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Top left: *Cym. Zig Zag 'Kiwi'*
Above: *Cym. Jacinta's pride 'Heaven'*
Left: *Cym. Coraki Glowing 'Kentlyn'*

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CLUB MEETING PROGRAM FOR 2023

- 8 June: Dr Randall Robinson topic TBA
- 13 July: Annual Winter Show
- 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 Party and Presentation of Prizes

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PRESIDENT'S BLURB - JUNE 2023

The May meeting again didn't have many plants benched with many members grumbling they have nothing in flower yet. I'm the same. Hopefully we'll get a couple of warm days between now and the June Meeting to get things going .

At the May meeting we also had a guest speaker, Dr Seong Tay, who gave a talk/ powerpoint presentation on how he flasks orchid seeds which was an excellent and comprehensive talk. Seong is also willing to train members who wish to learn and wants to pass on some knowledge he has gleaned from many years doing his own lab work.

Thank you Seong for a really excellent talk.

At the June Meeting we will be having a Guest speaker from interstate , A/Prof. Randall Robinson . Randall is a Scientist, and Eric Young Orchid Foundation Fellow, International Speaker and an authority on Species cymbidiums. Randall will be talking on Cymbidium Intergenerics a newish area of hybridising. We have had Randall give talks before and I am sure his talk will be of the usual high standard.

I'm not sure we should change our Club's name yet to the Cymbidium and Cymbidium Intergenerics Club of Australia just yet but

I will be continuing to bring in some seedlings and divisions for sale . Don't forget there is no commission for club members for the sales table . Come early or miss out!

See you in June, Geoff Le Marne

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES HELD AT THE ALLAN G. EZZY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 11 May 2023

President Geoff Le Marne opened the meeting at 8pm.

Apologies: Bruce Mitchell, Phil Festa

Visitors: Susan Lalor

Raffle plants are a variety of cymbidiums grown by Bill Goodridge for the Club.

The program for the year is as follows:

- June Randall Robinson presenting
- July Winter Show
- August National Orchid Extravaganza, so no meeting
- September Spring Show
- October Steve Dunstan presenting on canaliculatum and hybrids
- November Christmas Party

The usual prize money will be on offer at the Winter and Spring shows.

Ken Wynn had brought in a plant with fasciatum where the spike was caught up in the sheath. It is an occasional deformity which can occur for no reason. If caught early, the spike can be released by cutting the surrounding tissue.

Judith Brooks informed the meeting that organisation for the National Orchid Extravaganza is well underway. Unfortunately the fliers for the show will not be available to Members until next month. Everyone is encouraged to take some to distribute to local nurseries, florists and the general public in their area – even the local Clubs (RSL, Bowling, etc) may be willing to take some to put out for their Members. The more we can get the word out about the Show, the better turnout we can expect.

Geoff had brought in his EC meter, used for measuring the strength of some fertilizers (not urea levels). The readings from the EC meter can easily be converted to ppm (parts per million). There are always questions amongst growers as to what EC level is ideal, with differing opinions. The plants have different requirements from winter to summer, depending on the growth phase the plant is in, spike production and lengthening and so on.

If you are interested in checking your fertilizer EC level, get in touch with Geoff and bring in a sample for him to check.

He also had a pH meter, which is somewhat more difficult to use and care for. General discussion on fertilizer regimens ensued.

The meeting broke for supper at 8.30pm and resumed at 8.50pm.

Seong Tay presented on his lab flasking operations and covered subjects such as sowing seed and replating and growing on your seedlings to compots and individual pots.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – JUNE 2023

As mentioned at the last meeting, the fliers for the Extravaganza will be available at the June meeting for everyone to take. Please do help out with the Show's promotion. This is good for the Club and also supports the vendors who travel from far and wide to help us make the Show a success.

I'm sure we're all looking forward to hearing from Randall Robinson at our next meeting. He has a vast knowledge of orchids and we are pleased to have him join us and impart some of that knowledge to our Members. It has been some years since he last presented to the Club and his presentations are always interesting and informative.

The flowering season is getting into the swing and Orchids Out West has already been on and, I'm informed, had a great turnout with a good number of people through the door. The vendors also did very well, so we're hoping we can match that success with our show in August.

We have the Winter Show in July and hope to have a great display of cymbidiums for everyone to enjoy. Please spread the word and see if we can't get a few new faces/new members to come along and join us. We have lost some members over recent years for a variety of reasons. Now that Covid is no longer causing lockdowns, it would be great if we can rebuild our numbers and get some new orchid/cymbidium enthusiasts to grow the Club and bring in some new ideas. Please do support any new members at the meetings – we have plenty of expert growers on hand to assist and answer questions for the novices.

I look forward to seeing you all in June, Judith

BENCHING RESULTS MAY, 2023

SHOW BENCH

Intermediate 61-85mm

- 1. G Serhan *Cym. Zig Zag 'Kiwi'
- 2. G Serhan Cym. Khan Flame x Richard Tauber

SEEDLING OF THE MONTH

Intermediate 61-85mm

- 1. G Serhan *Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Lancashire Khan
- 2. G Serhan Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Lancashire Khan

SINGLE BLOOM

Small Standard 85-100mm (Standard Breeding)

- 1. G Serhan Cym. Snow Beauty x Lovely Angel

Intermediate 61-85mm

- 1. G Serhan *Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Lancashire Khan
- 2. K&S Wynn Cym. mastersii x erythraeum

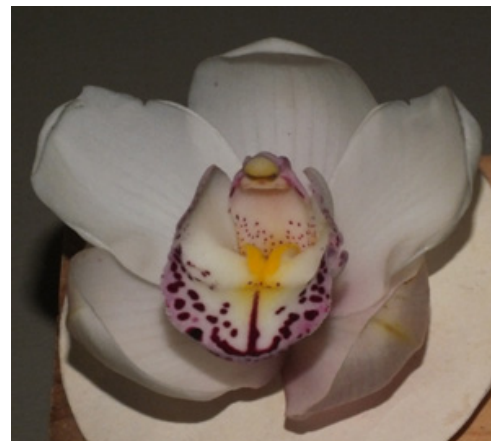
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POINT SCORE 2023

- George Serhan 58.5
- Geoff Le Marne 9
- Dimitri Mitsios 4
- K&S Wynn 2



Cym. Khan Flame x Richard Tauber



Cym. Snow Beauty x Lovely Angel



Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Lancashire Khan



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