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Cym. Marilyn Thomas

Presidents Blurb for May 2023

The April meeting had a better attendance no doubt due to having Scott Barrie from Barrita Orchids come as Guest speaker as well as bringing some plants to sell. Scott gave a terrific talk not just on Cymbidiums and their culture, but also on advances in a host of other genera. I certainly learnt a lot from a thoroughly enjoyable presentation. Thanks Scott!

The Benching at the April meeting was still pretty light on, thanks you to all who benched plants and blooms. Lets hope May starts to see some more quality plants benched - please bring your plants along.

At the May meeting Dr Seong Tay from the Orchid Mart will be giving a presentation about Orchid flasking. Dr Tay has had his own lab for many years and this should be a great talk. Come along and bring your questions ..

Just a reminder that financial members of the Club are allowed to sell plants on the sales table each month **commission free**, and I hope this will encourage more attendance at the meetings. I'm always in need of space so I'll bring a division or two and some seedlings for sale in May.

See you in May, Geoff Le Marne

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Club Meeting Program for 2023

- 11 May: Dr Seong Tay on Orchid Flasking
- 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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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES HELD AT THE ALLAN G. EZZY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 13th APRIL 2023

Meeting opened at 8pm by President, Geoff Le Marne.

New Member: Derrick Aviet

Apologies: Marion Serhan

Visitors: Francoise Sikora, John Clarke

Raffle plants, grown by Bill Goodridge – Vanity Fair 'Hollywood' x Blushing 'Perfection', registered as Memoria David Gynn

The Members voted to accept the Minutes of the previous AGM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2022 was the year the Club returned to normal functioning post the pandemic. We were able to recommence regular meetings, had a very successful Winter and Spring show at the Club meetings, as well as finally getting to have National Orchid Extravaganza in the new venue at Yagoona.

We also had some excellent cultural talks at the Club, as well as the annual Christmas Party with our interstate Guest Speaker, Michael Coker.

Overall it was a successful year, although it has been noted that attendance at meetings and the Extravaganza were down compared to prior to the pandemic.

The Program for this year is as follows:

April 13th – AGM; Guest Speaker Scott Barrie proprietor of Barrita Orchids

May 11th – Dr Seong Tay presenting on Orchid Flasking

June 8th – Dr Randall Robinson, topic TBA

July 13th – Annual Winter Show

August – no meeting due to National Orchid Extravaganza

September 14th – Annual Spring Show

October 12th – Mr Steve Dunstan speaking on Cymbidium canaliculatum

November 9th – Christmas Party and Presentation of Prizes

A very big thank you to Judith Brooks for her dual role as Secretary/Treasurer, which she has carried out so professionally again for another year. A big thank you to David Brooks for assisting Judith and for this organisation of the Extravaganza.

Thank you to all the other Committee Members – Vice President, George Serhan, as well as Nat Cicciari, Seong Tay, Andy Gatt and Bill Goodridge.

A very big thank you to Toni Benton who has done a wonderful job as Editor of the Club's newsletter, as well as being our Webmaster, running the website <https://ccansw.com.au>.

Also thank you to everyone who has helped with the suppers, particularly Kaye Goodridge, Jessie Gatt and Judith Brooks, and to Bill Goodridge for growing on the raffle plants.

The President then passed over to Judith Brooks to provide the financial review for the past year.

REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23

This last financial year has resulted in an overall **loss** for the Club of **\$1,860.32**. As everyone is aware, we managed to hold the Extravaganza again in 2022 after a two year hiatus due to COVID. Whilst the show was popular, numbers were still lower than for previous shows, which may have been due to the continued concerns around COVID transmission making people reluctant to attend, and also the move to the new venue. Although we did increase the advertising budget again for the Show by including an advertisement in the Australia China Daily, many past attendees may not have noted the change of venue.

In detail – Interest Received was slightly lower than last year, raffle proceeds were up (as we were able to resume regular meetings), Royalties from Neutrog showed a small decrease, Membership Subscriptions increased, but are still relatively low due to the two-year “holiday” given to Members during COVID. Commissions and Other Income from the Extravaganza helped to boost income figures.

Outgoings were generally higher due to the fact that we were able to hold the Extravaganza this year, as well as our Winter and Spring shows. This led to a substantial increase in Prize monies and general costs associated with the Show, including advertising, printing and postage. Meeting expenses were also substantially higher as we were able to get back to some normality with regular monthly meetings and the Christmas Party.

