



***CYMBIDIUM ORCHID CLUB OF
SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC***

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- A. The aim of COCSA judging is to recognise and reward quality in Cymbidiums (or their culture, where applicable) in accordance with COCSA judging philosophy. These principles simplify judging practice and should provide a uniform and credible approach, regardless of the Cymbidium type.
- B. The approach to all judging is by **objective appreciation**. Appropriate values may be assigned to the various features of the flower and plant to aid this assessment. For training and future reference, **values** will be assigned to each of the following **features** for all Cymbidiums.

The Current Standards

This manual details those plants which set the standard for each category. This list is updated with new Awards clones being made, as published in the *Cymbidium News*, and represents the benchmark upon which potential new Award clones will be added to the benchmark list and some Award clones may be removed from the benchmark list.

- C. These **features** are:- **Shape and Substance, Colour and Texture, Habit and Arrangement** and **Size of Flower and Floriferousness of Inflorescence and Plant**.

D. Features and Their Evaluation

In those exhibits where the flower quality predominates, Large Flowered Type Cymbidiums and Small Flower Standard Type, but where the overall display is also important, values will be assigned to the following features in the ratio 30 : 30 : 10 : 30.

Small Flower Standard Type clones and hybrids will be considered where appearance, habit and parentage indicate a small standard size outcome.

In those exhibits where the overall display predominates, Intermediate Type and Miniature Type Cymbidiums, values will be assigned in the ratio 25 : 25 : 25 : 25.

- E. The above **features** are defined as following :-

Shape and Substance (30/25): The flower should exhibit superior form and spatial arrangement. All shapes from circular in outline to those exhibiting characteristics of background species are acceptable. The flower should be zygomorphic; excessive hooding, cupping, furling, reflexing and twisting are undesirable unless they are natural features. The flowers should have sufficient substance to maintain its shape.

Colour and Texture (30/25):- Colour includes white and any other colour or combinations of colours. It should be clear, fresh and glistening. All markings and shadings should be evenly distributed and clearly defined. Flowers should be without major blemish.

Habit and Arrangement (10/25):- The stem should be sufficiently strong to support the inflorescence/s with minimal staking and tying; it should not be bent or twisted. The flowers should be evenly displayed with minimal overlapping and should preferably stand clear of the foliage.

In general, only racemes with two-thirds of their flowers fully open are eligible for judging. The number of flowers should be commensurate with the maturity of the plant.

Size of Flower and Floriferousness of Inflorescence and Plant (30/25):- The size and number of flowers should be appropriate to the hybrid or species under consideration. The plant should be well presented. The floral display should be proportional to its size.

- F. The available Quality awards are **First Class Certificate (FCC), Award of Merit (AM), Highly Commended Certificate (HCC), Certificate of Botanical Merit (CBM), Award of Quality (AQ)**.

To receive a **FCC** an exhibit must receive at least 85%.

To receive a **AM** an exhibit must receive at least 80%.

To receive a **HCC** an exhibit must receive at least 75%.

A **CBM** is an award conferred only once to a species or natural hybrid, well established and flowering, that is rare in cultivation. An **AQ** is available for at least five (5) superior siblings of the one grex raised from a single seed capsule by the same grower and shown together; at least one should receive a quality award.

G. All plants, to be eligible for award judging, must have been owned and grown for a minimum of six (6) months by the exhibitor.

H. Certificates of Excellence for:- **a/ Outstanding Culture b/ Superior Floral display
c/ Distinctive Feature d/ Superior Flower Form**

shall be available to recognise outstanding individual qualities in a *Cymbidium*.

To receive a Certificate for outstanding Culture, an exhibit must have been owned and grown for at least two (2) years by the exhibitor.

I. All *Cymbidiums* will be eligible for award consideration. *Cymbidiums* will be judged according to the criteria described in the COCSA judging philosophy. Parentage may be taken into account.

Large Flowered Type *Cymbidiums* and Small Flower Standard Type Hybrid must have a minimum of seven (7) fully open flowers.

Extra classes such as Novelty etc. are the domain of the Show Schedule.

J. Reference to expert advisers regarding expectation for a hybrid, together with updates on recent breeding trends, will be encouraged. Reciprocal cooperation with interstate and overseas bodies regarding their awarded *Cymbidiums* will be sought.

