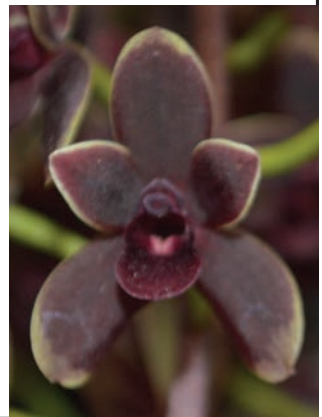
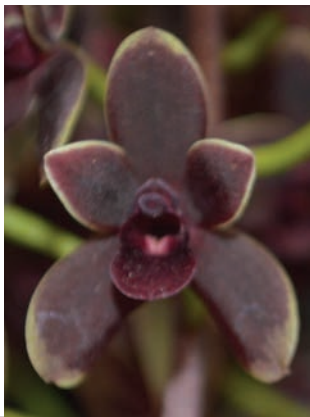


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**November 2023 Flower of the Night, Best in Open Division, Best Specimen  
Little Beauty Grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju**





**November  
2023 meeting**

**Best in First  
Division**

**Intermediate  
Green  
First**

**Jack Hudlow  
'Emerald'**

**Grown by  
Laurie  
And Sue  
Carter**

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Welcome to our February issue,

Welcome back to another Cymbidium Club year in 2024. I hope you and your families had a great Christmas and a happy New Year. Unfortunately for me after last year's disaster of kidney stones and COVID before Christmas, I did it again, and injured my back on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, and ended up with numerous hospital visits, and have been mostly immobile until the last week or so. My wife is now calling me the Grinch who spoiled Christmas. I am starting to improve and hopefully, I will be at the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

It was another excellent Christmas Dinner at the Warradale Hotel in November. It was again an outstanding success, with great food, and everyone having a good time. Thanks again to Greg Wallace for organizing it, and we will re-book it for next Christmas. If you haven't come

along to this dinner in the past, please come along this year as the food is outstanding.

The February meeting will be our AGM and a closed meeting. If anyone is interested in standing for any of the management or committee positions, please let me know before the start of the meeting.

We are in urgent need of a Show Marshal for both our shows, and a couple of committee positions. Anybody who would like to help, please come forward.

Voting for the flower of the year will take place at the February meeting, immediately after the AGM, as well as the announcement of the Seedling of the Year. There will be other things happening on the night, so I hope to see you all there on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Keep an eye on those emerging flower spikes. Snails, Slugs, Rats and Mice love chewing on them, and make sure once they start showing their spikes, keep them out of any direct sunlight, as they will start to cook if you're not vigilant.

Viruses are still around, so be vigilant and do not take risks. Either test suspect plants, or throw them out. You don't want your whole collection becoming infected, so don't take any chances and remove to isolation any suspect plants. Scrutinize the new growths for any signs of virus. We have just received another 100 virus kits from Barritta Orchids, and they will be available at the February meeting.

Remember though that they are no good on Fleck virus, so make sure you know what Fleck Virus looks like, and if unsure dispose, or isolate it and seek the opinion of an experienced grower. (bring a leaf, wrapped in plastic to a meeting and ask for an opinion)

We are still arranging our entertainment and guest speakers' program for this year, with a few already locked in and we will advise the program as soon as we get confirmations.

I hopefully look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Kind Regards and stay safe and well.

Graham Fear (President)



**President  
Graham Fear**

**Vale Kevin McLean**  
**17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**It is a sad day for the Australian Cymbidium Community today, with the passing this morning of Kevin McLean, husband of Pauline, of Pauline's Laboratories, in Adelaide.**

**Kevin was a longtime Judge and supporter of the Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia, and was a all round good bloke.**

**Pauline and Kevin supplied top quality orchid flasks, Australia wide, until they sold out to Barrita Orchids about two years ago. Many of the Champions of today, were created in their laboratory.**

**After a long illness, Kevin is finally at peace. We pass our condolences to Pauline and her family, and know that he will be sorely missed by all the members of the Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia.**

**Rest in peace Kevin**

**From Pauline McLean**

**This is a photo from our trip to Africa in 2014 for our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He had just found out about his prostate cancer. He was a lover of nature and this was one of the highlights of our travel, walking with young lions.**



**TRADING TABLE SUPPLIES**

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Virus Kits				\$8.00
Linuron Hericide (100g)				\$10.00
Plastic Labels (25)				\$2.00

For normal orders contact John Howard on 0419 814 981, for stock availability

For larger orders 30 pots or under per size, contact Wayne Baylis, on 0409 801 224

Any orders over 30 pots per size should be sourced by the box configuration from Garden City Plastics,

Available to all club members in bulk,

Contact Natasha at Garden City Plastics on 8168 4100 to order.

