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**Flower of the Year 2021**

**Atlantic Carat "No.1"**

**Grown by John Moon**





## **Your Committee (and helpers) 2022**

**From the left**

**David Fletcher, Christine Robertson, Bill Jayne, Sylvia Jackson, Craig Humfrey, John Howard, Sue Hollands, Greg Wallace, Elayne Sanders, Don Wallace, Graham Fear, Chee Ng**



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**Something for the Beginners to look forward to Kuranulla “Maestro” x Helen Tangcay “Passion” Moss Bray has kindly donated a flask of the above mating to the beginners. Has been planted out and will be shared when they are bigger. Thank you Moss.**

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## Presidents Message February 2022



**President  
Graham Fear**

Welcome to our March issue,

A wonderful start to the new year with a great turn out for the first meeting. Thank you to all of the committee who agreed to continue in their roles and we welcome David Fletcher to fill Max Kahlbaum's position on the committee.

I would like to thank Max for his long time contribution to club as a committee man, helper and for his hard work with Ben Knobben on developing the trainee judge's program. Ill health has forced him to give these away, but he will still be around at most meetings.

Congratulations to John Moon for taking out the double with winning Flower of the Year with Atlantic Carat "No. 1", also Seedling of the Year with Templestowe's Charm x Sims Vision. Both plants were shown at the Spring Show.

Only two plants were shown at the February meeting. Both were the same plant (the species *cymbidium dayanum*), exhibited by two of our enthusiastic committee members Sylvia and Elayne, with Sylvia winning through with plant of the night. Great to see two second division members showing their plants and congratulations to both of you.

The new mentor program is up and running with seven members putting their names forward. Your mentors will be announced at the next meeting, and if any more members would like a mentor to help with growing and anything to do with your orchids, just let me know at the next meeting, and you can be added to the list, and a mentor appointed.

Ben Knobben's auction went extremely well, with everything being sold and many thousands of dollars going to his widow Chris and family. Virtually all lots were contested with some spirited bidding from the large crowd in attendance. Some might have got a bit over enthusiastic and bid too much for some lots, but all moneys were going to a good cause, so don't feel too bad about it.

Special thanks to everybody who helped on the day, especially Mick Talbot the auctioneer, John, Elayne and Craig for all the paperwork, recording and payments.

A special once only rule will apply for all plants brought from Ben's collection for this year's shows only. The rule has always been that your plants obtained from somewhere else, cannot be exhibited competitively within six months of your getting ownership of the plant. This year, and only for Ben's plants, and perhaps in his memory, that rule will not apply and his plants can be shown at our nightly shows, also the Winter and Spring shows. Unfortunately, because of his illness, most of his plants were not shown last year, and it would be great if one of his plants did win something this year.

The SAROC situation has now settled down, with the South Australian Orchid Fair to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June at the Campbelltown Civic Centre. More details to follow as the time gets closer.

Looking forward to a great meeting in March, where Michael Willoughby will be giving us a first hand look on how OrchidWiz works online, and how you can find out extra information on your plants online.

We will also be having a question and answers panel, with some senior growers answering any questions you have on anything to do with your plants, as well a new segment of what do with your plants in the coming month.

This segment will be on going each month, so all members can make sure they are doing the right things at the right time, especially the second division members leading up to our shows later in the year.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Graham Fear    President

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## **Membership fees for year 2022 are now due.**

**Please pay Christine, our Treasurer as soon as possible, preferably at the March 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**

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## **Cymbidium Chatter**

This is an e-zine started by Geoff Bailey during his tenure with the COSV. During the peak of the COVID-19 restrictions in early 2020, Geoff produced additional editions to make up for the lack of COSV meetings. He stepped down as editor at the end of 2020 and Joshua White replaced him from the first issue of 2021 onwards. As of October 2021, *Cymbidium Chatter* accepts a small amount of

This is an excellent publication, only available online.

It is published approximately every two months

Go to the Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria web site, and there is a link to Cymbidium Chatter there

## **A little about the plants exhibited at the February meeting**

They were grown by Sylvia and Elayne, two of the members of the beginner's group. Well done ladies.

These plants came via a donation from another member, of a huge specimen plant of it, the species *Cymbidium dayanum*. At the beginner's group meeting, a couple of years back, we divided the plant, and all present received a plant or two to take home (free).

