

Birthdays: May: June: 2nd Tom Seaman, 9th Fred Herbert, Edna Burgess, 17th Maggie Longmore,
July: 1st Kevin Butler, 15th Dana Mitchell, 16th Maureen Grantham, 18th Roy Brown
 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: Sophie Hammersley, Warwick; Leo Waters, Wembley
 Welcome & we hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

General News:

- **September Meeting:** This will be held on 3rd Friday (18th 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:** South Perth Scout Hall 18th – 19th July 2015. Ernest Johnson Oval, Pilgrim Street, South Perth (on the edge of the Oval, behind the South Perth Community Hospital, off South Tce, S Perth).
 Set up Saturday 18th July 2015 8.00am to 9.15am with Judging from 9.30am to 11.30am
 Public Open Times: Saturday 18th 12.00 to 4.00pm, Sunday 19th July 9.00am to 3.30pm
- **26th 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 1st August must be paid at this month's General Meeting. Cost of the Dinner is \$50.00 pp to be paid to Ian Duncan. If unable to attend June meeting, please contact Ian Duncan on 9364 5439. If you will have suitable plants for entering in each section, please contact Ian or Kaye either by phone or at the Winter Show
- **Meeting Venue:** At the June Meeting we wish to discuss a possible change of General Meeting Venue, to the Manning Activity Centre, Manning- much easier to access from North, East & South of the river. If we do go ahead then the Workshop would also be held there.
- **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 29th (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. Not all of our members are familiar with each other, so it is made easier if you are wearing a badge. 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 26th Inter Society Display & Workshop during the day you must be wearing your OSA Badge.**

2015 CALENDER of SHOW EVENTS: All dates are confirmed

- **Winter Show:** South Perth Scout Hall 18th – 19th July 2015, Set up Saturday 18th July
- **Inter Society Orchid Display & Workshop:** Craigie Leisure Centre 1st – 2nd August
- **Tropical Colours Nursery Visit:** August 29th 2015 (to be confirmed)
- **Spring Show:** Kardinya Park Shopping Centre 2nd – 5th September, Set up Tues 1st September
- **Royal Show:** 26th September – 3rd October 2015, Set up Friday 25th September
- **Potting Workshop:** Scout Hall, South Perth Sunday 18th October 2015 (venue may change)
- **Orchids in Paradise:** Mackay QLD 18th to 23rd September 2015

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MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (May 2015)**OPEN:**

Class IA (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer.	Sophronitis cernua
Class 1B (5)	1. Edna Burgess.	Lc Angel Heart "Pink Cloud"
	2. Edna Burgess.	C Hawaiian Wedding Song "Virgin"
	3. Edna Burgess.	Lc Angel Heart "Pink Cloud"
Class 1C (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer.	C Monte Elegante "Richard"
Class 1F (1)	1. Courtney Rogasch.	C guttata var leopoldii L.purpurata x sanguinea mentzil
Class 4B (2)	1. Ian Duncan.	D. Burana Candy x D. Chao Praya Gem
	2. Ian Duncan.	D. Chad Praya Sweets x D. Sumsak
Class 6D (1)	1. Courtney Rogasch.	Onc. maculata x Odm. cordatum
Class 7A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer.	Trichoglottis brachiata
Class 9B (1)	1. Courtney Rogasch.	Sarc. falcatus
Class 10B (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer.	Bulbophyllum echinolabrum
Class 11B (1)	1. Ian Duncan.	Zgna. zest "Spring Green" x ZB x Elfin Jade "Jester"

NOVICE:

Class 15B (4)	1. Jack Krishman.	C. Pastoral Innocence
	2. Valerie Cooper.	C. Kalli Blue x Deft Beauty
	3. Gloria Talbot.	Lc. G Roebling "Blue Magic"
Class 18C (1)	1. Ian Sutton.	Den.Tan Kan Flow x Blue Ribbon
Class 25B (2)	1. Gloria Talbot.	Name Unknown
	2. Rod Pohl.	Z. (seagulls landing "arturelle") x Z "arturelle"

SCHOKMAN TROPHY: C. Pastoral Innocence 72 points owner Jack Krishman.

