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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, 26th September 2014, commencing at **7.30 p.m.**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

DR ROZENBERG (ALIAS MAL DAVIS)
TENDING SICK ORCHIDS

OCTOBER MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel October 6th
OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Fri 3rd October
General Meeting 7:30 pm Fri 24th Oct.

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Birthdays: September: 14th Bob Longmore **October:** 5th Nathan Carless, 16th Barbara Burnett

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. To any member on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery & may you soon be well.

New Members: Linda Cao, Hellen Carpenter, Rochelle Trezise, Bradley & Madeline Burrell Welcome & we hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

Name Badges: If you haven't a name badge, please see Ian and let him know. Not all of our members are familiar with each other, so it is made easier if you are wearing a badge.

General News:

- **Please bring Perpetual Trophies to the September Meeting as I will be away for the October Meeting.**
- **Perth Royal Show: 27th Sept to 4th October** The Display will be set up on Friday 26th September at 11.00am. We would appreciate as many plants & helpers as possible. Thank you to all who volunteered to help man the Display. Tickets will be posted along with your Bulletin with an instruction letter. Take down of the Display will be Sunday 5th October from 9.00am
- **Potting Workshop:** Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim St. South Perth (behind South Perth Community Hospital), on **Sunday 19th October**. Set up from 8.30 am onwards & open for Potting from 10.00am to 3.30pm Clean up to be completed by 4.00pm There will be Plant Sales & sales of various fertilizers, books, etc. We would appreciate volunteers for speakers, **potters**, sales, & manning the door. If you could help in any way please contact Kaye or Rosemary.
- **Home Open: 26th October at John & Karen Carless' home, 770 South West Highway, Byford (phone 9526 2283).** Members \$5.00 to cover costs & please bring a salad or sweet to share. BYO drinks. Tea & Coffee available. More details at the September General Meeting.
- **General Meeting Sharing Table:** A table will be set up at each of the Society's monthly meetings. We encourage members to bring along donations for the Table. Items could include books, magazines, pots, cuttings of your favourite plant, produce (bag of lemons), etc. All donations are most welcome. Please remember to put a small donation in the **Honesty Box** if you take something from the table.
- **Membership subscriptions: 2014/15 subs** will be due on the 31st October – so please keep this in mind. Contact Ian Duncan on 9364 5439 re payment. \$26.00 for a Double & \$21.00 for a single membership.
- **Postage Price Increase:** If at all possible we would appreciate more members receiving their Bulletin by Email. If members would prefer to receive their Bulletin electronically then please contact Murray with your Email address, to save costs. Thank you to those members who have already changed to Email.
- **Annual Christmas Dinner:** Saturday 6th December at the RAAF Bull Creek. Keep this date in mind.
- **December Christmas Meeting: Friday 12th December (2nd Friday) at 7.30pm**

Show Dates for 2014:

- **Perth Royal Show: Display at Claremont Showgrounds**
Set up 26th September 11 am
Show 27th September to 4th October. Takedown Sunday 5th October am
- **Potting Workshop: Scout & Guide Hall** Pilgrim Street, South Perth Sunday 19th October
Workshop 10.00am until 3.30pm; Plants potted, sales, talks, display.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (August 2014)**OPEN:**

Class 1F (2)	1. <i>Maxine Godbeer</i>	Epi. Unknown
	2. Ian Duncan	Epi. Star Valley "Lake View"
Class 7A (1)	1. <i>Maxine Godbeer</i>	Angcm. <i>equitans</i>
Class 8A (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. <i>speciosum</i>
Class 8B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Elegant HeDen. Vivid Bestx art "BT"
Class 10B (3)	1. Ian Duncan	Gga. <i>gratulabunda</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Max. <i>porphyrostele</i>
	3. Ian Duncan	Ddc. <i>cobbianumen</i>

NOVICE:

