

The next Meeting of the
Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.
will be held on
Wednesday 25 February 2009
at the
Burnside Community Centre
401 Greenhill Road Tasmore SA

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

Visitors Welcome

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 AGM—Orchid of the Year—Panel Discussion
- 9.00 pm Plant Raffle Draw
- 9.15 pm Popular Vote and Judging Results

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SUPPER ROSTER 2009

Wednesday 25 February Vacant

Please see Yvonne Longbottom to include yourself on the supper roster All help appreciated—Thank you

PROGRAM 2009

Wednesday 25 February	AGM—Orchid of the Year—Panel
Wednesday 25 March	Graham Morris—Orchids in India
Wednesday 22 April	Workshop
Wednesday 27 May	Charles Mausteller
Wednesday 24 June	<i>to be decided</i>
Wednesday 22 July	<i>to be decided</i>
Wednesday 26 August	<i>to be decided</i>
Wednesday 23 September	<i>to be decided</i>
Wednesday 28 October	<i>to be decided</i>
Wednesday 25 November	<i>to be decided</i>

NEW MEMBERS

The Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc extend a warm welcome to:

- Tony Cummins—Brighton**
- Ron Hannaford—Penfield**
- Steven Lynott—Broken Hill NSW**
- Kane Matthews—New Zealand**
- Kellie O'Neill—One Tree Hill**
- Pam and Bob Whisson—Nairne**
- Lance Sanders—ACT**

NOTICE BOARD

WINTER / SPRING / NATIONAL SHOWS

Winter Show—Munno Para Shopping Centre

Sunday 12 July 2009 to Saturday 18 July 2009

Put-in—Saturday 11 July 2009 after 5.00pm

Spring Show—Westfield—West Lakes

Sunday 23 August 2009 to Saturday 29 August 2009

Put-in—Saturday 22 August 2009 after 5.00pm

National Cymbidium Orchid Show

Springvale—Victoria

Friday 4 September 2009 to Sunday 6 September 2009

Please see page 13 for proposed bus trip organised for COCSA members

TREASURER

Andrew and Luania are taking a year off from their financial duties at the club to go globe trotting. Yvonne and John Longbottom are acting in their place at least until the AGM.

We all wish Andrew and Luania a wonderful, safe and successful year and thank them for their service to the club.

WANTED

Wanted: a flowering size tracyanum

Please contact: Peter Hall (details below)

For more items for the wanted section—

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NB: product to be picked up from Graham Morris at Valley Orchids



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February 2009

As another year starts, I welcome all members new and old and trust everybody has a happy and prosperous 2009.

The committee have been working hard to set up an exciting and interesting program for 2009. There are some new ideas and hopefully they will meet with everyone's approval. The calendar of orchid events has partially been set with both the Munno Para and West Lakes shows being confirmed with management. The ball is now in our court to make these successful so that we are invited back again in the future.

With the economic climate, such as it is, many people are tightening their purse strings and purchases at these shows will, most probably, lessen so club finances will be affected, however, we have been able to hold costs the same.

The unseasonable weather has had adverse effect in some areas, more so in some areas than others and the water situation is still very bad. Please avoid wastage as much as possible. So far summer has been very moderate but there is still plenty of summer to come for the temperature to be extreme like last year.

It is with regret that I report the passing of two long time members of the club, over the break. Ray Lonsdale and Hugh Grund have passed away and I give our condolences to their families.

With the AGM taking place at our February meeting it is necessary for all people to be financial to be able to vote and the treasurer will take fees on the night. I trust all members will be in attendance to help the committee run this club as you wish.

Ray Brady—President

CATCHING UP WITH THE NEWS ...

There was a good turnout at our last meeting in November considering that some people make comment that no one wants to listen or grow species cymbidiums. There are a lot of people interested in growing and hearing about species. Justin Priddy from Gympie Queensland was our guest speaker.

I picked Justin up from the airport at 10.30am on Tuesday and called in at home to pick up Wayne Baylis. We dropped off Justin's luggage at his motel and went to Moss Bray's where we had a look around and coffee. Moss was good enough to spare his time even though he and Rosemary were heading off to Vietnam on the 'redeye' flight on Wednesday morning. We then went down to Koala Orchids. Leon Van Rijn and the Bray's new venture down at Aldinga. There is still a lot of work to be done down there; it really is a huge task for Moss, Rosemary, Gavin and Simon. It will be a fantastic place once completed. Justin was very impressed as well as Wayne and I.

