



## 2013 Meeting Dates

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December 10

# The Cymbidium Newsletter

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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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### \*February Meeting

Terry Poulton was first up and gave us an insight how he copes with bugs, fungus etc, it was very informative for all of us, we can all always gain a lot of information from these discussions. Terry mentioned his own recipe for white oil, his recipe appears on the last page of the newsletter for anyone interest in trying Terry's brew. Next up was Piers Parmenter from Neutrog, thanks Piers for a very interesting presentation on all the Neutrog products and especially all their new products being launched. Everyone who attended the meeting was given sample products from Neutrog. The Neutrog order form is enclosed, see bottom of newsletter for details.

### \*Cultural Talk and Main Item:

This month we are doing something slightly different we will be combining our cultural and main item for the evening, the speakers are:

Colin Gillespie – on his future ambitions on orchid growing  
Peter Sunderland – on the past and present of Kimberley Orchids  
Ern Kettle – on Paradisia Orchids  
Geoff Bailey – on alternative orchids

this will be in the form of a 10 – 15 minute talk each, and at the completion everyone will have a chance for questions and answers, these growers have a combined experience of growing orchids of 150 years, please attend as we are sure you will enjoy the evening.

## **\*Plant Commentary**

Please bring in any flowering cymbidiums for the judges to have a look at, Ern Kettle is the registrar and will do the plant commentary after judging, assisted by Peter Sunderland (seedlings) and Steve Early (species), last month there was only one plant on display, which belongs to Ern Kettle – Cymbidium Jumbuck 'No. 2', thanks Ern, we realise that this time of the year there is not much flowering, but try and find something.

## **\*Growing Competition for 2013**

We are into our second month of this year's growing competition, only a few plants were brought in last month, the club has sold over 60 of each seedling and mericlone, please bring them into the meeting so Colin Gillespie can comment on them and you also have the chance of winning another seedling in the draw. The plants for this year's competition are:

Mericlone: Khan Fury 'Inferno' supplied by David Wain.

Seedling: Kirby Lesh 'You Beaut' x Regal Flames – hybridised by Colin Gillespie

## **\*Beginners Group Update – report by Geoff Bailey**

Thank you to those members who joined the Beginners' Group Session prior to the monthly meeting.

As discussed at that initial meeting the purpose of this group will be to discuss and look at all ways of growing and purchasing cymbidiums. On the cultural side of things, during the course of the program we will look at potting mediums, pests and diseases, watering, housing your orchids, showing and benching orchids at monthly meetings etc.

With regards to purchasing cymbidiums we will look at all the options available, whether or not you purchase seedlings or mericlones – REMEMBER the choice is yours, no-one has the right to tell you what to grow. Grow for your own pleasure and show them off if you want to.

While Julie and I (Geoff Bailey) will be running the first two or three sessions, we will be calling in many other growers to assist at various stages of the program.

**Greenhouse visits will be a major part of the program. The first visit will be to John and Julie Forrest's on Saturday 6 April. John and Julie have a large collection of mixed genera, all of which they grow extremely well. At our meeting next week, we will discuss the starting time and arrangements for the visit. This first visit will culminate with a barbecue on the property.**

I have already received a number of apologies for our March meeting, due to illness, holidays etc but hopefully we will have a good turnout.

Weather permitting we will meet on the grass at the back of the hall, as we will be potting up some seedlings and mericlones. I look forward to catching up with you all. If you didn't take part in the first session you are more than welcome to join us from now on. Please remember the session starts at 7:15pm. Geoff Bailey

### **\*Raffle**

We hold a raffle each month to raise funds to run your club, if anyone would like to contribute anything please bring it along and put it on the table provided, thanks in advance. Peter and Joyce Sunderland always donate a basket of Easter goodies for this meeting, thanks to Joyce and Peter for this generous donation.

### **\*Neutrog Order Form**

The Neutrog order form is enclosed with your newsletter, please note that because of our contract with Neutrog this is for members only and passing onto the general public will jeopardise this contract, all orders are to be sent directly to Neutrog, the details are on the form, delivery will be as per usual to TP Castings, 99 Ordish Road, Dandenong. All orders must reach Neutrog by the **31<sup>st</sup> March 2013**. **\*NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED\***

### **\*Dates to remember:**

The Orchid Species Society of Victoria will be holding an Open Day on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013, from 9.00 am – 2 pm** at the City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, Jolimont Road, Forest Hill (adj. Parkmore Primary School) Melways ref 62/G4, entry is \$2 and there will be a display, plants for sale, a sausage sizzle and tea/coffee will be available.

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

Jan Bailey will be running the kitchen this year, thanks Jan, but Jan will require some assistance, anyone willing to help on the night kindly see Jan in the kitchen.

A plate to share will be greatly appreciated.

See you all on the 12<sup>th</sup> March for our next meeting.

For all beginners and interested growers the beginners group starts at 7.15 pm

# **NON TOXIC WHITE OIL**

**1LTR CANOLA OR VEGETABLE  
OIL**

**100 ML EUCALYPTUS OIL**

**1/2 LTR WATER**

**10 ML DISHWASHING LIQUID  
SHAKE WELL**

**ADD 40 ML PER LTR**

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