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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the Collins Street Centre Hall, South Perth, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015, commencing at **7.30pm**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

**ORCHIDUP NURSERY**  
DAVID & LIZ WILL HAVE PLANTS FOR  
SALE

**AUGUST MEETING DATES:**

Judging Panel August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Fri 7<sup>th</sup> August  
General Meeting 7.30 pm Fri 28<sup>th</sup> August

**NB August - New Venue- refer page 2**

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**Birthdays: July:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Butler, 15<sup>th</sup> Dana Mitchell, 16<sup>th</sup> Maureen Grantham, 18<sup>th</sup> Roy Brown  
**August:** 19<sup>th</sup> Judith Keogh

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. If any member is not listed & wishes to be included please let Kaye or Rosemary know your birth dates (day & month only). To any member on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery & may you soon be well, especially Shirley Masters.

**New Members:** Alan Prosser, South Perth

Welcome & we hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

#### **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 (see map on last page). 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.
- **2015 Winter Show:** At the time of receiving this Bulletin the Winter Show would have been held.
- **Bob Jones' Orchids:** For Sale - 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 as soon as possible as they won't last long.
- **26<sup>th</sup> Inter-Society Orchid Display & Workshop 2015** The 26th annual Inter-Society Orchid Display & Workshop (formally the ISC) is being held 1-2 August 2015 at the Craigie Leisure Centre, Craigie Payment for those attending the Dinner on Saturday evening 1<sup>st</sup> August should already have been paid. If you have suitable plants for entering in each section, please contact Ian or Kaye either by phone or at the Winter Show.
- **Home Visits** If you would like to hold a Home Visit in 2015 please contact Kaye Baylis on 93376210. It doesn't seem to matter what time of year that we hold Home Visits, they are always very popular.
- **Tropical Colours Nursery Visit:** We are in the process of arranging a visit to the Nursery in Oldbury, south of Perth, on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> (date yet to be confirmed). Please keep this date in mind. More details at the General Meeting.
- **Name Badges:** Ian Duncan has several ordered badges – please collect these. If you haven't a name badge, please see Ian and let him know. When at shows or displays we would like name badges to be worn, so it is easy to see that you are not one of the public helping themselves to orchids. **For free entry to the 26<sup>th</sup> Inter Society Display & Workshop during the day you must be wearing your OSA Badge.**

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

- **Inter Society Orchid Display & Workshop:** Craigie Leisure Centre 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> August
- **Tropical Colours Nursery Visit:** August 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 (to be confirmed)
- **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 (JUNE 2015)**

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

**OPEN:**

Class1A (1) J & D Walton	Brassavola nodosa
(2) M. Godbeer	L autumnalis
Class1B (1) Edna Burgess	Blc. Dream Trader x BLC Sylvia Fry x C. Horace
(2) Edna Burgess	Blc. Sibling Rivalry Southern Cross
Class1E (1) C. Rogarsch	Blc. Plumb Island "NEWBERRY"
Class 2D (1) Robin Dalziell	Cym. Ruby Valley "Hooley Dooley
Class 5A (1) M. Godbeer	Phal bellina
Class 6A (1) M. Godbeer	Rodriguezia decora
Class 6C (2) M. Godbeer	Dgmra Skywalker "Red Star"
Class 8B (1) Edna Burgess	D Hilda Poxon
(2) I. Duncan	Den. Colonial Surprise x Den Jesmond Gold
Class 9B (1) I. Duncan	P.T. Aspere
Class 11B (1) M. Godbeer	Paphinia Majestic
(2) Robin Dalziell	Zygoneria Zest "Tyabb"
Class 12 (1) Robin Dalziell	Paph Osipee

**NOVICE.**

Class 15B (1) Rod Pohl	BLC Donna Kimura (Paradise Tami" x BLC Fring Dawn (To PRON)
(2) Mal & Ann Davis	C. NAME UNKNOWN
(3) Valerie Cooper	C. KUM MA Nee Tong
Class 16D (2) Jack Krishnan	RONEON Calise
Class 16E (1) Jack Krishnan	NAME UNKNOWN
Class 17A (1) Rod Pohl	Paph insigne
Class 20B (1) Meg Donald	Brs venucosa

**POPULAR VOTE.**

<b>OPEN.</b> C. Rogasch	BLC Plumb Island "NEWBERRY"
<b>NOVICE.</b> Mal & Ann Davis	C. NAME UNKNOWN

**SCHOKMAN TROPHY**

C. Rogasch BLC Plumb Island "NEWBERRY" 70 points.

**26<sup>th</sup> Inter-Society Orchid Display & Workshop 2015**

The 26th annual Inter-Society Orchid Display & Workshop (formally the ISC) is being held 1-2 August 2015 at the Craigie Leisure Centre, Craigie and on behalf of the Wanneroo/Joondalup Orchid Society (host club) and WAROO.