The two plants exhibited were well grown, and had more spikes coming, which could be out for the March meeting

*dayanum* (species plants are always spelled in lower case), is a very easy to grow *Cymbidium*, usually flowering very early in the season. It multiple spikes easily, and quickly builds into a spectacular, specimen plant. Refer to page 9 for photos of a larger plant.

There are alba forms of it available, also a pink form.

Perhaps we need to ask Sylvia and Elayne, how to grow it?

There are some interesting photographs of various forms of *dayanum*, in Edition 12 (July 6th 2020) of *Cymbidium Chatter*, available on the *Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria* web site [cosv.com.au](http://cosv.com.au). A link to the COSV web site is on our web site [cymorchidssa.com.au](http://cymorchidssa.com.au)

### ***Below is an extract from the Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria web site***

***Cymbidium dayanum*** easily produces specimen plants and can produce several spikes from each bulb. The pendulous spikes are capable of carrying up to twenty flowers of around 40mm across. While the flowers are quite starry and taller than they are wide, they are most attractive, being coloured ivory-white with broad red mid lines in petals and sepals. The labellum is almost totally red with a white centre bordered in yellow. *Cym. dayanum* is not a large-growing plant and a specimen can easily be achieved in a 200mm pot.

Three colour forms exist for this species – the type, a solid red form (classified as *Cym. dayanum* var. *angustifolium*) and the alba form (*Cym. dayanum* f. *album*, which is a clean ivory to cream colour). The red type has the longest-lived flowers, whereas the alba form has the shortest.

It is one of the heat-tolerant species and will readily cope with the hot Australian summers as long as it is not allowed to get sunburnt and is given plenty of water during the warmer months of the year.

## **The Ben Knobben plant auction**

Our club spent a lot of time to assist Chris Knobben sell off the collection of plants put together over many years by Ben

Our President Graham Fear offered our services to sell the collection, after Chris indicated that she could not continue to grow the plants

### **Below is how we went about setting up and conducting the auction.**

In early December, a group of members attended Ben's house, to help divide the plants needing dividing. Due to Ben's illness, he was unable to do this as he wanted to do. Thank you to Moss Bray for the donation of some bark to help get the job done. The group divided about 25 or so plants, creating more plants and some back-bulbs.

After Ben passed away, a group of members met to catalogue the plants and equipment. There were about 200 plants, growing well in pots ranging from 7 inch to 10 inches, and a considerable amount of growing equipment (pots, fertilizer, insecticides etc)

It was decided to photograph each pot, and the label in the pot. It would have been very time consuming to manually write all the plant names, then transfer them to a computer file. Two members numbered each pot, one starting at 01, and going towards number 99. Another member started at 100 and progressed past 200. We took photographs of all the pots, and labels. We then renumbered all the photograph files, generated by the camera, to coincide with the number on the pot.

Sue Hollands generously offered to produce a Word document on her computer, with the photograph of each and every plant, together with the plant name. This was a huge task, made even harder because of some spelling mistakes on the labels and some labels being rather faded. Sue searched the Orchid database OrchidWiz, to try and correctly name all the plants. Great Job Sue.

Several members proof read the document, and corrected it if necessary. The catalogue was sent to all our members with internet details registered with the club. It was forwarded on to many other clubs and orchid growers, here and interstate, and even overseas. Two forms of the catalogue was produced, one with just a list of plant names, with pot size displayed. A second form, showed a photograph of the actual plant being offered. Anyone viewing it on a computer, saw the pictures in colour. The day of the auction was a bit of a worry. COVID restrictions limited the number of people in a house to no more than 50. Planning was put in place to conduct the auction in front of the house (in the street) if numbers were excessive. Forty two people registered to bid.

The auction was a tremendous success. The Auctioneer, Mick Talbot was sensational, and kept the process moving along quickly. John Howard recorded all successful bids, Graham Fear assisted when necessary, and various members assisted with collecting moneys, and collecting plants as bidding finished. It was a real team effort, and very well done. Congratulations to all who assisted, and there were many.

I know that Chris Knobben was extremely pleased with the whole process. All plants, and most of the equipment was sold on the day. All that remains is for a clean up of the shed. The shade houses will remain in place to give Chris some privacy from neighbouring properties.

It will be interesting to see how well the new owners of the plants grow them. Hopefully we will see many of them shown this coming flowering season.

