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Seedling of the year 2015

Regal Princess 'Seaview'
(Kirby Lesh 'Pink Ice'
x Regal Flames)

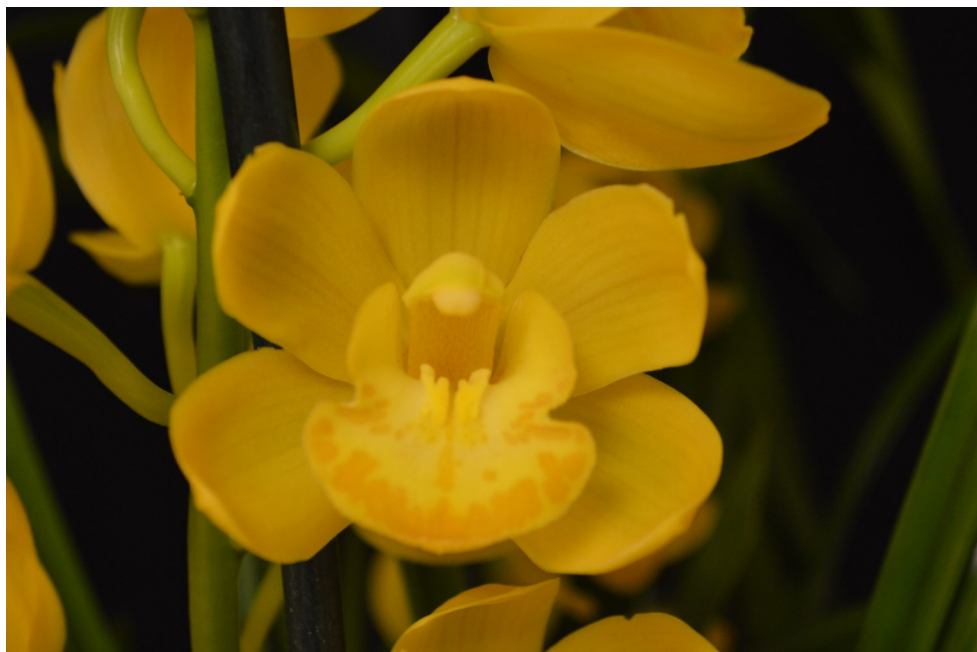
Grown by
Michael Willoughby
and **Oui Ju**

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for more information





**Judge's Choice, Best Overall and
First Division Best Intermediate Yellow
Pharoah's Dream Grown by Chee Ng**



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Presidents Message May 2016

Well we got through the first two months of the year without too many problems. Thank you all for your support and kind words after the last two meetings. My voice is a bit loud, so if I am deafening you all too much, just let me know.

Thanks to Randall Robinson for a very informative presentation and also to John Howard and Peter Aigner – Muehler for the donation of plants for prizes at the April meeting, also to Graham Morris and Barry Bailey for the previous two meetings. It is most appreciated.

I hope you all enjoyed the changes we are making at the meetings.

They are small but hopefully worthwhile. If any of you have any good suggestion, come and speak to me or one of the committee. They now have a special committee badge, so if you don't know them, please introduce yourself.

The start of the flowing season is off and running, with more plants starting to be shown at our meeting. The usual frustration seems to continue for all us with the crazy weather we have been having. Yellow leaves on some plants, a new shoot on an expensive plant which turns brown at the bottom and comes off. Another plant you brought from a good grower, gets bulb rot, or the first spike on a special plant breaks off, and so it goes on and on. The pleasure of growing Cymbidiums?? Keep persevering.

But then we have the anticipation of waiting to see if plants have spikes. Shouldn't this one be showing something by now, and then you find it is not a spike, but a new growth. Then it's the first spike on one of your seedlings. Will it be the one you are waiting for to win the show, or just another for the trading table.

