

# *Cymbidium Orchid Club of W.A. Inc.*

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# **Cymbidium Orchid Club of W.A. Inc Committee 2019**

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## **Coming Up**

### 15th April Meeting

We have an expert panel to give us tips and tricks to winning prizes for your cymbidiums at shows. The members of the panel live in a wide distribution of Perth so will have advice for everyone.

### **Members Buy and Sell Opportunity Page at the back of the newsletter.**

**If you are looking for a special plant or have a special plant for sale here is your opportunity.**

**Send an email to Helen a week before the meeting and I will place the advertisement here.....**

**EziGrow discount for COCWA members**

**50L bark \$30**

*\*Mention COCWA to receive discount*

## Planning for 2019

1. Helen offered to hold **Home Open** for all members on Sunday 9th June. Demonstrations, raffle, see the re done shadehouse and enjoy a BBQ with friends. Please bring a salad or sweet to share. 10.00am to 1.00pm
2. We have been invited to participate as joint partners in the **Northern Orchid and Garden Fair** on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> **July** at John Septimus Roe Community College in Mirrabooka. Information to follow re set up times, preparation and display. Roster at the next meeting.
3. **Sausage sizzle** has been Confirmed at Wangara Bunnings for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of **July**. Alan and Diana have volunteered to manage the day. Please give them your full support. This is a big fund raiser to help pay for our marquee for the Winter Show. Roster to follow
4. **Winter Show at EZI GRO** –Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> **July**. Plants need to be entered from 9.00am Thursday until 12.00 midday. Judging will take place from 12.30pm and then the display will be finished ready for the public on Friday morning. We will need strong helpers on the Wednesday afternoon to help move infrastructure and set up the marquee ready for Thursday. The kitchen and door plus sales table are areas on the roster to help.
5. **Spring Orchid Fair 2019** in **September** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at Aranmore Catholic College Hall has been set.
6. Proposed late flowering November Show 8th 9th and possibly 10th November at manning Senior Citizens Centre.

## Open Division

**Plant Name:** Cym Zig Zag Kiwi

**Class:** 4C

**Expiator:** Andrew Middlecoat



## Open Division

**Plant Name:** Cym Altium Wonder

**'Early Snow'**

**Class:** 3A

**Expiator:** Carl Slusarczyk



# Cymbidium Culture Notes for April

By Courtney Rogasch.

This is the time of year when the flower spikes are just starting or have grown just enough for you to determine which ones are spikes, and which are new growths. Don't forget the slug and snail pellets. Snails and slugs know the difference, and they just love fresh young new buds.

To give your flower spikes the best chance of reaching their full potential, place a support stake near or next to the base of the spike. As a temporary support only. This may need to be adjusted as the flower spike extends. As they grow, your spikes will often follow the path of the sun. Therefore, turn your pot so that the spike is facing the direction where the sun goes down. Or where it leaves your plant each day. It is important not to turn your pots too often, once the spike gets used to the path of the sun. Otherwise you can end up with the flowers facing inwards (towards the raceme, or twisted in an undesirable direction). Loosely attach the spike to the stake to provide support as it grows. But not too tightly. All sorts of problems can occur if you restrict the spikes ability to extend lengthwise, in a relatively natural way. Plant clips and or Nie-co-rolls are a good strategy to employ at this time. If you don't have Nie-co-rolls, you can achieve a similar effect with hat elastic wrapped around the spike, with a clothes peg attached to the end, to keep the elastic tensioned.

Now is a good time to resume your potting maintenance, on those plants that flowered over the hotter months. Or the ones you simply did not get around to doing last spring. Small plants that require potting on to a bigger pot can be done without too much disturbance of the root system. This is an ideal way to ease yourself back into the potting routine. Ensure you don't delay potting small plants on to a larger size pot, if they need it. Keeping the plant in too small a pot, can set the plants' growth back, and

**and cause it to take much longer to flower.**

**Leave the larger pots, and any dividing of plants until after all the little ones are done. It is surprising how many little ones get missed all together if you start on the bigger pots first.**

**Now is about the time that I switch from using high Nitrogen fertilizer to high potassium fertilizer for any plants that are likely to flower this season. For those plants that are clearly showing flower spikes already, the occasional dose (about once a month) of Epsom salts in their water helps strengthen**

### **Lynn 's talk at the March Meeting**

Hygiene- wash hands first with soap, then use antibacterial wash for 30 seconds, if using metho (alcohol) in sanitiser allow to dry min 15 seconds. Use gloves when handling the sick plants or dividing the plant .

Tools-sterilise with gas flame to red hot on tools and blades, TSP (trisodiumphospate) soak tools for at least an hour. Bleach solutions such as Domestos, White King in water. Follow directions for strength.

Washing pots- wash loose dirt off first scrub off any hard deposits then soak in bleach solution for at least 1 hour. Replenish solution every 24 hrs. Sun-dry if possible. ideas include using the family dishwasher to clean pots.

Isolate infected plants and treat with products such as Mangcozeb Plus and other fungicides or bacteria eg.copper treatments. Sulphur as wettable sulphur can be applied direct to plants. Steriprune can be used at the cut to stop entry of disease. Don't forget cinnamon is a good antibacterial . Always check for the purple ring of fusarium and treat by cutting back, soak in strong antifungal for at least 30 mins, repot and check for continuing disease and repeat application 7 – 10 days later. Lynn's tip put "F" on the label to identify the plant.

Throw into the rubbish bin any plant suspected of being virused as it could spread through your collection by aphids and other sucking insects. If in doubt take the suspect leaf in a sealed plastic bag to the next meeting and ask experts advice or purchase a virus kit on line to check.