Overall, the Club continues to be financially sound, with **Total Equity at \$24,253.41**.

The meeting voted to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financials. The Members also voted not to appoint an Auditor for the accounts.

All Committee positions were declared vacant and the Members voted to Elect the Office Bearers for the new year as follows:

President	Geoff Le Marne
Vice President	George Serhan
Secretary/Treasurer	Judith Brooks
Committee	Bill Goodridge
	Seong Tay
	Nat Ciccari
	David Brooks
	Andy Gatt

The date of the next AGM will be 11th April 2024.

The AGM was declared closed.

Geoff Le Marne led a general discussion on ways we can better promote the Club and build membership. To this end, we are always keen to hear from Members with regard to topics they would like to see addressed at meetings and potential Guest Speakers we can invite to present to us. We also need to build our social media presence and would be pleased to hear from any Members if they can assist with this or know of anyone with expertise in this area we could benefit from speaking with.

There was general conversation on the current outlook for the flowering season and ongoing problems with pests, including rats and mice, and diseases. Scott Barrie mentioned that he does sell virus testing kits through Barrita Orchids if anyone needs them.

The meeting broke for Supper at 8.40pm and resumed at 9pm. Scott Barrie then presented to the meeting on his operation at Barrita Orchids, touching on his breeding program and general setup in his orchid houses, as well as addressing those factors he considered essential to success, including control of light and fertilising regime.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – APRIL 2023

Firstly I would like to thank our President, Geoff Le Marne, for his wonderful administration of our meetings and all the hard work he has done ensuring they are successful and that we have had some very interesting Guest Speakers over the last year. It's not an easy job and his time and efforts are much appreciated by all. I would also like to thank all the Committee Members for their support and contributions to the smooth running of the Club. Thanks to Toni Benton for maintaining the website for us and ensuring the newsletter gets out each month for everyone to enjoy. Also to Kaye and Bill Goodridge and Jessie Gatt for their assistance with the suppers at the Club meetings.

I would also like to thank all those Members who helped out at the National Orchid Extravaganza. It takes a lot of organisation to make sure it runs smoothly, both for Members and the general public who come along, and the hard work by everyone to ensure that it is safe and enjoyable is much appreciated.

That work is already underway for this year's show and flyers will be available soon for everyone to help out with advertising the Show in their local area and at other Clubs they may belong to. Please do help out with this by taking flyers to drop at your local nurseries and florists and anywhere else you can to get the word out far and wide and ensure we have a great turnout.

Please note that Membership fees are now due for the 2023/24 financial year. Also, please be aware that only financial members will be allowed to bring in plants for sale at the Club Sales Table at the Extravaganza. This is a great boost for the Club, the Show and for Members alike. If you are intending to bring in plants to sell at the Extravaganza, please try to make sure you can also spend some time assisting at the Show, either at the Sales Table, front entry or general security over the weekend.

I trust everyone enjoyed the presentation by Scott Barrie at the April meeting and I'm sure we're all looking forward to Seong Tay talking to us in May about orchid flasking. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Judith

BENCHING RESULTS APRIL, 2023

SHOW BENCH

Large >100mm

- 1. G Le Marne **Cym. Marilyn Thomas*

Small Standard 86-100mm (Standard Breeding)

- 1. G Serhan *Cym. Unknown*

Species

- 1. D Mitsios *Cym. dayanum 'Red'*
- 2. G Le Marne *Cym. erythrostylum alba*
- 3. G Serhan *Cym. erythrostylum*

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

Intermediate 61-85mm

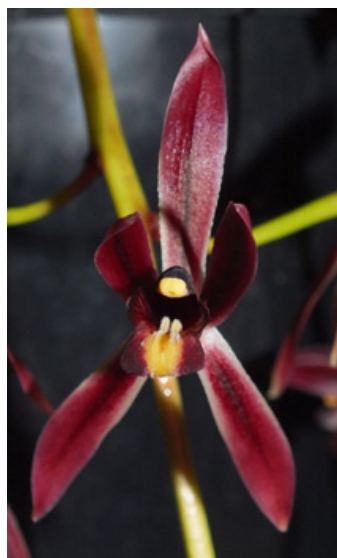
- 1. G Serhan **Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Lancashire Khan*
- 2. G Serhan *Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Lancashire Khan*

* Denotes Champion

POINT SCORE 2023	
• George Serhan	32.5
• Geoff Le Marne	9
• Dimitri Mitsios	4



Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Lancashire Khan



Cym. dayanum 'Red'



Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Lancashire Khan



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