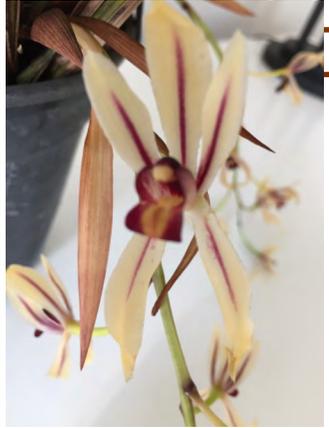


Cymbidium Orchid Club of W.A. Inc.

March 2018



Garden Clubs Fair was a great success , thanks to members who manned the table and sold our products.



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Coming Up

Meeting Monday, March 19– 7.30pm start

-Talk on cymbidium species

-Easter raffle

Orchid display– July 7

Winter Show– July 27-29

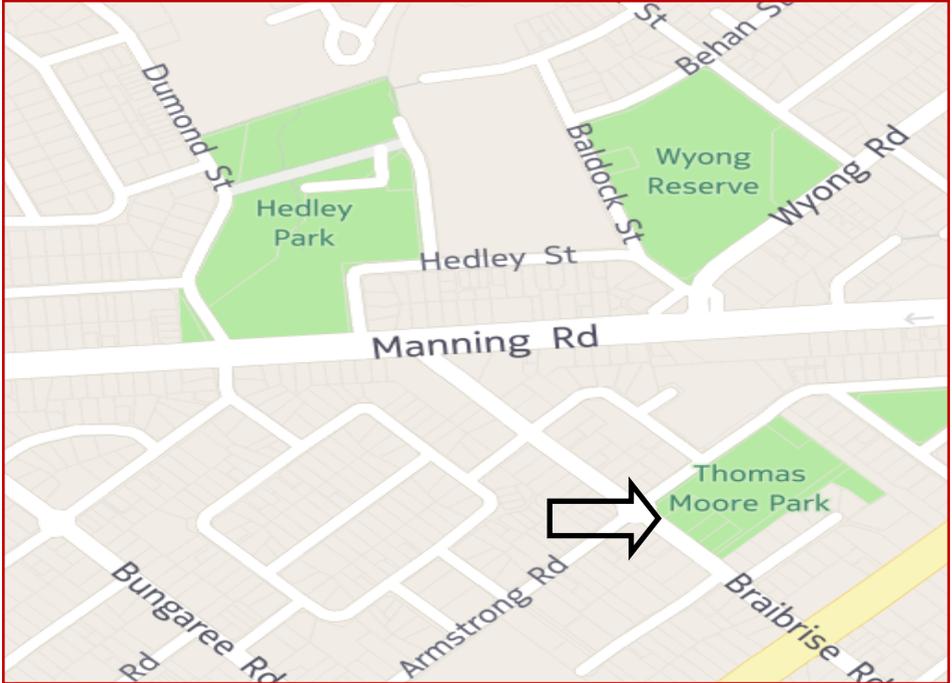
Spring Show– September 15/16

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Meeting Venue

Wilson Community Hall

34 Braibrise Road, Wilson



2018 Fees Due– Pay online!

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Cymbidium Orchid Club of WA Inc.

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

Cymbidium Culture Notes

January & February.

By Courtney Rogasch

Summer is a time of year when there are not a lot of Cym's in flower here in Perth. Those that are in flower tend to be the starchy pendulous flower type. Some say these are an acquired taste, however they do break the monotony of nothing but green leaves.

It is most important during the hotter months that you don't allow the mix in your pots to completely dry out. Water your plants as required. My retic is set for 10 minutes per station starting at 6:00am. If it is necessary (depending on the temperature that day) I will hand water again in the late afternoon. This also allows me to apply a very weak application of fertilizer. The new leads on your plants, are in a rapid growth phase at this time, therefore regular and frequent fertilizing with high Nitrogen fertilizer helps your plants grow sufficiently, for some of them enter the flowering process, this season, rather than next season.

