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Display**

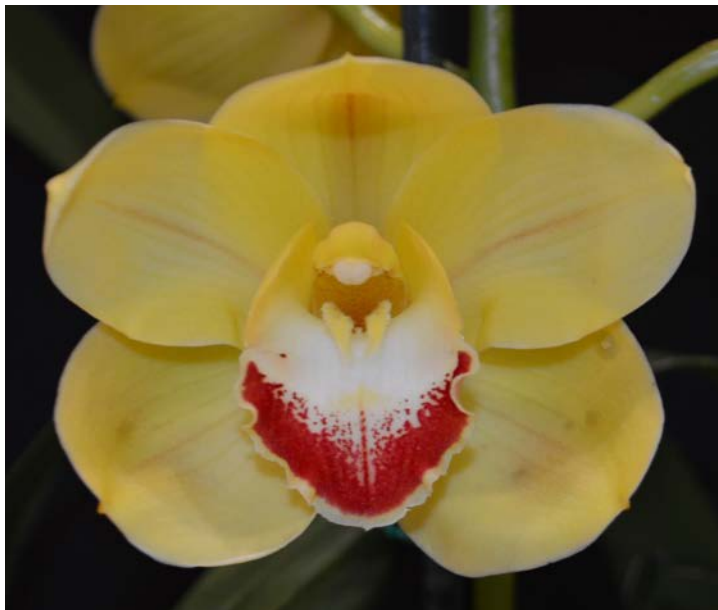
**Best Overall
Best in Open Division
Best Large Standard
Seedling**

**Anna Dragon x
Blazing Pepper**

Grown by Chee Ng



**From the Port Adelaide Display
Best in First Division Coraki Glowing 'Kentlyn' Grown by Graham Fear**



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Presidents Message July 2021

Welcome to our August issue,

It was disappointing that the July meeting could not go ahead because of the extra precautions that Burnside put in after the lockdown. All is looking ok for this month, so hopefully the meeting will go ahead as planned.

No plants for showing this month as the West Lakes show is only three days later. Glenn Heyland from Easy Orchids will be our guest speaker, so we can look forward to a good meeting if everything stays as it is.

As there was no meeting in July, we decided to judge the plants in the display at Port Adelaide. Many thanks to our Register of Judges, Chee Ng and the Judges for a difficult job well done. The following growers were the winners for the month, Open division was won by Chee Ng with a first time flowering seedling Anna



**President
Graham Fear**

Dragon x Blazing Pepper. First division winner was Graham Fear with Coraki Glowing 'Kentlyn' and Second Division best was Greg Wallace with Sundaani Dream 'Orange Crush'. Chee's Anna Dragon x Blazing Pepper was Flower of the Night.

The Port Adelaide display and Trading table was again a huge success. Many thanks to John and Craig for being there every morning at 7.00am until 9.00pm, also everybody else who helped on the trading table, or helped with the judging and display erection on the Wednesday night.

Just under 300 plants were sold in the three days, with the last few going at 3.30pm on the Saturday. This is about the same result as at Munno Para, and has given all growers and the club a great result so far this year, with the West Lakes show still to come.

The West Lakes Spring show, displays and trading table will be from Saturday 28th August with the show put in from 5.30pm, (not before) with parking outside the Woolworths (western) entrance. The trading table will run from Sunday 29th until Saturday 4th September at 5.00pm. Judging and the display's will be in the centre court area and the Trading Table in the usual spot next to the Cross-Lotto kiosk.

There will be a 22 plant trading table limit (one page of the selling page) for each member for a start on the Saturday night. You can bring extra plants, but they will go into storage and as the sales go on, these will be brought out and placed on the table.

This is to give all members an equal chance to sell their plants on the first few days. We will need as many plants as we can get, because last year we sold out with a day and a half to go, and with Sunday 5th being Father's Day this will also help plant sales, so bring them in right through the week.

Could you please put your name down to help on the Trading Table roster to help out at West Lakes. See John Howard at the August meeting and arrange a time to fit in with the roster. As much as we need everybody's, help there is no use having eight people on one day and one or two the next, so please let John know, so he can arrange times to suit everybody.

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I look forward to seeing you all, at the meeting on the 25th.

Kind regards and stay safe and well.

Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia

Spring Show

At the West Lakes Shopping Centre

Put in Saturday 28th August 5pm

**runs Sunday 29th August
until Saturday 4th September**

Take out Saturday 4th September 5pm

Interstate Spring Show news

**New South Wales Orchid Extravaganza (In previous years the Dural Show)
6th to 8th August 2021, at the Arena Sports Club, Yagoona (Cancelled)**

**Cymbidium Orchid Club of Victoria Spring Show
11th and 12th September 2021, at the Mount Waverley Centre (change of venue)
Now highly unlikely to proceed**

On Sunday 15th August, the Beginner's Group participated in a workshop starting at a private grower's house, where they were shown a typical backyard shadehouse, then going on to see a big commercial nursery. Fifteen members attended, and feedback was very positive.

Beginners can benefit greatly by visiting a shadehouse of an experienced grower. It is amazing how a short time in a shadehouse can assist newcomers to understand what is needed to succeed in growing cymbidiums.

Topics covered included discussions on the need to provide good quality lighting conditions (or shade), the need to supply regular watering, particularly during hot periods. Fertilizing was discussed, including the benefits of having a meter to test the fertilizer levels being applied (an EC meter). A number of plants were observed and discussed, including many seedlings flowering for the first time.

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At the commercial nursery (Jong's Nursery), the various stages of were observed and discussed, and the participants had the opportunity to purchase some really good quality plants, at good prices. These members will benefit from this outing.

West Lakes Spring Show Sunday 29th August to Saturday 4th September 2021

Entry is via the western end loading dock as per last year next to Woolworths. Park opposite the Lakes Hotel and the entrance is through the large iron gates.

Helpers during the week can get a free parking ticket from the Trading Table or Wayne Baylis

Doors will be open at 5 00 pm Saturday 28th August for put in of plants.

Put in is from 5 00 pm— 5 45 pm. Judging starts at 6.00pm.

All displays to be completed and fenced by 10.30pm.

Any person with plants for displays, but not for judging, may place them in any of the display areas.

For judging of all divisions (Open, First and Second), signs will be posted in the best lighted areas, indicating where to place each category of plant. If you are doubtful about where to place a plant, get help from a judge, or place it where you think it should go, and if incorrect, the judges will move it to the correct area.

There are nine (9) colour classes: -

White/Cream	Yellow	Green	Red	Pink
Pure colour	Brown/Orange	Novelty	Any Other Colour	

There are four (4) sizes: -

Large Standard	Over 100 mm,	Small Standard.....	85 mm—100 mm
Intermediate.....	60 mm— 85 mm,	Miniature.....	Under 60mm

Measurements are horizontally across the widest part of the flower.

There are three (3) member divisions: Open First Second

All plants for judging or for sale on the trading table, must be clean, and not showing signs of virus, or the Judges or Show Marshal will reject them. The Judge's decisions are final. Should any protest be lodged, the Show Marshal will call an expert panel to give a decision.

West Lakes Show 2020 Prize schedule

Grand Champion	\$50
Champion of Divisions (2 prizes - excludes GC division)	\$10
Champion large standard	\$10
Champion small standard	\$10
Champion intermediate	\$10
Champion miniature	\$10
Champion Seedling	\$10
Champion large standard seedling	\$10
Champion small standard seedling	\$10
Champion intermediate seedling	\$10
Champion miniature seedling	\$10
Champion Specimen	\$10
Champion Species	\$10

Spring Show conditions—Continued from page 6

Name tags are to be firmly attached to all plants exhibited. (available from the Registrar of Judges)

Open Division - Green, First Division - Buff, Second Division - White

The name of the plant is to be neatly written, and the Exhibitor Number in the bottom right hand corner

If the plant is a first time flowering seedling a yellow dot is to be attached to the label (available from Registrar)

After judging, a blue dot attached to the label indicates a first prize has been won by that plant. A red dot indicates a second prize, and a green dot indicates a third prize. Plants can win prizes in more than one class.

Note also. No plants will be judged at the monthly meeting night (Wednesday August 26th). Bring them all to West Lakes.

Many growers, particularly beginners, but also many more experienced growers, have difficulty understanding the terms diploid, triploid, and tetraploid when talking about cymbidiums.

Going back over 100 years, most cymbidiums grown were species cymbidiums, not long after being removed from growing wild in forests.