K. Benchmark photograph digital images will be required and used to establish a library that reflects the standards required for each award. 3 digital images one each of the whole plant, a single flower and a raceme is required. These digital images will not represent the standard specifically, but will demonstrate the features that are appropriate to that standard.

JUDGING GUIDELINES

1. GENERAL

- 1a. Judging will conform to the Principles as defined in the **COCSA Principles of Judging** and elsewhere in the **COCSA Judging Handbook**. If it is decided that **COCSA** guideline's prevents a just decision being made, an adjudicating panel comprising all Judges present will resolve the problem. The issue will then be discussed at the next panel meeting and the appropriate action taken.
- 1b. In general, only racemes with two-thirds of their flowers fully open are eligible for judging. The number of flowers should be commensurate with the maturity of the plant. Large Flowered Type Cymbidiums and Small Flower Standard Type Hybrid must have a minimum of seven (7) fully open flowers.
- 1c. A **seedling** is the whole plant raised from seed, which has not been divided, with no leads removed for cloning purposes and is being flowered for the first time, at any show/meeting under any judging system. It should be an immature plant. It would be expected to produce a representative flowering in a pot no larger than 200mm. (eight (8) inches). For show purposes the plant maintains its seedling status for the current flowering season. A first shown hybrid is a seedling plant in no greater than a 200mm pot and shown for the first time.
- 1d. Tying back and/or the excessive removal or the excessive cutting of leaves on a plant for the purposes of better display will be penalised. The excessive support of a raceme may be penalised.
- 1e. The Judging Panel shall report to the Show Marshal any plant that it believes to be virused or otherwise diseased. The Show Marshal shall take the appropriate action.

2. JUDGING AT SHOWS

- 2a. The Judging Panel – selection, appointment, training and duties. The judging panel shall consist of:
 - The Judge appointed to be Registrar of Judges
 - The Judge appointed to be Deputy Registrar of Judges
 - Other appointed Judges
 - Trainee Judges
- 2b. Judging should commence at the time in the Show Scheduled. All persons not involved in the judging should be excluded from the display area under control of the Show Marshal during judging.
- 2c. **The Registrar of Judges** – selection, appointment and duties. The committee of the COCSA shall be responsible for the selection and appointment of the Registrar of Judges, such appointment being for a period of 12 months. The duties of the Registrar of Judges shall be as follows:
 - ◆ To act as chairperson of the Judging Panel at Judges Meetings, Club Meetings, Club Shows and Award Judging.
 - ◆ To recommend individual Club Members who may be subsequently affirmed as Judges by the Club Members at a meeting of the Club.
 - ◆ To select and appoint the Deputy Registrar of Judges.
 - ◆ To oversee the establishment and maintenance of a comprehensive training program for the Judging Panel
 - ◆ Such other duties as may be required to ensure the effective operation of the Judging System as defined in this Judging Manual.

- ◆ At all meeting of the Judging Panel, the Chairperson shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote.

The Deputy Registrar of Judges – selection, appointment and duties.

The registrar will select and appoint one of the Judges to be Deputy Registrar of Judges. The Deputy Registrar of Judges will assume the duties of the Registrar of Judges in his or her absence.

The Judges – selection, appointment and duties.

The Registrar shall be responsible for extending invitations to and recommending individuals considered to be knowledgeable, competent and qualified. These recommendations subsequently require affirmation by club Members at a General or Annual Meeting of the Club before they can join the Judging Panel.

It is the duty of all Judges to discharge their duties under the direction of the Registrar of Judges so as to ensure the effective operation of the Judging System. Judges shall be expected to demonstrate a conscientious commitment to attend Judges Meetings, General Meetings and Shows of the Club and to fully discharge their duties as Judges at these functions.

Trainee Judges

Whilst the training that qualified Judges undertake is an ongoing experience, provision is made for trainee Judges.

Those members aspiring to become Judges of the COCSA are encouraged to offer their names to the Registrar of Judges. Trainees will work closely with the Judging Panel. Their progress will be monitored and every assistance will be given to fully acquaint them with the Judging principles and the Judging System of the COCSA.

Trainees will only be accredited full status as a Judge after completing this course and;

1. satisfying the Judging Panel of the competence in applying the Judging principles of the Judging System of the COCSA.
2. After a majority of members at a General Meeting of the Club vote in favour of their appointment

In some cases Trainees may be required to have their initial training period extended to help them qualify for the position of Judge.

