

The next Meeting of the
Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.
will be held on
Wednesday 25 August 2010
at the
Burnside Community Centre
401 Greenhill Road Tasmore SA

**Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday
of each month February to November**

Program

- 7.00 pm Auditorium opens, benching of plants and trading table
- 7.15 pm Beginners Class. Note early start time (All Welcome)
- 7.45 pm Viewing of Plants and Popular Vote
- 8.00 pm Official Opening and Presidents Report
- 8.15 pm Seedlings on the Show-bench
- 8.20 pm National Show Perth W.A. Video
- 9.00 pm Plant Raffle Draw
- 9.15 pm Popular Vote and Judging Results
- 9.30 pm Close of Meeting and Supper.

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Judges Choice Best Overall
ONE TREE HILL SOLSTICE GOLD
Grown by: Rodney & Lesley Philp

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SUPPER ROSTER 2010

Wednesday 25 August	Glenn Stearnes	Tony Cummins
Wednesday 29 September	Carmel Beasley	Sue Carter
Wednesday 27 October	Coralie Hime	Wendy Schiller
Wednesday 24 November	Graham King	Vacant

PROGRAM 2010

Wednesday 25 Aug	Perth National Show video
Wednesday 29 Sept	David Wain
Wednesday 27 Oct	Kevin Handreck
Wednesday 24 Nov	Christmas Meeting

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PRESIDENTS REPORT AUGUST 2010

As I'm getting ready to leave for Perth, I look back at all the work involved setting up this trip for twenty eight people and thank god for those helping me, like John and Yvonne Longbottom, Moss Bray, Peter Hall and Wayne Baylis. Unless you have done this type of organising you can't imagine all the problems that crop up just when you think you've got it all covered. To everyone going on this trip I sincerely hope it is all you hoped for, from a holiday point of view, to a wonderful orchid show experience. The Western Australians are wonderful people and always support shows and put on lovely exhibits.

The last club meeting was certainly interesting as Vitaly gave us a great insight into miniature and intermediate type flowers. His cascading type breeding appealed to many and when we consider the length of time he has been growing orchids it is hard to imagine how he has come this far so quickly. This was Vitaly's first public speaking experience and we should be very thankful as I guess he will be in big demand in the future.

Peter Hall will be doing a video of the W.A. National Show and with a little bit of luck those who were unable to go will be able to share it at the club meeting soon.

When we return from W.A., the committee will be organising a meeting in August for those who wish to assist in our major show at the Noarlunga Leisure Centre.

Much work will be required, as it is our largest show and it may be larger than 2008 as thoughts of inviting overseas organizations to take part are being considered.

Get all your plants ready for West Lake's Spring Show and support Wayne Baylis in his effort to make it one to remember.

See you when we get back form W.A.

SUMMARY OF VITALY'S PRESENTATION (28/07/10)

Vitaly Kluchkovsky was invited to share his experiences as a new comer in growing and breeding miniature and pendulous orchids. He has been doing this along with his wife Noela, for almost 4 years. To date, he has successfully produced a total of 75 cymbidium hybrids and registered 20 of these crosses internationally with the Royal Horticultural Society. The main focus of his presentation was to show case his breeding program. He presented a lot of colourful photos and talked about his vision for the crosses that he had made.

In spring 2006, Vitaly purchased his first cymbidium, a Red Rover 'Bon Bon'. This was followed by many more small and pendulous cymbidiums. Initially, his rapid accumulation of orchids was purely for pleasure, now days it's more for his breeding stock.

In early 2007 he bought a carport from Super Cheap Auto for \$99 and converted it into a shade house. The top was covered in clear plastic and the sides was wrapped in 50% shade cloth. The Shade house is still standing strong to this day. Vitaly and Noela use to share the shade house. The problem was they had different ideas when it came to watering, fertilizing and the choice of media. As a result Vitaly started to mark off his collection with white tape wrapped around his pots.

Noela started to tinker with growing orchids from seeds after obtaining seeds from the Australian Orchid Foundation Seed Bank. This was met with initial success. Knowing that Noela could grow orchids from seeds, Vitaly decided that he will start breeding orchids and make his own crosses. Prior to breeding orchids, he had successfully bred fish, canaries and parrots for a hobby.

