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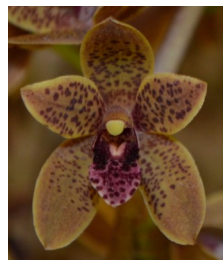
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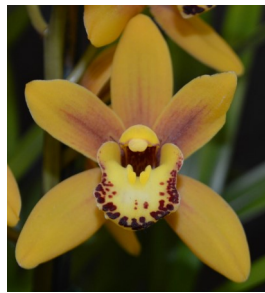
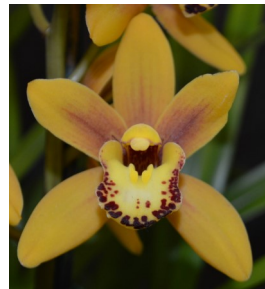
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**Voting for Flower of the Year 2021 will take place at the February Meeting
The twelve Finalists are shown in this magazine.
They will also be shown on screen at the meeting, and attendees will be asked to help judge the winner**



FOY Finalist No.1 November 2020 meeting Little Beauty “No.1”



FOY Finalist No.2 February meeting 2021 Sundaani Autumn ‘Tessani’

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

Ben Knobben # Brian & Shirley Brand, Barry Bailey, Peter Aigner Muehler

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Presidents Message February 2022



**President
Graham Fear**

Welcome to 2022 and Happy New Year to you all and your families. Our Christmas break dinner at the Warradale Hotel was a great success, with great food and a wonderful way to finish the year off. Everybody who attended gave it 10 out of 10, although some of our northern suburb members did need to leave early to get there.

I hope you all are well and have not suffered from COVID. I had a seven day isolation stint as a close contact in January, but luckily enough I didn't catch it. At this stage there are no further restrictions for our meeting on the 23rd. There will be a further update before the meeting, with the current government rules about to change, which may affect what restrictions Burnside Council have in place.

To ensure the safety of all members at our meetings, hopefully everybody is double or triple vaccinated, and wear masks as required, and follow all Government or Burnside Council protocols.

Sad news to start the year off, with the passing of Ben Knobben, who was a wonderful cymbidium grower and club member. A further tribute to Ben is in this issue. He will be sorely missed. Ben's plants and accessories will be auctioned on the 6th of March, so if you would like to obtain some top-class plants, save up your pennies for this, as it will be a once in a lifetime chance to get something special.

A catalogue will be distributed to everybody attending the February meeting, and in an email to members with internet access, with all proceeds from the auction going back to Ben's family.

Our first meeting of the year will be our annual general meeting, followed by our February meeting. If anybody is looking to help as a committee member, please contact me before the meeting, or at the meeting on the 23rd.

It would be great if we could get some extra helpers for the year, rather than just relying on the same few, year after year. Please let me know if you can help with this year, so we can make 2022 a great year for us all.

At the February meeting you will be asked to vote for the Flower of The Year. All the finalists have been printed in this magazine, so put your judge's hat on, and go through them and check out what you think should win.

Your committee has been looking at some great new things for 2022. We will let you know about in due course.

Guest speakers will still be a problem in 2022, so we will be looking for ideas from everybody to what you would like to have at meetings. Don't be afraid to let us know what you would like to see, especially from the beginners and new members as we want help you improve in growing and showing your plants.

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I look forward to seeing you all at our first meeting on Wednesday 23rd February.

Kind Regards and stay safe and well.

Graham Fear (President)

Membership fees for year 2022 are now due.

**Please pay Christine, our Treasurer as soon as possible,
preferably at the February meeting.**

**(If you are finding difficulty making the payment, please talk to Christine or
Graham Fear, as soon as possible please).**

We want you as a current member. An exciting season 2022 is upcoming.

Fees are unchanged for year 2022 at \$40

**Financial members are in for a pleasant surprise at the
February meeting**

Make sure you are there

In early December, a group of our members spent a few hours assisting Ben Knobben to repot and divide some of his plants, needing a little work. It was actually quite fun, and two of the beginner's group who helped, learned a lot in doing so.

