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October 2018 Meeting

Best Overall

Best in Open Division

Best Miniature Seedling

Open Division 1st. Miniature

Other Colour

Devon Shell x

Memoria Amelia Earhart

Grown by

Michael Willoughby

and Oui Ju





October Meeting

**Best in Second Division
1st, Second Division Miniature Green**

Sarah Jean Vapour

Grown by Laurie and Sue Carter



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Ben Knobben Brian & Shirley Brand,

indicates Deceased

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Graham Fear

Welcome to our November issue,

Well the last meeting of the year is upon us, and as we reflect on the year that was, I would like to thank everybody who has helped during the year for a job well done.

Ben and the Judges for making our shows work, Michael Willoughby for his tireless work on the computer, the Bagwell's and anybody else for all their help in the kitchen, and the raffle ticket sellers, all those that helped on the trading table this year with a special mention to the Heddles and Brands.

Both Show Marshalls for all the work they do for our shows, and Sue Holland for the work she has done on the website and club manuals, the committee that keeps the club going and Christine, who as the treasurer keeps the club on the straight and narrow.

Now to the not so good things. The guest speakers have been few and far between this year. This has to change next year. The percentage of members that just come along and have not helped during the year is very disappointing, and if the club is to grow and be stronger in the future, you need to help in some way.

This point is most pertinent as we already have two committee members who will not stand again next year, and the Show Marshall for Munno Para is not going to continue. So, we need two new committee members. It is not a hard job, just one meeting a month for 10 months, so don't say you can't come forward and help the club and yourself.

The most important thing will be a new Show Marshall for Munno Para, because without somebody taking on the position I fear for the future of this show. We have had trouble over the last few years with finding enough plants, but it is most important that we have somebody to coordinate with the shopping centre management.

Please think about it, as it is not that hard, and if you live in the northern suburbs. We need your help or it could be a large revenue loss to the club and bring us to only one show a year. Sorry to sound so negative but this is the reality of clubs in this day and age, that if we don't get help and the numbers keep dropping, it won't be that many years down the track, that I fear for our future.

The November meeting will be our normal Christmas cheer meeting, with a finger food supper and Father Christmas, and plenty of special prizes. We will also have two wonderful presentations from Graham on a huge Chinese nursery, also the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, and a couple of other interesting surprises.

You can pay next year's subs at the November meeting. Remember we now have [credit card and EFTPOS facilities](#), so feel free to see Christine at the meeting. Again, anyone who can help with these vacant positions, please have a chat with me at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 29th.

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Kind Regards

Graham Fear

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Beware – Blackbirds are destructive in your Shadehouse.

If you have blackbirds getting into your orchid growing area, they can cause lots of damage, as they search for food, particularly as they are rearing their young. I personally have had thousands of dollars worth of plants destroyed by them. They dig and scratch amongst plants, particularly small ones, seeking worms. In doing so, they dig out the plants, flick them everywhere, and scatter labels. It is wise to try to dissuade them from entering your growing area, but they can be very determined to gain entry, and once they are successful, are hard to get rid of.

Below is an article from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), based in the UK.

Nesting habits

Blackbirds rear 2-3 broods. In a good year, fourth broods may be attempted. Weather determines the timing of the breeding season.

Warm or cold spells in spring can bring the breeding season forward or delay it by several days. Dry weather in December can shorten the season and even cause starvation of late broods. The nesting season starts up to two weeks earlier in gardens than in woodland.

The nest, built by the female, is low down in any suitable cover. Trees, shrubs and climbers are preferred, but nests can be found inside buildings, occasionally even on the ground.

The nest is a substantial cup of grass, straw, small twigs and other plant material. It is plastered inside with mud and lined with fine grass. It can take two weeks to complete, and sometimes the same nest is used for successive broods.

Blackbird young

The normal clutch size is 3-5. Larger clutches are laid in woodland than in gardens. The female incubates alone, and the chicks hatch 13-14 days later. Only the female broods the chicks, but both parents feed them. Chicks in gardens are fed on earthworms when they are available; woodland chicks are fed mainly on caterpillars.