The increase in water and humidity can sometimes cause or contribute to an increase in fungal problems E.g. bulb rot. If this occurs, remove the affected bulbs immediately. If you leave the rotten bulbs in the pot, the problem can spread to other bulbs and destroy the whole plant. Mancozeb Plus and or Fongarid can help control fungal problems.

Make sure there are no holes/tears in your shade cloth. Your plants will quickly suffer sunburn on the leaves if exposed to direct sunlight at this time of the year. Once sunburnt the leaves become discolored and unsightly.

This is also the time when Red Spider Mite/2 Spotted Mite will pose a threat. Watch for evidence on the underside of the leaves

of your Cym's. It will look like a very fine spider's web all over the underside of the leaf, but it won't come off if you rub it. If it is at all possible ensure the underside of the leaves get thoroughly wet when you water your plants. It may be necessary to increase the space between pots to allow this to happen. There are lots of Mitecide sprays available. Most are 'kill on contact' sprays, that need to be applied once to kill the adult mites, then again 10 days or so later to kill any newly hatched mites. It is imperative to read and follow the instructions on the pack, and follow all the safety precautions. Otherwise it won't just be the Mites that are feeling crook.

These mites love hot dry conditions especially if there is little or no air movement, typical of Perth summer days, so you may have to repeat action's to control them, several times during the Summer and Autumn months. About every 5-6 weeks is recommended.



Easter Raffle

\$1



EziGrow discount for COCWA members

50L bark \$30

**Mention COCWA to receive discount*

It is our sad duty to inform everyone of the passing of Kevin Hipkins, owner of Royale Orchids, on Saturday 3rd March in hospital from a heart attack.

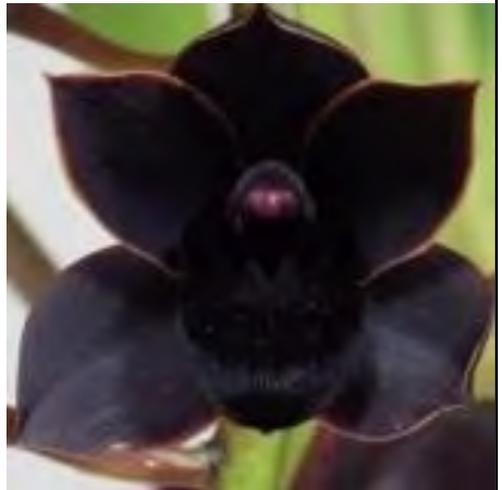
In memory of Kevin Hipkins

I knew Kevin Hipkins from Royale Orchids for over 30 years and what a loss to the orchid world has now occurred. I think Kevin's main love was for the cymbidium genus. I noticed he has been responsible for the registration of over 130 cymbidium crosses and many more. Two cymbidiums that have world recognition that he is responsible for is the Cym Death Wish cross and the blackest cymbidium in the world Cym Hot Chocolate Royale 'Fudge'. The clones of this one are yet to hit the market and will be in great demand. I will be in line.

Kevin was a person that was straight to the point and spoke his mind. He was also fun to be with and enjoyed the company of his friends. He was extremely popular and good for a laugh.

We will miss a great man.

Kevin Butler





2018 State Winter
Cymbidium Orchid Show

At Ezi-Gro Orchids

76 Evandale Road, Darch

Friday 27th July 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday 28th July 9.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 29th July 9.00am - 4.00pm

Plant and fertiliser sales, potting demonstrations,
Re-potting your cymbidiums for a small fee,
and raffles.

Ezi- Gro Orchids: 9343 2761 Lynn Brooks: 0414922923

Entry Fee: \$5 Single with complementary tea or coffee

\$3 Seniors and concession cards with tea or coffee



Our premium **Winter Show** in the marquee at EZI-GRO Orchids will be on the last weekend of July as usual. Flyers are ready for distribution. All members please take flyers and give out to any other groups that you belong to and pin them up at local shopping centre gyms etc.