Before attempting his first cross, Vitaly did a lot of research. His goal was to produce hard to get and new varieties of miniature and pendulous cymbidiums. He studied about the process of pollination. He familiarized himself with as many different pendulous orchids as he could find, through looking at catalogues, books, magazines, various websites, and attending orchid shows, nurseries and club meetings. He searched the RHS Orchid Registration website for information such as, which plants had been used for breeding, which was used as the pod or pollen parent and what did it go on to make. He spoke to other orchid breeders for information and advice. Some greeted his ideas with interest and support whilst others thought it would just end in failure and better to be avoided. He subscribed to Orchids Australia and the Australian Orchid Review to see what the latest trends were and which plants featured around the country.

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He also bought back issues of these magazines which had useful articles on hybridising.

As a result of all his research, he started to look for specific stock plants for his breeding program. He even travelled interstate to purchase them. Towards the end of 2007, Vitaly started to make his first cross and erected his own orchid house.

In 2008, Vitaly and Noela started to display their pendulous collection at the Warringal Orchid Show in the novice section. In their first year they won the Pre-eminent Award for best display. Later that year, Vitaly had his first crop of seed pods. With so many seed pods to pick, he decided to purchase an old laminar flow hood and converted one of the spare room into a laboratory.

In 2009, he produced his first orchid catalogue which was followed by a second catalogue in 2010. Vitaly spoke about a selection of his crosses from both catalogues and shared his expectations for them. His current pet project is to treat and convert some of his hybrids to tetraploids to be used for future breeding.

He concluded his presentation by briefly talking about some of his recent crosses that have started to germinate and also about some of the plants that he hopes to use for future breeding. For those who missed out on getting one of his catalogues at the meeting or would like one, you can contact him to have them sent to you.

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Winter Show Munno Para JULY 2010

Jeanne and I like the Munno Para shopping complex, it has lots of natural light, it is clean and tidy, has a good selection of shops and it seems to be more relaxed and friendly. There were 9 displays, one less than last year but there were more plants in the displays and I thought that the quality of the flowers was excellent.

Jeanne and I put in a 3x2 metre themed display, and I would like to thank Lorrie and Sue Carter for their valuable help in placing our plants to be judged then retrieving them and setting it up the display.

I hurt my back lifting a large pot containing a 3 metre high lilly pilly on Saturday morning and again bending in to the van whilst loading the display props and the orchids.

Jeanne was occupied taking the photographs. Jeanne had to finish loading the van and also had to unload at the venue. Thanks to Terry Honor for his help getting the plants, the photographic flash units and all the display props in to the shopping centre

Monday I picked Wayne up on the way to Munno Para and we called in to Easy Orchids to see Glen Heylen. Glen was kind enough to donate a roll of packing material for our cut flowers that will be transported to Perth for the Cymbidium Orchid Club of Western Australia Inc., National Cymbidium Orchid Show August 2010.

We then continued on to Munno Para so that I could take some photographs of the displays. Whilst taking photographs Ray Brady handed me an envelope with Jeanne's and my name on it and inside was a nice surprise. It was a shopping voucher with a short note praising our effort in putting in a theme display.

I would like to thank the management for the voucher and their kind words.

The owners and their managerial staff at Munno Para are terrific, nothing is too much trouble, and they are most generous to our club, also the security staff are friendly and most helpful.

The winter show at Munno Para is a very important part of our club and more members should support this show.

Jeanne and I always find it a pleasure to participate in our annual Winter Show at Munno Para Shopping City.

Peter Hall

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2010 National Cymbidium Orchid Show

The 2010 National Cymbidium Orchid Show was hosted for the first time by the Cymbidium Orchid Club of Western Australia on 7-8 August 2010. In South Australia it began on Monday 2 August 2010 at our place at Glenelg North. Members brought their cut stems to be packed and Moss kept things running smoothly so we were finished by 10.30am. We loaded Moss' van and he headed off with Ray Brady and John Longbottom to TNT Transport at Export Park at the Adelaide Airport. It took 1 hour and 20 minutes to get the message across as to how and where boxes would be delivered. Jeanne and I went to bed at about 10.30pm Wednesday 3 August and we were up again at 2am. Bob and Pam Whisson left their car at our place because they had to travel from Nairne. I had booked the taxi the day before for 4.30am Thursday. 4.30am, there was no taxi so I rang again and one turned up at 4.45am. We arrived at the airport at 5.00am. We were picked up at Perth Airport by our bus driver John and driven to our hotel in the city. We booked in but were there too early to have our rooms allocated so John took us for a tour of the beautiful city of Perth and Kings Park.