The chicks are ready to fledge at 13-14 days, but if the nest is disturbed, they can leave and survive as early as nine days old. This ability to fledge early is an important anti-predator adaptation. The young birds creep and flutter from the nest, and remain in nearby cover for the following few days.

They are flightless at first, but within a week will have learned to fly. By this time, they begin to experiment with foods, learning by trial and error what is edible. As their skills and confidence grow, they begin to explore their parents' territory and range more widely. The young become independent three weeks after leaving the nest, and leave the natal area shortly after. They are not driven away by the male.

Fledged young are often left in the care of the male, while the female prepares for the next nesting attempt. The last brood of the season is usually divided between the parents, with each adult taking sole care of some of the young.

There are considerable losses at the egg and chick stage, with at best 30-40 percent of nests producing fledged young. Despite smaller clutch sizes, birds in towns fledge more chicks per nest than birds in the countryside.

Labelling of plants prior to showing at Monthly Meetings and Shows

Whenever a plant is presented for judging, **a label is required** to allow the Judges to judge the plant in the right division, and to help the judges in the judging process. Other members, and visitors, often like to know the plant name, and might wish to try to contact the grower, to learn more about the plant being shown.

Below is a brief description of what is required.

Standard labels are available from the Registrar of Judges. It is wise to collect some early, and have a few on hand at home, so one can prepare the plant label, prior to coming to a meeting or show.

Open Division growers use green labels. First division use buff coloured labels. Second Division growers use white labels.

The label needs to provide the name of the plant being displayed, also the exhibitor number. If you do not have an exhibitor number, contact the registrar of judges (preferably before the meeting), to obtain one.

Coloured dots attached to a label have various purposes, and many members do not know what they mean.

A yellow dot needs to be attached to a label, **prior to presenting it**, to indicate that it is a seedling, flowering for the first time.

A blue dot, indicates that the plant has been judged in first place in the category in which it has been entered.

A red dot, indicates that the plant has been judged in second place in the category in which it has been entered.

A green dot, indicates that the plant has been judged in third place in the category in which it has been entered.

After judging, a plant label may have multiple dots, of various colours attached, indicating it has won several prizes, in different categories.

Plants are judged in the following size categories

Miniature - up to 60mm across the widest plant of the flower

Intermediate – from 61 to 85 mm across

Small Standard – from 86 to 100mm across

Large Standard – 101mm across and above.

Some plants have flowers of different sizes, covering more than one size category. It will be judged in the class in which the MAJORITY of the flowers measure. If in doubt, ask the Registrar to make a ruling. Judges will move a plant, placed in the wrong size category.

In shows, the following colour classes are offered.

White, Pink, Red, Green, Orange, Yellow, Any Other Colour, and Novelty. The Registrar can create a special colour class if the need arises. At a show, you are required to place your plant in the correct Division, size, and colour category prior to judging.

A family name of Species Orchid should be written in lower case. If the Species Orchid has a varietal name, that part has a capital letter starting that part of the name eg lowianum ‘Concolour’ is correct and NOT Lowianum ‘concolour’

Try to make your label neat and very readable. A well presented label might just be a factor in winning a good prize. Use a waterproof pen to write your labels. Labels can get wet at times, and a smeared label, is not a good look. A shoddy label is not a good advertisement for the grower, or the club, at a public show.



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Photo above plant will be of interest to the
Beginner's Group
Details at the November meeting
beginner's group
Templestowe Opal



Photo at left is
Fairy Rouge 'Lavender Falls'
Which is the plant which was divided and
given to the Beginner's Group
At the October meeting

Thank you to Adrian Bockman for
donating it.



