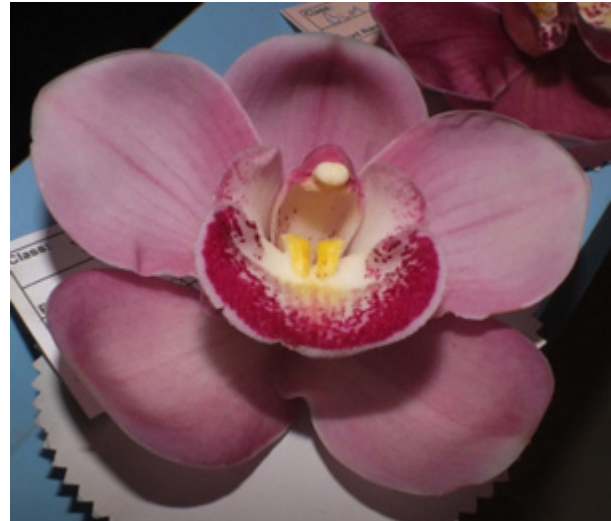


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## CLUB MEETING PROGRAM FOR 2023

- 10 August : No meeting - National Orchid Extravaganza
- 14 September: Annual Spring Show
- 12 October: Guest Speaker - Mr Steve Dunstan on *Cym. canaliculatum*
- 9 November: End of Year Christmas Party and Presentation of Prizes

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## PRESIDENT'S BLURB

The July meeting had a really great benching of quality cymbidiums at our annual Winter Show. Great to see lots of cymbidiums finally as it has been quite a slow start to the season. Congratulations to all the prize winners !

The weather has warmed at last and the cymbidiums are really accelerating into flower now. Hopefully we will have some bumper benching at the National Orchid Extravaganza on the 11th, 12th, 13th August. Don't forget benching is before 11.30am on Thursday 10th.

Please contribute as much as you can to the show both plants and your time to assist , and help make it the best yet.

See you at The Show

Geoff Le Marne

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## MEETING MINUTES – 13 JULY 2023

Apologies: Vince Head

Visitors: Francoise Sikora, John Clarke

Meeting opened at 8.05pm by President, Geoff Le Marne.

Raffle plants tonight are a variety of seedlings grown by Bill Goodridge, as well as a few plants donated by Barbra and George Kypriotis of The Orchid Place. Thanks were given for their generosity.

It's our Winter Show this evening with some wonderful plants benched. There is not a lot to go through apart from reviewing plans for the National Orchid Extravaganza next month. We will be at the same venue as last year – The Arena Sports Club (aka The Greyhound Social Club). Some changes have been made to the layout to provide better flow for visitors to the show and around the vendor area and because of changes in some of the vendors attending.

Setup will be on the Wednesday and Members are asked to come along and help out if possible. Please arrive at the venue by 10am if you are able to assist. A work roster will be passed around tonight, so please indicate which days/sessions you can attend.

Benching will take place on Thursday and plants must be benched by 11.30am for judging, which will take place in the afternoon. Members are encouraged to participate in the show and bring plants in for benching to ensure a great display for our visitors. The show will be open to the public on Friday and Saturday 9am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 3pm.

The commission for the sales table is 15% for those who have benched plants in the show and are able to attend and help out with Show administration for at least four hours. For those who do not bench or help out, commission will be 20%. Membership dues must also be paid prior to the Show if you wish to bring in plants for the Club sales table.

Geoff Le Marne is going to bring along paperwork for the sale of Native Orchids and sales will need to be properly recorded in accordance with current requirements. Labels for the natives will also be available at the Show for those who need them.

He also advised that the Committee has agreed to the sale of plants other than orchids through the Club sales table, but only once the majority of the orchids have been sold. Commission for these sales will be the same as for orchids, but priority of space and promotion will be given to orchid plants first.

Judith Brooks confirmed that the venue has been paid for the Show and invoices have been sent out to vendors for their tables. There are plenty of fliers still available and Members were encouraged to take them to pass out around their local shops, nurseries and clubs to get the word out far and wide.

