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Meetings are held every second Thursday of the month, March to November inclusive, at the Allan G Ezzy Community Centre, 1 Newport Street, Pemulway NSW commencing at 8.00 pm.

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## Diary Dates 2020

- 12 March
- 9 April : AGM
- 14 May
- 11 June
- 9 July
- 10 September
- 8 October
- 12 November
- **7-9 August: National Orchid Extravaganza**
- 15-17 May: Orchids Out West
- 14-16 August: St Ives Orchid Fair
- 9-11 October: Southern Orchid Spectacular

### Next Meeting: 12th March

At the March meeting we will be having a plant doctor/culture night . If any members have plants with symptoms of disease they can bring them along and experienced growers will assist with advice.

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### ***President's Blurb for March 2020***

At the November meeting we had our end of year feast / celebration and it was again terrific night with stacks of wonderful food. Thank you particularly to Judith and David Brooks who did most of the purchasing and organising, as well as all the members who helped out on the night - setting up the hall, warming and serving the food, cleaning up etc. Another great team effort.

The November meeting also had the presentation of the yearly prizes. No surprise that George Serhan won the Point score competition again. George makes an enormous contribution to the club both as Vice President and committee member, but also bringing in stacks of flowering plants each month to help put on a quality display of flowers for the club. We are very lucky to have him participating like he does and I encourage all members to follow his example and bench, bench, bench!

The winner of both the Tay Cymbidium of the Year for best Show Bench Cymbidium benched for the year, and also The Keith Harris Memorial Trophy for the best Show Bench Cymbidium at the National Orchid Extravaganza was won by Norm Shipway for his beautiful flowering of Rod's Tango 'Tobruk'. Congratulations Norm on a well deserved win.

In a year where a lot of fine seedlings were benched I was lucky enough to win the Seedling Of The Year Competition with my plant of Regal Fury 'Venus'. This was from a cross I made between Regal Flames 'Queen of Hearts' and Khan Fury 'Imperial'. The flasks produced were shared between myself and Keith Wallace Orchids and some fine seedlings have flowered from the cross. From memory 20 or 30 seedlings went out as raffle plants so hopefully someone else will flower a nice one and bench it.

At the March meeting unfortunately there will be no guest speaker, however the program is coming together nicely for the rest of the year. I thought we'd have a Plant doctor night

where members bring in some plants with symptoms of disease to get advice from experienced growers, as well as talk about culture, handy tips, things you've learnt in the last year growing orchids etc. Please bring in some plants..... I'll bring some virus test kits in if needed .



### ***A big thank you***

Over the years I've been in the club we've had many people do an amazing job on committee and performing various roles within the club. Over the last 12 years we've had a fantastic Editor in Sandra Cheetham who retired from the role at the end of 2019 . Since she took on the role of producing the monthly newsletter Cymbid News she has produced an extremely professional newsletter that is well regarded by cymbidium growers all over Australia. Her annual post -National Orchid Extravaganza newsletter is a wonderful colour record of our annual show and is looked forward to every year. It goes without saying that producing the newsletter takes countless hours every month and it is a great gift that Sandra has given to the club over the last 12 years. We wish Sandra all the best for her travels this year. Thank you Sandra!

We are very fortunate that Toni Benton has agreed to be the Editor this year, thank you Toni.

*See you at the meeting - Geoff Le Marne*

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### ***Secretary's Report for March 2020 - Judith Brooks***

Welcome everyone to another year of growing and showing cymbidiums. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who suffered from the fires over the last few months and the more recent floods. We have members located all over Australia and have heard various reports of growers who have been affected one way or another. I do hope you all had a good Christmas, but it feels inappropriate to wish everyone a happy new year when so many people are struggling with these disasters.

Hopefully everyone has managed to cope with the water restrictions as well and keep their plants sufficiently hydrated. That incessant heat is likely to have had a negative effect on many spikes, but it's early in the season and with any luck the weather will be more settled going forward.

Let's get onto more positive thoughts. We finished the year with our usual celebratory Christmas Party, with everyone having a wonderful time and a good feed. Congratulations to our trophy winners – George Serhan for the Point Score Competition, Geoff Le Marne for the Seedling of the Year with Regal Fury and Norm and Val Shipway for winning the Tay Award and also the Keith Harris Memorial Trophy for Grand Champion at the National Orchid Extravaganza, both of which were for their flowering of Rod's Tango 'Tobruk'.