We then went into Willunga and had lunch and from there down to Graham's at Valley Orchids.

I dropped Justin off at the motel and then picked him up again and went to the Native Orchid Society of South Australia where Justin was their guest speaker. They also had a good turn out and were very impressed and glad that he came down to speak and show photographs of the cymbidiums, maddidum, suave and caniculatum growing in the wild. Graham Morris also came to that meeting. Graham and I bought some raffle tickets and when it was time to draw it the presenter asked Graham to do the honours. Graham picked his own ticket and won first prize of a large Christmas hamper!

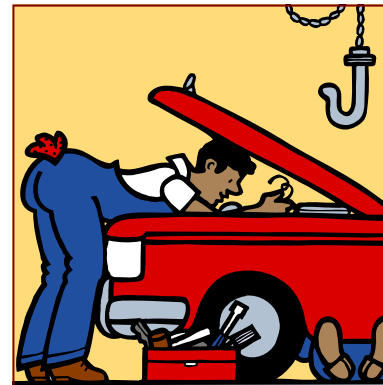
On Wednesday I picked Justin up and we went to Noel Oliver's place and Justin had a good chat about all native species orchids and how and what medium to grow them in. We then headed north the Ezi Orchids owned by Glenn Heylen. Glenn being Glenn was only too happy to spend some time with us even though he was very busy. Glenn showed Justin around his nursery and Justin happened to notice an enormous orchid plant a metre or so in diameter with lots of flower spikes and hundred of flowers. It was Little Beauty 'Mary' which is maddidum x cricket. The plant was in perfect condition, large green, healthy with not a blemish on it—a terrific specimen. I'm sure this plant would win a cultural award if it was requested. Justin asked Glenn if he was going to break it up and if he could he buy a piece. Glenn said that he probably wouldn't be dividing it but he had a couple of pieces of the original. When Justin saw these couple of pieces his eyes lit up. They were in ten inch pots and in flower. Justin asked Glenn the

- 22) Discover that first litre of fresh oil is now on the floor. Throw kitty litter on oil spill.
- 23) Get drain plug back in with only a minor spill. Drink beer.
- 24) Crawl under car getting kitty litter into eyes. Wipe eyes with oily rag used to clean drain plug. Slip with stupid crescent wrench tightening drain plug and bang knuckles on frame removing any excess skin between knuckles and frame.
- 25) Begin swearing fit.
- 26) Throw stupid crescent wrench.
- 27) Swear for additional 5 minutes because wrench hit bowling trophy.
- 28) Beer.
- 29) Cleanup hands and bandage as required to stop blood flow.
- 30) Beer.
- 31) Dump in five fresh litres of oil.
- 32) Beer.
- 33) Lower car from jack stands.
- 34) Move car back to apply more kitty litter to fresh oil spilled during any missed steps.
- 35) Beer.
- 36) Test drive car.
- 37) Get pulled over: arrested for driving under the influence.
- 38) Car is impounded.
- 39) Call loving wife, make bail.
- 40) 12 hours later, get car from impound yard.

Money spent:

Parts: \$50.00
DUI: \$2400.00
Impound fee: \$75.00
Bail: \$1500.00
Beer: \$40.00
Total: \$4,085.00

But you know the job was done right!



FUNNIES FROM DENISE BRADY

Oil Change instructions for Women:

- 1) Drive into Ultra Tune when the odometer reaches 10,000 kilometres since the last oil change.
- 2) Drink a cup of coffee, read free paper.
- 3) 15 minutes later, write a cheque and leave with a properly maintained vehicle.

Money spent:

Oil Change: \$40.00

Coffee: \$2.00

Total: \$42.00

Oil Change instructions for Men:

- 1) Wait until Saturday, drive to auto parts store and buy a case of oil, filter, kitty litter, hand cleaner and a scented tree, write a cheque for \$50.00.
- 2) Stop by the Bottle Shop and buy a slab of beer, write a cheque for \$40, drive home.
- 3) Open a beer and drink it.
- 4) Jack car up. Spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
- 5) Find jack stands under caravan.
- 6) In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
- 7) Place drain pan under engine.
- 8) Look for 9/16 box end wrench.
- 9) Give up and use crescent wrench.
- 10) Unscrew drain plug.
- 11) Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil: splash hot oil on you in process. Curse and swear.
- 12) Crawl out from under car to wipe hot oil off face and arms. Throw kitty litter on spilled oil.
- 13) Have another beer while watching oil drain.
- 14) Spend 30 minutes looking for oil filter wrench.
- 15) Give up; crawl under car and hammer a screwdriver through oil filter and twist off.
- 16) Crawl out from under car with dripping oil filter splashing oil everywhere from holes. Cleverly, hide old oil filter among rubbish in wheely bin to avoid environmental penalties. Drink a beer.
- 17) Install new oil filter making sure to apply a thin coat of oil to gasket surface.
- 18) Dump first litre of fresh oil into engine.
- 19) Remember drain plug from step 11.
- 20) Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan.
- 21) Drink beer.



cost of buying one of the plants and Glenn being Glenn changed the subject several times and then said he didn't know how much to charge. Anyway, in the end Glenn said how about \$??? And Justin quickly said Sold! On the way back Justin said to me that the plant was worth 5 times the amount that Glenn had charged but like I say, that's Glenn—a genuinely nice bloke. Glenn is not only a nice bloke but a very knowledgeable one. He has a good memory on most genre of orchids, the breeding of cymbidiums going back many years, pests, diseases, sprays—good and bad, fertilisers and botanical names. I like spending time with Glenn because apart from being a nice bloke he's very interesting. I have learned a lot by talking and listening to Glenn.

Jeanne and I picked up Justin at 6.30pm on Wednesday and went to our meeting venue at Burnside. There was a good attendance of our members and some visitors to listen to Justin speak on the Australian native species maddidum, suave and canaliculatum, showing many photographs of them growing in the wild. Everyone enjoyed the presentation and at the end of it we had a surprise visit from Father Christmas, thanks to Geoff Spear. We all participated in our basket supper, last meeting for 2008.

Thursday, Graham Morris, Justin and I went up to Roger Herraman's place. Thanks to Graham for arranging the visit. Also thanks to Roger for sparing us his time. Roger has one of the best collections of canaliculatum in Australia. It was certainly an 'eye opener' to the three of us to see the collection, most of which was still in flower. Roger also grows a selection of other orchid genera. I was lucky enough to obtain a plant from Roger and I say lucky because most of his collection if a 'one off' and to get a division from him would be a rarity because most of these native species do not like to be disturbed and are slow growing. Most growers progress to a larger pot which then sets the plants back and maybe even lost them. We spent about three hours with Roger and I found it really interesting. Roger is also a nice bloke, he spent a lot of time with us and he also gave Justin pollen from a number of native canaliculatum plants. Justin was extremely happy that he ventured south because he picked up a nice plant from Glenn and pollen from Roger as well as making several contacts for further reference.

South Coast Orchid Club and the Gawler Club have invited Justin back next year (2009) to speak at their clubs. One thing that was said quite a few times is that it was pleasing to find someone so young and so passionate about native species and the protection of them in the wild. Justin left Adelaide at 8.00pm on Thursday evening to fly back to Gympie.

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JUST A THOUGHT ...

A couple of members at the November meeting asked me what I do to combat scale and red spider mite in my collection. I said that all I use is eco oil or the eco oil that we make up using pure liquid soap and vegetable oil. Terry Honor said that it doesn't last long—but that's the idea. It has to be used more often and is biodegradable where white oil is not. It is a petroleum based product that builds up. Whilst in Melbourne we were discussing the same subject and Rob Smith said that he uses eco oil and pyrethrum. After learning that I remembered that I had read that in one of the gardening magazines some years ago and that is what I used but I had forgotten about until Rob mentioned it. I have found since installing foggers last summer that fogging at regular intervals seems to keep these pests at a manageable level by using eco oil and pyrethrum.

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NATIONAL DELEGATES MEETING (ACS)

Held in Victoria, Friday 21, Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 November 2008.

Ben Knobben and I flew out of Adelaide at 10.00 am on the Friday and we had a tail wind to Melbourne but when we arrived there wasn't a spare runway or terminal so we had to fly around and around Melbourne's Tullamarine airport for about 30 minutes. David Allen met us as well as Kevin Butler from Western Australia who arrived about 10 minutes after we did. It had been many years since I had been to Melbourne and I was blown away with the size of the airport and the long and short term parking is enormous. David said that he had trouble getting a parking spot with his van close to the terminal. I nearly said I wouldn't mind a bit of a walk after an hour and a half sitting down. I was glad I didn't because it took us 10 minutes in a bus to get to the car.