## **Cymbidium dayanum**

This species is native to Assam India, eastern Himalayas, Sikkim, Thailand, Cambodia, China, Vietnam , Borneo, Malaysia, the Philippines, Sulawesi, Sumatra, Taiwan, Ryukyu Islands and Japan. In Thailand, they were encountered in northern mountain areas near Chiangmai at an altitude of 1100 - 1600 m. In Malaysia they were met in various places at heights of 150 - 1200 m, and in eastern and south-eastern Thailand at an altitude of 800 - 1200 m. In China they grow on trees in rare forests or on cliffs along ravines at altitudes of 300 - 1600 m, in the south of Fujian, in Guangdong, Hainan, Guangxi, Yunnan and Taiwan. They are found in many provinces of Sumatra at heights of 600 - 1500m, where they usually grow low on tree branches or on steep slopes. In the Philippines, these orchids meet on the island of Luzon in the provinces of Benguet, Mountain Province and Nueva Vizcaya. They grow there as orchids, but they also meet in the hollows of tree trunks, at heights of 300 - 1800m.

It grows in places where exposed to the sun , or in places where there is a lot of light and without direct sun. They have at all times, a strong aeration. It lives in areas where humidity is very high in summer and early fall, reaching 85% humidity, although between late winter and early spring , it drops considerably reaching only 65% (coinciding with the dry season). This orchid lives in areas where there are two distinctly differentiated seasons: the rainy and the dry. In the rainy season, which corresponds from late spring and autumn and the dry season, which runs from winter to early spring.





Self pollinates easily

Cymbidium Orchid Club of WA Inc.

Minutes of the General Meeting held at Wilson Community Centre

18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Meeting Opened: 7.40pm

**Members Present : 26**

**Visitors:** Nil

**Apologies:** Kate, Lennard, Diana Harvey

Lynn opened the meeting and welcomed all members and encouraged all to participate in the club activities.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Proposed by Maxine, seconded by Rachael passed by members.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence:** In

. Australian Senior- Patrick Allison cold canvas advertising in 'Senior' for shows.  
Notice of Meeting Orchids Western Australia 6<sup>th</sup> April at Manning Senior Citizens.

Out:

Helen emailed Tony Watkinson accepting offer to join Northern Orchid and Garden Fair as full partners.

Proposed by John, seconded by Asley, passed by members

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report: as per attached sheet.

Proposed by Deb, seconded by Helen, passed by members

Lynn will present on sterilization techniques and hygiene practices. See separate notice

Lynn presented the Spring trophy to Carl.

**General Business**

Notice of meeting for Orchids WA on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at Bentley Hall . Open forum about the World orchid Conference in 2023. Email to be forwarded to all members.

2019 February Garden Clubs and Plant Fair participation. Roster. South Perth. Thanked all who participate especially Ian who set up the display  
Helen offered to hold Home Open in Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June . Malcolm offered to man the BBQ

Northern Orchid and Garden Fair participation on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July at John Septimus Roe Community College in Mirrabooka. Information to follow re set up times. Members confirmed our participation as it's a replacement for OSWA display.

Sausage sizzle has been Confirmed at Wangara Bunnings for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of July. Roster next meeting

Winter Show at EZI GRO –Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July- Flyer is printed and ready for distribution at South Perth

Management Committee decided not to participate in Orchids WA Challenge 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August in Albany

Spring Orchid Fair 2019 in September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at Aranmore Catholic College Hall has been set. First joint Committee Meeting was 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Courtney has talked on the prospect of a late show combined with OSWA and ANOS for late flowering types of cymbidiums and native orchids. Suggested time was 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in November at a small centre such as Wilson Hall or Manning Senior Citizens hall. Manning hall booked for set up on the 8<sup>th</sup> November with opening to the public possibly 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, discussions continuing.

**Judges Choice : Andrew Middlecoat**

**Cym Zig Zag Kiwi**

**Popular Vote- Andrew Middlecoat**

**Cym Zig Zag Kiwi**

**1<sup>st</sup> Division- Andrew Middlecoat**

**Cym Zig Zag Kiwi**

**Carl Slusarczyk**

**Altium Wonder**

Badge Prize. Lynn

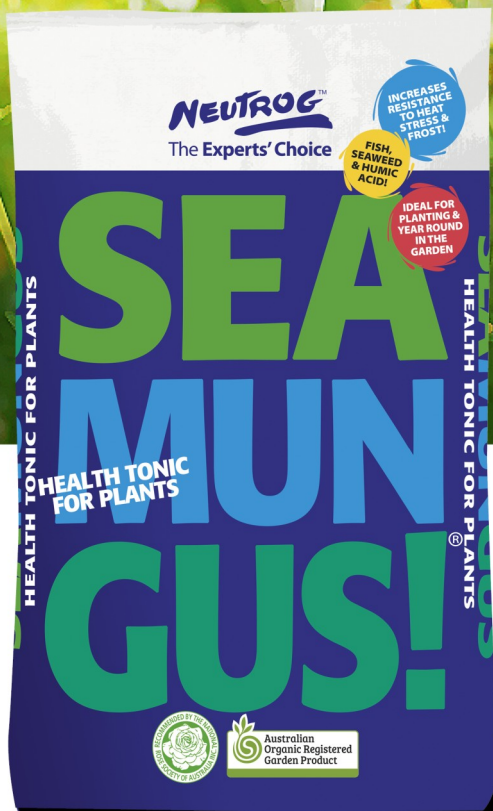
Raffle Winners: Meena, Ashley, Maxine, John, Emma, Courtney, Alan, Ian x 3, Helen

Next meeting March 15<sup>th</sup> April- Panel of prize winners will give us tips and tricks for growing prize winners

Meeting closed: 9.10pm

Helen Stretch  
Secretary 2019

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