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September meeting

**Open Division, First prize, Intermediate Pink
Best Overall and Best in Open Division**

Khanebono Jacinta

Grown by Shane Moeller



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Best in First Division
Marilyn Thomas
Grown by Roger Long



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Presidents Message October 2021

Welcome to our October issue,

There were no COVID problems again in September, with the meeting going ahead and no more COVID outbreaks in SA, although we have had some truckies, flight attendants and border jumpers doing their best to try and change that.

Another great crowd of 60+ members were present along with another new member and four guests. Graham Guest from Guest Orchids was our guest speaker, and many thanks to him for a great presentation on the history of Guest Orchids and some of the many trials and tribulations of becoming a successful commercial grower. (I think the word Guest came up a lot in that little paragraph).

Also, thanks to Graham for last month, and for offering to come back again over the next two years and tell us more about his overseas orchid trips. They are already booked in.

A big welcome to our new members over the last few months, Erica

Venning, Wayne Mattschoss, Martin Azzopardi, Eleonora Deschmann, David Fletcher, James Argent and John Wainwright (earlier in the year).

Some nice plants were shown at last month's meeting. Orchid of the night was won by Khanebono Jacinta, grown by Shane Moeller. It was also winner of Open division. First division was won by Maralyn Thomas, grown by Roger Long. Second division was won by Daddy's Girl 'Christine', grown by Susan and Gary Hollands. (Editor's note – The club is growing some plants of Khanebono Jacinta, to distribute to all members later)

Our guest speaker for our October meeting will be Kevin McLean, who always gives a very entertaining presentation, so make sure you are there for his presentation.

Prior to Kevin's presentation, we will hold a plant auction, so please bring along some quality plants that are surplus to your needs. They must be in good condition with no bugs or viruses, with an image and names of each plant attached, or an image of at least one of the parent plants if it is a seedling.

Further details are in this magazine, but please supply Graham Fear with a list of your plants to be auctioned, with a reserve price for each one. Ninety percent of the sale price will go to the member and ten percent to the club.

Because of the catering restrictions still in place at Burnside, we will not be able to hold our November Christmas break up dinner at the hall, so our November meeting will be held at The Warradale Hotel, 234 Diagonal Road, Warradale SA 5046

We have arranged a two course menu with a main and a desert at \$35.00 per head. The club will subsidise it by \$10 per head, so the cost to you will be \$25 a head. Partners are most welcome. Please pay Christine at the October meeting, or you can do a direct debt to the club's account with your name and Christmas dinner note beside the entry. Please inform Christine of your payment. Dinner details are in this issue.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on the 27th.

Kind regards and stay safe and well.

Graham Fear (President)



NOVEMBER MEETING DINNER

Because of the food restrictions still in place at Burnside, we will not be able to hold as per last year, our Christmas break up dinner at the hall.

So hopefully we don't have a repeat of last year, with another COVID outbreak, and the dinner can go ahead at last years proposed venue.

**The Warradale Hotel
234 Diagonal Road
Warradale SA 5046**

We have arranged a three-course menu with a starter, main course and a desert at \$35.00 per head, which is great value. The club will subsidise it by \$10 per head, so the cost to you will be \$25 a head. Partners are most welcome.

The menu is attached, and it will be an alternate drop, but you can swap around the mains once they arrive at the table if you need to.

Please pay our Treasurer, Christine at the October meeting, or you can do a direct debt to the club's account with your name and Xmas dinner notation beside the entry. Please inform Christine of your payment

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If you are unable to be at the October meeting or cannot pay at that time, please let Christine or Graham Fear know so you can be added to the list. You can pay on the night.

The preference is payment to be made at the October meeting

PLANT AUCTION AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

We will be holding a plant auction at the October meeting for good quality members plants.

Please bring along any quality plants that are surplus to your needs They must be in good condition with no bugs or viruses, with an image and names of each plant attached or an image of at least one of the crossings if it's a seedling.

**Place the plants on the tables provided at the front of the hall by 7.30pm to allow members to have a good look at them.
Please supply Graham Fear a list of your plants with a reserve price for each one**

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Auction will be held before our guest speaker Kevin McLean at approximately 8.20pm

90% of the proceeds will go to the member and 10% to the club

Menu for the Christmas Dinner at the Warradale Hotel

Starter

House made dips with char grilled pita bread

Mains

Char grilled grain fed sirloin steak, Café d Paris butter, potato croquettes, sauté broccolini.

Pan fried chicken breast with white wine, horseradish cream sauce, steamed new potatoes with butter and herbs, sauté broccolini.

Desert

Roasted macadamia nut Pavlova roulade, vanilla cream and seasonal berries.