We have our first meeting in March and are hoping we may get a few flowers on the benches to start the year off in style. Geoff Le Marne will provide details of the guest speakers lined up for the year and what we can look forward to at our meetings on the night.

April will be our Annual General Meeting. If you would like to put your name forward to join the Committee, please fill in the form at the back of the newsletter and forward it to me at your earliest convenience. All Members are welcome to nominate for the Committee and we are always happy to have new ideas, thoughts and suggestions put forward for the Club.

## Member's Benching Information for 2020 - David Brooks

Monthly meetings begin at 8pm. Plants/ blooms need to be on the bench in their appropriate class 10 minutes before the start of the meeting.

A clearly printed benching label with the correct name of the plant, the class it is to be judged in and the owners name is to be placed with the plant/bloom.

For those members with a computer, a sheet with benching labels for the monthly meetings has been included with the bulletin so you can print and fill out your own, prior to the meeting.

If you are unsure in which class to place your plant, ask one of the judges.

The general benching classes at all meetings (including the Winter and Spring show) will be as follows:

### Showbench Competition

|                           |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Standard (< 100mm)        | Pendulous (all sizes)                 |
| Small Standard (85-100mm) | Species                               |
| Intermediate (60-85mm)    | Single Bloom- Std/Small Std/Int./Min. |
| Miniature (up to 60mm)    |                                       |

### Seedling Competition

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Standard       | Intermediate |
| Small Standard | Miniature    |

The Committee/ Judging panel may amend this as required.

The **Winter Members' Show** will be held at the July meeting (9/7/20), the **Spring Members' Show** at the September meeting (10/9/20), with the Extravaganza again at the same venue in August (7-9/8/20).

### General Rules

1. To **accrue points or receive prizes** from benching at monthly meetings, **members need to be financial**.
2. All exhibits, including single blooms, must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of six (6) months before benching.
3. **All plants are to be in show condition** (ie. dead leaves, bulb sheaths etc removed) and free from disease, otherwise they **may not** be judged.
4. Blooms must be presented **undamaged/unmarked**. Damaged blooms **may not** be judged.
5. A seedling is a plant shown for the first time and must be the whole undivided plant and can only be accepted up to a pot size of 200 mm.
6. Plants are only eligible to be judged as a seedling during their first season of exhibition.
7. If a single bloom is from a seedling, then entering it in the single bloom competition does not prevent it being entered in the Seedling of the Month/Year competition in subsequent years.
8. All classes will be judged for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.
9. All plants benched will receive 1 point towards the Annual Point Score competition, with no limit on the number of plants an exhibitor can bench each month.
10. Points will be awarded for single blooms towards the Annual Point Score competition at 1 point per bloom, to a maximum of 12 points per exhibitor per month.
11. Members may only exhibit one flower from a particular clone, but may exhibit other flowers from the same grex. (one flower from each of Dural Dream 'Dural', 'Supreme' and 'Picture' for example).
12. Points will be awarded for Class places as follows:

| PLACE | SHOWBENCH/SEEDLING POINTS | BLOOM POINTS |
|-------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1     | 3                         | 1.5          |
| 2     | 2                         | 1            |
| 3     | 1                         | 0.5          |

13. Prize money for places in the Showbench and Seedling classes will be paid at: 1st \$3.00; 2nd \$2.00; 3rd \$1.00. Prize money in the Single Bloom classes will be paid at: 1st \$1.50; 2nd \$1.00; 3rd \$0.50. These prize monies will be cumulative and paid at the end of the year.
14. In addition, the overall Seedling of the Month will receive \$50 at the meeting, provided there is a minimum of 10 plants across at least three of the seedling classes.

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## **A.G.M. Nomination Form**

Election of Office Bearers for the Cymbidium Club of Australia Inc. for the year 2020  
We, the undersigned, being financial members of the Cymbidium Club of Australia Inc. hereby nominate.

Name: ..... for the position of:

- |                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | President      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vice President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Secretary      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Treasurer      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Editor         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Committee      |

Signed: .....

Seconded: .....

I accept the above Nomination

Signed: ..... Judith Brooks, Secretary



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