**Barry Bailly will have some special seedling flasks available at the February meeting**

**Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' x (Lancashire Khan x Top Class)**

**Janis Lin (4N) x (Lancashire Khan x Top Class)**

**Janis Lin (4N) x Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'**

**Dural Ice 'Dural' x Summer Pearl 'Bonnie'**

**Dural Ice 'Dural' x Peter Pan 'Greensleeves' (4N)**

Flasks of 30 or so strongly growing plants (produced by Moss Bray so you know they are good)

**Ready to plant out \$45 (cash only)**

**More information Barry 0428 847 042**

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Virus test kits (tests for Cymbidium Mosaic and Odontoglossum Ringspot virus, but not Fleck virus) will be available at the February meeting. Eight dollars (\$8) per test kit.

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

**On Wednesday 28th February 2024**

**at the Burnside Assembly Hall,  
corner of Greenhill and Portrush Roads. Dulwich**

**The AGM will start at 8.00pm,  
and the February meeting begins immediately after**

**There will be judging of plants at this meeting**

Judging for the Flower of the Year 2023 will be conducted.  
All financial members can vote.

The beginner's group will meet on the stage at the front of the hall, starting  
at 7.15pm SHARP (to allow them to view plants and purchase raffle tickets)  
Newcomers are very welcome

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## Below are the November 2023 showbench results

Judges Choice	Best Species		lowianum	Laurie and Sue Carter
Judges Choice	Seedling of the Night		(Cricket x Plush Canyon)	Laurie and Sue Carter
Judge's Choice	Best Overall		Little Beauty	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Judge's Choice	Best in Open Division		Little Beauty	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Judge's Choice	Best in First Division		Jack Hudlow 'Emerald'	Laurie and Sue Carter
Judge's Choice	Best in Second Division		Atlantic Carat	Erica Venning
Judge's Choice	Best Miniature Seedling		(Cricket x Plush Canyon)	Laurie and Sue Carter
Judge's Choice	Best Specimen		Little Beauty	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Open Division	Miniature Yellow	1st	Koala 'Cuddles'	Malcolm Osborn
Open Division	Miniature Brown	1st	Little Beauty	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Open Division	Miniature Brown	2nd	Doctor Devon 'L.L.C'	Malcolm Osborn
Open Division	Miniature Other Colour	1st	Bunyip 'Precious Memories'	Malcolm Osborn
First Division	Small Standard Green	1st	lowianum	Laurie and Sue Carter
First Division	Intermediate Pink	1st	Kiwi Devonport 'Flying High'	Laurie and Sue Carter
First Division	Intermediate Green	1st	Jack Hudlow 'Emerald'	Laurie and Sue Carter
First Division	Intermediate Other Colour	1st	Memoria Amelia Earhart' New Horizon'	Laurie and Sue Carter
First Division	Miniature Brown	1st	(Cricket x Plush Canyon)	Laurie and Sue Carter
Second Division	Intermediate Pink	1st	(Sleeping Sharon x Regal Fire)	Erica Venning
Second Division	Intermediate Brown	1st	Atlantic Carat	Erica Venning

## Are you having difficulty with weeds growing in your cymbidium orchid pots?

There are a number of really annoying weeds regularly seen in the pots. One particular nasty one, Oxalis, a tiny clover type weed, is seen in many plants in many collections. It is difficult to pull out. Often it breaks off and the root system reshoots soon after. It often grows between the backbulbs, in the middle of the plant, making it very difficult to remove.

However, there is an easy way to get rid of this pest, and most other weeds. LINURON DF is used successfully by many growers. It is relatively safe to spray on the leaves of our cymbidiums. I find it better to mix it in a small hand spray bottle, and squirt the weeds in the pot. With a little practice it is possible to just hit the weed, with very little spray reaching the orchid plant. The plant (and weed) should not watered (or rained upon) for about 24 hours. It might take up to a week for the weeds to perish. It is a very easy and effective way to control weeds in your collection. Beware, other plants (lettuce, and many soft flower plants) must be protected from any spray drift.