October Meeting

**Bayaka Pendant x
Olive Street "Perfection"**



October Meeting

**Open Division
Miniature Novelty**

Mad Magic 'Amber'

**Grown by
Helmuth Gerber**



October Meeting

**1st, First Division
Intermediate
Pure Colour**

Esmerelda

**Grown by 10
Glenn Stearnes**

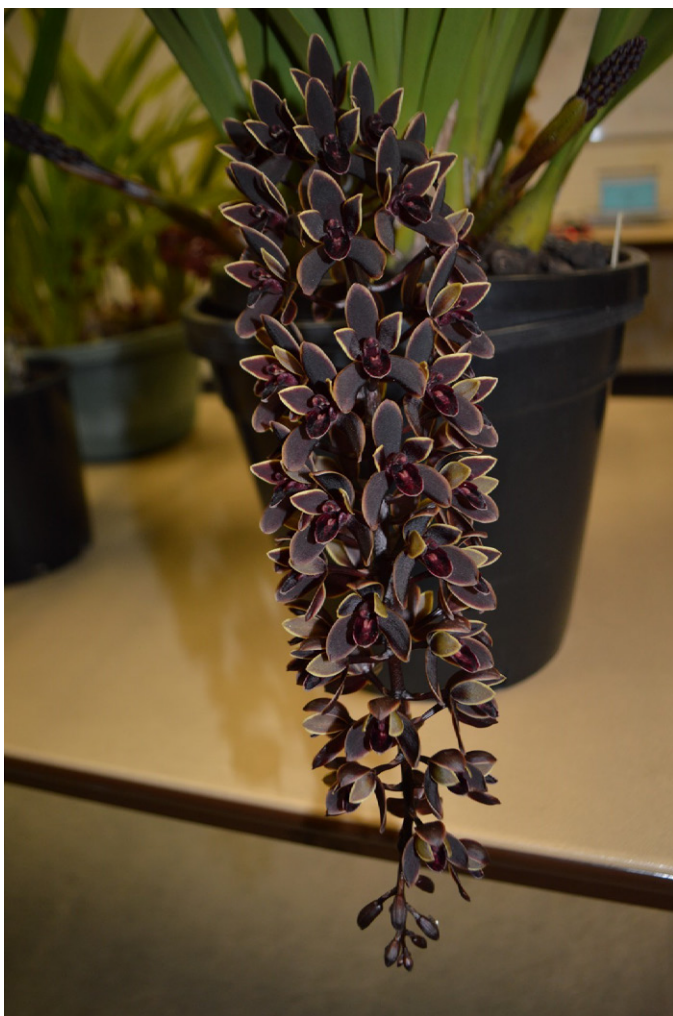


October Meeting

**1st, Open Division
Miniature Brown**

**Midnight Muffett x
canaliculatum 'Othello'**

**Grown by
Helmuth Gerber**



October Meeting

**1st Open Division
Miniature Red**

Little Beauty 'Tanners Gem'

Grown by Helmuth Gerber



October Meeting

**2nd, Open Division
Miniature Brown**

Brown Eyes x Negrito

Grown by Barry Bailey



October Meeting

**1st, Open Division
Intermediate Brown**

Panatalinga 'Patricia Ann'

Grown by Barry Bailey



October Meeting

**1st Open Division
Intermediate White**

Moondust x Cleo's Melody

**Grown by
Helmuth Gerber**

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

will be held on

**Wednesday 28th November 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 - November 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** Powerpoint presentations of a huge Cymbidium Orchid Nursery in China. The operators of the nursery were purchasing Australian cymbidium plants, in huge numbers. The size and general operation of this nursery will astound most growers here. If time permits, we will present a visit to the Santa Barbara (USA) International Orchid Show. The show was huge and spectacular. It will be a good opportunity to compare the quality of our plants, with the best from the USA
- 9.15pm** Judges will discuss displayed on the night. No single flower competition.
- 9.30pm** Meeting closes. Please remain for a special Christmas supper, and some surprises.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 27th February 2019. The Annual General Meeting will be conducted, followed by the February General Meeting

Supper Roster 2018

November Geoff & Lucy Spear

Your Club Subscriptions for 2019 are now due. Forty Dollars, for individual, or couple membership. Please pay our Treasurer Christine, preferably at the November meeting

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Tepko 'Freckles', elegans, Koala 'Cuddles
Mick 0422 389 297

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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In Adelaide breeding season is most commonly from September until January.