In any event the names of persons, who are in the assessment of the Judging Panel may qualify as Judges for the COCSA, will be submitted by the Registrar of Judges to the Committee of the Club prior to voting by the members for approval. Actual appointment as a Judge will only be effective from the time the majority of members at a General Meeting vote in favour of that appointment.

Quorum of Judges

A Quorum for Award Judging and Judges Meetings shall be a simple majority of the Judges appointed to the Judging Panel or present for the Award Judging.

JUDGING

Competition Judging

When judging plants entered for competition at meetings or shows, individual Judges shall not judge plants which they own except in the case where each judge in that particular panel has a plant in the class being judged.

Award Judging

Award judging shall occur as required at Meetings of the Club, Judges Meetings or Shows with the option of daytime viewing if required. Presentation of prizes or trophies for Award granted shall normally be made at the next Club Meeting.

Voting by Judges for Awards shall be carried out by secret ballot. Judges shall not judge plants which they own or have hybridised. A Nomination Fee shall apply to all Award Nominations. The particulars of all Awarded plants shall be published. A duplicated, comprehensive digital image and photograph album record and written documentation of Awarded plants shall be kept and maintained by both the Registrar and the Deputy Registrar. This record along with other currently admitted plants shall constitute the Current Standards.

Hybrids, which have not been registered, will be provisionally awarded, if the crossing is not registered within 12 months from the date of Award the Award will lapse. An Award certificate will not be issued until the crossing has been registered.

Application for Award

All members will be able to submit, and have, their plant/s judged for any of the Club's Awards. The process will be to complete an Award Nomination Form (in which the grower has the opportunity to outline the basis on which an award should be considered) and pay the Nomination Fee to the Treasurer. The details of all Awards granted will subsequently be published. If an Award is not granted the Registrar of Judges or the Deputy Registrar of Judges will verbally and informally report this fact to the Applicant. This report shall also detail which of the attributes of the plant/s were not up to the required standard according to the type of Award/s being sought. The aim is to ensure that the Judging System is fair and accountable to the Members. The overall emphasis of this system is to offer encouragement to breeders and growers to strive for excellence in the genus *Cymbidium*.

- 2d. Judging will conform to the Show Schedule and to the Principles as defined in the **COCSA Principles of Judging** and elsewhere in the **COCSA Judging Handbook**. The show schedule will take precedence when a particular schedule item conflicts with **COCSA** guidelines.
- 2e. Plants nominated for consideration for champions should be removed from the display and tabled together for closer examination and comparison. All Cymbidiums are eligible for consideration. The winners will be determined by ballot of the judges present. The Registrar or his nominee will have the casting vote, if necessary.
- 2f. Inflorescences with a flower missing, pollinated, structurally deformed or severely damaged may not be judged. The question of whether plants will be penalised for blemishes, and whether defects are properly identified as such, will be resolved by Panel vote as matters arise during the judging at a show. Inflorescences with missing or blackened pollen caps may be penalised.
- 2h. Definition of Colour Break is:- "random areas of colour, or lack of colour, which appears irregularly on some segments of a flower or flowers". The question of whether plants will be penalised for colour break, and whether this defect is properly identified as such, will be resolved by Panel vote as matters arise during the judging at a show.
- 2i. All plant names, clones and seedlings, must be as registered with the Royal Horticultural Society. Owner required to prove any recent registration if requested.
- 2j. In general, only racemes with two-thirds of their flowers fully open are eligible for judging. The number of flowers should be commensurate with the maturity of the plant.
- 2k. All plants exhibited should be presented in a healthy and clean condition. They should be without evidence of excessive removal, tying back, or cutting of leaves. The excessive support of racemes or excessive manipulation of flowers will be penalised.

21. All plants should be displayed in show condition. That is with the removal of sheaths, old leaves, husks, etcetera with care given to the cleanliness of plants. Whether the plant is in show condition will be identified and resolved by Panel vote as matters arise during the judging at a show and be realistically applied.

