



2013 Meeting Dates

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Meetings: The 2nd 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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*August Meeting

What an enjoyable evening, a big thank you to Andre Cleghorn for his talk and presentation on raising seed and mericlone, I am sure that we are all wiser and more informed of where our seedlings and mericlones come from and why there is a cost involved when purchasing these from each other as this is quite a long and expensive process, once again on behalf of the committee and members a big thank you Andre and well done.

*Main Item for the evening

This month's main item will be a talk and presentation by Bob Harris from Hawaii, we are all looking forward to Bob's visit and let's give Bob a huge COSV welcome by attending next month's meeting.

*Trading Table

Thanks to Kimberley Orchids for contributing to the trading table at last month's meeting, and hope everyone was happy with their purchase of plants. There will not be a trading table this month as we have an overseas visitor but will try and have one the following month.

*Plant Commentary

We will be having an extended plant commentary at this meeting as the flowering season is in full swing, please bring your plants in for everyone to enjoy. Last month's results are as follows:

Judges Vote - Pepper Blaze x Lunar Blaze	C & K Gillespie
Best in Open – Kirby Lesh ‘Pink Ice’	P & J Sunderland
Best in Novice – Sleepy Sarah x Anna Szabo	Karl & Maria
Best Novelty – Lowio- grandiflorum	H & M Morren
Encouragement Award – Sleepy Sarah x Anna Szabo	Karl & Maria
Best Seedling Overall – Pepper Blaze x Lunar Blaze	C & K Gillespie
Large Standard Seedling – Pepper Blaze x Lunar Blaze	C & K Gillespie
Small Standard Seedling – Pepper Blaze x Lunar Blaze #1	C & K Gillespie
Intermediate Seedling – Sleepy Sarah x Musely	Ian Mordue

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all members who brought their plants in. We have noticed that there were not any Intermediate Section plants brought in last month, come on members I am sure you have some flowering plants to show us.

***Growing Competition for 2013**

Once again Colin Cleak gave a lengthy commentary on the growing competition, please bring your plants in, this year’s seedling and Mericlone are as follows:

Mericlone: Khan Fury ‘Inferno’ supplied by David Wain.

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

As the end of the year is fast approaching the committee will be finalizing the plants for next year’s competition, we hope to have these ready for sale at the November meeting.

***Update on our forthcoming show by Geoff Bailey**

SET-UP: Please remember that set-up time is from 10:00am, Friday 6 September. The first hour 9:00 – 10:00 will be used to set everything up. ANY HELP GREATLY APPRECIATED

JUDGING: Will take place at 6:30pm on Friday 6 September. All plants must be benched no later than 5:00pm.

PULL DOWN: Sunday 8 September at 4:00pm **MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK – PLEASE HELP OUT!**

CLUB STAND: Please try and bring a plant/some plants for the club stand. The earlier you can bring your plants in, the better!

BEGINNERS (CYM SCHOOL) STAND: We will be putting up a small stand. The stand will be ideal for pendulous style plants but we also need some uprights.

SHOW DINNER: Please arrive at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start.

ROSTERS: We need help from members to man the door, collect entrance money and sell raffle tickets. You have not been asked to do much, the show takes a lot of work, this is your chance to support our/your club. Remember if you help out or put plants on display, entry to the show is free.

FREE 12 MONTHS STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

We will be offering 12 months free standard membership again, so please let your friends know. As part of this free membership there is also the opportunity to become part of the CYM School – a free 12 month Orchid growing program.

***The Conference – “All Things Cymbidium” – by Geoff Bailey**

There are still places available but numbers must be confirmed (for catering purposes) no later than Wednesday 4th September. Please contact Geoff Bailey on 0488088138 or email: geoffrey.bailey1@bigpond.com

How often do you get the chance to hear 3 experts, in their respective fields, speak on the one program

9:30am Dr Randall Robinson, botanist and private consultant to nurseries around the world – “Hybrid Cymbidiums – there’s a species in there somewhere!”

10:30am Morning tea

11:00am Kevin Butler, proprietor of Ezi-Gro Orchids, WA – “Trends in Novelty and Pendulous Cymbidiums!”

12:00 Lunch

1:00pm Dr Greg Bryant, proprietor of Bryants Orchids – “Trends in Show Bench, large flowered standard cymbidiums!”

2:00pm Afternoon tea

All registrants are to pay at the door, your conference fee covers entry to the show, lunch, morning and afternoon teas. Please collect your conference ticket at the door. Please be punctual.

***The Dinner**

Numbers for the dinner have to be confirmed no later than Monday 2nd September, please ring Karen Gillespie to book your place.

At this year’s dinner you have the chance to hear from one of Australia’s up and coming cymbidium growers and hybridisers. Scott Barrie, from Barrita Orchids, NSW, will speak on – “Judging in the Future and Diversity in Cymbidiums!”

We have engaged one of Melbourne’s leading spit roast companies to provide a sumptuous two course meal. Dinner and guest speaker for \$25 – great value!!!

***CYM School**

The session before our monthly meeting, 7:15 – 7:45pm, will be about repotting and potting-on. Geoff Bailey will also speak briefly about why he has discontinued his trial with a perlite/vermiculite mix. All repotting will be done with a composite mix of bark, perlite and coir chip.

***CYM School Greenhouse Visit**

As requested and promised, a follow-up visit to Kimberley Orchids will take place on Saturday 14 September, 10:30am. Flowering plants will be available for sale. A barbecue will be available for those who want to stop for lunch. Bread will be provided, BYO meat and drink. Hope to see you there! After lunch we will travel to Devon Meadows Orchids which is in full

flower at the moment, there will be flowering plants and seedlings available for sale, tea and coffee will be provided.

***Sage Seedling Competition**

Just a reminder that this competition is open to all members, please send photographs of your plants to the Club or ask either Ken West or Terry Poulton to take a photograph at the meeting, this competition close at the end of November 2013.

***Special Effort**

Thanks to all the members who brought along something for our special effort table. As we hold this fund raising monthly all contributions are very much appreciated.

***Australian Orchid Foundation – Annual Essay Competition**

The Australian Orchid Foundation are holding an essay competition which is open to anyone who might like to try their hand at writing an essay on “How I became interested in growing Orchids”, for any member who is interested leaflets will be available at the meeting.

***OSCOV Show.**

The OSCOV show was held over the last weekend, thanks to all members who assisted with the stand and also brought in plants, the results will be in the next newsletter.

***Members Badges**

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

***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 10th September for our next meeting.

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