



The Cymbidium Newsletter

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April/May 2010

2010 Meeting Dates

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

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Meetings: The 2nd 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.

* Main Item for the Evening :

Randall Robinson will be our guest speaker this month, Randall will be doing a presentation on his visit to Santa Barbara in the USA, so please join us to see what they do and grow in America.

* Cultural Talk – Glenda Coutts

Glenda will be giving the cultural talk this month, on what is happening at the her place at this time of the year and the things you should be doing heading into the flowering season.

* Growing Competition

We are in our third month of this years competition, so please bring your plants in and Colin Gillespie will have a look at them and pass his views on the plants, the plants eligible for this years competition are as follows:

Mericlone : Valley Olympic 'Pink Perfection'
Seedling : Joan's Era 'No. 1' x Kingwin 'South Park'

- * **Plant Commentary :** Ern Kettle
- * **Seedling Commentary :** Peter Sunderland and or Terry Poulton
- * **Species Commentary :** Stephen Early and Ern Kettle

The results of the last two months plant benching will appear in next months newsletter.

***Trading Table :**

Peter Sunderland of Kimberley Orchids will have various seedlings for sale, please bring your spare cash as we are sure you will find something interesting to buy.

***Last Month's Meeting :**

We thank David Wain for his excellent presentation on how he grows his orchids, I am sure we all learnt something new from David. We would also like to thank Terry Poulton and Geoff Bailey who gave us an insight into plant labelling and the machines available.

***Cymbidium National in Western Australia**

If anyone is considering going to Perth for this years national, South Australia has put together a package, all details are available from Jenny our Secretary

***2010/2011 Subscriptions**

Enclosed please find your invoice for this years subs, to remind you regarding the structure of this years subs, you either pay \$20.00 or if you would like to receive the Australian Orchid Review you pay \$60.00, the payment is due by the end of June 2010.

***Cultural Notes :**

This months cultural notes is an article from the Practical Hydroponic & Greenhouses magazine which we hope you find interesting. Our special thanks to the editor Steven Carruthers for allowing us to use these articles it is much appreciated.

***COSV Website :**

Geoff Bailey who has kindly taken responsibility for the COSV website, Geoff has been very busy updating the website and this will continue for a while, remember this is for all member info so if you have internet access please have a look and your comments will be appreciated.

***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.

***Upcoming events for your diary :**

Melbourne Orchid Spectacular & Victorian International Orchid Fair which is held at the Springers Lesisure Centre on August 20th – 22nd 2010, there will be a Seminar Day on Saturday 21st August at a cost of \$50.00 you will be able to hear talks by the following 4 speakers, Pepe Portilla from Ecuador on Species, Fred Clar from the USA on Mini cattleyas and catasetums, Bill Thomas from the USA on Bulbophyllums and Hendrik Vorster from South Africa on "My Favourite Orchids of Africa & Madagascar", bookings are limited if you would to attend please ring Frankie Fraser on 98029929.

Our show will be held at our meeting hall on the 4th and 5th September 2010, more details later, we hope to see lots of members showing their plants this year, no travelling!!!