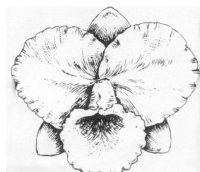


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 27th August 2010 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

Orchid Society of Western Australia  
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## **THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

EDDIE WAJON—REGENERATION AFTER A FIRE  
ORCHIDS & WILDFLOWERS

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 6th  
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 3rd  
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 24th

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**Birthdays:**

**August - 18th** - Tom Dixon **19th** - Judith Keogh **26th** - Meg Brown

**September - 9th** - Nalini Naidu **14th** - Bob Longmore

We wish everyone a very Happy Birthday and also anyone celebrating an Anniversary, our best wishes to you. To anyone on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery.

**OSWA Bulletin:** The Bulletin is now online at <http://members.iinet.net.au/~murray.baker/OSWA>

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- **Winter State Championship Show:** Thanks from Kaye for the help at the Winter Show - I am so very grateful for all the help we get, We hope our winter show can get better yet. Not too many people through the door, But our Casserole Night makes you want for more. A very big thank you to all the gang, We do enjoy ourselves and finish with a bang. Congrats to everyone on a job well done, Thanks to you all and we do have some fun. To everyone who entered plants, You are all winners to me, because you gave it a chance. Thanks to everyone for all that you do, I would love to be able to show you how much I appreciate you. *Kaye.*
- **Casserole Night :** Once again it was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. A great 3-course meal for \$5 pp, good company and entertainment. Thanks to Trevor and Barbara for the entertainment. We raised \$152.00 which will help pay for the hall. Thank you one and all for the food and the company.
- **National Cymbidium Show:** My congratulations to the Cymbidium Club of WA for a great Show held on the weekend of 6 & 7th August. The Show was a pleasure to wander around.
- **Spring Show -** Set-up Tues. 31st August at Kardinya Park Shopping Centre and break-down Sat. 4th September. Help support your club and bring your plants, help with setting up and pulling down and also manning the show during Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat. Plant sales on Thurs, Fri. & Sat..
- **Royal Show:** Set-up Fri. 24th Sept. Show runs from Sat. 25 Sept—Sat. 2 Oct. Break-up Sun. 3 Oct. at 8 am. We will need plants for the display and people to help set up and man the display during the week of the Show.  
Anyone who can help man the display, please contact Rosemary ph. 9367 9306 or email [rosemary.mcgrath@bigpond.com](mailto:rosemary.mcgrath@bigpond.com). Rosemary has to have the list of names so that she can get the passes for everyone to enter the Show Grounds.
- **Tenterden Trip:** Will be on 11th & 12th September. Motel accommodation is being booked in Mt. Barker for those making the trip to Eddy Wajon's property. Please let Ian Duncan know if you are interested in this trip. He can answer any questions you may have. Motel costs are - Single room \$92.00 per night + \$10.50 for break For 2 people \$110.00 per night + \$10.50 pp for breakfast. **This is the last chance for you to book!**

**WINTER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS & SHOW**

**Grand Champion/ Best of any other Genera:** Owned by Jack & Betty Rensen this plant was Phalaenopsis (Musashino x Hsinying White) x Phal. Ginre Ching Hua. A well grown plant had one fully opened arching spray of 7 large (4") white flowers of good shape. A second stem was partially opened.

**Reserve Champion/ Best Australian Native Hybrid/ and AOC Most Pre-eminent Entry** was Den. Hilda Poxon, owned by Ian Duncan. This was a large, well grown plant with many beautifully presented, large yellow flowers, very lightly spotted with red.

**Best Seedling:** *Phal. amabilis* x Phal. Hsinying Little Pearl 'Snow White' grown by Jack & Betty Rensen. This plant carried six 3" well shaped, clean white flowers.

**Best Laeliinae Alliance:** Blc. Sweet Margaret owned by Phil Taylor, was a very well grown plant carrying a single 6" white flower.

**Best Paphiopedilum:** Paph. Highland Luck, a very well presented flower with a 3" spotted dorsal, was grown by Howard Tan

**Best Phragmipedium:** Phrag. Schroederae, a large pink flower on a well grown plant, was owned by Phil Taylor

**Best species:** *Amesiella monticola*, showed a good shaped white flower on a very small plant.

**Best Paphiopedilum Seedling:** grown by Phil Taylor, Paph. Lambert Bay 'Maybrooks Omega' x Paph. Joan Thomas 'Primo'. This plant had two 3" blooms (1 fully open and 1 partially open) which were a yellow/green colour.

**Best Cymbidium:** Cym. Eileen's Dream 'Mary' was another winner grown by Phil Taylor and carried an erect spike of sixteen 3" green/yellow flowers, which presented themselves very nicely

**Best Novice Entry:** Cym. Celtic Imp 'Sharon' carried three pendulous sprays of about 15 flowers on each, and another stem still to open. This plant was owned by Ann & Malcolm Davis.

**Best Junior Entry:** Dana Mitchell with *Paph. insigne* exhibiting three lovely, well presented flowers

**Most Plants entered in Open:** Phil Taylor (30)

**Most Plants entered in Novice:** John & Dorothy Walton & Tom & Pat Stacy (equal 5 entries)

**Best Floral Art:** An arrangement using Croton leaves, Cordalyne leaves and miniature brown/pink orchid flowers was exhibited by Meg Donald.

### CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (AUGUST /SEPTEMBER 2010) by Roy Brown

We are now moving towards the Spring months, and this means more and more of our Cymbidiums will be opening their flower buds. During July the flower buds were rather slow in opening due to the very cold nights and mornings, so during August we should see quite a difference with plenty of nicely opened Cymbidium flowers.