It is only available commercially in large packets. When I enquired to get more recently, I was told that it was only available in 10kg boxes, costing \$800+. After more enquiries, I did source some in 2kg packets, for a little over \$200. Packets this size would treat a huge amount of plants for a long time.

We have purchased a box and repackaged into 100 gram bags, which will be available from our trading table, for \$12. This amount will be enough for a smallish private collection for a long time, probably at least a couple of years. I mix 4 grams of Linuron in 1 litre of water in a hand held spray bottle. With a little practice, you can walk through your orchid plants and target the weeds, barely touching the orchid plants.

I will bring a hand spray to the beginner's meeting for the February meeting, and demonstrate how easy it is to do. It is much easier and more effective than pulling weeds out. Give it a go and take control of weeds in your collection.

Below is a brief description of it. There is a huge amount of information about it on the net. You will have difficulty in finding dosage rates for our cymbidiums. Manufacturers are very wary of recommending the use of products like this, without thoroughly testing it on a particular plant. It is expensive to do so. It might not have been tested by the manufacturer on cymbidiums, but it has been used extensively by commercial growers for many, many years. Give it a try on a few plants before using it on your whole collection.

Linuron (3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-methoxy-1-methylurea) is a **phenylurea herbicide** that is used to control the growth of grass and weeds for the purpose of supporting the growth of crops like soybeans.

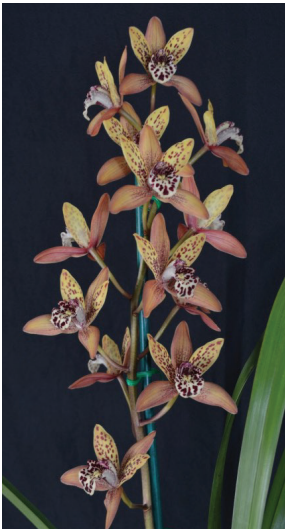




**Above  
Finalist No.1  
February Meeting  
Zig Zag 'Kiwi'**

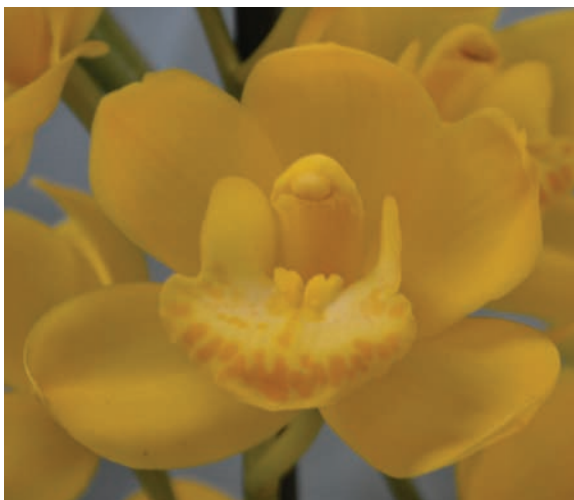
**At left and on right  
Finalist No.2  
March Meeting  
Pakkret Tiara  
'Alpha'**

**Below  
Finalist No.3  
April Meeting  
Pakkret Keystone  
'Sundaani'**





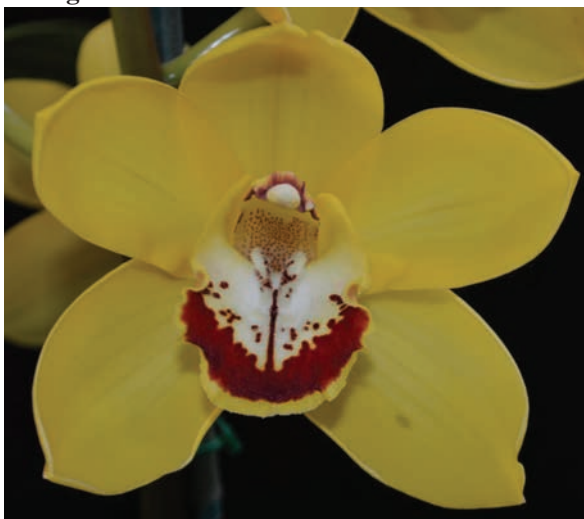
**Above Finalist No.4 May Meeting (Amber dawn x Amber Harvest) x Coraki Glowing**



