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**NEXT MEETING** of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the **Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre**, Manning, on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015**, commencing at **7.30pm**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

**DEFLASKING CATTLEYA ORCHIDS**

WITH JOHN WALTON & KIRSTY BAYLISS

**OCTOBER MEETING DATES:**

Judging Panel	October 5th
OSWA Committee	7.30 pm Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.
General Meeting	7.30 pm Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.

**NB From Aug 2015 - New Venue- refer p2**

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**Birthdays: September:** 6<sup>th</sup> Alan Prosser, 14<sup>th</sup> Bob Longmore

**October:** 5<sup>th</sup> Nathan Carless, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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) Deflasking of Cattleya orchids which may be purchased for \$2.00 each.  
There are two hybrids available:  
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Chomthong Fancy x (Chia Lin x Suriyon Sunset), and  
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Williette Wong x Yen Twentyfour Carat x Rhyncholaeliocattleya Samui Magic.  
Chomthong Fancy, Chia Lin, Williette Wong, Yen Twentyfour Carat, and Suriyon Sunset are all large, well shaped flowers, and pictures of them are easy to find on the internet.
- **Tropical Colours Nursery Visit:** Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup>. This event was very well attended & members were amazed at the beautiful display of orchids. Another visit is planned for March 2016.
- **2015 Spring Show:** Kardinya Park Shopping Centre. A beautiful Display of orchids. There were 105 entries. Many thanks & congratulations to those who entered plants & manned the Show. OSWA has been asked to return again next year.
- **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.
- **Neutrog Orders: Reminder** OSWA will be submitting a bulk order in September. 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 Collection:** Ordered 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.
- **Perth Royal Show:** Display at Claremont Showgrounds Set up 25th 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 19th October Workshop, 10.00am until 4.00pm; Plants potted, sales, talks, display. Speakers & helpers needed.
- **Christmas Meeting** will be on the 2nd Friday, 11th December at 7.30pm. Presentation of trophies and Christmas Festivities. Members to bring a plate of finger food to share. Drinks are supplied by OSWA.
- **Annual Christmas Dinner** Saturday 5 December 2015 at RAAF Bull Creek. Further information will be in the next Bulletin.

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

- **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
- **Annual Christmas Dinner:** RAAF 5<sup>th</sup> December
- 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 **OSWA Anniversary** –keep these dates free

**MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (August 2015)**

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

**OPEN:****NOVICE:**

15D (2)	1. Valerie Cooper	Blc Hadvai Delight x Blc Srisil Gold
	2. Ian Sutton	Golden Digger
15C (3)	1. Valerie Cooper	Cat. San Yan Ruby "Grand Dragon" AM/AOS
	2. Gloria Talbot	Blc. Tan Khim Ser Lc Trick or Treat x S Purpurata
	3. Rod Pohl	Blc Tallia Bowden Painted World x (Blc Tribute x Mem Crispin "Rosales")
17A (1)	1. Rod Pohl	Paph insigne
17B (1)	1. Rod Pohl	Paph Henrietta Fujinara
17D (1)	1. Rod Pohl	Paph Michelle Tan (Winston Creek x Winston Churchill)
22A (1)	1. Ian Sutton	Den. speciosum
22B (2)	1. Chris Sloan	Den. delicatum
	2. Gloria Talbot	Den. Hawkinsara Koolau Sunset "Hawaii"
25B (1)	1. Gloria Talbot	Z Advance Australia "Cutie" x Helen-Ku "Black as Black"

**POPULAR VOTE:**

Open

Novice. Valerie Cooper

Blc Hadvai Delight x Blc Srisil Gold

**SCHOKMAN TROPHY:** Valerie Cooper Blc Hadvai Delight x Blc Srisil Gold 66 points.**JIM GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY:****RESULTS KARDINYA SPRING SHOW**

