



# The Cymbidium Newsletter

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## March/April 2011

### 2011 Meeting Dates

January –  
February 8  
March 8  
April 12  
May 10  
June 14  
July 12  
August 9  
September 13  
October 11  
November 8  
December 13

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- Meetings:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except January), Mt Waverley Community Centre, Youth Centre Hall, Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley (Melway 61/D12 and 70/D1). The hall is off Stephenson Road and is next to the Library.  
**Meetings start at 8.00pm. Basket Supper please.**

I am sending this month's Newsletter as Karen & Colin have just arrived back from South Africa after Colin's brother Des died suddenly. Some of you would have met Des when he was over here a couple of years ago.

Our condolences go to Colin, Karen & Family at this sad time.

Julie Forrest

### \*Last Month

David Wain gave a most entertaining & interesting talk on how he grows his cymbidiums. Thank you David.

### \*Cultural Talk

The cultural talk for the next meeting will be given by Geoff Bailey

### \*Main Item for the Evening.

Item of the Evening will be a presentation on cymbidiums from Kevin Hipkins, Royale Orchids, he said that he will bring some plants to sell. He will be flying to Melbourne so I am not sure what or how many he will bring.

### \*Growing Competition

Our growing competition is in its third month for the year. There are a few plants still available and can be purchased at the next meeting, the price is \$15 for two plants or \$8.00 for one.

The plants in this year's competition are:

Mericlone : Radiant Ruby 'Aussie Gem' – dark red miniature

Seedling : Lunar Wall 'Dural x Uluru 'Orange Delight' – standard cymbidium which should produce orange/yellow maybe with a bit of a splash petal.

# CELEBRATE OUR 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN STYLE!

As part of our Spring Show the committee is hopeful of holding a special dinner to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

This year's show is to be held at the Hungarian Community Centre, 760 Boronia Rd, Wantirna. This is a fantastic new venue

for us and should enable us to put on the best cymbidium show ever seen in Victoria.

The dates for the Show are Saturday & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September, set up Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

As it is our 20th Anniversary there is a reason to celebrate. A dinner to be held at the same address but in a different part of

the complex is planned for Saturday 10 September. On site is a magnificent Hungarian restaurant, Korona Csarda, that serves

the very best of traditional Hungarian food. To book out the restaurant we need a minimum of 55 people to attend.

As we have chosen the all-you-can-eat buffet at \$31 per head, fantastic value, we are hoping that we will be knocked over in

the rush to secure a place. Numbers will need to be restricted to between 70 – 80 so that they can accommodate the buffet.

## **What do you get for \$31:**

As stated it is an all-you-can-eat buffet. Everything is help yourself and it doesn't matter how many times you go back, although, no doubt someone will be counting.

We commence the meal with a selection of delicious appetisers, pates and other Hungarian delicacies and the choice of 2 different soups.

Appetisers are followed by an absolute banquet of food, freshly made salads, roast meats and vegetables, Hungarian style casseroles,

Schnitzels – you name it they serve it.

Then dessert – an abundance of sumptuous Hungarian treats that will no doubt leave you with a plea for mercy followed by a plea for the recipe.

## **Why go to the dinner?**

The venue and food are fantastic.

Easy access – park right outside the restaurant doors. No traffic or parking problems to contend with. You will be amongst friends.

We have a good reason to celebrate.

The club and committee need your support.

The cost of \$31 is the actual cost per person, the club is not making anything on the dinner.

How do we book? – see Geoff Bailey at the next club meeting - he is the one with a head like Ern's.

**We must have definite numbers by our next meeting in May. We can only do it, the dinner and show itself, with the support of our members.**

## \* **Bus Trip**

. COSV Nursery Visits / Bus Trip 17th July, 2011.

The following nurseries have kindly offered to host our bus trip, Princes Way Orchids ( K & B Purcell),

Kimberley Orchids ( P & J Sunderland) and Orchids for You (A & J Leamon)

Itinerary:

Depart Mt. Waverley Youth Centre 9.00 am

Arrive: Princes Way Orchids 10.00 am (Morning Tea Supplied) - Depart: 11.30 am

Arrive: Kimberley Orchids 12.30pm (BBQ Lunch Supplied) - Depart: 2.30pm

Arrive: Orchids for You 2.45pm - Depart: 4.00 pm

Arrive Back in Mt. Waverley approx 4.30pm

The times listed are approximate only and will be confirmed. Cost \$25.00 per head.

Interested members must register their name with Jenny Robertson at the next meeting, and payments will need to be paid by the 10/5/11 (May Meeting).

## \* **Virus Test Kits**

All the virus test kits that the Club purchased have been sold. Any member who may want them will be able to purchase from Randall Robinson.

## \***Results of March Meeting Plant competition:**

There were no plants benched last month and I believe this may have been a first.

Hopefully this month some members will have a plant or two in flower to bring along.

## \***Monthly Raffle**

If any member would like to donate anything to our monthly raffle they are more than welcome to do so, these funds all contribute to the running of your club.

## \***Growing Competition Plants From 1994 – 2011**

As it is our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the committee thought it would be interesting to recall the growing competition plants from 1994. The plants will be listed in future newsletters. Colin will explain the details at the next meeting.

## \***Advertising in the Newsletter :**

If anyone would like to advertise in our monthly newsletter please speak to either Jenny or Karen, we are offering the following: 10 monthly newsletters - half a page of advertising at a cost of \$100.00. This will assist with the increasing costs of printing and postage. Kindly support our advertisers where possible

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## THINGS TO DO IN AUTUMN

Autumn is a very important time of the year. You grow all the year and here they come.

Stakes. Time to put your stakes in, so first check if you have enough. Standards need 4 to 5 ft, long enough for a yo yo or elastic to keep spike straight. If the spike comes out on an angle you can pull it up straight and also helps tell you where it is (so you don't break it off).

Rodents. (4 legged variety). They are already there, the rats are eating bulbs & new growths & biting off leaves for their nests. The mice will not cause damage yet but when the flowers come they will eat the pollen by removing the pollen cap.

Snails & Slugs. These blighters seem to be able to pick the best flowers. So every 2 weeks throw some pellets around. They come out at night so a quick visit will surprise them & you.

Red Spider & Scale. These are around all the time. A preventative spray or predators are a must. There are a few ways to do this, Eco Oil or similar. This will not harm you, but needs to be sprayed every 2 to 3 weeks (a fair bit of work ). The other is a petroleum oil (white oil), the one I use is called All Seasons. I mix Confidor which is systemic. This will last 3 months with no overhead watering. Do not use Confidor more than 3 times a year. When the flowers are out of the sheath it must not be used as the flower will distort and will look yuck.

Fertilizer & Water. The plants will not require as much water or fertilizer this time of year. When you cut down on water this also cuts down on fertilizer. Late in autumn you can also cut your fertilizer by 30%. Too much will drown your plants, not enough will slow down the growth & flower size will be smaller & droopy.

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