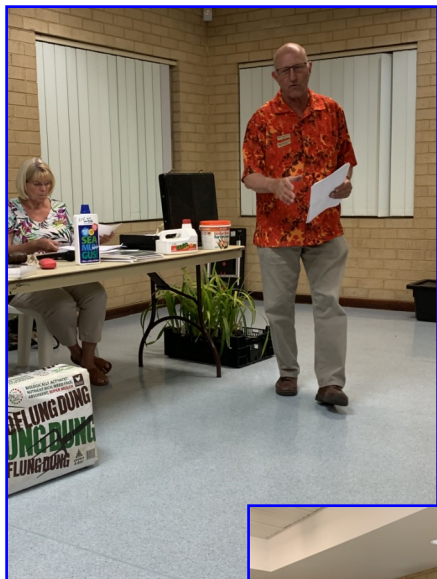


# *Cymbidium Orchid Club of W.A. Inc.*

March 2019



Ian Beeson doing his talk on sales table fertilizers etc.



Jerry Hamera is smiling as he receives his prize money from the show



Carl Slusarczyk equally pleased to receive his prize money

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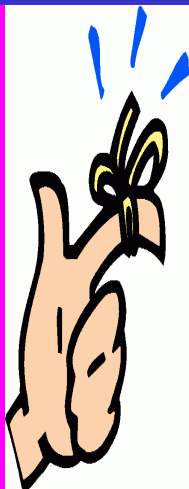
## Coming Up

### 18th March Meeting .

Lynn will talk on how to protect your orchid collections from the pathogens and viruses that can cause such problems. Her talk will enlighten you on sterilization methods and hygiene practices that we need to follow. Her expertise lies in many years as a senior nurse in ICU at the former Children's Hospital, PMH.

### 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.



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## 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 date to be decided.

## **A message to all exhibitors**

**Please let me know your availability for this program of Displays and Shows to enable me to gauge participation.**

**If you are travelling or expect to be absent at the show times please let me know.**

**We anticipate hiring a vehicle to transport members flowering plants to the shows if required.**

**Your Secretary**

**Helen**

### **Pots and Fertiliser Sales Table**

**Don't forget we are selling pots etc. If you need any fertiliser or other items especially a large number, ring Ian Beeson ( 0419049013) before the meeting and ask him to bring the required items.**

# February Meeting



## Judges Choice

**Plant Name:**

**Cym Burma Star**

**Exhibitor:** Helen Stretch

## Popular Vote

**Plant Name:**

***Cym ensifolium S41 Chang Hong***

**Exhibitor:**

**Ezi-Gro Orchids**





**Second Division:**

**Plant Name: *Cym aloifolium***

**Exhibitor:**

**Sara Keselj**

**EziGrow discount for COCWA members**

**50L bark \$30**

***\*Mention COCWA to receive discount***



# Species *Cymbidium* and their botanical sections

## Section Floribundum

[\*chloranthum\*](#)  
[\*elongatum\*](#) (s)  
[\*floribundum\*](#)  
[\*hartinahanum\*](#)  
[\*suavissimum\*](#) (s)

## Section Austrocymbidium

[\*canaliculatum\*](#)  
[\*madidum\*](#) (s)  
[\*suave\*](#) (ss)

## Section Cymbidium

[\*aloifolium\*](#) (ls)  
[\*atropurpureum\*](#) (ss)  
[\*bicolor\*](#) (ls)  
[\*finlaysonianum\*](#) (ls)  
[\*rectum\*](#) (ls)

## Section Borneense

[\*aliciae\*](#)  
[\*borneense\*](#) (s)

## Section Bigibbarium

[\*devonianum\*](#)

## Section Himantophallum

[\*dayanum\*](#)

## Section Annamaea

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## Section Cyperorchis

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## Section Parishella

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## Section Jensoa

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## Section Pachyrhizanth

[\*lancifolium\*](#)  
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[\*macrorrhizon\*](#)  
[\*recurvatum\*](#)  
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## Cymbidium ensifolium