Ben Knobben, a club Life Member, and former hard working Registrar of Judges, is having some health problems at the moment..

Ben is really disappointed that he could not show some quality plants at this year's Spring Show. He tells me that he has had his best flowering year ever, and had some plants which would probably have won some major prizes if exhibited.

By the time you get this magazine, he will have begun intensive treatments which will prevent him attending meetings for a while.

We will keep you informed , via emails and this magazine, whenever there is some news about how he is going with the treatment.

I am sure you will all join with me in wishing Ben and his family, all the best, and hope we all get to see him return to good health soon.

Best wishes Ben.

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Great to see Barry Bailey at our September meeting, after a long health battle. Good on ya Bazz.

For the Beginners – Housing your cymbidiums

Cymbidium orchids are really tough plants. They can survive growing in poor conditions, but unless you give them some basic, good growing conditions, they will survive, but rarely flower. There was a club overseas, who grew them only for the foliage. They could not be displayed when in flower. In our culture, we want them to flower. With careful plant selection, we could have cymbidiums in flower all year. However most quality plants flower between about April until October. Early and late in the season, the plant quality is not as good as peak season, but hybridizers are extending the season, and improving the quality continually.

Cymbidiums have two major requirements to grow well. **Light and hydration.** Provide good lighting conditions, and good watering, and you will get good flowering. Other factors come into play, but light and water are most important.

In southern Australia, if you want to be serious about growing cymbidiums well, you will almost certainly need a shadehouse, fitted with an automatic watering system. The shadehouse does not need to be huge to grow enough plants to have a plant or two, in flower at all times, from April to October. For example, a shadehouse measuring say 3 metres by 3 metres in area, could house 30 or more flowering size cymbidiums, and some smaller plants. Thirty flowering sized plants should yield at least 20 to 25 plants in flower each year. Flowers on a plant usually last in good condition for 6 weeks or more, so you will get more than enough plants flowering from a small shadehouse to decorate your home, to bring to our club for showing, or to produce flower spikes to cut, and to impress your friends, when you give them a one.

You will get varying advice from different experts regarding the intensity of the shade required. I recommend 50 percent shade (black), but others may suggest up to 70 percent or other colours. As stated earlier, cymbidiums are tough, and can do well under different shade levels. However, one must consider what other shade comes from buildings and trees near your growing area. If the area around your shadehouse receives significant shading from outside objects, use lower level shade on your shadehouse structure.

The structure to support the shade cloth can be made from one of a number of materials. Pipe or tube, connected with clamping fittings (Downee) are good. Wood is an excellent material to make a frame from. Ensure it is resistant to pest attacks (treated pine, or hardwood is good). Cables and wires can be used to part support the shadecloth on the roof area. Consider making



it possible to cover the roof area with plastic, during flowering season. A gabled roof is good, as the sloping roof can be made to run off any water falling on it, rather than pooling on the roof. Shade cloth can be easily joined using wire netting clips (see photograph). A cheap plier can be purchased to close up the clips, along the edge of the shade cloth. Shade cloth can also be joined by threading wire through the edges of pieces of shadecloth, much like sewing two pieces of material together with a needle and cotton. Another method used successfully is by using nails to pin the edges of shadecloth together. You can get professional sewn up shadecloth covers manufactured.

Shadecloth can be purchased from most hardware stores, but it is relatively expensive in short lengths. It is commonly available in widths of 1.8 and 3.6 metres. It is cheapest by buying a 50 metre roll. Ask around. There may be a member

who has some leftover from their building exercise. J.A Grigson Trading at Lonsdale, are a good supplier of rolls of shadecloth. I believe they may also sell cut lengths. It is worth checking to see if they have offcuts available. (continued on page 8)

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Try to position your shadehouse on your block, where it gets minimal shading from adjacent buildings and trees. Most suburban blocks will get shaded areas at some times of the day. If you cannot find a spot to have all day full sun exposure, giving it sun in the morning, and shade later in the day is better than shade in the morning and full sun (often very hot) in the afternoon.

Your shadehouse can be put together quickly, and relatively cheaply by a competent handy person. Ask around and try to visit a shadehouse or two belonging to other club members in your area to get the idea of what is required.

Be warned however. You will need to be disciplined to limit the numbers of plants in whatever size shadehouse you build. Plants quickly grow larger, and you will probably purchase more plants regularly. Do not overcrowd your plants. They need good spacing between plants to thrive. Enjoy your cymbidium growing.

Next month – Watering and humidification.