Their shape was very poor by today's standards.

Hybridizers started breeding these species plants, but in first generations, most of the first progeny from these species plants, still lacked good shape.

There was one plant which when it flowered was a big improvement on most other sibling plants. It's name was Alexanderi 'Westonbirt', often referred to as AWB. It won prizes and was highly awarded. Obviously, because it was so much better than all other plants around at the time, it was bred extensively. Most of it's babies were better shape than most of the plants around, but not as good as this super plant AWB. When AWB's progeny were used for breeding, most did not set seedpods. They were generally sterile. Eventually they discovered that the old species plants had 40 chromosomes, set out in 2 pairs of 20 chromosomes (2N). AWB was discovered to have 80 chromosomes, 4 pairs of 20 chromosomes. When the 4N AWB was bred with any 2N mating, the babies had 60 chromosomes, or 3 sets of 20 chromosomes. In nature, most things with an uneven setting of chromosomes, are sterile.

Nowadays we can convert very small plants (during tissue culture) from 2N to 4N, by treating the small protocorms produced in early stages of the tissue culture process, with a chemical. Colchacine was used, in years back, but now Oryzalin is used. These chemicals only convert a percentage of the plants after treatment. Plants converted from 2n to 4N, have hastened the development of top quality, shapely cymbidiums.

Occasionally a plant just changes from 2N to 4N, during the cloning proceed. A 4N version of a previous 2N variety is bigger than the 2N form. It is double the volume. We see it as about 30% bigger, but thicker in the petals.

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Nowadays most standard sized plants are tetraploid (4N). Many miniatures are still diploid (2N)

Check the photos on the next page. Sharon is a 4N version of Tiddly Winks



Above Cherry Blossom 'Tiddly Winks' a diploid (2N) form miniature
Below Cherry Blossom 'Sharon' a chance tetraploid (4N) form
Both plants were shown at the Port Adelaide display. Sharon was much bigger



See these photographs in colour on the net



From the Port Adelaide display

Kirby Lesh x Kimberley Pass

From the Port Adelaide display

Khanebono x Firetail Showpiece



From the Port Adelaide display

**Khan Flame x
(Yowie Flame x James T Kirk) x
Blazing Fury**



From the Port Adelaide display
Kimberley Winter x Paradise Island

From the Port Adelaide display
Khan Fury 'Hope Williams'



From the Port Adelaide display
Kirby Dream



**From the Port Adelaide display
Vanity Fair ‘Hollywood’**

**From the Port Adelaide display
Julie Hawkes ‘Emily’**



**From the Port Adelaide display
Mad Rush ‘To Nowhere’**



**From the Port Adelaide display
Olympic Flame 'Ai Tee'**

**From the Port Adelaide display
Mem Amelia Earhart x Pacific Sparkle**



**From the Port Adelaide display
Jimbo Tupp x Regal Flames**





The very busy and successful trading table at the Port Adelaide Display



**How tough are we? These are the pants shown in the July magazine. They had been in a sealed box for 63 days. Still managed to flower, and look quite recovered
See these photographs in colour on the web**

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Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.
Will be on **Wednesday 25th August 2021, starting at 8pm**

At the Burnside Assembly Hall
Corner of Portrush and Greenhill Roads

Glenn Heylen, Proprietor of Easy Orchids, one of Australia's largest supplier of pot plant cymbidium orchids, will discuss his experiences over many years. He has much to tell you, which can help you grow your plants better.

The beginners will meet on the Stage at the of the hall from 7.15pm.
Newcomers are very welcome

Members can read a very interesting publication on Cymbidium growing
Cymbidium Chatter

On the net <https://www.cosv.com.au/publications-and-resources>
It is a publication with lots of good news, very much worth reading
A new edition has just been published. It is really good reading and informative.

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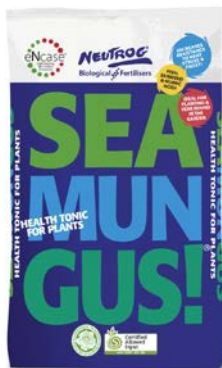
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From the Port Adelaide Display

Best in Second Division

Sundaani Dream 'Orange Crush'

Grown by Greg Wallace





**From the Port Adelaide display
Best Specimen Valley Olympic 'Pink Perfection'
Grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju**