Not only will there be the standard displays and individual flower & floral art competitions we are also intending to have two highly credentialed orchid growers & speakers to attend and run workshops/lectures for all club/society members and the public during the weekend of the ISODW. Ray Clement (Tinonee Orchids) & Scott Barrie (Barrita Orchids) will be attending.

Although Saturday 1 August is primarily set aside for set up and judging, there will also be workshops/lectures for club/society members while Sunday will be open to the public 9am until 3pm. There will be a \$5 entry fee for members of the public with children able to enter free.

Members of clubs/societies who stage a display will gain free entry to all aspects of the event. Participating clubs are asked to ensure all members wear their club name badges for free entry.

Sunday will provide an opportunity for all participating clubs/societies (with a display) to sell plants and seek new members. Sale plants should be presented tagged and recorded as per clubs/societies normal process and be presented to the central sales area coordinator for checking before being staged in the sales area. All sales plants will be subject to a 10% sales commission to the WJOS to assist with the costs associated with staging the event.

The annual dinner will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 at the Western Australian Golf Club in Hayes Ave, Yokine, starting at 7pm. The cost is: \$50.00 person. For catering purposes please advise numbers attending the dinner no later than 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

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

The most important job with our Cymbidiums for the next month will be caring for the flower spikes, training those that need straightening up and seeing they receive the proper shade conditions to ring out the best colour in the blooms. During July the flower spikes grow rapidly and soon the majority of the flower buds will be visible. August will see the spikes lengthen further, and the flower buds space themselves out on the stem in readiness for flowering. It's from this stage onwards that they have to be watched carefully. Heavy rain or hail can spoil your flower buds, so the plant will need to be moved into the flowering section where a close watch can be kept on the progress of the spikes. Also watch that the wind doesn't cause the plant's leaves to knock or rub against the flower buds. This quite often happens and a small mark on the buds at this stage will show up as a bad blemish on the flower sepals when it opens. Plants that are under cover for protection should be watered regularly. If they are allowed to dry out you'll run the risk of bud drop. Finally this month, make sure you have sufficient flower pots and a good supply of mix on hand in readiness for the repotting jobs that can be started after the end of next month.

### **CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2015) from notes of the late Henry Eaton**

July and August are usually the coldest months of the year. This seems to be holding true as I write. Culture of your cattleyas depends on keeping the plants out of the rain so that the roots are not sitting in a cold wet mix, which if it is maintained for a while, will result in the death of the roots. Watering can be done on a bright day, as early in the day as possible, so the plant can dry out as much as possible before the cold night sets in. Also remember that cattleyas like to dry out between waterings, so they may only need two or three waterings for the month. If fertilizing your plants, this could be done perhaps once in the month, because the cold would induce dormancy at this time. There still may be some plants that, because of their genetic inheritance, show signs of new growth with the appearance of new roots at this time. If any of these are spotted and they need potting on or repotting, this should be done now, as if left for later they may not form new roots once again. Protect buds and flower sheaths and keep a constant look out for snails and slugs and bait for them.

### **PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2013) by Trevor Burnett**

These are the truly wonderful months, and most rewarding for the Paphiopedilum growers, especially of the exhibition type clones. We should be flush with flowers with some of our old favourites flowering again, and some new seedlings we have been eagerly awaiting to flower for several years, finally producing flowers. In many cases for new seedlings, we experience disappointment or indeed sheer joy, at the quality of the flowers. My watering programme is still at 14 day intervals, but I may give additional watering if the weather is fine and sunny for 6-8 days in a row. With the flowers now fully in bloom, it is time to re-assess your collection and decide what plants you are going to keep or dispose of as surplus. It is also a good time to work out whether you are short on any particular colour or types, so you can purchase new divisions or seedlings from other growers who are disposing of surplus divisions. I still will give the flowering plants fertilizer on a fortnightly or monthly basis. The smaller, un-flowered plants will still require fertilizer at ¼ -1/2 strength, on a fortnightly or monthly basis, to keep the growth moving forward. Flowers can be left on 2-3 growth plants without harm, as long as the plants are healthy and showing good, strong growths. With smaller plants flowering for the first time on a single growth, not showing signs of a secondary growth, the quick removal of the flowers will facilitate the best growth. This will promote new growths and ensure strong growth and flowers in future years. The flower can be enjoyed as a cut flower for some time.

