



**Birthdays: August:** 19<sup>th</sup> Judith Keogh     **September:** 6<sup>th</sup> Alan Prosser, 14<sup>th</sup> Bob Longmore  
Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. Roy Brown, our longest serving member, welcomes with love another great granddaughter "Cateleya Rose", so named because of Roy's love of orchids. Congratulations to the whole family. To any member on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery & may you soon be well, especially Shirley Masters.

### General News:

- **New General Meeting Venue: As from 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015 all General Meetings will be held at the Manning Activity Centre (Manning Senior Citizens Centre), 3 Downey Drive Manning (just off Ley Street).** This venue is much more suitable & easier to get to. Exit the Kwinana Freeway – from north or south – at Manning Road & Canning Highway at Canning Bridge. September's meeting (18<sup>th</sup> Sept) and the Potting Workshop on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October will also be held here.
- **September Meeting:** This will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday (18<sup>th</sup> Sept) & will be a Plant Auction & Casserole Evening. This was very successful last year & we hope this one will be equally as enjoyable.
- **Tropical Colours Nursery Visit:** Nursery visit is on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup>. A bus has been organised with pickups along the way. **At Present it will leave the Manning Activity Centre at 9.00am to arrive at 11.00am. If you wish to attend & be picked up anywhere else, please text Rosemary on 0401508667, phone 9367 9306 or email [rosemary.mcgrath71@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.mcgrath71@gmail.com) as soon as possible.** As there are no lunch facilities, please bring a thermos of hot water, fold up chairs & OSWA will supply tea, coffee, milk & biscuits. It's a great place to visit with many orchids to see.
- **2015 Spring Show:** Kardinya Park Shopping Centre, South Street, Kardinya. Set up Tuesday 1st September. Entries received 6pm to 7.15pm Judging at 7.30pm. Members are reminded to please keep out of the Judging area once judging commences. Plant Sales daily & finish at 3.30pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Take down of the Show is at 4.30pm Sat 5<sup>th</sup> September
- **Bob Jones' Orchids:** Mostly Australian Natives, They are very good plants & some are coming into bloom. If you would like to purchase any please contact Merrill on 9337 9750, M/B 0450657521.
- **26<sup>th</sup> Inter-Society Orchid Display & Workshop 2015** An excellent weekend with OSWA winning the overall competition points. Thanks to JWOS for your organization, it was a credit to you. Thanks to all those who assisted in any way either by supplying plants or helping with the set up & entry of plants.
- **Neutrog Orders:** OSWA will be submitting a bulk order in September. If any member wishes to participate **order forms are available from Rosemary or at the August General Meeting.** All orders & payment to be sent or given to Ian Duncan (address 5 Salen Ct, Ardross, 6153) on or before 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015 (September General Meeting Night). Neutrog products will be delivered to 2 Morrish Place, Como & can be collected from there on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 11.00am – 2.00pm (Potting Workshop Day) or contact Rosemary for a suitable time after 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. We hope many members will support this order
- **General Meeting Opportunity Table:** This table is set up at all our monthly meetings. Please bring anything you would like to donate, i.e. any orchids, other plants, products from your pantry, articles you no longer need, books, magazines, fruit & vegetables. All donated items will be greatly appreciated. If there is anything you wish to take from the table, remember to put a small donation in the box provided. This table is separate from the usual OSWA table where fertilizers, plants, hangers, tags, books, etc. are sold at set prices.
- **South West Orchid & Garden Expo:** features Bunbury Spring Show. SW Italian Club, White Street, Bunbury Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00am to 4.00pm. (Please be aware that Sat 5<sup>th</sup> coincides with OSWA Spring Show)
- **Perth Royal Show:** Display at Claremont Showgrounds Set up 25<sup>th</sup> September 11 am, Show from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Takedown Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Members needed to man the show.
- **Potting Workshop: Manning Activity Centre (Manning Senior Citizens Centre), 3 Downey Drive Manning** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October Workshop, 10.00am until 4.00pm; Plants potted, sales, talks, display. Speakers & helpers needed.