Class 15B (1)	1. Malcom & Ann Davis	C. Pastel Pageant
Class 15F (1)	1. Valerie Cooper	Blc Hadvai Delight x Blc Srisal Gold
Class 16D (3)	1. Val Yates	Cym. Peepers "Santa Barbara"
	2. Jack Krishnan	Cym. Fifi Harry
	3. Jack Krishnan	Cym. Peppie Khan "Freckles"
Class 22A (2)	1. Malcolm & Ann Davis	speciosum Peduncutatum "Gold"
	2. Malcolm & Ann Davis	speciosum

Junior:

Schokman Trophy: C. Pastel Pageant 73 Points Owner – Malcolm & Ann Davis

POPULAR VOTE:

OPEN:	Den. <i>speciosum</i>	Owner - Ian Duncan
NOVICE:	C. Pastel Pageant	Owner – Malcolm & Ann Davis

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014) by Roy Brown

We are now entering into the Spring months when we see the majority of our Cymbidiums flowering once again. Also these are the months when the orchid societies hold their annual Spring Shows, so give your plants that are in spike that little extra care and attention, then enter them into the shows so that everyone can enjoy them with you. I should start off this month with a few hints on preparing your plants for exhibition.

Firstly, give the pots a good clean up. Next, wipe the leaves over with a clean, damp, soft cloth. Trim the ends of the leaves, some may have dead tips and these can look rather unsightly. Always remember to sterilize the cutting instrument after attending to each plant. Then probably the most important point, make sure that those plants that need it are properly staked, so presenting their flowers in a proper manner. It doesn't really take long to prepare each plant for a show, but it does make all the difference to the finished product. Finally, on the morning of the day that the Show is to be set up, give your plants a good water as they may have to be on display for 3 or 4 days.

You should already be hard at it with dividing and repotting by now, and by doing each plant in turn after it has flowered, it will save a lot of last minute, hurried work at the end of October.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014) from notes of the late Henry Eaton

With the increase in daylight hours, there is evidence that Spring is here after a winter of cold nights and late winter rains. Your Cattleya should now be showing signs of recovering from dormancy, by growth buds beginning to enlarge in some and by the appearance of new roots in others. Where you see these signs on plants they provide an indication that those plants are ready to be repotted in new mix if they are growing out of the pot, or if the mix has been there for a long while and is probably going stale and is unlikely to last for another year in good condition.

These plants should be inspected to see if they only need transfer to a bigger pot or whether they need to be divided. If division is contemplated, do not go for divisions of less than 4 mature bulbs each. If there appears not to be any new roots on the posterior divisions, the plant could be partially divided at the necessary spot and left for a couple of months to let a new growth appear, when the cut could be completed and the division made. This also reminds me that when thinking of dividing a plant, make sure by removing any old sheaths around it, that there is a viable bud at the point of division. If none is found, do not divide it at that point but seek another spot.

When potting on a Cattleya it is worth choosing a mix that will be adaptable to the time you can give to watering your plants. If frequent watering is possible, a coarser, less absorbent mix can be used, while those people who cannot spare enough time to water the plants should use a smaller sized mix which will hold water for longer. Cattleyas like a wet to nearly dry cycle for best growth. Use a pot size you feel will be adequate to allow at least 2-3 years growth before the need for repotting arises. Do not over-pot.

When repotting, hold the plant so that the oldest bulb sits plumb with the back edge of the pot, giving the new growth at least 2 years of growth in front. After filling the pot with your mix, the plant should be anchored firmly enough for you to lift it up by the leaves without separating it from the pot. A stake alongside the foremost growth to which it is tied is also worth considering if there is any doubt about stability. Water the plant well and leave it a shady area of the shadehouse for a couple of weeks before returning it to its normal spot. You can fertilise the plant with something like Seasol before commencing its normal feeding after 3-4 weeks.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014) Trevor Burnett

As I discussed last month you should now be ensuring that, by the end of October, you have completed our repotting of the plants that have finished flowering. The plants that did not produce spikes should already have been done. With warmer conditions now gradually becoming the norm during these months, increased attention needs to be given to the watering. As all my plants now have a nice new open mix, I increase my watering programme to once a week, but always in the morning. When you water now, check to ensure that the water freely flows out of the drainage holes at the bottom of the pot. As a lot of us place small crock pieces in the base of the pot, we need to ensure that good drainage is maintained and we have not retarded the water flow with crocking of the pots.