But then success. The flower is great, it's what you wanted. It does not have to be a champion, but perhaps it is, and all the frustrations seem not to matter anymore. It is why we enjoy the growing and showing our plants and flowers, so enjoy the next six months, and best of luck to you all

The SAROC Fair will be on the 17th, 18th and 19th of June 2016, and we will be looking for members to show plants at the show. There will be a special incentive to attract more plants to be shown at SAROC, so please look at what you can put into the fair

There will be more special things happening at our next meeting, along with our guest speaker Colin Gillespie from Devon Meadows Orchids, who we look forward to hearing. It should be another good meeting, so come along, and if you have any friends that could be interested, please bring them along.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 25th

Kind Regards

Graham Fear

Meet your Committee

Often the general members of clubs, barely know their committee. I intend to introduce them to you over the next few months, in this magazine. They work hard and make the decisions needed to keep the Club running. Talk to them if you have any helpful suggestions, or if you need to know more about anything happening in the Club. It can be hard work being on Committee. Please try to help them whenever possible, and most importantly, if you have a problem, talk to them early, rather than compounding it by talking negatively about it with other members.



Adrian Brockman

Adrian is serving his first term on Committee. He has been a member here for just a few years. He started growing orchids, with his brother, back in the very early 1980's. After about 10 years they lost interest and their plants perished. Adrian started growing them again in 2007, when he finished work after a serious accident. He lived in Nuriootpa (in the Barossa Valley), about 80 kilo metres north of Adelaide. He had a shadehouse of about 30 square metres. Nuriootpa can get extremely cold at times, and he did suffer a lot of frost damage at crucial times. Adrian is currently moving to Ascot Park. He already has his plants moved into a new 75 square metre shadehouse, complete with automatic watering, fertilizing and foggers. He has about 200 flowering sized plants, and more than 100 smaller plants. Presently, he grows approximately half seedlings and half clones. His passion is growing unusual varieties, that is spots, stripes, feathered and pelorics. In the past he has visited Atlantis Orchids in Victoria, and has purchased many plants from the King of Uglies, Kevin Hipkins, of Royale Orchids, in NSW. He also likes to purchase from local growers, including many club members. His favourite orchid is an unusually feathered mutation, which he purchased on eBay as Pioneer Superstar "Flash" (a marketing name). The seller has now correctly named it as Valley Champion "Flash". It is pictured on page 15. Adrian is hoping to get seedlings from it, and presently has a healthy seed pod from it, which will go to the laboratory soon. Hopefully the unusual splash petal feature breeds through to a good percentage of the seedlings. Adrian will learn a lot whilst on Committee. It is a great way to get more involved in the club, and to learn a lot of what is happening in the background. It is important to get new faces onto the Committee regularly. Hope this article helps you to get to know him.

Judge / Division	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 Small Standard Seedling	
Judge's Choice	Best Intermediate Seedling	
Open Division	Small Standard Yellow	1st
Open Division	Intermediate Cream	1st
Open Division	Intermediate Pink	1st
First Division	Intermediate Yellow	1st
First Division	Intermediate Polychrome	1st
First Division	Miniature Other Colour	1st

March 2016 Major prize winners - Plant information

It is still very early in the season and not many plants are being exhibited at our meetings yet. Expect many more in the upcoming meetings.

The Judge's Best Overall at the last meeting was a very early flowering of **Dural Dream**. It normally flowers a couple of months later. Often when a plant flowers somewhat out of season, the quality is often not as good. This was a very nice flowering, with 4 flower spikes. Two had flower counts of 15 and 13 and were fully out. The other 2 had slightly smaller spikes and can be expected to open soon. Congratulations to **Chee Ng**. It will be interesting to see if it flowers early next season or if it is even better if it flowers later.

First flowering seedlings shown by **Barry Bailey**, **Billion Dollar Baby x Tracey Red-daway**, and **Pixie Dust x Parish Elf**, are bred for warmth tolerance. Some warmth tolerant plants are very floriferous, so it will be interesting to see these on future flowerings. The old timer Morialta "Morialta Falls" is always a pleasure to see with its multiple decorative flower spikes.

A well presented plant of Valley Freestyle "Heaven Scent" with 1 open spike of 10 flowers, and another 2 flower spikes in bud of 12 and 10 flowers, will be better next month. The colour will probably change, and it is strongly and beautifully perfumed, so try and take it in next month, if Bill Jayne can bring it into the June meeting.