David took us to the National Show venue in Springvale and it is quite large. The main area is plenty big enough for all the displays and the other hall is quite large as well where the sales area will be. It took us about an hour to get to Springvale. We had lunch at Garden World Collector's Corner and spoke to Ern Kettle and Chris Larson (Bromeliads). I started to have a look around and I purchased a bromeliad but when I looked for our party they were all outside waiting for me! We then travelled down to Andy and Jan Leamon's place where the meetings were being held. When we arrived we parked out the front and walked around to the back. It was like walking into a tropical botanical garden—a spectacular large garden. Andy and Jan made us most welcome. Rob Smith had been there for quite some time; our extra time getting to land and time getting out of the airport made it a long trip. Andy and Jan are lovely,

NATIONAL CYMBIDIUM ORCHID SHOW SPRINGVALE—VICTORIA

Your committee is proposing to organise a bus trip for members interested in attending the National Cymbidium Orchid Show in Springvale, Victoria. This depends entirely on the level of interest from members. We need at least 48 interested people before we can proceed. Please think about it and let us know at the coming meeting on Wednesday 25 February. We will need to book both the bus and accommodation straight after the meeting as there are many other events at that time of the year and some places are already booked out.



Proposed Itinerary

Depart Friday evening 10.00 pm - 4 September
Breakfast Ballarat (maybe McDonalds or other) 1 hour
Proceed to overnight accommodation to room allocation
Travel to Springvale show—approximately \$5 entry fee
Return to accommodation
Proceed to National dinner—approximately \$30
Return to accommodation
Sunday breakfast—\$12 continental, \$19 cooked (optional)
Leave for Melbourne markets
Thence en-route to possibly Taillem Bend
Return home Sunday evening—6 September

Total cost of bus trip and accommodation:

- \$143.50 per person twin share
- Sundry costs—\$60 approximately (which includes breakfast Saturday, entry to the show, National Dinner and breakfast on Sunday)

Ray Brady will confirm costs and itinerary at the February club meeting and ask for a show of hands. We envisage that interested travelers will be able to pay by monthly installments at the club to ease the pain of a lump sum payment later.

Thanks to Ray Brady for organising this event.

Contact Ray Brady for more information—8252 3812



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friendly people and we had lots of tea, coffee, soft drinks and nibbles. I don't know how they manage to keep such a large lush garden looking good as well as the orchid nursery and business. I guess it would be long days—7 days a week! Many thanks to Andy and Jan for putting up with us for three days. Kevin Butler stayed with Andy and Jan as well. We are very lucky to have such nice generous people. We concluded the meetings on Sunday morning and then went down to see Peter and Joyce Sunderland. Again lovely, friendly people and generous with their time and plants. Peter and Joyce also have a very nice, large garden with several fish ponds. The garden was immaculate. The nursery was also an 'eye opener', well laid out, clean and tidy and again as with the Leamons, I don't know how they keep up with the enormous amount of work involved. I was also surprised to see Peter and Joyce grow so many other genera and some of the varieties I would dearly love to be able to grow. Ben stayed with Peter and Joyce and again deserve a big thank you for their kind hospitality and generosity. I really enjoyed looking at their nursery and spending time in their company.

I would also like to thank David Allan who not only picked us up at the airport but was our taxi driver for two and a half days. He must have clocked up many hundreds of kilometres. Nothing was too much trouble. We had a nice dinner gathering with the Cymbidium Orchid Club of Victoria at the Cranbourne Racing Club. Jeanne flew over on Saturday and was kindly picked up and look after by John Hedger. Another thank you goes to Rob Smith, who not only does a great job as secretary of the ACS but he drove us back to Collector's Corner for lunch then to the city of Melbourne and then on to the airport. Rob then had a one and three quarter hour journey back home. He must have been very tired by Sunday night.

I couldn't get over the sheer size of Melbourne and its suburbs. On the Sunday we travelled through and around the city there were thousand of people there—it's a very large and vibrant city. I read that the population of Melbourne is now 4 million but like most states in Australia, infrastructure is way behind, especially water and power! I quite like being in Adelaide because of its size and population. It's a big country town compared to Melbourne and Sydney.