Spring Show

Our Spring Show has grown to include other clubs over the past few years and this year we are partnering with Northern Districts and Joondalup/ Wanneroo club as well as our usual groups (Species Orchid Club, Paph group and Native Orchid Society) to hold the **Spring Orchid Fair** at Aranmore Catholic College Hall in Oxford Street, Leederville on the weekend of 15th and 16th of September. In future years this Fair will be a major event on the calendar in early September as we head to the World Orchid Conference in 2023 to be held in Perth.

Cymbidium Orchid Club of WA Inc.

Minutes of the General Meeting held at Wilson Community Centre

19 February 2018

Meeting Opened: 7.40 pm

Members Present: 21

Visitors: Colin and Nina Canzirri

Apologies: Helen and Stewart Stretch, Garry and Shirley Campbell

Lyn opened the meeting and welcomed all members and visitors and hoped everyone had a great break over Xmas/New Year

A reminder of the WAROO Workshop on the 3rd March and the Bentley Community Centre, and for anyone coming to bring a plate along with any ideas.

Lyn introduced Courtney as a guest speaker covering topics of interest such as Spider Mite also now known as Two Spotted Mite. Methods for eradication and how to prevent infection to other plants through proper use/sterilisation of tools

The different methods of tool sterilisation such a heat, bleach and Trisodium were discussed with interaction from the group in general

Scale and how to control using 1 ltr container and having half water, half mentholated spirits and 10m of eucalyptus oil. Another product (if you can get it as is very difficult) is Fongarid.

Remember to remove all the dry husks as white scale/mealy bug love to get in there

Kevin imparted some useful information on Viruses in orchids and the impacts to your plants if a virus went unchecked/diagnosed.

If a virus is detected it is very hard if not impossible to get rid of a virus. Your first action after identifying a virus is to destroy the plant to limit the risk of infecting other plants. This highlighted the importance of maintaining a reasonable distance between plants so that infection is less likely to occur.

If you believe you have a virus and want to have testing done, you can do so through

The University of Tasmania for a fee of approx \$20-\$25.00. For more information contact Kevin.

Courtney then showed a medium sized plant with several spikes coming through. Discssed how the spikes appear splitting the leaves. There are six types of spike habits with Cymbidiums and these are:

Erect Spike (straight)

Sub erect (slightly bent at the top of the spike)

Horizontal (protruding straight out from the plant)

Cascading

Pendulous

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Lyn asked everyone to ensure they wore their name badges to meetings in future and that she was introducing prize at the meetings for a member who is wearing their badge. It is easier to identify and converse with members if we all get to know one another.

A reminder of the Garden Fair and the South Perth Community Hall this weekend. Those volunteers giving up their time to man the stall, thank you and be sure to identify yourself upon entry.

Helen asks all committee members to please reply to her email about the flyers for the shows, so that she can proceed to having them printed.

Lyn and Courtney also conveyed information and a reminder of the joint venture that our club is undertaking with OSWA in July at the Manning Senior Citizen Centre.

After Supper

Lyn presented Kevin with all his trophies from previous shows

The Treasurers Report for both the December and January months were delivered, Proposed by Deb and seconded by Brent and John.

Lyn gave a heads up on next months meeting. Topic is on water and fertilizing your orchids. There will be a panel with a Q&A session . Also some information on the difference between spikes and new growth.

Plant Raffle was drawn and the winners were Deb, Lyn, Ian, Kath, Diane, John, Malcolm, Wayne

The monthly Membership award was drawn for name badges and the winner was Nina

Lyn declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm

A decision has been made to join WAROO to benefit our members and become more involved with the wider orchid growing community. Now that we can still have our own judging panel and not be required to have Australian Orchid Council Judges there is no impediment to joining. Membership costs are very reasonable.



**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.

