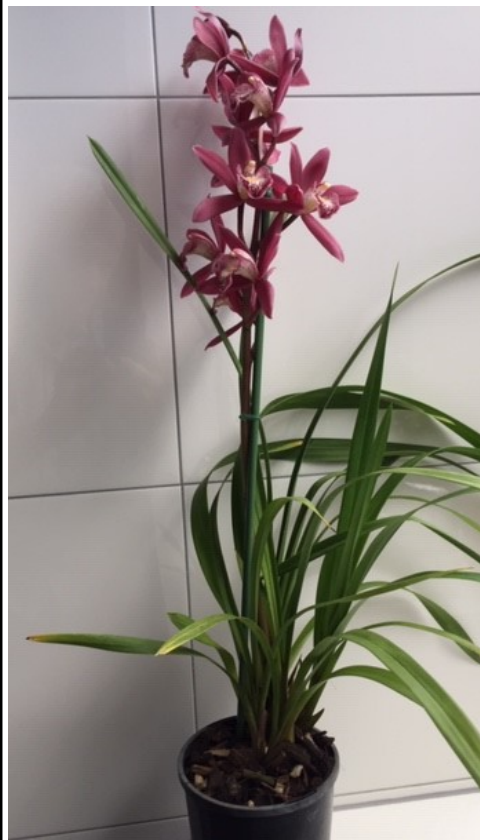


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Peter Fire Torch

Flowering now and would have been shown at the March meeting
We would like any member with flowering plants during this isolation period, to photograph the plant and flowers and send it to us.

We will conduct a virtual show, with the plants being judged and prizes awarded. Details on page 5



Above
Shown at the May meeting
Rock Me (Beverly Cobb x Shocking)
Plant Number 1

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Below
Shown at the June meeting
Uluru x Hazel Fay

Plant Number 2



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Welcome to our April issue,

I hope you and your families are all staying safe and well, and not putting yourself in harm's way by not staying home as much as possible. At this stage Burnside Council has cancelled all meetings in the centre until at least June.

With things improving in the last week, there may be a chance we could have a June meeting, but I would think its more than likely July or later, depending on the Council and Government regulations. We will keep you informed once we know one way or another.

As for shows, we are hoping the winter show goes ahead, but until there are some reductions in restrictions, this is looking a bit difficult. The SA-ROC show in June has been cancelled so we can only hope that the Spring show goes ahead.

The club will be holding virtual monthly shows through the magazine over the next few months. From June we will be having a full colour magazine,

so we can all judge the monthly winners. Further details will follow, but it will be a vote by email or phone, and all members can vote.

All your flowering plant photos need to be sent to Graham Morris, and will be printed in each month's magazine for you to pick the winners. Normal plant prizes will apply and will be presented at our first meeting back.

We will kick it off in this month's magazine with a judge and popular vote on the Seedling of The Year 2019 mess up, from our February meeting. You will see in this magazine photos of seedlings eligible for the prize. All you have to do it pick your first and second choice, and send it by email to cymorchidssa@gmail.com, or phone or text your vote through to me on 0421053951. Please include your name with the vote.

If you have any ideas on what we can add in the magazine over these months, just let us know using the contact details above. We will be including a judge's tips column, and other things will be added as we go forward.

There seems to be plenty of flower spikes out there on everybody's plants, so hopefully we have somewhere to show or sell them later in the year. We are looking at all avenues at this stage, but while we have restrictions our choices are very limited.

The Neutrog order arrived at Graham Morris's house this week . Please contact him on 0419 823 724 to organize pickup

I will speak to you all again in next months magazine, and hopefully we keep getting good news which brings us closer to resuming our meetings and shows.

Kind regards and stay safe and well.

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Graham Fear (President)



Cover Photo

The photo on the front cover is there to promote the involvement of any member who has plants flowering and is unable to have it judged because of the meetings not being able to proceed. The plant on the front cover is Peter Fire "Torch" and is growing in a 125mm pot. Parents are Peter Pan and Winter Fire, registered in 1992. I have included this plant, to try to tell anyone who have plants in flower, what to do to have them judged. A plant like this would not normally warrant being on the front cover. It is there to try and get a virtual display of flowering plants happening each month.