With the warmer weather, the fertilizer programme can be increased to weekly or fortnightly with a high Nitrogen based fertilizer to promote good development of the new growths. When repotting plants from the existing pot, carefully extract all the growing mix with your fingers and remove any dead roots. Care must be taken not to damage live roots when repotting as paphiopedilums have a limited root system. Place the plant in the pot, with the base of the plant some 15mm below the rim of the pot, and work the mix in and around the roots. Gently bumping the pot on the bench can also assist in the placement of the mix. On top of the mix I spread a small quantity of crushed sea shells or gravel sand which helps support the plant from moving in the pot, which will cause root damage.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.) Minutes of the General Meeting to be held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on 22 August 2014

Welcome: The President Mrs K Baylis opened the meeting at 7:30 pm welcoming visitors & members.

Apologies: As per Register

Meeting item: Orchids in Taiwan (H Tan + I Duncan) Members were treated to many photos of the Taiwan Orchid Show Many thanks to Howard & Ian for such a beautiful presentation.

Break for popular vote: Open: Den. speciosum owner Ian Duncan

Novice: C. Pastel Pageant owner Mal & Ann Davis

Minutes: Moved P Di Giovanni, seconded R Pohl that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.
Carried.

Business arising: Inter Society Challenge – Congratulations to NDOS as hosts for their choice of venue & their organisation. Thanks to all the OSWA members who helped & provided plants. OSWA won the Overall competition & the Display

Confirmation: Moved V Cooper seconded R Pohl that the Business Arising has been resolved.

Correspondence:

- From City of South Perth, info about Volunteer of the Year scheme.
- From AOC, invoice for Associations Liability Insurance
- From Lotteries Commission, re grant application, form for consent to conditions
- From Jenna Coghill (RAS) to K Baylis, re donation of a floral art exhibit for the Royal Show
- From Maxine Godbeer, to advise OSWA's Registrar (?) that the Registrars Meeting this year is on 20 September at the home of Malcolm Davis, 4 Ryan Ct, Redcliffe at 9.30 am
- From Thea Shaughnessy, advice about AOC AGM and proposal for Orchids Australia A5 format.

- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about where to obtain orchids, show and meeting dates, etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Business arising:

Confirmation: Moved S Lyster seconded B Longmore, that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement:

Confirmation: Moved R McCallum seconded P Di Giovanni, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

New Members:

Reports:

- Intersociety Challenge: An excellent time was had by those who attended. Thanks to all those who provided plants & who assisted with the Display. Next time OSWA will have to make up a further 2 points.
- Winter Show: Show was excellent, many thanks to all those who entered plants & who assisted during the weekend.

General Business:

- Spring Show: Set up Tuesday 2nd Sept. 6-7.15pm Judging 7.30-9.30pm Sales each day.
Members are asked to help set up & man the Show. Also as many plants as possible to be entered, as we have quite a large area.
- Floraplant visit: Rowley Road just passed the dogleg on Nicholson Road. Richard Dekkers will meet members at the entrance to Floraplant to take us through the Nursery. This is always a very popular excursion. Members can bring along friends as well.
- Royal Show: Set up is on Friday 26th Sept. from 11.00am onwards. Please bring as many plants as possible to make an excellent Display. If you are unable to get there on the Friday contact Murray. Names of those working need to be submitted ASAP, so if you can assist even for 1 session contact Rosemary or put your name on the sheet, all help is very much appreciated. 2 passes are allocated for each session.
- Ian Duncan led the discussion on the benched unusual plants- Gongora gratulabunda, Dendrochilum, Angraceum equitons. Also there was a discussion on Sick Plants – possibly caused by Spider Mite & lack of water.

