



# The Cymbidium Newsletter

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## April/May 2014

### 2014 Meeting Dates

January –  
February 11  
March 11  
April 8  
May 13  
June 10  
July 8  
August 12  
September 9  
October 14  
November 11  
December 9

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**Meetings:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except January), Mt Waverley Community Centre, Youth Centre Hall, Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley (Melway 61/D12 and 70/D1). The hall is off Stephenson Road and is next to the Library.

**Meetings start at 8.00pm. Basket Supper please.**

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### \*Last Meeting :

Dr. Randall Robinson was our guest speaker at last month's meeting, Randall had just returned from Santa Barbara in California which hosts one of the biggest shows in the area, the presentation was excellent and not only showed us the show plants on display it was also about the area and surrounds, this was enjoyed by all present and once again a big thank you to Randall.

### \*Cultural Talk :

Geoff Bailey will be giving the cultural talk this month.

### \*Main Item :

Robin Fitz-Gerald will be our guest speaker this month, Robin will be speaking on Orchid Fungicides he represents a company called Crop Health Services, his talk will cover fungicides, fungal growth, fungal resistance and many more aspects of fungicides, please make the effort to come and hear Robin as we are all affected by fungal problems in our orchids from time to time.

### \*Last Month's flower benching:

Well April was not a very busy month for flowering plants, there were only a few plants benched, thanks to members who brought in the plants for judging, we should start seeing a few more plants benched from this month, congratulations to the winners:

Judge's Vote and

Best in Open

Cym (Winter Alvin x Poetic Ghost) x Star White 'Booty'

C & K Gillespie

Best in Novice and

Best Novelty

tracyanum x Golden Elf

M Lagos

Best Seedling

Vanessa Amorisi x erythrostylum

J Thomson

## **\*Trading Table**

Kimberley Orchids will holding the trading table this month, Kimberley Orchids always have very good plants for sale, please support them.

## **\*Growing Competition :**

We had very good sales of the growing competition plants but not many are being benched, please bring them to the meeting, this year's plants are as follows:

Mericlone : Kalahari Pepper 'Barbara' – grown and hybridized by Colin Gillespie – this an orange show bench quality standard cymbidium.

Seedling: Lunar Advent 'A-stound' x Kimberley Valley 'Malibu' – hybridized by Colin Gillespie, Lunar Advent 'A-stound' is a standard yellow from Greg Bryant and Kimberley Valley 'Malibu' is a large green standard from the Kimberley Orchids collection, both are show bench quality.

We are publishing the list of previous year's competition plants again this month and have added the year's 2011 and 2012 as members mentioned that they are likely to flower some this year, when in flower please bring them for all to see.

2005 – Valley Olympic Rose and Dolly x Merv Dunn 'Ultimate'

2006 - Kimberley Harvest 'Burnt Gold' and Khan Flame 'Raquel' x Khan Flame 'Sheena'

2007 – Lunakira 'Gleam' and Kelly's Winter 'Golden Sovereign' x Khan Flame 'Tuscany'

2008 - Foxfire Veridian 'Stargate' and Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron' x Devon Parish 'Paradisian Prize'

2009 - Kimberley Splash 'Calypso' and Alvin Star 'Southern Ocean x Paradise Star 'White Cloud'

2010 - Valley Olympic 'Pink Perfection' and Joan's Era 'No.1' x Kingwin 'South Park'

2011 – Radiant Ruby 'Aussie Gem and Lunar Wall 'Dural x Uluru 'Orange Delight'

2012 - Flaming Vulcan 'XTC' and Kirby Lesh 'Pink Ice' x (Cape Banks x Red Beauty)

## **\*CYM School – by Geoff Bailey**

Early Session at Monthly meeting: Preparing your plants for display and a guided walk around the tables of benched plants.

**Greenhouse Visits:** please remember these visits are open to all members of the club. Dates will be confirmed at our meeting next week. Hopefully another session at Kimberley Orchids will also be able to be squeezed in.

**Sunday 22 June:** Devon Meadows Orchids – 10:30 am Barbecue Lunch

**A Sunday in July** – Wains Orchids, David Wain – 10:30am, morning tea/lunch at the nursery only a minute's drive from David's place.

**A Sunday in September** – Australian Orchid Nursery – Wayne Turville has agreed to open his nursery to just our group for approx. 3 hours on a Sunday in September. The gates will be closed to all others. Barbecue lunch.

## **\*Special Effort**

Once again many thanks to all members who contribute to our special effort table much appreciated and keep up the good work, as we have limited fund raising during the year this all helps with running your club.

### **\*Newsletter via email**

Thanks to the members who have joined our list of receiving their newsletter via email if you are interested kindly email your details to Karen Gillespie at [devonmeadowsorchids@bigpond.com](mailto:devonmeadowsorchids@bigpond.com)  
As the costs keep increasing for printing etc this really assists the club in keeping expenses down, many thanks in advance.

### **\*Members Badges**

These are available to order from Henk Morren at a cost of \$12 each.

### **\*Speakers for our Meetings:**

We always endeavour to make our meeting interesting, if anyone has any ideas of who to invite to speak at our meetings please convey your thoughts and ideas to any of the committee members. At this stage please make note of the following : July meeting will be our Annual Auction and September Vince Davey from Neutrog will be our guest speaker.

### **\*Proposed Bus Trip**

Unfortunately not enough interest was shown in the bus trip so it had to be cancelled.

### **\*Subscriptions for 2014/2015**

Enclosed with your newsletter is the statement for your subscriptions for the next year, you will notice that we have kept the subscription at \$22 for the year, there is a slight adjustment to the magazine prices, please note that you have four options when renewing your subscription, please circle the one you wish to use and make your payment as per the details on the statement.

### **\*Upcoming OSCOV show**

The OSCOV show is fast approaching and will be held in a new venue this year, we will be looking for plants and volunteers to assist Terry Poulton in building of the stand, kindly contact Terry for any further details, brochures for the event will be available at the next meeting.

### **\*Country Challenge being held in Shepparton**

This year's Country Challenge Show will be held in Shepparton on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014, they hold a dinner on the 5<sup>th</sup> July which is always well attended as is a great evening, I spoke to the Secretary during the week and she told me that there are still tickets available for the dinner. Anyone wishing to attend can contact Brenda Wise on 03 5829 9549 or via email : [colinwise@netspace.net.au](mailto:colinwise@netspace.net.au) or more details are available on the OSCOV website under the Goulburn Valley Orchid Club.

### **\*Assistance in the Kitchen at our monthly Meeting**

Jan Bailey is always appreciative of any help in the kitchen, please see Jan on the night.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> May and a plate to share is always welcome.