We prefer to have a photograph of the entire plant (include the pot), another photograph of the flower spike, and a further photograph of the single flower (three photographs). Try to choose a good background for the shots. A light blue or black sheet is great or use any convenient plain single colour background available. Do not photograph looking towards a strong light source. This photograph was taken in a bathroom (good bright light), using the wall tiles as the background (not ideal but OK). Photographs taken with a modern phone are usually good, or if you have a good quality camera, even better. We do not need high resolution photos, and if you do try to send very high resolution files over the internet, it will be slow. Files around 200k bytes are quite satisfactory. If your camera takes them at very high resolution, there is plenty of software available to reduce the size of the files.

Please send any photographs to cymorchidssa@gmail.com before the normal start time of our monthly meetings (8pm, fourth Wednesday each month). If you are unable to send pictures, please contact Graham Fear on 0421 053 951 or Graham Morris on 0419 823 724. Judges will do judging based on the quality of the plants, and not the quality of the photographs. Winning plants will be published in the following month's magazine and will also be used for end of season awards.

Should anyone have a plant they consider worthy of receiving an award, please contact our Registrar of Judges, Ben Knobben on 08 8356 0215 or bcknob@adam.com.au. Restrictions to group meetings may make it difficult for the judges, but if you consider you have an awardable plant, I am sure all attempts will be made to somehow judge it.

If any member has a good suggestion on how we could assist us to show the plants which our members are flowering during this shutdown period, please talk to a committee member

Seedling of the year Judging

The photographs on pages 2, 9 to 12, 19 and 20 are **seedlings** which have flowered over the period November 2018 to October 2019. All have been judged as the best of their class, at the various meetings or shows. Normally the Judges choose the Seedling of the Year from these plants. This year all financial members are invited to vote for the Seedling of the Year. Each plant is named, and the meeting or show at which it was shown is noted, and a number has been allocated to each flower. If you would like to participate please email the **number of the plant, and your name** to cymorchidssa@gmail.com or contact Graham Fear on 0421 053 951. If you are unable to vote via one of these methods, please fill in the voting slip below, and return it to Graham Morris. All votes should arrive before 8pm on Wednesday 28th May 2020. Only one vote for each member.

Seedling of the Year 2019 Judging sheet

Your name

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Your choice for Seedling of the year **Plant number**

Return to Graham Morris, 8 Beverley Street, Morphett Vale 5162



Alvin Bryant

It is with great sadness that we convey that Alvin Bryant passed away on the 11th April. Alvin made a huge contribution to hybridizing high quality cymbidiums, with many of the best cymbidiums being grown today, having their origins thanks to Alvin

Greg Bryant (his son) posted on his Facebook page as follows:

"Sad news. In the early hours of this morning, my father Alvin Richard Bryant passed away in Redcliffe Hospital, Brisbane. This followed treatment for the cancer he had been battling for some years. He was 93 years old."

I would like to add a little, based on some personal contact that I had with Alvin, many years ago.

In the mid to late 1970's, I was still learning about growing cymbidiums and decided that it would be good to start growing plants from flask. I wrote to Alvin Bryant and received his latest flask catalogue in the mail (no internet at that time). I also spoke to him on the phone and he kindly sent me a flask of clones, free of charge, to help me learn how grow plants from flask. None survived, but I learned a lot from his kind offering. A little later, I visited him at his nursery, in southern Sydney. He gave me some really good advice which changed my thinking on growing cymbidiums. **It is still good advice today.** He told me that if I wanted to be competitive in growing cymbidiums, and to have the latest and greatest cymbidiums available, I should grow top quality seedlings from the most successful hybridizers and not the latest mericones. If I were to seek and grow the best clones available at that time, I would forever be years behind the growers who originally flowered and then released them for sale. By the time I might be able to grow these latest and greatest clones to flowering, the successful hybridizers would have the next generation of seedlings flowering, and they would likely to be much better than the old clones. If I could get seedlings from the best hybridizers and grow them well, I could be competitive with them, flowering the best available varieties at the same time as the best growers in the world.