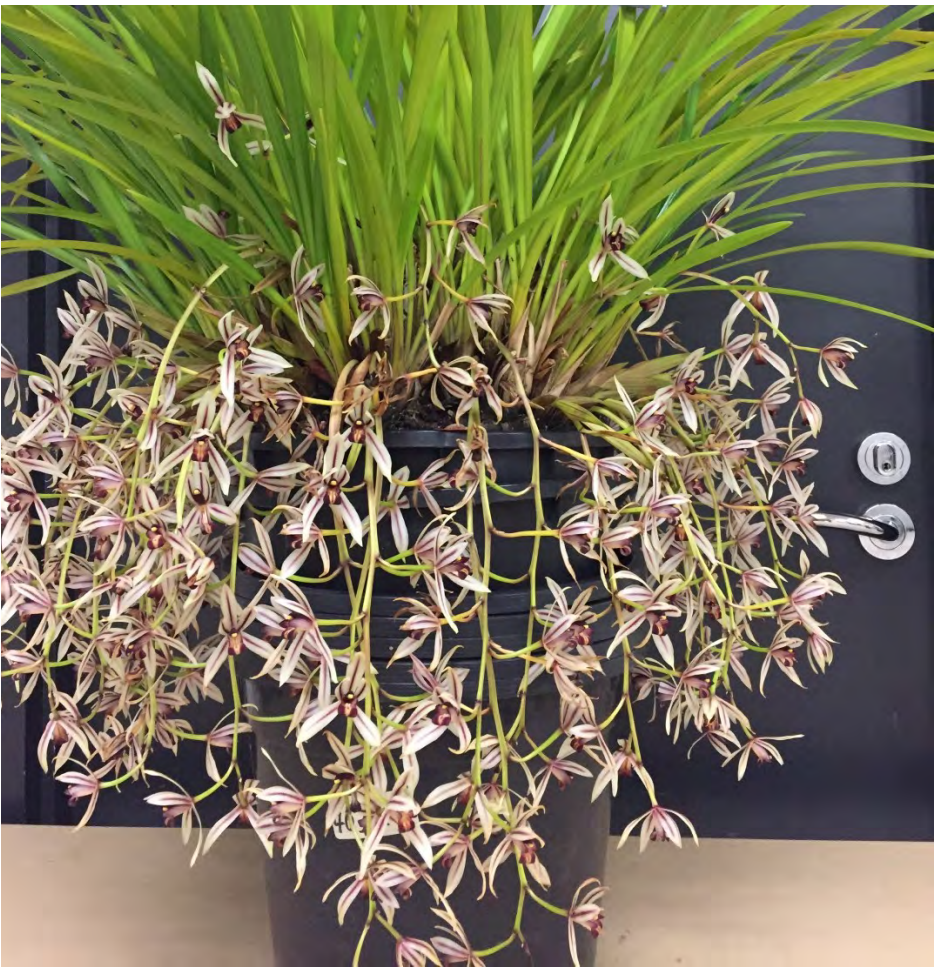


**This is a simple device to prevent rodent baits from getting wet**

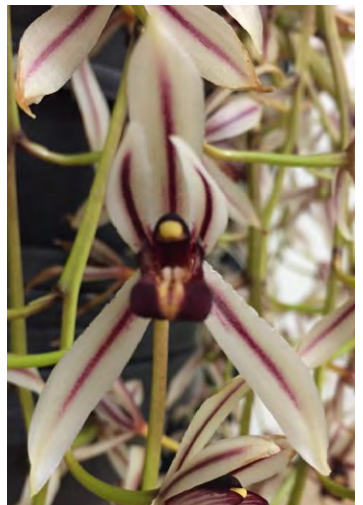
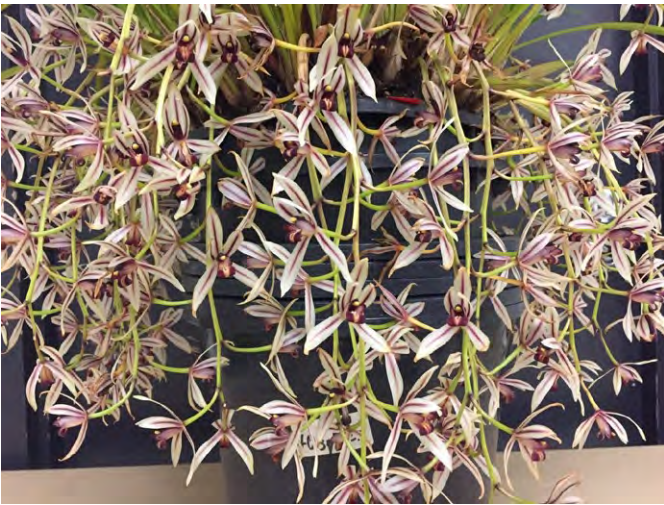
Use a short length of stormwater pipe, with a cap at one end. Make a small cut with a saw in the pipe about 10cm from one end, and insert a small piece of flat steel. This raises the cap end of the pipe and stops water flowing into it. Put any baits behind the steel section, near the cap. Rodents will check it out and feed on the dry baits. Keep baits in it at all times, and you will control rodents. I will bring a sample to the March meeting.