Take particular care with the staking of the flower stems; they should be upright and displaying their flowers to the best advantage. There are exceptions of course for those Cymbidiums that have naturally arching sprays of flowers or those that grow in a hanging basket that produce flower stems that naturally hang downward from the pseudo bulbs.

Spring is the time for repotting those plants that have filled the pot and must be repotted. Do not leave those flower stems on your plants for too long, cut them and enjoy them indoors. By doing this, plants will be more likely to send up new growths which will have the benefit of 12 months growing before it is time to flower again next year.

Now a few tips on preparing your plants for exhibition in the Spring Shows.

Firstly give the pots a good clean up, this will show that the owner cares a little about his or her plants. Next, wipe over the leaves with a soft damp cloth, if you like use a very weak solution of white oil and water. Do not give the Cymbidium's leaves an oily look, besides looking unnatural it can also effect the efficiency of the leaves by blocking the pores. Should some of the leaves have dead tips, then trim these down. Always remember to sterilize your cutting instrument after dealing with each plant, don't accidentally spread any hidden diseases from plant to plant. Top up the pot with fresh compost or pine bark if the surface has dropped lower than the rim of the pot. Then, probably the most important point, make sure those plants that need it are properly staked so they present their flowers in the proper manner, this could please the judges.

### CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2010) by Henry Eaton

We are now coming into the blooming season where the last of your plants will complete their annual flowering. To present the flowers well, make sure the pseudo bulbs are tied vertically and the emerging buds face towards the main source of light. Be careful with watering, as water remaining on the flowers by nightfall may lead to spotting with Botrytis fungus, ruining your display. If there are any bud sheaths that hold water, peel them open or remove them altogether. To avoid spotting, water them early in the morning on a bright day so that they can dry off by nightfall. Good luck with your efforts.

This is also the time to think of repotting. Gather together the pots and potting mix you will require. Your choice of mix should be based on the time you can spare to thoroughly water your plants, thinking especially of summer when it is hot, and you would rather stay inside than out. Also think in terms of how long you would like to go between pottings. The finer the mix it tends to break down faster, and this means more frequent potting. Also small plants will need a finer mix than adult flowering ones. Finer mix also holds more water and less air between particles. Repotting should start as soon as you see new roots appearing from the pseudo bulbs and before they get longer than 2-3 cms.

**The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth,**  
**On Friday 23rd July 2010**

**Welcome:** The President opened the meeting at 8.03 pm and welcomed the members and visitors present.

**Attendance & Apologies:** As per register

**Minutes:** Moved E. Dixon, seconded J. Baylis that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

**Business arising:** Trip to Eddy Wajon's property. Ian Duncan asked for the members wishing to go, to see him during the break.

The President reminded the members of the Casserole Night during the Show.

**Confirmation:** Moved M. Davis, seconded R. Brown that the Business Arising has been resolved.

**Correspondence Inward:**

- E-mail from Eddy Wajon giving directions to his place at Tenterden
- Letter from City of South Perth re annual revue of fees and charges for the hall
- Letter from City of South Perth advising details of a Fiest to be held in March 2011 and asking for organisations to run events.
- Letter from City of South Perth advising details of a new community Civic Centre opening for hire in early 2011 and seeking expressions of interest for future bookings.
- Letter from City of South Perth seeking details of Community Events to be included in the Spring edition of the "Village Voice– The Essential Community Link"
- Society Newsletters

**Correspondence Outward:**

- E-mail to Eddy Wajon advising update on the arrangements for the visit to his place at Tenterden
- Get Well card to Doug Dowdell

**Business Arising:** The Assistant Secretary advised that the only increase in fees charged by the City of South Perth was to cover the additional storage that we now have.

The other letters from the City of South Perth were referred to the Committee.

**Confirmation:** Moved B. Rensen, seconded V. Seaman that the Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried**

**Financial Statement:** Statement #417 was tabled.

Moved S. Lyster, seconded T. Seaman, that the financial Statement be received. **Carried.**

**New Members:** Nil

**Reports:** The President reported on the recent WAROO meeting. As the finance from the Lotteries Commission has been approved WAROO is to write to OSWA to release the money held from the 1991 Conference so that it may be used for the 2012 AOC Conference.

She then reported on the recent meeting at the Royal Agricultural Society that set out the details for the show this year.

Ian Duncan gave a brief report on his recent trip to the Orchid Show in Singapore

**General Business:** Nil

**Popular Vote:** No plants were benched

**Raffle:** C. Rogasch, J. Walton, M. Brown, C. Rogasch, M. Davis

**Door Prize:** M. Godbeer

**Evening's Programme:** A short discussion on heating your orchids in winter

**Meeting closed at 8.56 pm**

**COPY OF LETTER SENT BY MAVIS WATKINSON, SECRETARY/TREASURER OF WAROO:**

Dear Kaye,

Would you please pass on to the Committee Members of the 1991 Australian Orchid Conference the thanks from the Society Delegates of the Western Australian Regional Organisation, for the Committee's farsighted action in investing the funds from the 1991 Australian Conference for the next AOC Conference to be held in WA. These funds have built up to a considerable sum over the years and will assist in making the 2012 Australian Conference equal or surpass the success of the 1991 Conference.

Our thanks must also go to the members of the various Committees of OSWA over the years for ensuring the security of these funds.

(Signed: Mavis Watkinson) Secretary/Treasurer WAROO