At that time, there were some very exciting new parent plants becoming available. There was a host of new tetraploid parent plants appearing, produced by converting the diploid versions of many of the best diploid varieties available at the time. One particular new tetraploid plant, which caused a lot of excitement at the time, was Fanfare "St Francis" (4N). Alvin was one of the first hybridizers who offered seedling flasks, bred from Fanfare "St Francis" (4N). About that time, the crossing of Fanfare "St Francis" (4N) and Winter Fair started flowering. This crossing produced huge flower spikes, with big round flowers, at a quality rarely seen before. One particular unflowered seedling of this crossing was sold for about \$1000 (a huge amount at that time), even before it opened. Many thought this purchase was crazy, but that plant later named Winter Wonder was a huge breakthrough in breeding of high quality, early season large standard flowers.

I personally had a lot of success with another batch of seedlings from Alvin. I purchased a flask of Fanfare "St Francis" (4N) crossed with Zumma Boyd "Magnificent" and flowered many high quality big green standards from it. Even on first flowerings, on relatively small plants, most had huge numbers of flowers on each spike. I was a member of the

Orchid Club of South Australia at that time, and exhibited one of them in the Royal Adelaide Show and won Grand Champion prize, which carried a cash prize of \$1000, and an Award of Merit (AM), which was huge for me at that time. It was named Valerie Brown "Eureka" (Valerie Brown was registered in 1981). Eureka had 27 big green flowers on a bolt upright flower spike when it won the award. It also was given the title of Champion of Australia at that time. On later flowerings it produced up to 33 flowers per spike. It did get criticised in some circles, as the flower spike was weak at the top, and needed support and ties right to the top flower.

The following year I also won a Grand Champion prize with another Alvin Bryant bred cymbidium. Alvin's crossing of Alvin Bryant x Luningrad Elanora (4N), named Cronulla in 1984, produced the variety Cronulla "Linda Morris" for me, and won Champion Cymbidium at the OCSA Winter Show on it's first flowering. A sibling to this plant, namely Cronulla "The Khan", has been hugely influential in the development of many of the best commercial and showbench cymbidiums in the world today.

There are plenty more good stories about Alvin. His contribution to cymbidium hybridizing was huge. We are fortunate to have his Son, Greg, and others continuing to build on the breeding breakthroughs which Alvin initiated.

Rest in Peace Alvin

At left and below



**Valerie Brown "Evelyn"
AM/OSNSW**

Valerie Brown was registered in 1981

The variety Valerie Brown "Eureka" was similar to this, but had up to 33 flowers per flower spike, and regularly produced 2 flower spikes per bulb. Not bad for a plant bred more than 40 years ago

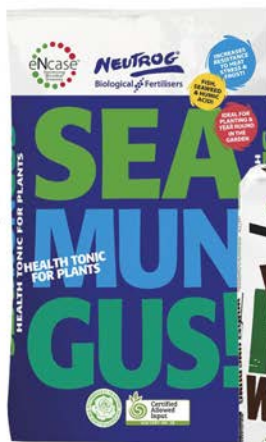
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Above
Shown at the June meeting
Lunar Blaze x Kirby Lesh
Plant Number 3

Below
Shown at the Winter Show
Dural Flame x Dural Dream
Plant Number 4





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Seedling of the Year

Above
Shown at the Winter Show
Clarence Glory x Amber Harvest

Plant Number 5

Below
Shown at the Winter Show
Templestowe Charm x Little Sarah

Plant Number 6





Above
Shown at the July meeting
Clarence Glory x Amber Harvest
Plant Number 7

Below
Shown at the July meeting
Apache Flame x Pepper Blaze
Plant Number 8





Above
Shown at the Spring Show
Khanebono x Firetail Showpiece
Plant Number 9

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Shown at the Spring Show
Raquel's Jewel x Ducet
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Refer also to our Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Website
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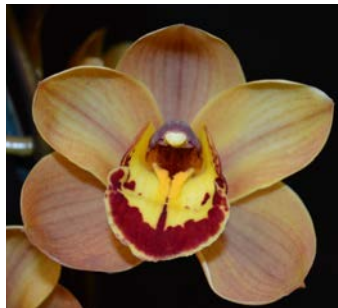
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meeting
Hazel Dawn x Valley Splash
Plant Number 11

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Year**

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Foxfire Amber x Spicy Khan
Plant Number 13



At right
Shown at the September meeting
Templestowe Charm x Little
Sarah
Plant Number 12





Above Shown at the October meeting
Devon Shell x Memoria Amelia Earhart

Plant Number 14

Below
Shown at the October meeting
Wallacia x Foxfire Amber

Plant Number 15



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