Friday John picked us up at 8.00am and we went down to the National Show venue at the Cannington Central Exhibition Centre. We caught up with most of the people that we had met during the National Shows over a number of years. We had to send John Longbottom out to purchase some stakes and twisty ties. We enquired as to where our 14 boxes of cut flowers were because they were not at the venue!

! After much ringing around and sending someone to the freight company, we finally received our boxes of cut stems. The state display was set up with plenty of help from all our members and Pauline McLean was the plant placer and overall supervisor. It is very difficult sending cut stems because they were loaded in Adelaide on Monday and we received them on Friday. I had to put some of the display props into my box of cut stems and when I opened it all my flowers were mulched! I must have put one stem in another box because I picked up a third prize. We had the cut stem experience last year at Springvale in Victoria, but Wayne and I drove over with the boxes in the car and they survived a lot better than on the long road trip to Perth. We do sympathise with the COCWA members that have been doing the cut flower shows and they are experts at it, always winning the State display at National Shows.

Best Species
Tracyanum "Cottage Lane"4N
Grown by John & Sandra Nicholls

A lovely specie Very well presented



PLANT WRITEUP FOR JULY 2010

Best Overall and Best Open division
One Tree Hill Solstice Gold
Grown by Rodney & Lesley Philp

Grown in a 10 inch Pot 5 Spikes Average of 17/18 flower
Upright well presented foliage
Green with bright red lip 11 Backbulbs



We finished the judging and John took us back to the hotel. John picked us up again to go back to the show venue at 6pm where COCWA had set up a finger food, beer, wine and soft drinks get-together. The idea was great as you get to meet all the people that we have got to know over the years plus a few more. The food kept coming as did the drinks and I would like to thank Alice Lang and her team of helpers as it was excellent. After the get-together, John picked us up and took us for a tour of the city at night and in particular, up to Kings Park to view the city lights. To say it is a spectacular sight is an understatement. I have never seen anything like it and an evening I will never forget – it was absolutely stunning. My favourite city to visit was Sydney with its harbour, but Perth blitzes Sydney. The city of Perth is relatively new and the buildings are white or pastel colours, glass and steel. I think Perth must have the cream of architects, designers and engineers in the land – there is not an ugly building anywhere. Everywhere you travel in the city and suburbs there are sculptures of steel and bronze, all exceptional pieces.

Saturday John took us for another tour of the city and the other half of Perth on the other side of the Swan River. Some members did their own thing in the afternoon and some of us went back to the show venue. The show was very colourful, well set out and along with the COCWA members that had pot plants to show, the cut flower displays were better than I thought they would be. The display put in by Ezi Gro Orchids – Kevin Butler was huge and of course, Rosa is his right-hand, left-hand and anything in between, she is amazing. The Saturday night dinner had about 68 present and for a medium size restaurant, the service and the food was excellent. The South Australian contingent won all the lucky number prizes, 8 bottles of wine in total.

Sunday John picked us up and dropped us off at the ferry terminal where we went on a cruise down the Swan River (some view). It is about 2.7 kilometres wide in one spot. There are many yacht clubs along the river with yachts and motor launches each worth millions of dollars. The sheer opulence and the amount of river front dwellings was mind blowing. I still find it hard to comprehend the sheer number of millionaires that live in and around Perth. One house (if you could call it a house) was three storey's high, had 7 bathrooms, a bowling alley and numerous rooms; it sold for 57 million dollars.

Jeanne had recorded the wrong departure date in her diary and that must be a first because her diary is her bible and is never wrong, anyway she had to leave Perth on her own on Monday morning.

John our bus driver, booked us in for dinner on Sunday night at the Perth Casino and like everything else in Perth, it was gigantic. Cont page 10

John had not been there for a couple of years and they had extended the size and changed the locality of the restaurant and we got lost. After the meal we all followed John to get to the bus and he got us all lost again so I gave him the name of *Follow Me John*. John took us around the city again and to Kings Park because some members had not been there on our first night trip.

Monday I said goodbye to Jeanne at 6.30am and I felt like a dog without a tail – we don't spend a lot of time apart.

John picked us up and drove us down to Fremantle. We travelled through the medium to mega rich areas on the way down and at one spot the land had been re-subdivided and each lot was 7 million dollars.