I know Ben was concerned that he was unable to do this repotting, due to his illness. I later spoke to his Daughter Jo, who told me that Ben was really grateful that we did this for him. Most of his plants were in great condition at that time, and the plants we repotted would also have been, if Ben was able. It was great to help him, also to have members willing to do so.

I received the following email from Christine Knobben

Many thanks to club members who came here to split and repot Ben's orchids, namely Graham Morris, Graham Fear, Joan, Mick, Max and David.

Moss Bray donated bark, which helped things along. Ben's battle with cancer is leaving him with very little energy and everyone's generosity was much appreciated.

Thank you everyone, you gave Ben a much needed pick-me-up.

Chris. (Mrs Knobben)

A little more about the late Ben Knobben

Ben has been a member of our club, since the late 1980's.

On the next page is the eulogy, given by our President, Graham Fear, at Ben's funeral service on Friday 4th February where he gave a summary of Ben's service to our club.

Ben's wife Christine, also provided some information about Ben.

Ben's Daughter Jo, gave a really nice eulogy at the service. In it we learned a lot more about this amazing man.

Ben was 79 years old when he passed away. He was born in Holland, and migrated to Australia, when he was aged fourteen

Over the last couple of years, he suffered badly from cancer of the esophagus, and underwent two huge operations, the first in late December, and the second one a couple of weeks later. Normally someone of Ben's age would not have been offered these procedures. It was only that Ben was extremely fit, through his love of kayaking, and him doing a couple of hours on the water, most days. Besides being an extremely good cymbidium grower, Ben was an exceptionally good artist, specializing in painting scenes on the water. One of his paintings was bought along to the funeral service. It was a high quality painting of waves and surf.

Ben was also a very good guitarist, and was a very good vocalist. He had a regular singing gig, each Sunday evening. I am told he had a very good singing voice.

Some years back, Ben told me that he was studying Reflexology, where he could apply pressure to specific points of the body, to relieve pain. He was in demand to help people who knew about this gift, but was very selective in who he offered his services to.

Rest in peace Ben.

Sale of the Ben Knobben cymbidium Orchid Collection,

Sunday 6th March from 10.00am

Ben assembled a very good cymbidium orchid collection.

He had about 200 flowering plants. A large percentage are plants which he grew as seedlings. He only kept high quality clones, and disposed of any which were not up to his high quality expectations. There are a few high quality named clones, sourced from various commercial nurseries.

Our club has offered to find new homes for them all, to assist Christine, Ben's wife.

The club has produced a list of the plants, and has taken photographs of all of them. Unfortunately, photos of the flowers are not readily available. Check our previous magazines

The list will be available at the February meeting.

Members with email addresses given to the club, will be emailed the list, which will include the colour photographs of the plants.

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An auction of plants and growing equipment will be conducted at Ben's house, in Kidman Park, on Sunday 6th March, from 10.00am. Viewing of the plants is from 9.30am (and not a minute before.)

Credit card facilities will be available to avoid bringing cash.

Below is the eulogy given by our President, Graham Fear at Ben Knobben's funeral service

Ben Knobben

Hello, my name is Graham Fear, and I am the president of the Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia.

One of Bens great loves in life was growing Cymbidium orchids. He joined the Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia in the late eighties, and has been a continuous member for well over thirty years. He was also a member of The South Australian Orchidaceous Society.

Ben grew excellent cymbidiums, winning many major prizes over the years. He was also a Committee Member, Show Judge, National Show Committee Member, Registrar of Judges and a Life Member,

But most of all he was just Ben, always happy to help in any way, point anyone in the right direction on how to grow their plants, give a plant or two to somebody, or just, have you tried this. I'm having great success with it.

Before illness caught up with him, Ben started running new judges training courses with Max Kahlbaum, which has resulted in six new Cymbidium judges for the club. When he resigned from the position of Registrar of Judges, one of these new judges has taken over from Ben, which is a credit to him and Max for their training course.