Raffle: R McCallum, J Walton, B Longmore

Door Prize: M Davis

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

2014 WINTER SHOW RESULTS:

Champion Paphiopedilum: Paph. Vallosum owner Maxine Godbeer
Best Cymbidium: Cym. Dolly Featherhill x Portuguese Passion owner Phil Taylor
Best Laeliinae Alliance: Rlc. Sweet Margaret owner Phil Taylor
Best Dendrobae: Den. Unknown owner Ian Duncan
Best Australian Native: Den. Hilda Poxon owner Gillian Marsh
Best Oncidinae: Onc. *ornithorhyncham* owner Gillian Marsh
Best Vandaeae: Angcm. *Sesquipdale* owner Ian Duncan
Best Any Other Genera: Zga Kuinto owner Gillian Marsh
Grand Champion: Zga Kuinto owner Gillian Marsh
Reserve Champion: Angcm. *Sesquipdale* owner Ian Duncan
Best Species: Angcm. *Sesquipdale* owner Ian Duncan
Best Specimen: Dendrochilum *tenellum* owner Maxine Godbeer
Best Seedling: Cym Darch Plum "Red Ink" x Lancashire Khan "Evie" owner Phil Taylor
Best Novice Entry: Cym Royal Fare No.5 owner Meg Donald
AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry: Angcm. *Sesquipdale* owner Ian Duncan
Best Floral Entry: Arrangement in a Container owner Gillian Marsh

2014 SPRING SHOW RESULTS:

Champion Cymbidium: Cym Bulbarrow owner Meg Donald
Best Laeliinae Alliance: Blc. Hadwai Delight x Srysil Gold owner Valerie Cooper
Best Paphiopedilum: Paph J Diamond owner Howard Tan
Best Dendrobae: Den. Ckai "Oka" owner Ian Duncan
Best Australian Native: Den. speciosum ("Neville" x "Daylight Moon") owner Rosemary McGrath
Best Oncidinae: Colm. Bobcat owner J Giorgi
Best Vandaeae: Angcm. Veitchii owner Rosemary McGrath
Best Phalaenopsis: Phal. Orchid World "Bonnie Vasquez" owners Jack & Betty Rensen
Best Any Other Genera: Zygo *crinitum* owner Courtney Rogasch
Grand Champion: Angcm. Veitchii owner Rosemary McGrath
Reserve Champion: Den. speciosum ("Neville" x "Daylight Moon") owner Rosemary McGrath
Best Aust Native Species: Den. speciosum ("Neville" x "Daylight Moon") owner Rosemary McGrath
Best Aust Native Orchid Hybrid: Australian McBride owner Robin Dalziell
Best Australian Native Terrestrial: Arachnarchis Unknown owner Murray & Arni Baker
Best Specimen (exc Aust Nat): Blc. Hadwai Delight x Srysil Gold owner Valerie Cooper
Best Aust Native Specimen: Den. speciosum owner Ian Duncan
Best Cymbidium Seedling: Cym Valley Vapour x Flame "Raquel" owner Courtney Rogasch
Best Seedling(exc. Cym or Aust Nat) Paph Hsinying Leopard x Red Shift owner Robin Dalziell
Best Pure Colour Cymbidium: Cym Sleeping Beauty "Tetra Gold" owners Murray & Arni Baker
Best Novice Cymbidium: Cym Bulbarrow owner Meg Donald
Best Novice Entry: Blc. Hadwai Delight x Srysil Gold owner Valerie Cooper
AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry: Den. speciosum owner Ian Duncan
Best Floral Entry: Arrangement in a Container owner Meg Donald
Best Phragmipedium: Phrag. *Delasandroid* owner Howard Tan

Congratulations to all winners. Both Shows were very successful & plants of a high standard with many positive comments from the Public. Thanks to all members who participated.