

Birthdays: May: 7th Dorothy Walton, 9th Ellen Dixon,
June: 2nd Tom Seaman, 9th Fred Herbert, Edna Burgess, 17th Maggie Longmore,
 17th Liu Shea Pohl

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: Kieran O'Hara, Lynwood; Robyn West, Ballajura; Sarah Livingstone, Willetton
 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:

- **2015 Autumn Show:** Stocklands Riverton 6th – 9th May 2015. A special thank you to all who participated in setting up, judging, manning the Sales Table & taking down of the Show. Reports from the Shopping Centre were very favourable even though the Display was smaller than usual. The Centre has invited us to return there next year. "A wonderful lead up to Mother's Day" was the general comment. Congratulations to all Prize Winners.
- **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.
- **Shadehouses for Sale:** Murray has been contacted by a gentleman who has two shadehouses he needs to dispose of fairly urgently. He has suggested a price of a five hundred dollars or so, which seems to be very good value for either shadehouse. The shadehouses are the type made of cyclone fencing mesh and have some built in shelves. Dimensions are:
 - small one: 2.4 m long x 1.8 m wide x 1.8 m high
 - large one: 4.6 m long x 3.5 m wide x 2.6 m high
 These sound like excellent shadehouses, and if Murray had space in his yard you would not be receiving this notice because he would be taking them for himself!
 The shadehouses can be dis-assembled using a screwdriver, spanner, a ladder, and small bolt cutters. Once dis-assembled they can be easily transported on a trailer, and reassembled easily on a level site. Murray has done this before...it is a straightforward job for two people.
 If interested in either shadehouse, please contact: Steve Johnson 0417 330 542

2015 CALENDER of SHOW EVENTS: All dates except Royal Show 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
- **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 (confirmed)
- **Orchids in Paradise:** Mackay QLD 18th to 23rd September 2015

The OSWA Bulletin (and other information) is now available at www.orchidsocietywa.net.au

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

Class 1A (1)	1. Courtney Rogasch	<i>C. bowringiana</i>
Class 1B (5)	1. Ian Duncan	B.C. Tribute "Independence Day"
	2. Courtney Rogasch.	Blc. Lois McNeil Blue Boy "Taida"
	3. Peter Kissell	George King "Serenpity"
Class 1E (1)	1. Ian Duncan	C.Portiata "Mel"
Class 2D (1)	1. Courtney Rogasch	Cym.Enzan Summer"Sunshine"
Class 4D (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den.Chao Praya "Moonlight"
Class 6B (1)	1.P & S Masters.	Ane Golden Harvest x River of Gold
Class 6D (3)	1.P & S Masters.	Brsen. Pagan Lovesong "Ruby Charles"
	2. Ian Duncan	Pyp Mariposa "Green Valley"
	3. Courtney Rogasch.	Milt. Miltonia x <i>bluntii</i>

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Class 20A (1)	1. Meg Donald	<i>Onc flexusum</i>
Class 22A (1)	1. Ann & Mal Davis	<i>D.bigibbium</i> "Alba" x Self
Class 25A (1)	1. Peggy Stacy	<i>Zygopetalum</i> name unknown

Schokman Trophy: Ian Duncan Bc Tribute Independence Day.

POPULAR VOTE;

Open: Ian Duncan.	<i>Bulb. echinolabium</i>
Novice: Ann & Mal Davis.	<i>D.bigibbum</i> "Alba" x Self

Autumn Championship Orchid Show Results

Grand Champion: Degarmoara Winter Wonderland owner George Price

Reserve Champion: *Dendrochilum cobbianum* owner Maxine Godbeer

Champion Laeliinae Alliance: C. Angel Heart "Pink Cloud" owners Jim and Kaye Baylis

Best Dendrobeae: Den. (Hot Lips x Karanda Classic) x Den. Asternova Storm owner Ian Duncan

Best Cymbidium: *Cym. erythrostylum*

Best Paphiopedilum: *Paph. charlesworthii* owners Murray & Arni Baker

Best Phalaenopsis: *Phal. fasciata* owner Maxine Godbeer

Best Oncidinae: Degarmoara Winter Wonderland owner George Price

Best Vandaeae: *Angraecum distichum* owner Maxine Godbeer

Best Any Other Genera: *Dendrochilum cobbianum* owner Maxine Godbeer

Best Species: *Dendrochilum cobbianum* owner Maxine Godbeer

Best Specimen: *Dendrochilum cobbianum* owner Maxine Godbeer

Best Novice Entry: Den. *bigibbum* var. alba owners Malcolm and Ann Davis

AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry: *Catasetum Jumbo Bound* owner Maxine Godbeer

Best Junior Entry: *Zigo mackayi* owner Dana Mitchell

Congratulations go to all winners – a beautiful Display of orchids

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

During May some of the early flowering Cymbidiums will be in flower. Others will have flower buds showing through the protective sheaths on the stem. Once they reach the stage where flower buds are visible, it's time to move the plants out of the shade house and into the flowering house, where more protection can be given them. Heavy rain or hail can chip the soft buds and leave a permanent mark. Also strong winds can cause the leaves to rub on the flower 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 house like a glass house. This could be the reason for bud drop. Give them overhead protection from the heavy rain and also close off the sides that face the strongest winds. Don't overcrowd your plants, if possible give them plenty of room between each pot. By the end of May we can expect cold, wet wintery weather. Watering will depend on the weather but don't let the pots become dry, particularly those in spike, and those under cover. Keep the shade house and flowering house well baited with Baysol pellets for slugs and snails, particularly now that flower buds are showing.

