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CHAMPION SHOWBENCH
Valentine's Love 'Leonne'
V. Petrovski

Next Meeting Thursday 13 April 2017 at 8pm
Allan G Ezzy Community Centre
1 Newport Street PEMULWAY

NEW VENUE

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Minutes General Meeting 9 March 2017 Cymbidium Club of Australia Inc.

Apologies - J & N Janz, M.& F Ferguson

Visitors - Graham Parker, Lorraine Swain, Irene Chambers, Jan Chambers

New member – Belinda Wonderland

Raffle plants – Flaming Vulcan ‘Cleo’ x Lunar Blaze ‘Dural’, Julie Hawkes ‘Tiesha’ x Intense Gold ‘Sunstroke’, Intense Gold ‘Sunstroke’ x Foxfire Amber ‘Dural’. Donated by Nat Ciccari. Colin and Karen Gillispie donated a large specimen plant. Thank you Nat, Colin and Karen.

Meeting opened with a general discussion about the summer weather on the orchids.

Meetings	April	David Wain & AGM
	May	George Serhan and Geoff Le Marne – Growing competition plants and cultural discussion.
	June	David Gynn – Flowering cymbidiums.
	July	Winter Show
	August	No meeting.
	September	Spring Show.
	October	Mystery Guest Speaker
	November	Christmas Party

David Brooks discussed new benching guidelines and the annual point score competition. No more cut stems at the moment.

David Gynn was presented with a Highly Commended Certificate for his Cymbidium Sequioa Dream ‘Perfection’.

Terry Atkinson from the Central Coast Hunter Region Cymbidium Society spoke about his Clubs activities.

Trevor Hughes puts ½ tablet of Instigator in his pots for scale. They cost about 30c a tablet.

Business

Townsville Orchid Society Show 9 to 11 June 2017 request some cut flowers.

21st Australian Orchid Conference and Show 18 to 22 July 2018 at South Windsor NSW.

Garden Clubs of Australia October Long Weekend at Ulladulla NSW.

Point Score Competition monies from the Christmas Party presented.

Name badges – if you need one contact Judith Brooks.

Meeting closed 9.20pm.

President's Report

Well, we had our **first meeting at the new venue - The Allan G Ezzy Community Centre -in March** ,and the meeting was well attended - no doubt due to having a quality **Guest speaker Mr Colin Gillespie** (accompanied by **his wife Karen**) **from Devon Meadows Orchids**. Colin talked about the setup of his new nursery and I'm sure many growers were envious. Many members also used the opportunity to purchase some of his very well grown plants from the sales table. **Thanks Colin and Karen for travelling up and giving a talk!**

At the march meeting for the first time there was unanimous agreement by everyone in attendance as to the best orchid of the night. Everyone even agreed with the judges. This was possibly due to there only being *one* plant benched!! **Congratulations to Vic Petrovski for benching his plant of Valentine's Love 'Leonne'.**

At the **April meeting** we will be having our **Annual General Meeting** . **A very big thank you to all members who have helped out over the last year - whether at shows or clubs meetings - whether major or minor. Without your help the club couldn't function.**

A **Special Thanks** to our committee - **Judith Brooks** for her amazing work as Secretary/Treasurer, and organiser of the Dural Show , **David Brooks** as judging organising /Dural organiser, **Nat Cicciari and Keith Harris** for organising Dural , Vice President **George Serhan**, Editor **Sandra Cheetham** , , **David Gynn** , **Betty Chan** and **Seong Tay**.

Also **thanks to Toni Benton** for running the raffle and being our webmaster, **Mick Benton** for being the scribe, and **Terry Davis** for photography.

This year **long serving committee member Nat Cicciari will be standing down after many years on Committee** . Nat has been a tireless worker for the club , has been a major help at the Dural shows in many capacities including Show Marshall in 2016, and always put the interests of the Club first. **Thanks Nat.**

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING FOR COMMITTEE THIS YEAR - THE CLUB NEEDS NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS , THE WORK LOAD ISN'T ONEROUS, AND YOU GET TO HAVE A SAY IN THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB.

Also at the **April meeting** we will be having another **Guest speaker from Victoria Mr David Wain**, proprietor of David Wain Orchids. **Due to work commitments this is the first time David has ever given a talk at the Club and should be a real treat. David won't be bringing plants for sale as he will be travelling on a holiday prior to attending. Should be good.**

Cheers

Geoff Le Marne

Secretary's Report

At last some cooler weather, although it didn't take long to get bored with the rain and start wishing for the sunshine again!! And of course the rain and humidity levels brought risk of too much moisture in the growing media and root rot – mother nature does like to keep us on our toes and make sure we don't find ourselves with nothing to do.

Our **first meeting at the new venue went very well** and, whilst a few people had driven around a bit to find the building, a good number of Members arrived safe and sound, including some we have not seen for some time who were pleased to be able to join us at a venue closer to them. It may take us a couple of months to get the layout just right, especially as we did not have many plants brought in from the Members last month (congratulations and thank you to Vic Petrovski, who had the only plant up for judging!!). However, the hall seems to be a suitable size and all the facilities quite modern and clean.

We kicked the year off with a **wonderful presentation by Colin and Karen Gillespie**. A huge thank you to them both for making the effort and undertaking the long drive up from Victoria. They brought along some beautiful plants for sale to the Members and gave a great talk and slide show on their set up down at Devon Meadows and how it has grown over the years. It will be great to catch up with them again at this year's National Orchid Extravaganza in August.

And we're in for another Victorian treat **this month with David Wain coming up to speak to us about his nursery and what he's been doing with his orchids**. I'm sure we're all looking forward to seeing him and hearing his presentation.

And, in case you've forgotten, **this month will be our AGM**. As always, new members for the Committee are welcome and you will have the chance to put in your nomination form on the evening if you haven't done so already. Alternatively, **please contact Geoff Le Marne or me to indicate your interest in running and we will ensure you are put forward**.

Once again, please **ensure that your Membership dues are paid up to date**. I will be sending out reminders to those who have not yet paid for 2017 in the coming weeks.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Judith Brooks