

Cymbidium Orchid Club of W.A. Inc.

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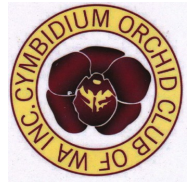


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Program for Monday 18th May

Courtney will show how to straighten a raceme which can sometimes be very difficult, also new growth which needs guiding in the right direction.

Malcolm is going to talk a load of rot about bulb rot, what to do and the best way to stop it and trying to save your plants.

CLUB SHOWS FOR THE YEAR.

WINTER SHOW—24th—26th July at Ezi Gro Orchids, Darch.

SPRING SHOW 29th—30th August at Cannington Show grounds

If anyone needs fertilizer, Polyfeed, strike back Liquid, Trisodium for sterilizing your tools, let Malcolm know by ringing 9477 4248 and he will bring it to the next meeting.

From front Cover

I Found this photo of a *Cym.canaliculatom* in an old Australian Orchid Review, it amazed me, because of its size growing in the wild , N.S.W. EDITOR. The following text came with photo: This specimen was found growing in the forest near Gunnedah in N.S.W. A Really magnificent specimen, the plant was about 8 feet across and almost perfect circle, carried around 200 sprays of a lovely clear yellow with deep maroon spotted flowers.

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Minutes of the General Meeting held at Belmont Sport and Recreation Centre on Monday 20/04/2015. Opened at 7.40 pm by Ian Beeson.

Attendance: 29 members.

Apologies: 4 members. Shirley Campbell, Marilyn Van Der Neut, Lois Ruckert & Kath Hall

Treasurers report.

Maggie read out the previous months opening balance, all credits, debits for the month & the closing balance at the end of the month

Incoming Correspondence

- Cymbidium Club of Australia Inc newsletter March 2015
- Neutrog royalty cheque for January 2015 \$20.42
- Invite from Chrysanthemum Society Inc for 50th Anniversary Show to be held at Forrestfield Forum 6 – 9 May

Outgoing Correspondence

- Follow up Email from Jeanine on 12 April 2015 to BSRC in regards to Committee meeting response to our request

General Business

Ian reminded all to sign the members book.

Please see Ann to add yourself to the Tea Roster.

Neutrog order has arrived today so anyone who hasn't yet picked up order to see Malcolm.

20th April Presentation.

Keith Podger demonstrated staking and what is a spike??

Kevin discussed virus in plants (showed members a virus testing kit)

Malcolm discussed mite control (various diseased samples were shown to members)

18th May Club Format.

Bulb Rot

Plant Raffle raised \$90.00

Congratulations to all our winners – Storm, Ian Beeson, John Ruckert, Peter Wise, Harry Rhonda, Brad & Leonie

The next General meeting will be held at Belmont Sport and Recreation Centre on *Monday 18th May 2015*



With some space in the newsletter the Editor would like to show one of his favourite plants, I have always loved One tree Hill “Doris” The plant is an old crossing but still wins some of the shows, best grown as a specimen. One day I hope to win the specimen class with one. Ha,Ha,Ha, says everyone.

Just a note for the New Members ,

If you see any One Tree Hill planta for sale, buy them, they are all good orchids.


Keeping Your Bushhouse Moist

There has been some discussion recently about the pros and cons of spreading gravel on the floor of your bushhouse and the effect this has on providing humidity for the plants. Farmers and gardeners are aware of the benefits of applying mulch to soil to retain moisture in the soil and to prevent it being blown away in the wind. This “mulch” can be plant material, plastic sheeting and sand or gravel.

Before I retired I worked for the M.R.D. in Pavements Branch and we were very interested in the effects of moisture on the strength of soil under a road. As soon as a bitumen seal is placed on a road, the soil and the gravel stop drying out and moisture from deep in the subsoil is attracted by capillary action as in a wick, to the surface. Without the seal on top of the road surface, the pavement layer would dry out in dry weather but would absorb water when it rains. If you want to keep the soil in your bushhouse wet, cover it with gravel! The gravel will prevent the moving air from making contact with the wet soil

and when you water or when it rains the soil will get wetter. You can prove this yourself by taking two buckets and place an inch of water in each. In one bucket pour gravel or sand into the water until the water is just visible on the surface. Then place another two inches of gravel to top. Put the two buckets in a sunny place and when the bucket without sand is dry, check the other one. Surprise!

Surely wet gravel will evaporate moisture to the atmosphere and because of the larger surface area is quite effective, but only in evaporating the water that has been sprayed on from above. As soon as the upper surface of the gravel becomes dry it ceases to improve the humidity and it will not suck up water from beneath. Capillary action works better when the capillaries or voids between the particles are small. Soil is a better wick than sand and sand is better than gravel. If you want a good surface to walk on without too many weeds, lay pavers or bricks on the floor. Clay bricks are better than concrete ones because they are more permeable and they will draw moisture from the soil and help to keep up the humidity in your bushhouse — by *Hal Young*, from the *Orchid Species Bulletin*.



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