It all looks good for the next National Show at Springvale. The COSV committee have all areas organised. It should be a big success and hopefully well supported by all the ACS member clubs. We are certainly looking forward to catching up with all the good people that we have met through growing cymbidium orchids.

I did enjoy the National Delegates meeting; catching up and spending time with friends that have a common interest in growing cymbidium orchids and to try

and improve the way we go about growing, judging and organising club and national shows. There is one delegate from Western Australia, Kevin Butler (president), two from Victoria, secretary Rob Smith, treasurer, Dave Allen and two from South Australia, Ben Knobben and myself, Peter Hall, vice president. We all get along extremely well even when each has a different opinion on a subject we talk it out around the table and always come up with a solution that we all agree on—it never gets close to an argument and I find it a good experience and am glad to represent South Australia along with Ben . To get on so well with all the delegates is perhaps a little strange considering the statement that Colin Gillespie made on the Saturday night—he said that one of the things that stood out with Australians was their competitiveness between local areas, capital cities and states was fierce and parochial!

There is some changes to the ACS minimum show schedule and to the constitution.

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BIRD SCARER FOR THE SHADEHOUSE

A solution for unwanted birds around the shadehouse

At McLaren Vale, until recently, we had a problem with unwanted birds.

At any time we had literally hundreds of pigeons, sitting on the wire supports of our shade-house. We also had regular visits by as many as four or five thousand (that's right 4,000 or more) starlings at a time. These birds don't just sit there. They drop messy bombs, by the thousands. Their droppings penetrate the shade-cloth, and splatter all over the plants, buds and flowers below. It damages the flowers, and must be cleaned off the foliage before sale (not nice job). They also distribute foreign weed seeds, throughout the shade-house.



We tried scaring them away, by making loud noises, or throwing stones at them. They usually just flew away, to another spot on top of the shade-house, or flew away momentarily, only to return as soon as we departed the area.

The vineyards here use loud noises intermittently, but this does not really solve the problem. It also scares the stuffing out of our staff. We recently were told about a statue of an owl, which is used by boaties, to scare sea birds, away from moored boats.

I purchased three, and attached them to long poles, so they could sit above the

PLANT WRITE UP OCTOBER 2008

POPULAR VOTE—BEST OVERALL—BEST SPECIES

canaliculatum 'Sparkesii'

grown by: Ross and Freda Woolford



POPULAR VOTE—
BEST INTERMEDIATE
**Night Time 'Port
Wine**

*grown by: Helmuth
Gerber*

POPULAR VOTE—
MINIATURE
**Phar Lap
'Geyserland'**
*grown by: Helmuth
Gerber*



Monthly Competition Results For 26 November 2008

POPULAR VOTE

Best Overall	canaliculatum 'Sparkesii'	Ross and Freda Woolford
Best Intermediate	Night Time 'Port Wine'	Helmuth Gerber
Best Miniature	Phar Lap 'Geyserland'	Helmuth Gerber
Best Species	canaliculatum 'Sparkesii'	Ross and Freda Woolford

OPEN DIVISION

Intermediate Brown First Prize	Night Time 'Port Wine'	Helmuth Gerber
Intermediate Pure Colour First Prize	One Tree Hill 'Doris'	Helmuth Gerber
Miniature Pink First Prize	Phar Lap 'Geyserland'	Helmuth Gerber
Miniature Other Colour First Prize	Mad Magic 'Amber'	Helmuth Gerber

shade-cloth. I sat one near the bottom of the shade-house, and another about one hundred and twenty metres away, near the top of the shade-house.

It had instantaneous results. Within 30 seconds, the first "owl", was being attacked by 5 or 6 magpies. The placing of the second "owl", saw immediate all out war by the whole magpie population of McLaren Vale. This continued, day and night for about 3 weeks, till they started nesting. . The pigeons, have not been seen in the 7 or 8 weeks, since the "owls" were utilized. The starlings just did not come near, but are just starting to sit on wires, near the edge of the shade-house, but in small numbers.

I have been advised that I must move the position of the "owls", to continue their effectiveness.

If you have a problem with unwanted birds, consider getting one of these. They cost \$39.95, from the marine store at Port Adelaide (next to the old Quinn's Marine store), near the Birkenhead Bridge.

Graham Morris
February 2009



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