CYMBIDIUM CLASSIFICATION AND DEFINITIONS

Cymbidiums should be subdivided into the following classes:-

1. Large-Flower Type: The majority of the flowers should be over 100 mm (at the widest point measured horizontally). Large Flowered Type Cymbidiums must have a minimum of seven (7) fully open flowers and should show characteristics of the type.
2. Small Flower Standard Type: The majority of the flowers should be between 85mm to 100mm (at the widest point measured horizontally) and should show characteristics of the type. Small Flower Standard Type clones or hybrids will be considered where appearance, habit and parentage indicate a small standard size outcome.
3. Intermediate Type: The majority of the flowers should be between 60 mm and 85 mm (at the widest point measured horizontally) and should show characteristics of the type.
4. Miniature Type: The majority of the flowers should be less than 60 mm (at the widest point measured horizontally) and should show characteristics of the type.

Where appearance and parentage indicates a predominance of genes compatible with a specific type the outcome may be considered.

When judging all types a sight evaluation, and not a ruler, should determine the flower type.

Novelty Cymbidium is defined as one of the following type, where the **dominant feature** of each type will be: a) peloric, b) spotted, c) striped, d) feathered or e) variegated flowers.

Pastel: is essentially a single even, soft, or pale colouring, generally consistent in tone over the surface of both sepals and petals.

Blush/Splash Petal: This applies to all variations of Pink and Red colour overlay in the sepals and petals of *Cymbidium* flowers (a typical example being *Cym.* Valley Splash 'Awesome'), **excluding** the novelty (as above) and combinations of colours in flowers such as *Cym.* Cronulla 'The Khan'

3. JUDGING FOR AWARDS

3a. ACS awards may automatically be granted to cymbidiums awarded by state based panels where guidelines essentially the same as ACS guidelines are used, and ACS accredited judges gave the award. To receive the ACS award the owner must be a full ACS member and awards must be lodge on ACS nomination forms.

3b. In cases where ACS awards are sought for cymbidiums awarded under a system, or by a body not affiliated with the ACS, the cymbidium/s in question must be reassessed by a panel of ACS accredited judges using ACS guidelines. The judges and the nominated plant/s owner must be a full member/s of an ACS affiliated club. Application/s are to be lodged on ACS award nomination forms.

3c. ACS grants the following awards to acknowledge excellence :
The available quality awards are **First Class Certificate (FCC), Award of Merit (AM), Highly Commended Certificate (HCC), Certificate of Botanical Merit (CBM) Award of Quality (AQ).**

Certificates of Excellence for:- **a/ Outstanding Culture b/ Superior Floral display
c/ Distinctive Feature d/ Superior Flower Form**

Shall be available to recognise outstanding individual qualities in a *Cymbidium*.

3d. Award judging will generally be available at cymbidium clubs shows, monthly meetings and other

ACS approved venues. Decisions on whether or not a particular award is granted are to be determined by the majority vote of Judges present, provided that at least five (5) Judges are in favour of the award being granted. If the average score of all the Judges present (except the Panel Leader) is less than the award so voted, the lowest points possible to receive the award shall be deemed the average. The Panel leader shall abstain from voting unless required to complete the quorum or provide the casting vote.

Examples: (1) 6 Judges for HCC, 4 for AM; Average, 80.1%. Adjustment : HCC, 79.9%.
 (2) 6 Judges for AM, 4 For HCC; Average, 79.9%. Adjustment : AM, 80.0%.

3e. For a grower to be awarded a Certificate of Excellence for Culture, his or her plant must be of exceptional standard in every respect, with foliage, floriferousness and general culture being of principal importance. It must be a single plant, owned and grown by the exhibitor for a period of not less than two years.

3f. Where insufficient Judges are present to grant an award and the Cymbidium is considered to be of award quality, the Registrar must be notified. He or she will then arrange for a quorum to review the plant. As a matter of courtesy, the Registrar or his/her deputy should be informed of any plant likely to be submitted for an award.

3g. An owner may contact the Registrar or his/her deputy to initiate award procedures. Where judges consider any *Cymbidium* to be of award standard, they may approach the owner for permission to present it to the panel for award judging. This applies to cymbidiums viewed privately, as well as at monthly meetings or shows.

3h. A plant submitted for an award shall be judged.

3i. If it is decided that a plant is not to be awarded, the owner should be notified, preferably with an explanation of why the plant did not receive an award.

3j. For a *Cymbidium* to be awarded it must be approved by at least half of the Judges officiating, with a minimum of five granting the award.