**2015 CALENDER of SHOW EVENTS: All dates are confirmed**

- **August General Meeting:** 28<sup>th</sup> Aug Manning Activity Centre
- **Tropical Colours Nursery Visit:** August 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 Arriving 11.00am
- **Spring Show:** Kardinya Park Shopping Centre 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September, Set up Tues 1<sup>st</sup> September
- **Royal Show:** 26<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015, Set up Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September
- **Potting Workshop:** Manning Activity Centre, Downey Drive Manning Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- **Orchids in Paradise:** Mackay QLD 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015
- **January 2016 BBQ & Social Night:** Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> at Malcolm & Ann Davis' home more details in future Bulletins

**MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (July 2015)**

**(Please ensure all names are clearly printed so we can record the plant names correctly)**

**OPEN:**

1B (1)	1.	Edna Burgess.	R/C Pink Empress "Ju-Sen"
4C (1)	1.	Ian Duncan	Den Chela Color's FCA
7A (1)	1.	Maxine Godbeer.	Angcm equitans
8A (1)	1.	Ian Duncan.	Den speciosum
8B (2)	1.	Edna Burgess.	Den Aussie Starlight.
	2.	Ian Duncan.	Den Aussie Angel x D Falconostrum
10B (2)	1.	Maxine Godbeer.	Dendrochilum Tenellum
	2.	Maxine Godbeer.	Dendrochilum Wenzellii
11B(1)	1.	Edna Burgess.	Zgo Tabu x Zgo Titanic x Unknown

**NOVICE:**

15C (1)	1.	Jack Krishnan	Lc Randy x BLC Wac
16C (1)	1.	Valerie Cooper	Cym Unknown
24A (1)	1.	Rod Pohl	Phrag Calurum

**POPULAR VOTE:**

Open	Ian Duncan	Den speciosum
Novice.	Rod Pohl.	Phrag Calurum

**SCHOKMAN TROPHY:** Edna Burgess. R/C Pink Empress 'Ju-Sen' 68 points.

**JIM GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Rod Pohl Phrag Calurum 68 points



Raye McIntosh proudly holds a beautiful Paphiopedilum which was named after her by the hybridiser Trevor Burnett.  
The Paph was on Display at the OSPA Winter Show 18-19 July 2015

### **CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2015) by Roy Brown**

Time is running towards the Spring months, and this means more and more of our Cymbidiums will be opening their flower buds, so see to it the racemes are staked properly and securely. Some varieties need no staking as they have thick, upright stems that are self-supporting, but others will need to be tied to stakes. When doing this, place the stake as near to the flower stem as possible. Tie the stem firmly, but not too tightly as it will continue to lengthen and must not be hindered in its growth.

If you intend to exhibit the plant in any of the societies orchid shows, then do not allow the stake to be higher than the flower stem.

Repotting should now be in full swing. As the early plants finish flowering, a start can be made on dividing and repotting these. This will give the plant the benefit of a full year's growth in the pot, and should enable the plant to make up its new bulbs in time to produce its early flowers again next season. Any plants that are not going to flower this season can also be repotted. This will allow you more time later on in September to repot, as their turn comes, plants that are now in spike.

Keep watch for any insect pests, just one slug, snail or caterpillar can ruin the whole spike and your whole 12 months effort, Baysol is the best remedy for slugs and snails.

### **CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015) from notes of the late 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 at 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 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 potting. The finer the mix it tends to break down faster and this means more frequent potting. Also smaller plants will need a finer mix than adult flowering ones. Finer mix also holds more water and less air between the particles. Repot as soon as you see new roots appearing from the pseudo bulbs and before they get longer than 2-3 cm.

### **PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015) by Trevor Burnett**

The plants have expended considerable energy in producing and supporting flowers. The early variety flowers will now be coming to an end. It is time now to look towards the task of repotting and replacement of the growing medium for the following reasons:

- a) The plant has grown too large for the existing container
- b) Potting material has broken down and must be replaced
- c) Plant has naturally divided into two pieces
- d) Have purchased plants (from various sources) in flower through the flowering season

Paphiopedilums are repotted in a variety of growing medium that are generally bark or wood chip based. Most plants require repotting every 2nd year for larger pots or more often if in smaller pots. Small plants respond to repotting more frequently with increased growth. The watering habit of the grower will influence mix selection. If you are a compulsive user of water and have difficulty in withholding watering, then you will need a more open mix to allow for plants to dry out a little between watering. On the other hand, someone who is sparing with watering or is away from home for a period, may require a finer mix that is able to retain water longer. A finer mix can be obtained by using the basic bark mix and adding some sphagnum moss to the mix.