Geoff showed two plants of Regal Flames x Pepperblaze 'Midnight'. These were both first flowering seedlings from the same pod – one had quite tall flower spikes, whilst the other were much shorter. Both were very nice flowering plants. He also showed a first flowering seedling of Dural Dream x Dural Redder. He is trying to produce "pretty" flowers. This plant had quite a short spike with a low flower count and is flowering off older growth. He will keep it for another year to see how the flowering progresses.

The meeting broke for supper at around 8.45pm and resumed at 9.15pm. David Brooks joined Geoff to go through the Winter Show results and pass out the sashes and prize money to the winners. The raffle was held and the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT – AUGUST 2023**

After a slow start to the flowering season, it was great to see so many wonderful plants benched for the Winter Show. Congratulations to Dimitri Mitsios for taking out the Show Champion with his flowering of Regal Dream and to all the other winners on the night.

I'm hoping the success at the Winter Show bodes well for the National Orchid Extravaganza. As was mentioned at the meeting – Members are encouraged to bring their plants in for the Show. It doesn't matter if you don't feel it's going to get a first place, there were some categories last year which only had one plant benched, so they automatically won for their class. We need to continue to put on a great display for the visitors to the Show if we wish to continue to get good numbers through the door. This is important for the Club, but also ensures good sales for our visiting vendors.

As you all know, a lot of work goes into putting on the Show and the support of our Members is crucial to ensure success. I would ask you to please make an effort to come along to the Show and help out. We will need two people on the front entry desk at all times, as well as helpers at the Club Sales Tables and general security around the show plants and vendors. It is also helpful if Club Members can engage with visitors to the show, answer their questions on growing orchids/cymbidiums and encourage them to get involved with an orchid Club (preferably ours).

We will have notes on orchid growing at the Entry and Sales Table, as well as New Membership forms for those who wish to join up.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Show and don't forget we will be getting together again, Judith

**BENCHING JULY 2023**

**SHOW BENCH**

**Large >100 mm**

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|---------------|---|
| 1. D Mitsios  | <i>Cym. Lancashire Khan 'Evie' x Khan Flame</i> |
| 2. N Cicciari | <i>Cym. Dural Dream 'Dural'</i>                 |
| 3. K&S Wynn   | <i>Cym. Lovely Angel 'Corker'</i>               |

**Small Standard 86-100mm (Standard Breeding)**

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|--------------|--|
| 1. D Mitsios | <i>*Cym. Regal Dream 'Dimitri'</i>     |
| 2. G Serhan  | <i>Cym. Dural Dream x Dural Pepper</i> |
| 3. G Serhan  | <i>Cym. Darch Wonder</i>               |

**Intermediate 61-85mm**

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. G Serhan  | <i>Cym. Winter Court x Cronulla</i>   |
| 2. D Mitsios | <i>Cym. Pink Celebration</i>          |
| 3. C Jensen  | <i>Cym. Showgirl x Flaming Vulcan</i> |

**Miniature <35-60mm**

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|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. G Serhan | <i>Cym. Jimbo Tupp x Ruby Valley</i> |
| 2. C Jensen | <i>Cym. Sarah Doon Paradesia</i>     |
| 3. B Janes  | <i>Cym. My Sweet Amy</i>             |

**Species**

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A&D Gafa       | <i>Cym. erythraeum</i>      |
| 2. FMusial&LChang | <i>Cym. erythraeum alba</i> |
| 3. D Brooks       | <i>Cym. insigne</i>         |

**SEEDLING OF THE MONTH**

**Large >100 mm**

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|---------------|---|
| 1. G Le Marne | <i>*Cym. Dural Dream x Kimberley Splash</i>                             |
| 2. G Serhan   | <i>Cym. Ruby Spice x Gwen Thomas</i>                                    |
| 3. K&S Wynn   | <i>Cym. Green Connie 'V2'x (Trace's Bullion x Intense Gold) 'Buddy'</i> |

**Intermediate 61-85mm**

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|-------------|---|
| 1. G Serhan | <i>Cym. Gowling's Gem x Paradise Island</i> |
| 2. G Serhan | <i>Cym. Gowling's Gem x Paradise Island</i> |