- 3k.** The Registrar or his nominee will record all ACS Awards in a Register. A summary of the year's awards will accompany the Registrar's annual report.
- 3l.** All plants, to be eligible for award judging, must have been owned and grown for a minimum of six (6) months by the exhibitor.
- 3m.** A copy of ACS award details and digital images will be forwarded electronically to the Australian Cymbidium Societies Inc. The form, formalisation of an ACS award is to be completed. The details required are the plant name and the owner of the plant etc. The plant name means the grex as registered with the Royal Horticultural Society. The digital images required are a digital image of a single flower, a digital image of the raceme and a digital image of the whole plant. **Digital images:** Three (3) digital images (one each of the whole plant, a single flower and a raceme) are required. To achieve the best digital images, we suggest you take your digital images as per your camera's instructions. It is then recommended that you take one (1) frame of each view over-exposed by one stop, and then another frame of each view under-exposed by one stop (use +1 and -1 on automatic camera's). When photographing the plant please use a neutral coloured backdrop and try to fill the frame as much as possible. It is suggested that you photograph your *Cymbidium* in daylight.
- 3n.** A current fee of \$40.00 is required to finalise an ACS award. The fee along with the digital images and the formulisation form are to be forwarded electronically to:-
The ACS Registrar, Mrs Helen Stretch, 13 Knight St. Wembly Downs WA 6019
Telephone Number: 0419 197043.

ANNUAL AWARDS

For each of the Annual Awards a Trophy will be presented at the November General Meeting.

Orchid of the Year

The best cymbidium shown in each year is awarded Orchid of the Year.

The orchid is selected by the Judging Panel from the Popular Vote – Best Overall and Judge's Choice – Best Overall for each of the General Meetings, the Grand Champion from each of the Club's Shows, the cymbidium/s winning the highest prize at the National Cymbidium show and the cymbidiums granted Awards during the year.

Memoria Merv Dunn Award

Two awards are granted each year.

- ◆ For the Best New Hybrid (from all Size Classes) shown by a AMATEUR GROWER.
- ◆ For the Best New Hybrid (from all Size Classes) shown by a COMMERCIAL GROWER.

Dr Miles Seton Award

Awarded to the Best New Hybrid bred from the Australian Species Cymbidiums, *madidum*, *suave* and *canaliculatum*. The plant must be either a Primary Hybrid, First Generation or Second Generation Hybrid.

Aggregate Awards

The Aggregate Award winners will be determined by combining the points accumulated throughout the year from Monthly Meetings and Shows – 3, 2 and 1 points will be given to winners of all Colour Class Sections.

The following Aggregate Awards will be presented:

OPEN DIVISION -	Large Standard Cymbidium Intermediate Cymbidium Small Standard Cymbidium Miniature Cymbidium
FIRST DIVISION -	Large Standard Cymbidium Intermediate Cymbidium Small Standard Cymbidium Miniature Cymbidium
SECOND DIVISION	Large Standard Cymbidium Intermediate Cymbidium Small Standard Cymbidium Miniature Cymbidium

DEFINITIONS

Flasks

A mutation arising during the mericlone process will be considered as equivalent to a seedling so the same rules concerning the first public showing will apply.

Nominating a Plant or Seedling

At General Meetings of the Club, to signify that the plant is a seedling, a circular **YELLOW SPOT** shall be affixed to the plant label. If the spot has not been affixed the plant will not be considered a seedling, so will not be eligible for any seedling prize.

At Shows of the Club special arrangements may be made to signify a seedling, otherwise the same **YELLOW SPOT** system as used at General Meetings will be used.

Nominating a First Shown Hybrid

At all General Meetings and Shows a **BLACK DOT** shall be affixed to the name label or the plant will not be judged as a first shown hybrid.

SHOW RULES

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of the Cymbidium Club of South Australia Inc. or Affiliated Societies of the COCSA.
2. The COCSA will endeavour to take all reasonable care of plants, however, the Club accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to plants during period of the Show.
3. The Registrar, Judging Panel and Show Marshall have the right to reject or remove any plant(s) suspected of being infected with virus or other diseases.
4. No prize will be given, whether first, second or third, if in the opinion of the Judging Panel a prize is not warranted.
5. At the discretion of the Judging Panel further prizes may be awarded.
6. The opinion of the Judging Panel is final and binding and no objections or discussion regarding the results will be considered.
7. Members exhibiting are responsible for maintaining their plants throughout the duration of the Show. However, other arrangements may be made subject to prior notification to the Show Marshall. Water from any source must not contact the floor of the venue.