**Above Finalist No.5 June Meeting Pharaoh's Dream 'Dural'**



**At left and on right  
Finalist No.6  
July Meeting  
(Marilyn  
Thomas x  
Golden Embers)**





**Above and at left  
Finalist No.7  
Port Adelaide Show  
Pink Dream 'Izzy'**



**At left and below  
Finalist No.8  
West Lakes Show  
Coraki Glowing 'Kentlyn'**





**Above and at left  
Finalist No.9  
September meeting  
Amigos Vision '20/20'**



**At left and below  
Finalist No.10  
October meeting  
(Spotted Madam x Pepperpuss)**



**Did you know** There is an excellent cymbidium newsletter, published regularly, which gives a huge amount of great information.

**Cymbidium Chatter** is an electronic form newsletter, edited by Joshua White, a young member of the Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria (COSV)

Joshua can email you each new edition. Back editions can be found on the COSV web site [cosv.com.au](http://cosv.com.au)

In the last edition, there was an excellent article on one of our Past Presidents, who is also a life member of our club, the late Dean Roesler

This is a really good article to study.

Also on their website is a huge amount of information and articles to read.

Also look in on our club web site [cymorchidssa.com.au](http://cymorchidssa.com.au).

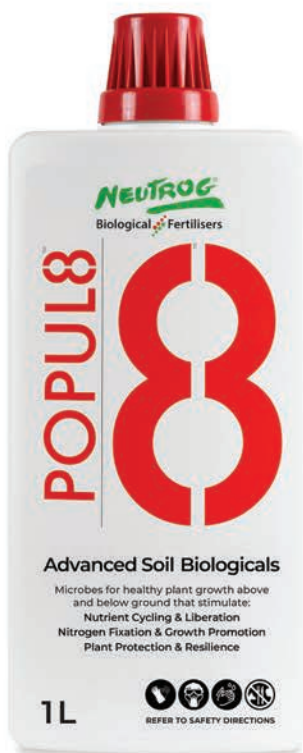
Well managed by one of our hard working committee members Sue Holland. There is a n amazing amount of information to be found there, including photos from our meetings and shows, back copies of our monthly magazine, also helpful growing information.

There is also information about virus in cymbidiums, with photographs of infected leaves. Should help you to identify if any of your plants could have a virus.



Above a fill in \*\* Above is an unbelievably beautiful SPECIES cymbidium *goerenzii*  
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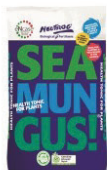
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2<sup>nd</sup> August

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This new product is getting good reviews from growers everywhere who have been using it for some time. Rodents cause lots of damage if not controlled. Be prepared. Have some on hand.

**First release ever. An amazingly eyecatching spotted cymbidium**  
**Spotted Madam 'Brydie' AD COCSA, AD & HCC COSV**

**Flowering sized plants growing strongly in a 17cm (7 inch) pot will be available at our February meeting.**

**They should flower in the 2024 season.**

**It will be released nationally soon (as soon as it is safe to post plants), and is likely to be very sought after, and possibly hard to source later in the year.**

**It is a diploid, and the shape is not big and round, but it is amazingly eyecatching, and will be highly sought after. Get one (or two) now.**



When it first flowered in a 17cm pot, it produced 6 flower spikes, with 3 spikes having 13 flowers each, and 3 spikes with 8 flowers each (see photo below) It was awarded an AD at our Spring Show in 2016, also at the Victorian Spring Show an AD and a HCC, the same year.

It was highly sought after by interstate enthusiasts at the time, with a number of high priced offers to buy the plant.

Unfortunately it took some time to get tissue excised to clone it.

It is a very good grower, and has produced multiple flower spikes in the last 2 years, growing in 10cm (4 inch) pots. Very limited numbers are available.

**Genuine flowering sized plants for sale, in 17cm (7 inch) pots. \$50 each. (cash)**

**Buy 2 and get a bonus small plant.**

**Spikes usually are late season showing. Plants in spike when available will be \$75 each.**

**More information Graham Morris 0419823724**





**November 2023 meeting  
Atlantic Carat No.1**



**Best in Second Division  
Grown by Erica Venning**





**November 2023 meeting**

**Best Seedling**

**Cricket x Plush Canyon**

**Grown by Laurie and Sue Carter**