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

Autumn weather has at last been established with cool nights and warm days. This has meant that plants that flower in the autumn have begun to do so with plenty of blooms. As always, culture of your plants will be dependent on the prevailing weather. Because of the cold there will be a slowing of activity in the plant, so watering needs will lessen and fertilization can be reduced to once a month or so. This is not a good time for repotting unless the mix in the pot has deteriorated badly, or new roots are being formed over the edge of the pot. In the latter instance, an alternative is to place the whole plant in a larger pot without disturbing the mix, and fill the remaining space with moist, fresh mix. Repotting can then be completed in the spring. The other method is to place a pot full of mix beneath the roots spilling over so they can establish themselves and not be air pruned, as would otherwise occur. As the intensity of the sun now declines, all shading can be removed and the plants will benefit from the increased light and warmth. To protect the flowers from spotting with Botrytis, try and maintain a good flow of air around the plants by hanging them up or having a fan blowing gently over them. The flowers also need protection from snails and slugs by placing baits in the pots and near the flower sheath. Also keep water off the flowers by hand watering into the pot and growing the flowering plants where they are out of reach of the rain. After flowering, plants can be grown in an area where they can experience a rest period during which they receive little or no water, until they show signs of activity again with the appearance of new roots or a swelling of the bud at the base of the pseudo bulb.

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

Similar growing conditions as last month and as the conditions cool, reduced watering will be necessary. I personally, reduce my watering further to once every 10 days, but am always mindful that we could still get some of those unexpected hot days, when watering may have to be adjusted. We would need to get 3-4 hot days in a row before I would adjust my watering programme. We should be seeing a good proportion of our plants now producing spikes. The early flowering types will be well advanced and should be staked to prevent twisting and breakage, as the spikes will be soft and not fully set to support the flower. The plant's growth will have started to slow considerably on the flowering plants, as all the effort is now being channelled into supporting the flowers. Fertiliser programmes need to be adjusted to a fertilizer with less Nitrogen and more Phosphate and Potassium, to improve the strength and quality of the flowers. The smaller, un-flowered plants will still require a fertilizer at 1/4 to 1/2 strength, on a fortnightly or monthly basis, to keep the growth moving forward. With more buds appearing weekly, continue staking plants using meat skewers, wire stakes or thin bamboo canes. If you decide to use wire, ensure the top is turned over to help protect your eyes from getting poked when working with the plants. If you are moving plants to a different area to flower, ensure they are returned to the same orientation to the previous light source. Turning plants can cause flower stems to become twisted, spoiling the effect if you wish to enter them in the various shows. My tip for the month is: If you are growing the plants without heat during the winter (as I do), keep the plants drier than usual as wet, cold conditions are often fatal to roots.

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

Welcome: The President Mrs K Baylis opened the meeting at 7:36 pm welcoming visitors & members.

Apologies: As per register.

Speakers: **R McGrath:** Entering Plants in Shows. **K Baylis:** Floral art.

Break for tea and popular vote.

Minutes: Moved R McGath, seconded K Bayliss that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Carried.

Business arising: Nil.

Confirmation: Moved R McCallum, seconded P Kissell that the business arising has been resolved.

Carried

Correspondence:

- Garden Clubs (insurance certificate and policy details)
- From AOC, President's newsletter.
- From myopengarden.com.au email about gardens open in May
- From Stewart McPherson, promoting his orchid tour to Borneo from 30/7/2015 - 14/8/2015
- Thank you email from Brian Klepzig
- Email exchange with Kylie from Flower Bazaar re alternatives to Floraplant for supply of phalaenopsis
- Email exchange with Fleur Henson re advert in Little Aussie directory
- Email exchange with Jess McMorrow re books to purchase from National Library (books in OSWA library today)
- From Dept of Transport re trailer rego
- City of Cockburn (updating our contact details etc)
- From Rod Shoesmith, Mackay AOC conference newsletter
- From Tony Watkinson, info about Intersociety Orchid Display and Workshop
- 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 M Donald seconded A Davis that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

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

Confirmation: Moved K Baylis seconded R McGrath, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

New Member: V Campbell.

Reports:

- **Shed Cleanup:** K Baylis thanked all who helped out to clean up the shed and load the trailer.
- **Home Open:** K Baylis reported that the home open at the Waltons' residence was a great day. Thank you to John and Dorothy, and to Malcolm who did the BBQ.

General Business:

- **Facebook Page:** K Bayliss encouraged members to take a look at the new OSWA Facebook page. Facebook is likely to be a more effective way of attracting a younger audience than our standard web page.
- **Gardens Club Calendars** are now for sale for just \$5.
- The new protocol for General Meetings is that a table will be set up at the entrance for the attendance book and raffle ticket sales.

Raffle for bringers of supper supplies: L Stronach

Raffle for people who paid for raffle tickets: M Baker, N Jones

Popular Vote:

Open: *Bulbophyllum echinolabium*, owner I Duncan.

Novice: *Dendrobium bigibbum* alba. owners M & A Davis (to collect raffle plant next meeting)

Door Prize: R Wood (to collect plant next meeting)

Meeting Closed at 9:10 pm



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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

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 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. 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.