**Species *Cymbidium dayanum*    Easy to grow, early flowering**





**Flower of the night  
February 2022  
meeting**

**dayanum**

**Grown by Sylvia  
Jackson**

**Note  
More spikes were  
coming**





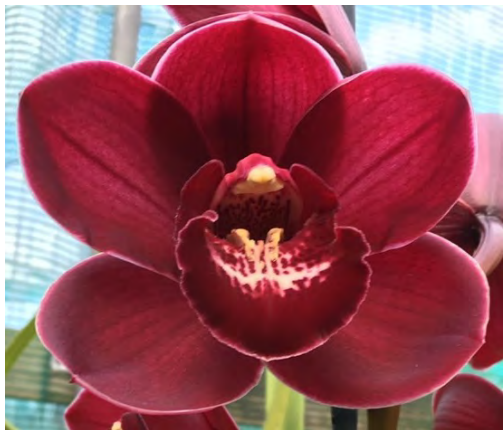
**Shown at the February 2022  
meeting**

**dayanum**

**Grown by Elayne Sanders**



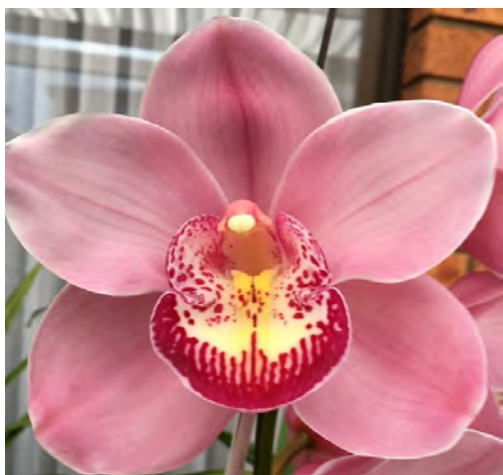
For many years I have thought the plants we were seeing were as good as we will ever achieve BUT, every year we see new seedlings which will probably supersede the ones growing now. Below and on page 19 are some new seedlings grown last season in Sydney



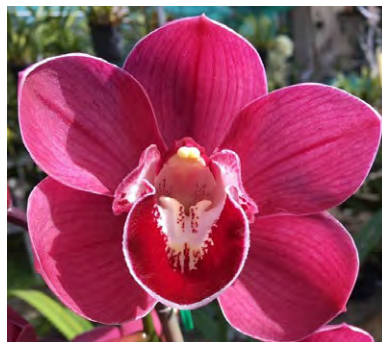
Regal Blaze  
"Blackjack"



Regal  
Dream  
"Rosa"



Left  
Arcadian Bliss  
"Salina"



Right  
Barry Baker  
"Heritage"

## **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.**

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### **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.**

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**Congratulations to the Committee for allowing any plants bought at the Ben Knoben auction to be shown before the six month qualifying period**

**Hopefully we will see lots of Ben's plants displayed this year  
Ben was unable to exhibit plants last year due to illness  
Whisper is that he would have won some major prizes if he had shown them**



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

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

**Bring any cymbidiums in flower for judging**

**The OrchidWiz database of all orchids will be demonstrated by  
Michael Willoughby**

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Above left and at left  
Kalahari Dream "Harry"



Above  
Kalahari Dream  
"Chris"

At right  
And below  
Regal Dream  
"4th July"

Below  
Kalahari Dream  
"Luisa"





**Seedling  
Of the Year  
2021**

**Templestowe's  
Charm  
X  
Sims Vision**

**Grown by  
John Moon**