**Tips for Showing Plants** With a great deal of shows around now, you should ensure your plants are free from any bugs, especially mealy bug, before you contemplate getting the plants ready for the various shows. If mealy bugs are detected, they should be treated before entering the plant in a show. Taking some time to prepare your plants will ensure all your growing efforts are presented at their best for judging. Soft-bodied bugs, such as aphids & mealy bugs: Straight 70% or 90% alcohol (methylated spirits) – touch the insects with a soaked cotton swab or for larger infestations, spray the entire plant with a 50/50 mix with water, being sure to thoroughly wet all surfaces. Repeat every 3 days for about 2 weeks. I suggest you ensure that you

- a) present clean pots
- b) remove dead leaves from plants before showing.
- c) clean foliage of any old sprays, dirt or dust. When wiping down leaves, hold the leaf at the base and wipe to the tip. This will prevent leaves being inadvertently pulled off, especially on newer growths.
- d) ensure the plants are correctly labelled and legible
- e) Ensure plants are neatly staked without excessive ties.

**The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting to be held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth,**  
**on 26 June 2015**

**Welcome:** Mrs K Baylis who opened the meeting at 7:38 pm welcoming visitors & members.

**Apologies:** As per register.

**Meeting Item:** Potting Mixes, presented by Mal Davis, Trevor Burnett, and John Walton.

**Break for tea and popular vote.**

**Minutes:** Moved V Cooper, seconded J Walton that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

**Carried.**

**Business arising:** Nil.

**Confirmation:** Moved C Bielby, seconded R Pohl that the business arising has been resolved. **Carried**

**Correspondence:**

- Emails to other clubs to advertise Orchidup talk and plant sales at our next GM
- Email exchange with David Edmonds (Orchidup) about July GM
- Email exchange with John Clark (RAS) about arrangements for Royal Show
- Email from Stewart McPherson advertising orchid tours in PNG, China, and SE Asia
- Letters to Stockland Riverton, thanking them for hosting our Autumn Show and invoice for same.
- Phone calls with Steve Johnson (steveosteve1@hotmail.com or 0417 330 542) who still has two shadehouses for sale. (Now sold)
- 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:** Nil

**Confirmation:** Moved J Rensen seconded E Burgess that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

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

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

**New Members:** Sophie Hammersley, Leo Waters, Allan Prosser

**Reports:**

- WAROO (I Duncan): The next WAROO conference is planned for August 2017.

**General Business:**

- K Baylis thanked R McGrath for chairing the last General Meeting
- July meeting: David and Liz from Orchidup (plants will be for sale, plant lists available for pre-orders)
- Winter Show will be at the Scout Hall, 18-19 July.
- **Honorary Membership:** K Baylis reported on discussions at Committee that Barbara Burnett and Ellen Dixon were to be awarded Honorary Membership of OSWA and thanked them for their many contributions to OSWA. The OSWA by-laws will be changed to include a statement indicating that when a member is awarded Life Membership, their spouse will become an Honorary Member.
- **Manning Senior Citizens Centre (MSCC):** K Baylis and R McGrath described the facilities available at the MSCC for meetings and other functions, and costs. After brief discussion there was unanimous agreement that OSWA have general meetings, potting workshop, etc at the MSCC. The move requires that 30 OSWA members become financial members of the MSCC (\$15 p.a., to be paid by OSWA), and at each meeting, each OSWA attendee contributes \$1 (to cover tea/coffee/biscuits supplied by MSCC). Arrangements to move OSWA functions from the Collins St Hall and the Scout Hall to the MSCC would be made as soon as possible, but the Winter Show would proceed at the Scout Hall for this year.
- K Baylis thanked C Bielby and R McCallum for bring supper supplies for the last several meetings and encouraged other members to help in this area too. M Baker confirmed that the sandwiches at the meeting were very good.
- Inter-Society Display and Workshop: Members wishing to attend the dinner (\$50 per person) to advise and pay I Duncan asap and definitely before 10 July.
- **Badges:** The "Door Prize" at monthly meetings will become the "Badge Prize" in future. Members must be wearing their badge to be eligible to win. Badges should also be worn at the Inter-Society Display and Workshop (badge identifies club members and guarantees free entry).

**Raffle:** R Pohl, J Krishnan (x2)

**Popular Vote:**

**Open:** Blc Plumb Island "Newberry", owner C Rogasch.

**Novice:** *Cattleya* unknown, owners M&A Davis

**Door Prize:** R Pohl

**Meeting Closed** at 9:30 pm

Below is the road map for Manning, showing the Activity Centre (Manning Senior Citizens Centre) at No.3 Downey Drive, Manning, for meetings from August onwards. This map can also be found at <http://tinyurl.com/oswa-meeting> or <http://tinyurl.com/orchidsocietywa>