**SINGLE BLOOM**

**Large >100mm**

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|--------------|---|
| 1. K&S Wynn  | <i>*Cym. Spring Fame 'Blushing' x Blushing 'Perfection'</i> |
| 2. D Mitsios | <i>Cym. Kalahari Blaze x Dural Dream</i>                    |
| 3. G Serhan  | <i>Cym. Spicely Comet x Yowie Rose</i>                      |

**Small Standard 85-100mm (Standard Breeding)**

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|------------------|--|
| 1. J&S Goodridge | <i>Cym. Perfect Gleam 'Bella' x Lovely Angel x Poetic Winter 'Geoff'</i> |
| 2. D Mitsios     | <i>Cym. Regal Dream</i>  |
| 3. G Serhan      | <i>Cym. Serhan's Splendor</i>  |

**Miniature <35-60mm**

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|--------------|---|
| 1. D Mitsios | <i>Cym. Jimbo Tupp 'Stevie' x Dural Flame 'Dural'</i> |
| 2. G Serhan  | <i>Cym. Nat's Pride</i>                               |
| 3. A&D Gafa  | <i>Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Lunar Blaze</i>            |

*\* Denotes Champion*

**POINT SCORE 2023**

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|--------------------|------|
| • George Serhan    | 130  |
| • Dimitri Mitsios  | 40.5 |
| • Geoff Le Marne   | 24   |
| • J&K Goodridge    | 16.5 |
| • K&S Wynn         | 13.5 |
| • David Brooks     | 11.5 |
| • Nat Cicciari     | 10   |
| • Scott Barrie     | 9    |
| • C Jensen         | 6    |
| • F Musial&L Chang | 4    |
| • B Janes          | 3    |
| • A&J Gatt         | 2    |
| • G Kovacs         | 1    |



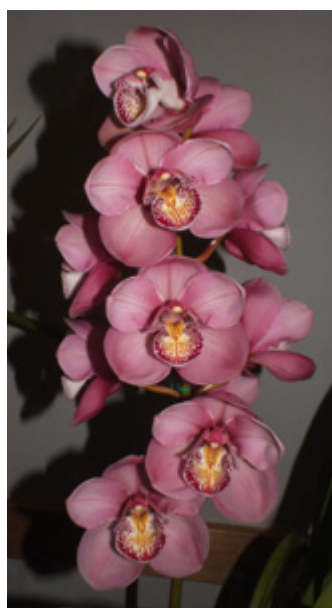
*Cym. Dural Dream* x *Dural Pepper* (G Serhan)



*Cym. Lovely Angel 'Corker'* (K&S Wynn)



*Cym. Lancashire Khan 'Evie'* x *Khan Flame 'Raquel'* (D Mitsios)



*Cym. Dural Dream 'Dural'* (N Ciccari)



*Cym. Kulnura Paradise 'Snow'* (N Ciccari)



*Cym. Ruby Spice* x *Gwen Thomas* (G Serhan)



*Cym. Gowling's Gem* x *Paradise Island* (G Serhan)



*Cym. Winter Court* x *Cronulla* (G Serhan)

**2023 NATIONAL ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA**

**SHOW SCHEDULE - CYMBIDIUMS**

<b>GRAND CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM</b>	<b>\$ 200 + SASH</b>
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM</b>	<b>\$ 100 + SASH</b>
<b>CHAMPION STANDARD CYMBIDIUM</b>	<b>\$ 50 + SASH</b>
<b>CHAMPION SMALL STANDARD CYMBIDIUM</b>	<b>\$ 50 + SASH</b>
<b>CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM</b>	<b>\$ 50 + SASH</b>
<b>CHAMPION MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM</b>	<b>\$ 50 + SASH</b>
<b>CHAMPION SPECIMEN CYMBIDIUM</b>	<b>\$ 50 + SASH</b>
<b>CHAMPION SEEDLING CYMBIDIUM</b>	<b>\$ 50 + SASH</b>
<b>CHAMPION BLOOM</b>	<b>\$ 25 + ROSETTE</b>
<b>CHAMPION FLORAL ART</b>	<b>\$ 50 + SASH</b>