4. JUDGING COMMERCIAL POT PLANT TYPES

General Statement. This standard is for use when judging the suitability of a plant as a commercial pot plant variety. The standard lists those considerations under which any Cymbidium will be assessed for judging.

- 4a. **Pot Size** :- The plant should be presented in a pot no larger than 200 mm in diameter.
- 4b. **Growth** :- The plant must exhibit fast growth characteristics. Multiple growths emerging from green bulbs carrying 1 or more racemes are desirable. Only established plants will be judged.
- 4c. **Foliage** :- The foliage should preferably be compact and commensurate with the plants floral display. It should be unblemished, appealing to the eye and help to form a well-balanced plant.
- 4d. **Floriferousness** :- The plant must exhibit very free flowering characteristics, preferably multiple spiking from the majority of its mature green bulbs.
- 4e. **Colour and Texture** :- Colour and texture are critical factors for a commercial pot plant type Cymbidium. Colour or combinations of colour must be bright, clear, fresh and glistening. Solid colours, combinations of colour, spots and striping are all desirable attributes of the flower, provided that they add to the appeal or impact of the flower. The labellum and its colour and size should add to the overall beauty of the flower. Flowers should be without major blemish.
- 4f. **Raceme** :- Racemes should be upright, staking and support is permitted. The raceme should be strong enough to support itself, soft spikes are not a desirable attribute. The excessive support of a raceme may be penalised. Excessively long racemes are to be avoided because of transport difficulties. The size and number of flowers is not a major consideration
- 4g. **Habit and Arrangement of Flowers**:- Flowers should be well arranged and not overly spaced. Bunching, while not desirable, will not be treated as a major defect provided the overall raceme presents an attractive display.
- 4h. **Shape and Substance** :- For commercial pot plant type Cymbidiums shape is not an over-riding characteristic. Flowers should still be symmetrical with reasonable size to the flower segment. The flowers should have sufficient substance to maintain its shape and to allow the flower to display itself correctly.
- 4i. **Floral Display** :- The floral display must be impressive and commensurate with the physical size of the plant. The overall balance between plant and overall floral display should be achieved.

6. DISPLAY JUDGING

General Statement

Displays are to be judged on percentage points as follows:-

Presentation and Originality	50%
Quality and Condition of Plants	30%
Overall Appearance	20%

This balance of percentage points was selected to encourage innovative and imaginative use of cymbidiums to create a pleasing display. Well-grown plants, well-flowered and presented are still of major importance but are not sufficient to gain maximum point score. A display is a floral arrangement of *Cymbidium* plants, which may be supplemented with foliage plants or other non-flowering material.

Theme Displays: a theme display is an arrangement of cymbidiums containing accessories that convey a message. The quality of the cymbidiums on display and the effectiveness of the theme in conveying its message should be given equal consideration by the Judges.

6a. Presentation and Originality of Design: To score the maximum points for this criteria a display should be well presented, using first class techniques, innovative ideas with maximum attention to detail. The display should be well presented from all possible viewing angles. Any non-*Cymbidium* plants, none to be flowering, and props used in the display should be in first class condition and should enhance the display. The display should incorporate features, which provide a focus on outstanding parts of the display. Colours used should be pleasing to the eye, and the use of all possible colours available is encouraged and given special points, unless it is not possible due to the use of a special theme which requires a special palette of colours. The use of **a theme**, though not mandatory, is to be favourably looked upon by the judges, but it must be tasteful and not offensive or outrageous. Overall the display should be well planned, well balanced, beautifully presented and finished.

6b. Quality and Condition of Plants: To gain maximum points in these criteria, all plants should be grown and displayed to perfection. The latest champion show-bench Cymbidiums need not necessarily be used.

Maximum points can be achieved by displaying superbly grown and good quality plants, especially seedlings.

The Judges will look on the use of seedlings, of appropriate quality, favourably; generous points will be allocated for the use of 10% or more of seedlings.

To receive the maximum points, all plants displayed should be in perfect condition, with no damage or deformity visible on the flowers. Quality is a measure of the overall standard and condition of all plants in the display.

6c. Overall Appearance: The display should be eye catching and striking with the overall effect being memorable. The labels should accurately identify the plants and be legible from the front of the display, without being obtrusive.