We stayed for just on 2 hours in Fremantle but it wasn't really enough time. Some of us spent the time in the old maritime museum. John took us back along the coast from Fremantle and we called in the Sorrento. I wasn't impressed because every shop was very expensive. We travelled all through the new subdivisions in and around the Swan Valley and to me they are making the same mistakes as all the mainland cities. The house blocks are getting smaller, the houses have dark gray tin rooves and all their storm water runs out to sea.

Speaking about water, the water table around Perth ranges from 4metres to very deep. This is usable water. Kevin Butler's (Ezi Gro Orchids) uses all bore water in his nursery and he draws it from 35 metres down with a 15 horsepower submersible pump. The water ppm (parts per million) is around 250 in the Spring, Winter and Autumn to 500ppm in the Summer. I asked Kevin about the breakdown of the ppm, how much is sodium salt, calcium, magnesium and potassium but he didn't know the analytical information, but he said that there is about 500ppm acid and that is great for growing orchids. Kevin said that he uses dolomite lime when repotting and again at the end of the flowering season. They do not pay for their bore water, the only stipulation is that they register the bore and have a license, they don't even have to record the amount of water used.

Running the stormwater out to sea is especially dumb in WA because they get most of their water from the aquifer and that is in danger of running out and if they continue to expand then they will be no natural replacement of this valuable groundwater.

Monday, John took us around to the new subdivisions then on to Ezy Gro Orchids (Kevin Butler). Kevin, Rosa and some of the COCWA committee put on tea, coffee and a BBQ lunch for us. If any of our members have never been to Kevin's place, they should put it in their calendar.

This club runs competitions in three different classes, and winners were:-

Open Division.....Ben Knobben Margaret Thatcher "Diplomat"

First Division.....Max Kahlbaum Ruby Valley "Clare"

Second DivisionJohn Moon Golden Fortune "Delish"

The display set up by Peter and Jeanne Hall, caught the eye of the management and many spectators. Set in an area of 3 x 2 metres it contained a small bed, dressing table with chair and a doll dressed in period costume standing in front of a mirror, with lace drapes. Some very lovely orchids of varying colours and sizes complimented this.

When I look at the orchids shown and see one of great potential, but not considered by the judges. The one that caught my eye, was a miniature seedling owned by Wayne Baylis, Pure and Simple x Stargard. Grown in a 175mm pot with two spikes, totally upright on a small plant with three green bulbs. The shape was almost round and a lovely soft pink with a central line of darker pink, pink blushing on the labellum and narrow spotted lip. Each spike had ten flowers. This plant has huge potential and its owner certainly agrees.



The intermediate seedling was Regal Fire x (Radiant Harry x South Coast) a lovely upright pink with red barred lip with eight flowers, grown by Wayne Baylis. This plant caught my eye and has a lot of potential, as it is very small.

The miniature seedling was Toltrice "Pink Stripes" and, as the name suggests, a pale pink with darker large stripes running along the petals and sepals. This plant had three large spikes with 12-20 flowers and will certainly have appeal as it gets bigger. Malcolm and Gay Hall will get this to improve in the future.

The promotion of seedlings in the COCSA is paramount and is heavily supported.

The champion seedling is LRP x Templestowe, grown by Ben Knobben, a beautiful small standard, with a lot of promise for the future. The colour is a very pale pink with large banded red lip and yellow throat. This plant had two spikes with six flowers on each and was slightly cuppy, which added to its appeal. This also won small standard seedling.

Large standard seedling was Tracy Reddaway x Coraki Gold, a beautiful clean single spike in a 175mm pot. A brilliant yellow with red banded lip. It carried ten large flowers and was hard to miss. Moss and Rosemary Bray excel in growing this type of flower.

The intermediate seedling was Regal Fire x (Radiant Harry x South Coast) a lovely upright pink with red barred lip with eight flowers, grown by Wayne Baylis. This plant caught my eye and has a lot of potential, as it is very small.

The miniature seedling was Toltrice "Pink Stripes" and, as the name suggests, a pale pink with darker large stripes running along the petals and sepals. This plant had three large spikes with 12-20 flowers and will certainly have appeal as it gets bigger. Malcolm and Gay Hall will get this to improve in the future.

The hybrid first shown Alexandra Rose x Big Taisno have flowered previously but never before been shown and in some areas are still classified as seedlings, but not in COCSA. This plant was shown and grown by John Moon, a relatively new grower to our Club. This plant was grown in a 200mm pot and has five spikes of intermediate size flowers. Each spike had 12-20 flowers and had a dark red barred lip.