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**GENERAL CLASS PRIZE MONEY: 1<sup>st</sup> \$15 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5**

**STANDARD CYMBIDIUM (100mm and above)**

Class 1	Predominantly White or Cream
Class 2	Predominantly Yellow
Class 3	Predominantly Green
Class 4	Predominantly Red
Class 5	Predominantly Pink
Class 6	Any other Colour or Combination of Colours
Class 7(N)	Seedling (Classes 1 to 6)
Class 8(N)	Specimen Standard Cymbidium (min 4 spikes)

**SMALL STANDARD CYMBIDIUM (85mm to 100mm)**

Class 9	Predominantly White or Cream
Class 10	Predominantly Yellow
Class 11	Predominantly Green
Class 12	Predominantly Red
Class 13	Predominantly Pink
Class 14	Any other Colour or Combination of Colours
Class 15(N)	Seedling (Classes 9 to 14)
Class 16(N)	Specimen Small Standard Cymbidium (min 4 spikes)

**INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM (60mm to 85mm)**

Class 17	Predominantly White or Cream
Class 18	Predominantly Yellow
Class 19	Predominantly Green
Class 20	Predominantly Red
Class 21	Predominantly Pink
Class 22	Any other Colour or Combination of Colours
Class 23(N)	Seedling (Classes 17 to 22)
Class 24(N)	Specimen Intermediate Cymbidium (min 5 spikes)

**MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM (up to 60mm)**

Class 25	Predominantly White or Cream
Class 26	Predominantly Yellow
Class 27	Predominantly Green
Class 28	Predominantly Red
Class 29	Predominantly Pink
Class 30	Any other Colour or Combination of Colours
Class 31	Pendulous - All colours
Class 32(N)	Seedling (Classes 25 to 31)
Class 33(N)	Specimen Miniature Cymbidium (min 6 spikes)
Class 34	Ultra Miniature - all types

**OTHER CYMBIDIUMS**

- Class 35 Novelty Cymbidium - all sizes and colours (including peloric) which do not fit into the above classes.
- Class 36 Vintage Cymbidium - **Must** have been registered **more than 50 yrs ago**.
- Class 37 Species Cymbidium - all types
- Class 38 Pot Plant Cymbidium - all types. **See rules for description**

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**SINGLE BLOOM - 1<sup>st</sup> \$10 2<sup>nd</sup> \$7 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3**

- Class 39 Standard Flowered Cymbidium. (100mm and above)
- Class 40 Small Standard Flowered Cymbidium (85mm to 100mm)
- Class 41 Intermediate Flowered Cymbidium (60mm to 85mm)
- Class 42 Miniature Flower Cymbidium (less than 60mm)

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**FLORAL ART - 1<sup>st</sup> \$15 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5**

- Class 43 Arrangement of Orchids featuring a Vase
- Class 44 Arrangement of Orchids featuring a Basket or Decorative Container
- Class 45 Arrangement featuring a theme of your choice

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**SHOW SCHEDULE - OTHER GENERA**

<b>CHAMPION OTHER GENERA</b>	<b>\$ 50 + SASH</b>
<b>CHAMPION LAELIINAE</b>	<b>\$ 25 + ROSETTE</b>
<b>CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE</b>	<b>\$ 25 + ROSETTE</b>
<b>CHAMPION AUST. NATIVE DENDROBIUM</b>	<b>\$ 25 + ROSETTE</b>
<b>CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE OTHER</b>	<b>\$ 25 + ROSETTE</b>
<b>CHAMPION MISCELLANEOUS ORCHID</b>	<b>\$ 25 + ROSETTE</b>

**GENERAL OTHER CLASS PRIZE MONEY: 1st \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5**

**CATLEYAS**

- Class 46 Laeliinae hybrids over 120mm
- Class 47 Laeliinae hybrids 75-120mm
- Class 48 Laeliinae hybrids under 75mm
- Class 49 Laeliinae species