Pauline and Mark Hockey will be offering plants for sale at the October meeting

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Advanced mericlones \$25 each

Most could flower next year or 2023

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Assorted 100 mm pots seedlings \$12 each

Assorted 100 mm pots mericlones \$15 each

Very limited 100 mm pots Splatters x Kimberley Splash bulb & lead @ \$30 each

Limited 100 mm pots Splatters x True Creator bulb & lead @ \$30 each

September 2021 Showbench winners Description of plants

Best overall and best in Open Division

Khanebono 'Jacinta' - Grown by Shane Moeller

The plant had 2 very strong spikes of lovely shaped pink flowers. There were 20 and 22 flowers spaced evenly around the spike.

The petals and the sepals were very well balanced. The lips were boldly marked, and the white pollen caps made a focal point.

Best in First Division

Marilyn Thomas - Grown by Roger Long

The plant had 2 green bulbs/growths and 2 backbulbs. It had a single spike 7 flowers, well spaced and presented

Well grown in a 20cm pot

Best in Second Division

Daddy's Girl 'Christine' - Grown by Susan and Gary Hollands

The plant had 5 flower spikes with 30 to 32 flowers per spike

Well grown in a 17cm pot, with 5 green bulbs and 4 backbulbs



September Meeting

Best Small Standard Seedling

**Paradise Island x
(Kimberley Valley x Albryant)**

Grown by Chee Ng



September Meeting

Open Division

Large Standard First prize

Tethys Black Magic

Grown by Kevin Western



September Meeting

**Open Division
Intermediate Novelty First Prize**

Canned Magic ‘Kobe’

Grown by Geoff and Lucy Spear

**Note Canned Magic is from the mating of
Tethys “Black Magic” (on opposite page)
and canaliculatum
(an Australian native cymbidium)**



September Meeting
Best Intermediate Seedling
Clint Eastwood No.2
Grown by John Moon



Help for beginners. Where to start

We are fortunate to be welcoming some new members to our club at the moment. It can be quite daunting in finding information on how to grow cymbidiums well. There is a huge amount needing to be learned, before being confident in just growing them.

For members needing more information quickly, go to our club web site cymorchidssa.com.au

Go to the Menu and the “Showing Cymbidiums” section, which includes Growing Cymbidiums, and Annual Club Shows.

In there is a series of articles titled “All you need to know about growing cymbidiums, in six easy lessons”.

These articles were written some years back for the now out of print national magazine “The Australian Orchid Review”. Lots of growing information in these articles.

There is also a large number of photographs in the Galleries area, and many past magazines in the Newsletter section.

Be prepared to spend a long time checking out the information on the site. Thank you to our Web Master (Mistress) Sue Hollands, for producing and maintaining this site.

Over the next few magazines I will be giving some advice on several important issues which new members (and some not so new members) may benefit from.

1. Growing conditions required (how to build and maintain a shadehouse)
2. Watering requirements
3. Pest and disease control
4. What plants might suit your requirements and how to source them.
5. How to look after your plants
6. Preparing plants for enjoyment or showing
7. Record keeping and improving your collection
8. Growing seedlings or clones (mericlones)

I pondered long and hard to decide which topic is most beneficial for our new growers.

In this edition I have chosen to discuss point 1, Growing conditions required.

Another great source of good information is the web site of the Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria (COSV). www.cosv.com.au

There is a really good bi monthly magazine “Cymbidium Chatter”, available on the COSV web site

Thank you to Joshua White for producing this very informative magazine.

Pauline's Laboratory Service is pleased to announce the sale of its business to Barrita Orchids.

All work currently in progress will be honored at the current prices by Barrita, and any work in our lab at the time of sale will be supplied by us when it is ready. Payment for this work will be to us.

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We would like to thank everyone for their business over the last 45 years, but it is time to retire and enjoy our life.

Thanks, Pauline

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(Best time to call is early evening)

The next Meetings of the
Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.
 Will be on Wednesday 27th October 2021, starting at 8pm

**At the Burnside Assembly Hall
 Corner of Portrush and Greenhill Roads**

There will be an auction of special plants grown by our members.
 Some rare plants are sure to be on offer, and some bargains.

Kevin McLean from Pauline's Laboratory Service will speak about his experiences over a very long period. He always gives a great presentation. Don't miss it.

The beginners will meet on the Stage at the of the hall from 7.15pm.
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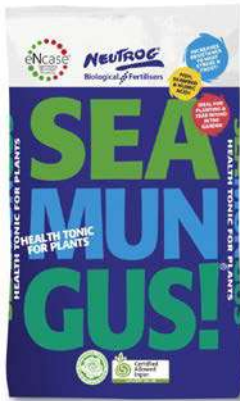
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September Meeting

Best Large Standard Seedling

Amber Wall x Gwen Thomas

Grown by Shane Moeller



September meeting Best in Second Division

Dadd's Girl "Christine" Grown by Susan an Gary Hollands