I personally use the following tactics to prevent damage from blackbirds.

1. Eliminate entry points into the shadehouse (quite difficult, as they can get through small holes, and will even scratch holes in shadecloth)
2. Try to scare them away if you see them near or in the growing area. Using a high pressure jet of water is effective, and can make them drop to the ground if they get waterlogged. Sometimes it is possible to catch them on the ground, but they know how to hide, to prevent being caught. Older birds are harder to catch than youngsters. Occasionally you might pin one to a wall while using a water jet, but a second person is needed to actually take them into custody, as they quickly escape if the water jet stops for a moment.
3. I have heard of setting a rat trap, with dried raisins, or grapes can be very effective
4. I have managed to catch them whilst trapped in the shadehouse, using a net (or in my case a lacrosse stick)
5. If you discover a nest, I personally destroy the eggs. Sometimes they nest quickly again in the same area, but usually learn that moving to somewhere else is better. Don't think they are cute, and leave the nest. You will be courting danger.
6. Please do not be cruel to them, in attempting to dissuade them from living in your growing area.

If anyone has other ways to control this pest, please let me know.

Written based on lots of bitter experiences, by Graham Morris

There will be no Single Flower Competition this month

Interstate Cymbidium Clubs

Cymbidium Club of Australia (NSW)

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Meetings are on the second Thursday, March to November

Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria

Secretary Julie Forrest Ph 0417 339026

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Website cosv.com.au Meetings Second Tuesday February to December

Cymbidium Orchid Club of Western Australia

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

Chee Ng will have some plants for sale at the November meeting.

He will have seedlings growing strongly in 90mm pots, and are single growth to bulb and lead size. The plants are mainly bred by John Gates (high quality plants).

10 plants for \$50 mystery pick, tags are number coded but names of crossing can be provide on a sheet.

Some members have not collected their Neutrog order yet.

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Please do it soon.

It may be possible to bring them to the November meeting, but please call Graham Morris on 0419 823 724 to organize it. If I don't hear from members with orders to collect, it will not be bought to the meeting.

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**Floribundum
'Formosianum'**

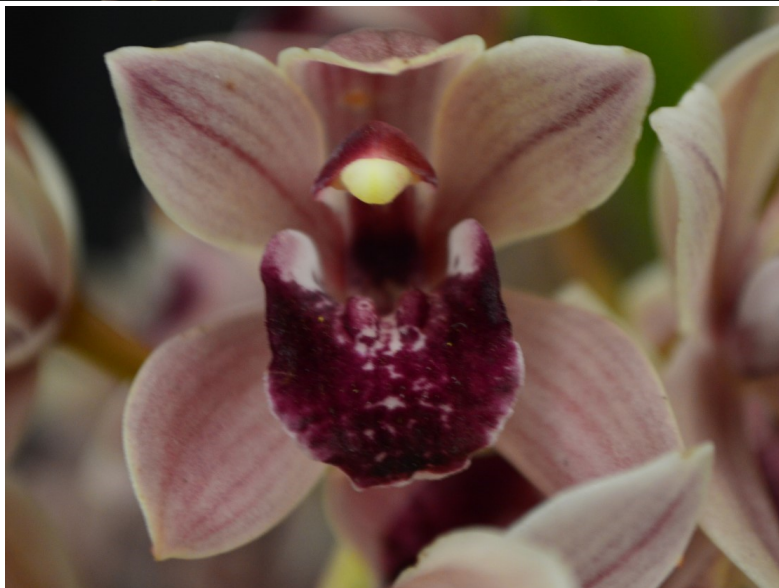
**Grown by
Graham Morris**

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**1st, Open Division Intermediate Red
Grown by Graham Morris**

Cricket x Valley Vampire





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Best in Open Division, Best Specimen, 1st First Division Miniature Pink
Mary Green
Grown by George Misirlis