**ONCIDIINAE**

- Class 50 Oncidiinae hybrids over 60mm
- Class 51 Oncidiinae hybrids 35 - 60mm
- Class 52 Oncidiinae hybrids less than 35mm
- Class 53 Oncidiinae species

**AUSTRALIAN NATIVES**

- Class 54 Australian Dendrobium/Dockrillia Hybrids
- Class 55 Australian Dendrobium/Dockrillia species
- Class 56 Sarcophilus Hybrids & species
- Class 57 Terrestrial Hybrids & species

**MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS**

- Class 58 Best species - Asian
- Class 59 Best *species* - Any Other
- Class 60 Best any Other Hybrid

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**SHOW CONDITIONS**

Exhibitors **must be** affiliated members of an Orchid Society.

**All plants must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of six (6) months.**

Each exhibit must have the name of the plant **correctly printed** on the business size card supplied.

Seedling' shall mean the complete plant grown from seed and flowered for the first time. Plants that have been grown on or divided prior to being exhibited on the show bench are not eligible to be shown as seedlings. For exhibition purposes seedlings shall retain their status of 'Seedling' throughout the flowering season in which they first flower. Mericlones are not eligible as seedlings. For clarity, **'seedling' will apply, at this show, to hybrids only.**

**All nominated classes** must be registered with the Show Marshal **by 11.30 am Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August** to receive the appropriate identification tag (cymbidiums only).

**All benching to be completed by 11.30 am, as judging will commence shortly thereafter.**

The Show Marshals are authorised to reject any exhibit.

All care and reasonable caution for the safety and security of exhibits will be exercised. No responsibility for loss, damage or destruction to any such exhibits will be accepted by the Cymbidium Club of Australia Inc, the Show Committee or the Sponsors, and any exhibitor will have no claim whatsoever against the sponsors or any of the clubs involved.

If in the judge's opinion, any exhibit in any class does not warrant a prize, then the prize will not be given. **All judge's decisions will be FINAL.**

The Cymbidium Club of Australia Inc, reserves the right to photograph any exhibit for its own purposes or for publication in any form.

**Once staged, no entry may be removed prior to the completion of the show, without the permission of the Show Marshal.**

Prizes will be in the form of cheques, ribbons/rosettes, trophies as per show schedule.

All plants **MUST** be in show bench condition.

One bloom per clone per exhibitor (i.e. 1 of Lovely Angel 'Bubbles', 1 of Coco Jim 'Starquest' etc)

Bloom cymbidiums are **NOT** eligible for Grand Champion or Reserve Champion

Exhibits are eligible to win only one category prize

**When staging a floral display the exhibit must only contain ORCHID flowers.** Embellishments are allowable as long as it does not contain other types of flowers (eg. Wattle, Strelitzia, etc)

Ultra miniatures will be judged under the same rules as miniature flowers and the flower size will be up to 35mm.

To be eligible as a specimen plant the following stem count must be adhered to;

Standard Cymbidiums	<b>4 spikes</b>
Small Standard Cymbidiums	<b>4 spikes</b>
Intermediate Cymbidiums	<b>5 spikes</b>
Miniature Cymbidiums	<b>6 spikes</b>

**Definition of a pot plant for this show**

The whole undivided plant should be benched in no larger than a 200mm pot.

It will ideally be compact in growth and its floriferousness must be commensurate with the size of the plant. The flower should be attractive, distinctly/brightly coloured, have a well balanced shape and be displayed on a strong upright raceme.

Members wishing to sell on the club table must ensure they have paid the current membership dues before Wednesday, August 9th.

The commission charged by the Society for the sale of member's plants will be 15% from those members who provide a minimum of 4 hours supervision at the venue and have plants entered into the Show for judging, or 20% from members who do not attend for the required length of time and/or have not entered plants into the Show for judging. The supervision required to avoid the extra commission will not include the day of set up or the day of dismantling. Please ensure that you sign on and off in the attendance book at the club table and report to the show marshals (Nat or David) at that time.



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