Always first to help, he organized the SAROC fair display each year. The only thing he wasn't there for was when we had a change a of day for the West Lakes Show from a Saturday night to a Sunday night one year. Ben said apologetically, "I'm very sorry, I can't be there as I have permeant singing date on Sunday nights". Ever the loyal man, and I didn't know he could sing, let alone have a permanent gig.

With Bens passing, we posted the news on our Facebook page, and another cymbidium growers page. Together they have had over two and half thousand people viewed his post, and 200 have interacted or commented on it.

Ben will be sorely missed by everybody in the South Australia Orchid Family, especially the members of the Cymbidium Club. I will leave you today with a posting from the other side of the world from one of the major cymbidium growers in the world, which describes Ben perfectly

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From Andy Easton (From Columbia, South America)

**A very important figure who contributed tirelessly to his Cymbidium club
Rest in Peace Ben.**

Beware

We recently heard about bad advice given to a member about watering their plants during summer.

The advice given by someone claiming to be an orchid growing expert was to water their plants

ONCE A WEEK OVER SUMMER

Fortunately we were able to give good advice, before too much damage was done

Just for the record, most growers water their plants AT LEAST every second day, most, every day

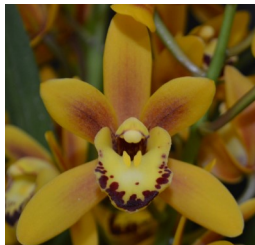
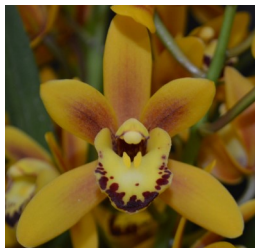
I personally water mine twice a day for 6 minutes, most of the summer period

During extreme hot periods, I water early overnight, or early morning in addition, so that plants are not burned.

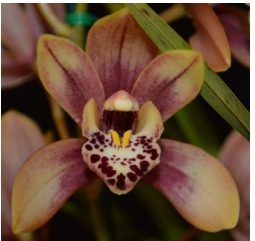
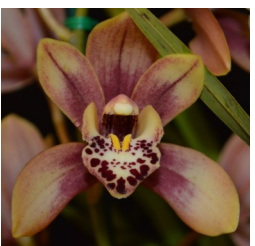
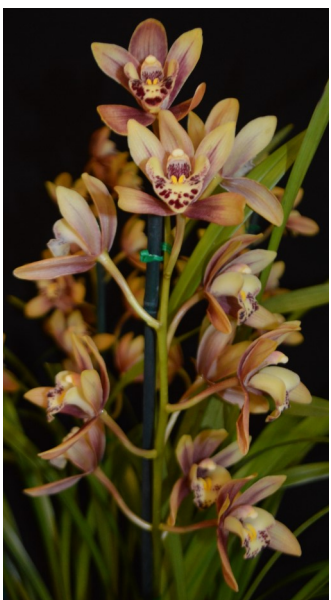
A few years back when we did have many days of extreme heat, those growers not having their plants well hydrated by early morning, suffered lots of burning and plant losses

Growers who had plants well hydrated by early morning suffered little damage

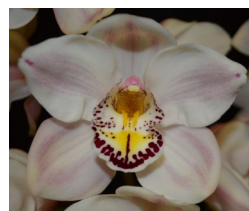
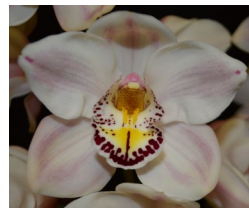
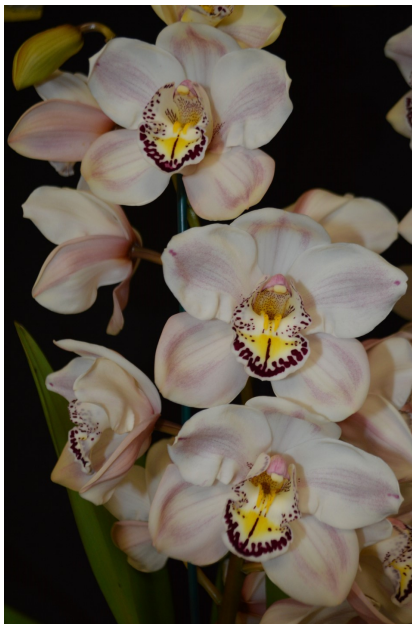
Ask other experienced members if you are in doubt



