

Cymbidium Orchid Club of W.A. Inc.

April 2018



Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust'



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Coming Up

Meeting Monday, April 16– 7.30pm start

-Guest Speaker- Kevin on his recent exciting trip to spend time with the gorillas in South Africa in their natural habitat.

Orchid display– July 7

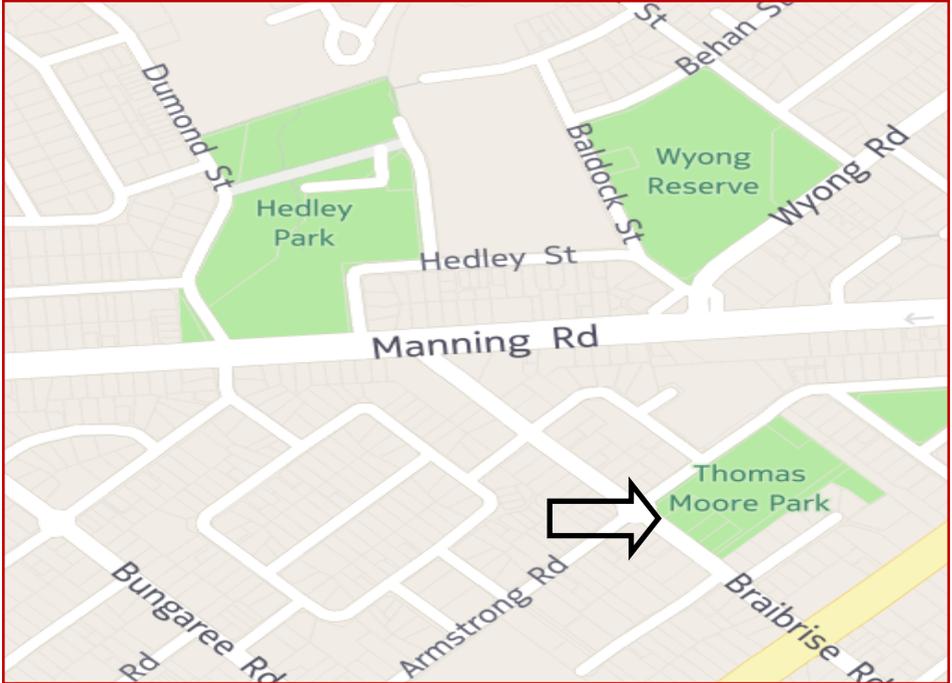
Winter Show– July 27-29

Spring Show– September 15/16

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Meeting Venue

Wilson Community Hall
34 Braibrise Road, Wilson



2018 Fees Due– Pay online!

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\$25 per member and \$30 per couple in same house hold. Badges fee \$8 per person.

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 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 the spike.



Ann and Malcolm Davis receiving their Life Membership badges.

EziGrow discount for COCWA members

50L bark \$30

**Mention COCWA to receive discount*

Wanneroo Orchid Society (Inc)

A message from The Water Corporation

The Water Corporation has recently reviewed its water exemption policy with the view towards simplifying the application process. As a result of this review there is no longer a requirement to apply to the Water Corporation on an annual basis to register for an exemption.

As such, all current and future members of an Orchid Society are now covered under the automatic exemption, provided that they are growing orchids in a glass/greenhouse. This exemption means that a person may water their orchids for ten minutes per area, once a day before 9am or after 6pm.

Regards

Vicky Lansdown

A/Team Leader Water Efficiency Services, Water Corporation



**The Orchid Society of
Western Australia Show
together with
Cymbidium Orchid Club
of WA Display**

**Saturday 7th July
9am to 4pm**

**Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre
3 Downey Drive, corner of Ley Street, Manning**

**Demonstrations on growing orchids
Coffee and tea available
Sales table will be well stocked with orchids**

Contact	Lynn	0414 922 923
	Courtney	0407 049 717

We have been liaising with Orchid Society of Western Australia (OSWA) to hold a **Cymbidium Display** on Saturday 7th July at the Senior Citizens Centre at Manning. Set up will be the Friday night after 6.0pm and take down after 4.00pm Saturday.

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Minutes of the General Meeting held at Wilson Community Centre

19th March 2018

Meeting Opened: 7.40pm

Members Present:26

Visitors: none

Apologies: Lynn, Shirley Campbell, Andrew Middlecoat, Stewart Stretch

Ian opened the meeting and welcomed all members and visitors.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Proposed by Ann, seconded by Rebecca, passed by members.

Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil

Correspondence:

In:

Western Australian Horticultural Council-AGM Minutes, February Council Minutes, Garden Cuttings

WAROO membership details

WAROO World Orchid Conference Workshop

WAROO Support to Orchids Society of NSW -2 registrations for delegates from WA. Permission asked.

Emails re Spring Orchid Fair 2018 Perth modern School

Out:

Email to Bunnings Wangara re sausage sizzle and Garden Club presentation

Letter Western Australian Horticultural Council re change of committee.

Letter to COCSA re change of committee

Letter to Cymbidium Orchid Club of Australia re change of committee

WA HC –Garden Cuttings show dates for July 2018.

Proposed by Maxine, seconded by Diane, passed by members

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

Proposed by Deb, seconded by Rebecca, passed by members

General Business

Present award of Life Membership to Ann and Malcolm Davis

Easter Raffle tickets \$1 each

Constitutional review underway

Winter Show last weekend in July- Sausage sizzle at new Bunnings Store at Wangara on Saturday 14th July. Roster coming soon.

Spring Show now Spring Orchid Fair to be held at Aranmore Catholic College September 15th and 16^h . Set up Friday 14th from 5.00pm

Vote to confirm members wish to join the WAROO as recommended by the committee. Members unanimously voted yes.

Guest Speaker. Kevin Butler on Species Cymbidiums. Kevin showed images and described the species of cymbidiums. He outlined the countries where the cymbidium was naturally occurring. He also described some of the features that were desirable to be found in hybrids. He explained that species cymbidiums are often very difficult to grow in our climate and offered advice on ones that could be expected to grow in Perth and environs.

Next month our guest Speaker will again be Kevin on his recent exciting trip to spend time with the gorillas in South Africa in their natural habitat.

Judges Choice:

Cym Golden Elf 'Sundust'

Open division

Owner Cortney Rogasch

Popular Vote- . – None

Raffle prizes won by Kevin, Helen, Rebecca, Ashley, Christine, Diane, Deb, Meena, Marilyn, Malcolm, Glory, Ian, Ian, Rebecca

Meeting Closed 9.30pm

Helen Stretch

Secretary 2018



*****WANTED*****

Large teddy bears to borrow
for the Winter Show.



