic extremes that cause serious damage, both immediately and in the long term. Frost is one of them. Exposure of cymbidiums to cold produces a range of effects. The first signs of damage are spotting of the flowers and 'burning' of the labellum, both along its sides and at its extremity. The sepals and petals are often affected with purple or brown spots, while lip burn generally results in brown, dead tissue (necrosis).

The pattern of frosts varies from district to district, with higher latitudes, higher altitudes and areas away from large bodies of water being most susceptible. Frosts occur on clear, still nights when the heat from the earth's surface can easily escape and in the Melbourne area are most likely to occur in June or July and again in September. It is rare but serious if there are more than two frosts in a row, as the second one is generally more severe than the first. This pattern can be markedly extended in areas subject to a continental climate, especially where other factors such as latitude or altitude are involved. It is important to know your area and the possibility of the occasional temperature extremes, as once the damage has occurred it cannot be reversed.

Frost damage is dependent on many factors, amongst them being:

- Minimum Temperature

- Duration of exposure to frosting or freezing

- The amount of moisture within, on and around the plant

- The specific clone

Minimum temperature

As the external temperature falls, there is a linear cooling to 0°C whereupon frosting develops on the surface of the plant. As the temperature continues to fall, freezing of the plant tissues commences, generally at about minus 2-3°C and this is where serious damage begins. The reason why it requires this negative temperature is because sap (being water plus dissolved substances) has a lower freezing point than water itself. In addition, a considerable amount of heat is required to be lost by the plant to merely change from 0°C as water to 0°C as ice (latent heat of fusion) and this requires extreme cold of moderate duration. Frosting may damage or destroy flowers but its effects on other plant parts are generally reversible. Freezing invariably destroys the flowers and permanently marks the leaves; in extreme cases it may kill the plant.

Duration of exposure to frosting or freezing

Frosting for brief periods is less likely to cause lasting damage than for longer periods. Mild frosts usually develop just as the sun rises, last for an hour or so and then pass as the temperature continues to rise. This generally results in minimal or no damage. When the frost develops early in the night or when it is followed by a cloudy period (rather than the usual sunny day), prolonged exposure to cold will result. In this situation, as with extremely low temperature, damage can be severe.

The amount of moisture within, on and around the plant

Plants that are relatively dry are generally believed to tolerate lower temperatures than more hydrated ones and certainly it is better to have dry plants than wet ones as the temperature falls. This may be explained by the fact that sap expands as it approaches freezing, and therefore a dry plant will have better tolerance to freezing than a fully hydrated one. Water on surfaces will rapidly freeze as the temperature falls below 0°C. Wet surroundings will to some extent act as a buffer to negative temperatures.

The specific clone

Some clones are more susceptible to frost damage than others, as is readily apparent in larger collections where numbers of different clones are grown. This is obviously genetically determined and applies only over a small temperature range. Sepal spotting and lip burn are both clone- and grex-specific. For example, *Cymbidium* Mallana 'Lily May' is very susceptible to cold spotting, while its sibling, *C. Mallana* 'White Beauty', is resistant. White albino cymbidiums are especially susceptible to brown marks along the length of the labellum, while the progeny of *C. Cariga* 'Canary' and others have a tendency to 'burn' on the tip of the labellum.

Frost

Frost protection

Shade cloth does not offer any effective protection against frost but an enclosed plastic or glasshouse provides 2-3°C protection. At lower temperatures orchid houses will require added heat. You should study the heat source most appropriate to your situation and consider factors such as insulation, gas fumes and cost versus the minimum expected temperature in your district.

Cymbidium plants and their flowers are reasonably tolerant of temperature variations. However, one error and a whole year's effort can be lost. Be aware of the impact of frost, know your area and take suitable precautions to protect your plants in the event of the occasional heavy frost.

Sprinklers Continued from page 5

Hand watering, for preference using a water-breaker spray head (e.g. a Damm head), permits each plant to be watered individually and for the water to be directed both over and beneath the leaves, thus ensuring that the compost is thoroughly wet and both the upper and lower surfaces of the leaves are wet (thus, minimising the likelihood of infestation by spider mite, commonly referred to as red spider, which prefer the drier conditions beneath the leaves). Sprinkler systems are seldom effective with large-leafed orchids like *lycastes* or *anguloas*, because their leaves very effectively shed most of the water beyond the confines of the pot. Hand-watering is also advantageous at flowering time, because it permits the orchid to be watered without wetting the flowers. Many *cymbidium* flowers develop unsightly fungal spots if their flowers remain wet for any length of time and so it is best not to water them overhead, especially on still days when the water may take hours to evaporate.