FOY Finalist No.3 March 2020 meeting Sundaani Autumn "Tessani"



FOY Finalist No.4 April 2020 meeting Sundaani Dawn "Sunrise"



FOY Finalist No.5 May 2020 meeting MacLures Quest “Carolyn”



FOY Finalist No.6 June 2020 meeting Khanebono x Prized



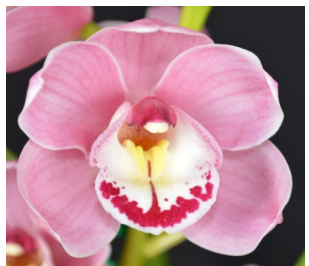
FOY Finalist No.7 Winter Show 2020 Dural Dream x Pepper Blaze



FOY Finalist No.8 Port Adelaide Display 2020 Anna Dragon x Blazing Pepper



FOY Finalist No.9 Spring Show 2020 Atlantic Carat "No.1"



**FOY Finalist No.10 Spring Show 2020
Templestowe Charm x Sims Vision**

COVID Regulations

Please observe all safety measures against Covid as per government regulations and the Burnside council regulation's

To safeguard members especially our older members hopefully you are double or triple vaccinated, maintain social distancing and wear masks at all time were required

Better to error on the side of caution than risk somebody passing it on at our meetings as I'm sure none of us wants it or need to go into isolation as a close contact.

Did you know ?

You must own a plant for at least 6 months before you can enter your plants on the Showbench

This means you must plan and purchase plants by January to be able to exhibit them in the Winter Show, and by February for the Spring Show

You are able to display plants not owned for six months or more, but you must mark them as not for competition.

We are always looking for good quality plants in our displays, so you are encouraged to display them even if you do not enter them competitively.

The same rule applies to showing plants at monthly meetings, so keep good records of purchase date.

For the Beginners

Don't miss the February meeting.

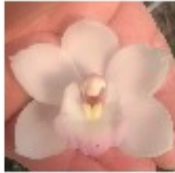
There will be some good news for you. 13

Try to bring a friend and share the surprise.



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The next Meetings of the
Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.

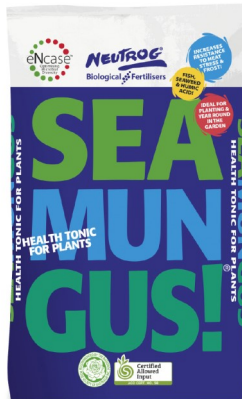
**Annual General Meeting with voting for Committee positions.
and the February monthly meeting will follow the AGM.**

**On Wednesday 23rd February starting at 8.00pm
Beginners meet on the stage at front of hall from 7.15pm**

Bring any cymbidiums in flower for judging

**The Flower of the Year will be judged by the members present
The Seedling of the Year will be announced**

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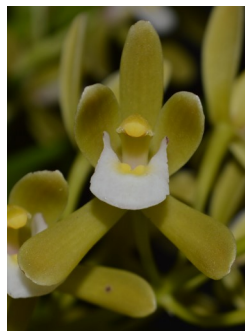
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FOY Finalist No.11 September 2020 meeting Khanebono “Jacinta”



FOY Finalist No.12 October 2020 meeting floribundum “Wee Jasper”



**Flower of the Year 2020 Toltrice ‘Dana’
Grown by Malcolm and Gay Hall**



**Seedling of the Year
2020**

**(Khanebono x Last
Tango) “JoJo”**

**Now named
Tango Lady “JoJo”**

**Voting for Flower of
the Year 2021
will be conducted
at the February
meeting.**

**Come along
and vote**