Some of us purchased a few plants and a couple of us had them bare rooted so we brought them back as hand luggage. On our way to the airport, John took us into a chocolate factory and I told Ben that if he didn't buy his wife Christine some chocolate that I would do him in.

I would like to thank John and Yvonne Longbottom, Ray Brady and Liz Thomas for organising the trip. It was a most enjoyable experience and a big thank you to *Follow Me John* (our bus driver) who went far beyond the call of duty – he made a huge difference to our wonderful experience.

I have to add this item because I think there are many of us that can relate to it. Whilst in a meeting with Kevin Butler, Ray Brady, Ben Knobben, Peter Sunderland and myself, Kevin told us that after the nibbles evening on Friday night, he drove home (he has 2 vehicles) and when he reached for his house keys he couldn't find them. He went into his neighbour's property and had to climb the side fence around the back where he has 2 Rottweiler pups, climb through a high window to get inside. Kevin thought that he had left his house keys in the other vehicle. Next morning he left the house, got into his car and the first thing he saw was his house keys in the console. I'm sorry Kevin, but I had to put his in.

Whilst travelling through all the new subdivisions, we noticed that all the cream brick homes and driveways were strained a brownish orange colour about a metre up the buildings. The staining is caused by the amount of iron in the water supply. Along with the 5 ppm acid and the iron content, the orchids should flourish.

I have to add this segment too. One of our members in the tour group was in the city about 3.00pm on a nice sunny afternoon and he came across several females with very, very short skirts and low tops and well painted up faces. His comment was that he thought it was a bit early in the day for these provocatively dressed cleaning ladies!

Last but not least, Jeanne and I were privileged to have enjoyed the company of a great bunch of good people; it was an enjoyable experience that we shall remember for a long time.

PETER HALL

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Notes from Editor National Show W.A.2010

Hi well this is the first time that I have had good reason to put pen to paper and make some commitment . This was my second National Show last year I went on the bus trip to Melbourne for the National at Springvale and enjoyed it thoroughly but was not involved in any of the set up because our people were there and had all the things covered . This year things were different being a “nebbie” to displays etc I was included in all the setting up which was excellent and I had a great time and felt lucky to be included in the group. That brings me to the next thing that I must comment on is the fellowship that was had by all the groups there W.A. S.A and Vic and little bits and people from all parts. Please let me say on behalf of the 28 people from S.A a great THANK YOU to the W.A. Club and Helen Strech, her Committee and all those that assisted her in putting on such a magnificent show in all aspects Also a big thanks to Kevin Butler for looking after us so well thanks Rosa your a diamond.. You can feel proud of your effort. Organizing a trip of that magnitude had put the job ahead of Yvonne, John Ray and Liz and anyone else that was involved in the trip. I thought last year was top of the tree take a bow people this one set a pretty high bench mark and I like everybody else had an absolute ball and something I will remember for a long time



Winter Show 2010 - Munno Para

The Winter Show was, once again, held at the Munno Para Shopping City, and is the total sponsor for this event each year.

There were forty members who participated with their flowers and various props, all hoping to be among the winners with their pride and joy. The judging was due to start at 6.00pm with our registrar, Ben Knobben organising everyone in their groups to cover each division. When a competent judge like David Kenneally comes all the way from Victoria to assist us it shows the dedication of some members.

Munno Para management supplied sandwiches for our supper, Lucy and Jeff Spear brought along scones, jam and cream for all, with cake and coffee supplied by the Club

Competition was keen for champion flower in each class. A first division grower, Max Kahlbaum, with a lovely plant, Ruby Valley “Clare”, grown to perfection, won grand Champion of the show. This plant was in a 200mm pot with four spikes, each carrying 12-16 flowers. A plant displayed like this caught everyone’s eye, even before judging started. This plant also won champion intermediate of the show

Another very eye catching plant was an oldy but a goody, Margaret Thatcher “Diplomat”, which was narrowly beaten for champion but did win the champion small standard award and was grown by registrar, Ben Knobben. Ben had seven spikes in a 250mm pot all the way around and they were well above most of the foliage, and carried between 12-17 flowers.

Graham Morris of Valley Orchid won the large standard of the show with Valley Webster “Satsuma”. When placed at the top of a display arched itself over to catch the eye of passers-by with both its colour and the number of spikes. This plant had four spikes with 10-11 flowers and its dark plum colouring and large flowers made it appealing

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