POPULAR VOTE:

OPEN: C. Hawaiian Wedding Song, owners Mike & Edna Burgess

NOVICE: C. Pastoral Innocence, owner Jack Krishman.

Galvanized Mesh Shadehouses for Sale

Steve Johnson (ph. 0417 330 542; stevosteve1@hotmail.com) has two shadehouses for sale. They are of the type made of galvanized mesh, and include built in shelves and covers.

Sizes: small one, 2.4 m long x 1.8 m wide x 1.8 m high; asking price \$500 or best offer.

large one, 4.6 m long x 3.5 m wide x 2.6 m high; asking price \$1000 or best offer.

The shadehouses can be dis-assembled using a screwdriver, spanner, ladder, and small bolt cutters. Once dis-assembled, they can be easily transported on a trailer, and reassembled easily on a level site. It is a job that can be managed by two people. The prices are very reasonable, and negotiable. Anyone interested in these shadehouses, please contact Steve directly.



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CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JUNE /JULY 2015) by Roy Brown

This month, the early flowering Cymbidiums will be in flower. Others will have flower buds showing through the protective sheath on the stem. Once they reach the stage where the flower buds are visible, it's time to move the plants out of the shade house and into the flowering section, where more protection can be given to them. Heavy rain or hail can chip the soft buds and so leave a permanent mark. Also strong winds can cause the leaves to rub on the flowers, and this too will cause a blemish.

Cymbidiums like to grow in a position where there is plenty of free air movement, so don't completely enclose the flowering section like a glass house. This could be the reason for bud drop. Give them protection from the heavy winds and also close off the sides that face the strongest winds. Don't over crowd your plants, if possible give them plenty of room between each pot.

During July we can expect cold, wet wintry weather. Fertilising can be tapered off to once a fortnight. Watering will also depend on the weather, but don't allow the pots to become dry, particularly those in spike and under cover. Keep the flowering house and shade houses well baited with slug and snail pellets, particularly now that the flower buds are showing.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JUNE/JULY 2015) from notes of the late Henry Eaton

With the onset of cold wintry weather, the foremost consideration is adjusting cultural practice to the cold. Orchid growth slows with the cold so the need for watering decreases and the use of fertilisers becomes a minor concern, unless your plants are being grown in a heated greenhouse.

If your plants are grown in an open but covered area to protect them from the rain, all shading, if not already, should be removed. This helps to warm the plants to some degree on sunny days, and helps flowers opening now, to do so with true colours. Heavily shaded plants appear to open flowers with less brightness in them.

Due to the cold and dampness in the air, flowers are more likely to get infected with botrytis spores with the appearance of black spots on the petals. This can be averted to some degree by keeping the air moving gently over the plants with the use of a fan, and avoiding crowding plants too close together. If the structure in which you grow your plants, permits using hangers, pots hung up give plants more space for flowers to open without obstruction and better air movement.

Flowering plants should also be closely observed for caterpillars and thrips that will damage them if left untreated. Also make sure you have baits spread around to neutralize the snails and slugs that appear with the rain. When watering, choose a forecasted sunny day to do so. This will allow the plants to dry out by nightfall and no water remains in the leaf axils, which could induce rot. It is also probably wise to wait until the sun is shining into your garden before watering, as by then the water in the pipes may have warmed up to some degree. Avoid all potting activities, unless not doing so might kill the plant.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (JUNE/JULY 2015) by Trevor Burnett

With the cooler months upon us, watch you're watering just to keep the plants moist, but never leave them wet. Always water in the morning to ensure the plants are dry by nightfall. I, personally reduce my watering back further to once every 14 days, but may give additional watering if the weather is fine and sunny for 6-8 days in a row. Hopefully, a good proportion of our plants will be showing flower spikes. Continue staking plants using wire, meat skewers or small thin bamboo stakes.

This time of the year you start to enjoy the fruits of your previous 12 months work, with some of the early flowers now being fully developed and in full bloom. If you are missing out on a great display starting to appear, now is the time to review your culture over the last 12 months and make any necessary changes to ensure a great show next year. The smaller, un-flowered plants will still require a fertilizer on a fortnightly or monthly basis- ¼ to ½ strength to keep the growth moving forward.