My programme comes back to 10 days between watering. My general mix that I use is:

- a) 4 parts clean bark
- b) 1 part charcoal
- c) 1 part polystyrene or perlite

Text books recommend growing the plants in small pots but I, personally, do not like bonsai, so I grow my plants in larger pots (130mm or 140mm) and get good results. I believe you obtain larger growths which at the end of the season results in larger and stronger flowers. I also make a habit of repotting any new orchids purchased, swapped etc. into my own medium as soon as possible. A lot of the time members purchase plants from many sources and leave them in existing mix as the mix looks fine. This is a trap, as your watering and fertilizing programme is developed for your mix and conditions. It is extremely hard to manage when you have a variety of mixes in varying degrees of decomposition.

**The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting to be held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth,**  
**on 24 July 2015**

**Welcome:** Mrs K Baylis opened the meeting at 7:30 pm welcoming visitors, members, and guest speaker David Edmonds (Orchidup Nursery).

**Apologies:** As per register.

**Meeting Item:** David Edmonds (Orchidup Nursery).

**Break for tea and popular vote.**

**Minutes:** Moved E Burgess, seconded P Kissell that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.  
**Carried.**

**Business arising:** Nil.

**Confirmation:** Moved E Burgess, seconded G Talbot that the business arising has been resolved.  
**Carried**

**Correspondence:**

- Email from Perufloora, about pre-ordering orchid flasks for Mackay Conference
- Email exchange with David Edmonds (Orchidup) about July GM
- Email from OJPWA (M Godbeer) about members of the public and clubs being too close to judging area during judging.
- From T Watkinson, great photos of R McIntosh with the paph named in her honour
- From Neutrog, a copy of the sponsorship agreement for signing by the OSWA President.
- From Thea Shaughnessy (AOC), two emails of info for AGM.
- Responses to general email enquiries from members of the public.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

**Business arising:** Nil

**Confirmation:** Moved E Burgess seconded R McGrath that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

**Financial Statement:** prepared by I Duncan, presented by K Baylis

**Confirmation:** Moved E Burgess, seconded G Talbot, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

**New Members:** None

**Reports:**

- Winter Show 18-19 July: K Baylis thanked all who helped over the weekend. Prizes and certificates were presented to winners (those for P Taylor and G Marsh were accepted on their behalf by M Davis).

**General Business:**

- Arrangements for Inter Society Display and Workshop discussed.
- From 28 August onwards, OSWA meetings to be held at Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre.
- Tropical Colours Nursery tour on Saturday 29 August. Bus (\$5 per person) to depart from Manning Senior Citizens Centre (time and additional pickup points to be announced).
- Spring Show Kardinya Set up 1st, 2-5 September, Plant Sales daily.
- Volunteers were requested for help unloading the trailer at the Shed on Sat 25 July.
- Members are asked to take care with plant tags in pots to make it easier for judges, Bulletin Editor, etc to record plant names correctly.
- A Prosser received his Ezi-Gro new member certificate.
- K Baylis thanked C Bielby, R McCallum, and B Burnett for bring supper supplies.
- Benched plants of special interest: I Duncan's dark burgundy hybrid dendrobium, M Godbeer's two *Dendrochilum* species.
- Members were asked to keep Sunday 11/9/16 clear, for OSWA's 70th anniversary celebrations.

**Raffle:** C Sloan, L Stronach

**Supper donor award:** B Burnett

**Popular Vote:**

**Open:** *Dendrobium speciosum*, owner I Duncan.

**Novice:** *Phragmipedium calurum*, owner R Pohl. (As is common for phrags, this plant is grown on a bed of gravel in a shallow tray, to keep up the humidity.)

**Badge Prize:** I Sutton

**Meeting Closed** at 9:02 pm



Some interesting species orchids from our Autumn Show:



*Bulbophyllum rothschildianum*  
(Maxine Godbeer)



*Cymbidium erythrostylum*  
(John Carless)




*Zygopetalum mackaii*  
(Dana Mitchell)

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