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*Sam's Cymbidium Death Wish*

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October 19<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – Video  
Tour with Peter Meyer

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**Editorial**

Biggest and bestest news! We have been approved to meet again at our usual venue, yay! This will mean that our COVID safety plan will be in force, and if you want to attend you'll need to book with me ahead of time. (See the plan on page 3) We'll be showing a video tour of Peter Meyer's orchids and how he grows them.

Likewise our October Spring Show at Ashfield Mall is going ahead. This time we have room for a show, so get your plants ready! We have judges booked and setup will start on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 5pm.

Despite what was in last month's bulletin, we are required to have an AGM this year. Therefore this will be held as part of the November meeting. Anyone wishing to nominate for any of the positions or just to be on the Committee, please let me know. There will be nomination forms at the October meeting.

Just a reminder about membership fees:

Some members have already renewed (thank you!). We understand that there hasn't been much value for your money this year so Committee has decided to waive fees for 2020. Anyone who has paid already can request a credit for 2021 (please contact Sam), but we're hoping that you'll pay the normal fee anyway to keep the club functioning fluidly. The preferred payment method is via direct deposit (details below), otherwise you can pay by cash at physical meetings. \$15 individual or \$20 family.

Bank:            Commonwealth  
Name:            Western Suburbs Orchid Society Inc  
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\*\*Please enter your name to appear on our statement so we know who has paid.

Lastly we'd like to hold a Christmas Party as usual, but only if we have the numbers. Please can you advise your interest either by email, phone/text or telling myself or Peter Meyer or Rosie at the meeting.

Lastly lastly, check out this very rare orchid that turned out to be a new species previously unknown to science: [www.abc.net.au/news/2020-09-13/new-underground-orchid-flower-find-thrills-botanists/12656410](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-09-13/new-underground-orchid-flower-find-thrills-botanists/12656410)

Yes, it's a short, sweet one this month! I look forward to seeing you all next week so hopefully that will make up the difference. 😊

Cheers, Sam.

Please remember that the health and well-being of our members is of paramount importance. Please read the following safety measures thoroughly and understand what is required of everyone attending physical meetings. The most important requirements are:

- anyone that is unwell or within the last 14 days has had any COVID19 symptoms, been in contact with confirmed/suspected COVID19 cases, or travelled internationally, should not attend;
- members with a compromised immune system may wish to consider the risks involved with attending;
- masks will be mandatory (no mask, no entry) and gloves are highly recommended;
- maintaining social distancing both within and outside of the hall; and
- carrying out proper hygiene measures during the meeting.

Please remember, everyone is responsible for both their own and everyone else's health and safety and no one wants to see any of our members put at risk or become ill.

Attendees will be limited to 25 people only. You will need to register your attendance with Sam at least two days before the meeting to ensure your spot. (Contact details for Sam are on page 2.) Anyone not on the register will only be admitted if there are less than 25 people on the register. Please only register if you are going to be there. First in, first served and if there are more than 25 registrations then subsequent applicants will be put on a wait list pending any cancellations. Please contact Sam if you have registered and are unable to attend asap, so that we can admit someone else.

To comply with NSW Health regulations, all members will be required to wear a mask, sign in and supply their mobile number, plus undergo a temperature check upon entry.

All members to maintain social distancing at all times. This includes upon arrival and departure, while in the hall, while viewing benching, while queuing for beverages, and visiting the toilets.

All members will be required to sanitise their own chair before leaving the meeting. Those handling furniture such as tables and chairs (setup and pulldown) will be required to wear gloves when handling the furniture. All furniture used is to be sanitised before leaving the meeting.

Hand sanitiser, sanitising wipes and disposable gloves will be available.

We will be serving tea and coffee only. We encourage you to bring your own mug and any snacks you wish to consume. Only one person will be allowed in the kitchen and to serve beverages.

Judging will be restricted to one judge only so as to comply with social distancing requirements. Benched plants are to be handled by the owner, judge and photographer (if necessary) only. The judge and photographer must wear gloves when handling plants.

Anyone selling plants must maintain social distancing and ensure all buyers do the same.

Please have correct money for raffle tickets so as to minimise handling of change.

No one (Sam excluded) to touch electronic gear that is stored at Sam's house: Sam's laptop, Sam's camera, the projector, and the speaker.

Committee members present will be monitoring social distancing and ensuring members comply with all the requirements outlined here.

Please let's all keep safe.