If you intend to get the plants ready for the various shows, this is the time to spend cleaning up the plants by removing any dead leaves and cleaning any dust from the leaves. Growers may use different methods to make their plant leaves look fresh and glistening, some by the use of white oil, but I personally believe a little common milk with water wiped over the leaves does a wonderful job without that oily look.

At this time of the year, most growers do not water plants overhead due to the possible marking of flowers for shows, and is sound practice if time permits. I do water overhead, but after watering I ensure the pouch is emptied of water and excess water is not left on the remainder of the plant. This can easily be achieved by gently tapping the flower.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)
Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth,
on 22 May 2015

Welcome: Mrs R McGrath (acting for President Mrs K Baylis who was away) opened the meeting at 7:32 pm welcoming visitors & members.

Apologies: As per register.

Speaker: Murray Baker, *Odd things to do while repotting.*

Break for tea and popular vote.

Minutes: Moved V Cooper, seconded R Pohl that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business arising: Nil.

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

Correspondence:

- Email from Tony Watkinson about pre-ordering plants for collection at Intersociety Display and Workshop (links on OSWA webpage)
- Email from K Dawson (ph 9364 5832) seeking Oncidium Gower Ramsay 'Lemion Heart' or similar.
- Email from G Judge (Murdoch; gemjudge@hotmail.com) seeking someone for help with phalaenopsis orchids
- Email from Indika Abeygunaratne (Sri Linka) seeking any sort of assistance for starting an orchid nursery (\$, plants, expertise)
- Email exchange with David and Liz (Orchidup Nursery) planning their visit in July.
- From Jim Shaughnessy, AOC President's monthly newsletter, requests list of recommended speakers for a list to go onto the AOC website for clubs to use (confidential at this stage).
- Email (K Baylis) to David and Liz (Orchidup) inviting them to speak at an OSWA GM.
- Email exchange with Brian Klepzig (Neutrog) advising that OSWA wishes to proceed with agreement for endorsement of liquid Strike Back and make a bulk order of products for delivery in August.
- Email from hireabus.com.au advertising bus hire service
- To Brook, Stocklands Riverton, thank you letter and invoice for Autumn Show
- Email exchange with David Harmer (OCSA) re using one of his articles in our Bulletin, photos, and other stuff.
- Phone call from Steve Johnson offering two shadehouses and 30 orchids for sale
- 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 G Talbot seconded E Burgess that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: presented by I Duncan.

Confirmation: Moved R Pohl seconded J Krishnan, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

New Members: Robyn West, Kieran O'Hara, Sarah Livingstone.

Reports:

- **Autumn Show** (R McGrath): The show and display at Stockland Riverton Shopping Centre were relatively small this year but still much appreciated by the Centre's management and members of the public, and the sales table did well. Thank you to members who entered plants in the show and/or display and helped out at the sales table, and congratulations to the winners. Stocklands Riverton have requested that we hold the 2016 Autumn Show in their Centre again next year.
- **Visit to Northam** (I Duncan and M Godbeer): The visit to Northam Over 60s group was well received and Ian and Maxine were well-fed!

Raffle: R Pohl, Sue (visitor)

Popular Vote:

Open: *Cattleya* Hawaiian Wedding Song, owners M & E Burgess.

Novice: *Cattleya* Pastoral Innocence, owner J Krishnan

Door Prize: M Burgess

Meeting Closed at 8:55 pm

New Library Books

The Little Book of Australian Orchids An anthology of poems about Australian Native orchids published by the National Library of Australia

The Allure of Orchids author Mark A Clements a beautifully illustrated book about Australian Orchids

Magazines: AOC Orchids Australia

AOS American Orchid Magazine

Orchid Review

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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. Orchids can be ordered through Ray Clement prior to the Display & Workshop (deadline July 15th 2015). Orders will be delivered free to the Workshop except heavy or bulky items will incur a freight charge. They will bring extra plants for sale. For a list of plants, etc. go to www.tinoneeorchids.com

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 1st 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 10th July 2015.