*Cymbidium ensifolium* tends to flower in the late summer into early autumn, as do many of its hybrids. The species is dominant for the fragrance, the spike habit and flower count, as well as the compact growth habit. Unfortunately, it also tends to impart its short flower life and poor keeping quality as a cut flower to offspring. *Cymbidium ensifolium*'s long-term contribution to the cymbidium breeding pool is still being made. As a parent for very early compact pot plants, it remains an important primary parent, with such direct progeny as *Cymbidium* Super Baby (x Babylon), *Cymbidium* Chocolate Soldier (x Volcano) and *Cymbidium* Tender Love (x *parishii*) in circulation. Not only do these hybrids flower extra early, often beginning in early autumn, but they have a degree of heat tolerance that makes them good candidates for warmer climates. *Cymbidium ensifolium*'s major contribution will come, though, probably through only a few of its progeny, and this story is still being written. *Cymbidium* Golden Elf (x Enid Haupt) 'Sundust', HCC/AOS, and its tetraploid (4n) variant are beginning to make an impact on breeding. *Cymbidium* Golden Elf is deservedly popular in and of itself for its ease of culture coupled with its brilliant concolor yellow blooms and their lilting perfume. Be on the lookout for *Cym.* Golden Elf, which is fairly widely available, as well as its progeny, which should soon begin to appear as tissue-cultured varieties. *Cymbidium* Korintji (x Rangoon) has also made somewhat of an impact on breeding, though a lesser extent as it gives mainly green which are not too popular at the moment. One particularly fine *Cym.* Korintji hybrid is *Cymbidium* Giselle (x *madidum*), with the clone 'Ballerina' recently receiving an HCC/AOS. (American Orchid Society) Interestingly, the *Cym. ensifolium* influence was strong enough, even at one generation removed, to overcome the pendent spike habit of *Cym. madidum*, and instead give upright spikes.

Taken from an article by Ned Nash published in the American Orchid Society journal.

# **Cymbidium Culture Notes for March.**

**By Courtney Rogasch.**

**Autumn is the time of year when in theory, the weather starts to cool down a bit. Therefore the methods for looking after our Cym's need to change slightly. It is still important that the mix in your pots does not dry out completely. Especially if or when we still get several hot days in a row, as is prone to be the case here in Perth. Once the temperature regularly drops below 30 degrees you can cut back on how often you water. 2 or 3 times a week should be enough to keep your mix moist between drinks. From about February to April, I change my automatic reticulation from starting at 6:00 am, to starting at 6:00 pm. This cools the pots down overnight, which in turn helps to initiate the flowering process on those plants that are going to flower in late winter and spring.**

**Check to ensure that the drainage holes in your pots have not become blocked over the summer 'heavy watering period'. The water should drain freely not just ooze out of the pot.**

**This can be a very enjoyable time of the year to regularly inspect your pots. If you have been doing all the right things, you may see flower spikes starting to emerge from the base of your pseudo bulbs. Or at the very least new growths will start to appear. Generally speaking the new growths are flatter, and appear on the outside of the pseudo bulb. While the flower spikes tend to be thicker and will often appear between the bulb and the outer most existing leaf. In either case I would not recommend that you squeeze them to see if you can feel the flower's inside the sheaths, if they are spikes they are very tender at this stage and it is easy to damage them by squeezing. Be patient, when they grow to about 4 to 6 inches in length it becomes much easier to tell the difference.**

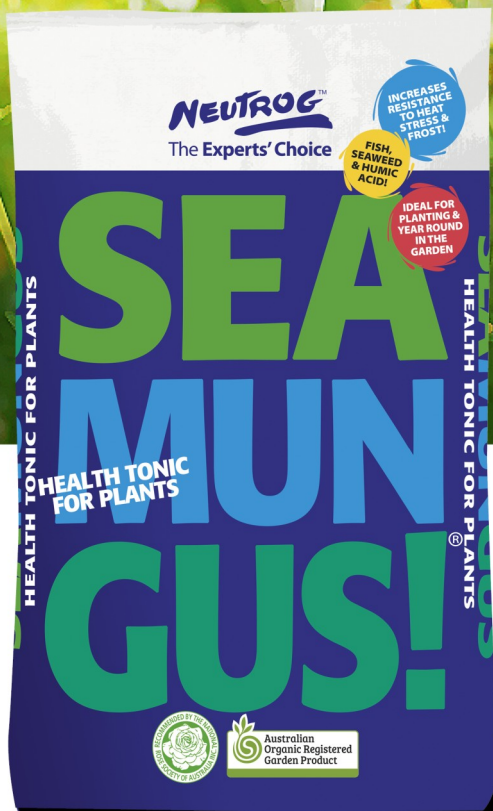
**Maintain regular fertilizing During this period of high growth. Remember a little bit, and often is better than a whole lot, all at once. Clean up any dead leaves and or weeds so as not to encourage the bugs to invade your collection.**

### **Members Buy and Sell Opportunity Page**

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