Plant Name	Exhibitor
Pharaoh's Dream	Chee Ng
St Agnes Red 'Canala'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Pharaoh's Dream	Chee Ng
Billion Dollar Baby x Tracey Reddaway	Barry Bailey
Pixie Dust x Parish Elf	Barry Bailey
Billion Dollar Baby x Tracey Reddaway	Barry Bailey
Pixie Dust x Parish Elf	Barry Bailey
St Agnes Red 'Canala'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Pharaoh's Dream	Chee Ng
Valley Freestyle 'Heaven Scent'	Bill Jayne
Morialta 'Morialta Falls'	Chee Ng

ADVANCE NOTICE

**The Cymbidium Orchid Society Of Victoria will be holding
“THE NATIONAL CYMBIDIUM ORCHID FESTVAL”
in conjunction with their 25th Anniversary Year in 2016.**

**The Festival will be held on the 10th and 11th September, 2016 at the
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**.The next Meeting of the
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will be held on

Wednesday 25th May 2016

At The

Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore, SA

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

Program

- 6.00pm** Colin Gillespie will be in the northern carpark to distribute the seedlings which have been pre ordered.
- 7.00 pm** Auditorium opens, Benching of plants and trading table.
- 7.15 pm** Beginners Class. (All Welcome)
- 7.45 pm** Plants for judging to be in place (unless prior approval sought)
- 8.00 pm** Meeting is opened
- 8.30pm** Colin Gillespie, from Melbourne will talk about how he grows his cymbidiums. Colin is acknowledged internationally as a very good grower, and each year flowers many hundreds of first flowering seedlings, many from his own hybridizing program. He uses many high technology practices, which he will share
- 9.30 pm** Meeting closes. Stay for a light supper and a chat.

Colin will be available from 6.00pm at the May meeting for plants previously ordered to be collected. He will have some extra plants available for sale at that time. He tells me that there will be some very special plants available. Last time he was here it was chaotic at collection time. Please be patient and try to help Colin at this time. Extra helpers will be present to assist.

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Meetings are on the second Tuesday, March to November

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Secretary Jenny Robertson Ph 03 5998 2535 email orchid54@bigpond.com

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

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On page 15, you will see a picture of a first flowered seedling Strathdon x Cherry Shower. It is a **PETAL PELORIC** flower. It was shown at the recent Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, California, USA.

Many growers dislike this type of flower. Most are a chance mutation, produced during the tissue culture process. Some growers love them and are prepared to pay premium prices to secure one of them. Many peloric (lip markings replicated onto the petals) plants are unstable, and most do not reproduce true to form. There are two forms, Petal Peloric, where the top two petals show the lip markings, and Sepal Pelorics, where the bottom two petals (sepals) are marked.

There are known instances where Sepal Pelorics have bred progeny, which shows Sepal Peloric features. Previously there has not been any Petal Pelorics, known to breed Petal Peloric progeny. The Crossing of Strathdon "Cooksbridge Fantasy" x Cherry Shower, was flowered by the La casa Orquideas Nursery, in Southern California. They have just started flowering, but to date, somewhere between 15 and 30 percent of the seedlings from that crossing are Petal Pelorics. There is some mystery about the parent Cherry Shower. More information might be available later. Stay tuned here.

Exciting however is that Strathdon "Cooksbridge Fantasy" is available and starting to flower here in Australia. It might just open up some exciting breeding possibilities.

It will excite a few growers. Others will not be interested at all.

Our 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).

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The Seedling of the year 2015 story

Regal Princess 'Seaview' (registered Nov. 2015) was bought as a small bulb and lead plant from an ex club member, Denis Cook in late 2013. The lead threw another lead, which then grew two more. In 2015, each of the last two leads, produced a flower spike, with six and seven flowers respectively. **On this flowering it won Champion Seedling of the year 2015** The plant is a Devon Meadows Orchids (Colin Gillespie) crossing of Kirby Lesh 'Pink Ice' and Regal Flames.

This crossing is very interesting. There were two versions made by Colin. Kirby Lesh "Pink Ice" x Regal Flames, and also Kirby Lesh "You Beaut" x Regal Flames. Both versions have been amazingly successful, with many major prize winners in most States. It also won a **Quality Award** in Victoria, with the judging of 5 quality siblings at a show.

Not well known is the Regal Flames used, is actually Regal Flames "One Dollar Baby", originally flowered by Colin Cleak. **There is a story here**, and Colin might just tell us (if asked) at the May meeting. Don't miss the meeting. Colin tells me he may even have a few more advanced, unflowered seedlings of this crossing, available.

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**See his story
on page 5**



**Strathdon x
Cherry Shower
“Butterfly”**

**A first flowering
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**Best Small Standard Seedling and Open Div. Best Small Standard Yellow
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