From the above arguments you can see that I strongly favour hand watering. Yes, it takes quite a time to do but at the same time you can also note those orchid spikes that need staking and detect any insect pests or diseases – just remember to take action when you have finished watering. I have an automated sprinkler system, but use it solely beneath the benches in my glasshouse and *masdevallia* shade house to maintain a continual high level of humidity.

So why do professional growers use automated sprinkler systems? Solely because it would be hopelessly uneconomic to water all their orchids by hand. Large nurseries take most of the night to water, section by section; they usually water at night, especially in summer, because less water is lost by evaporation then and the mains water pressure is higher at that time.

The big advantage of an automated sprinkler system for the hobbyist comes into play if he or she takes frequent or extended holidays. Fortunately I have several good orchid-growing friends who water my orchids when I go on holidays, a strategy that works well if you are able to reciprocate when they are away. If you ask someone to water your orchids when you go away, try to persuade an orchid grower to do the job. Others with little experience of orchids tend to over-water or else do it each weekend regardless of the weather.

**The next Meeting of the
Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.**

will be held on

**Wednesday 25th July 2018
at the**

Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore, SA

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

Program - July 2018 Meeting

- 7.00pm** Hall is open. Helpers required to assist setting up seating
Beginner's Group meet on the stage. New members are most welcome.
- 7.15** Beginner's Group meet on stage at front of hall
- 8.00pm** Meeting opens.
General business, General discussion and any questions
- 8.10pm** Angus Irwin, the CEO of Neutrog Fertilizers, will present what
fertilizers are available, and how best to use and apply them.
Angus is a very accomplished and entertaining speaker, and is
sure to have some great tips for nurturing our plants. Angus is
the Patron of our club, and has been a great supporter for
many years. This is a meeting which should not be missed.
- 9.15pm** Judges discuss flowers displayed. No single flower competition
- 9.30pm** Meeting closes
Please remain for light supper and friendly discussions

The next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd August 2018.

Supper Roster 2018

July	Julie & Stacy Bagwell
August	Julie & Stacy Bagwell
September	Julie & Stacy Bagwell
October	Geoff & Lucy Spear
November	Geoff & Lucy Spear

**Please start preparing your flowers for the Spring Show, at West Lakes
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How do you know when you run out of invisible ink?

A termite walked into a bar and asked “is the bar tender here?”

How did the blonde get hurt raking leaves? She fell out of the tree

Why did the blonde return her new scarf? It was too tight

What is a blond’s favourite nursery rhyme? Humpme, dumpme

What do brunettes miss most about great parties? The invitation

What did the frustrated brunette say to her disinterested lover? What part of yes don’t you understand?

If something goes without saying, LET IT

Be nice to your kids. They’ll choose your nursing home.

There will be no Single Flower Competition this month

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Secretary Helen Stretch Ph 08 9362 4120 email hstretch2007@bigpond.com

Website cymbidiumorchidclubwa.com.au Meetings third Monday Feb. to Nov.

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

Just a few more

He who laughs last, thinks slowest

Three kinds of people. Those who can count, and those who can't.

I killed a six pack, just to watch it die

A man inserted an advertisement in the classified “Wife wanted” 19

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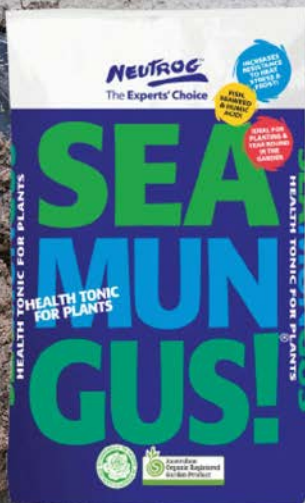
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**Winter Show Above
Champion Small Standard
Prized x Mad Rush Grown by John Moon**



**Below
Best in Show Specimen
Pharaoh's Dream 'Dural'
Grown by Chee Ng**





Our two big displays at Munno Para