1. <b>Champion Cymbidium:</b>	Cym. Bulbarrow "Our Midge" owner Meg Donald
2. <b>Best Laeliinae Alliance:</b>	Bl. Yellowbird owner Merril Brechin
3. <b>Best Paphiopedilum:</b>	Paph. Berenice owners Tony & Sandy Budrovich
4. <b>Best Dendrobaea (exc. Aust Nat.):</b>	Den. Chela Color's FCA owner Ian Duncan
5. <b>Best Australian Native:</b>	Den. Jonathan's Glory "Dark Joy" owner George Price
6. <b>Best Oncidinae:</b>	Otdm. Bluntiosum owners Jack & Betty Rensen
7. <b>Best Vandaeae:</b>	Ang. Vietchii owner Rosemary McGrath
8. <b>Best Phalaenopsis:</b>	Phal. Little Mary Queen owners Jack & Betty Rensen
9. <b>Best Any Other Genera:</b>	Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice owner Maxine Godbeer
10. <b>Grand Champion:</b>	Paph. Berenice owners Tony & Sandy Budrovich
11. <b>Reserve Champion:</b>	Otdm. Bluntiosum owners Jack & Betty Rensen
12. <b>Best Australian Native Species:</b>	Den. speciosum owner Ian Duncan
13. <b>Best Australian native Orchid Hybrid:</b>	Den. Jonathan's Glory "Dark Joy" owner George Price
14. <b>Best Specimen:</b>	Blc. Hadvai Delight x Srisil Gold owner Valerie Cooper
15. <b>Best specimen Aust. Nat. Hybrid or Species:</b>	Den. speciosum owner Ian Duncan
16. <b>Best Aust. Nat. Hybrid Seedling:</b>	Den. Elegant Heart x Den. speciosum
17. <b>Best Cymbidium Entry in Novice:</b>	Cym. Bulbarrow "Our Midge" owner Meg Donald
18. <b>Best Novice Entry:</b>	Cym. Bulbarrow "Our Midge" owner Meg Donald
19. <b>AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry:</b>	Phal. Little Mary Queen owners Jack & Betty Rensen
20. <b>Best Floral Entry:</b>	Floral Arrangement in a container Meg Donald
21. <b>Best Phragmipedium:</b>	Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice owner Maxine Godbeer

**CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015) 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 2015) 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 or Strikeback before commencing its normal feeding after 3-4 weeks.

**PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015) by 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 held at the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on 28 August 2015

**Welcome:** Mrs K Baylis opened the meeting at 7.30pm welcoming visitors, members. All members present were very impressed with the facilities & comfort of the new venue. A very relaxing evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

**Apologies:** As per register.

**Meeting Item:** John Carless. Australian Native Dendrobium Culture

- Plants are grown under a maximum of 70% shade cloth as they need plenty of light for maximum flowering
- It is advisable to give as many hours of sunlight as possible – 2-4 hours is insufficient
- When repotting 8 – 10mm bark is preferable & repot at least every 2 years
- Fertilizing – John uses the 9months Osmocote slow release & the use of Seasol or Seamungus is beneficial depending on what the growers preference is (liquid or slow release)
- When watering in Summer do so every evening or in Winter once a week
- Don't forget the snail pellets as slugs & snails delight in ruining the foliage & flowers

**Break for tea and popular vote.**

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

**Carried.**

**Business arising:** Nil.

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

**Carried**

**Correspondence:**

- Email exchange with Neutrog re product endorsement, arrangements for advertising in Bulletin, etc, and copy of signed agreement returned by post.
- Thank you card sent to David Edmonds (Orchidup) for his contribution at the July GM
- Email from Rod Shoesmith about Mackay AOC conference.
- From Coralie Hills (AOC) requesting club details for Associations insurance policy (details provided by R McGrath, I Duncan and M Baker)
- From Perth AV, quote for microphone headset + backpack + microphone other receiver
- Email Exchange with John Sowden (Garden Clubs Australia) regarding a potentially cheaper Associations insurance policy that may be available in 2016.
- From Daniel Coulton, email advertising launch of an online magazine "The Orchid Grower"
- From Bruce Larsen, about passing of David Edgell (former ANOS member)
- Email exchange with Andrew Davies (Radio National) about a program on endangered native orchids.
- From T Watkinson, about cancellation of NDOS winter show due to unavailability of venue.
- From D Gal, asking does anyone do cloning tissue culture in Perth.
- Email from Perufloora, about pre-ordering orchid flasks for Mackay Conference (last day 30 August)
- Email from Toni Benton about other vendors (Joseph Wu, Tenshin Gardens, Tropical Exotique) at Mackay.
- Responses to general email enquiries from members of the public.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

**Business arising:** T Burnett will be attending AOC Conference

**Confirmation:** Moved N Jones seconded R Pohl that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

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

**Confirmation:** Moved V Cooper, seconded N Jones, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

**New Members:**

**Reports:** Orchid Display & Workshop: Many thanks to all the helpers who assisted with the Display & to those who brought along plants for entry. OSWA won the Benched Plants Section. Congratulations to the Paph Club for winning the Display.

**Facebook Page:** Thanks to Kirsty Bayliss for setting it up. Since commencement there have been many hits. Also thanks to Kirsty for reorganising the OSWA Library. It is much appreciated.

**General Business:**

- **Facebook Page:** Thanks to Kirsty Bayliss for setting it up. Since commencement there have been many hits. Also thanks to Kirsty for reorganising the OSWA Library. It is much appreciated.
- Tropical Colours visit: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August Bus will leave Manning Menshed at 9.00am
- Kardinya Show: Set up Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept from 6.00pm, Plant Sales daily, Helpers needed.
- Royal Show: Set up 11.00am Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. Members are asked to please assist in bringing in plants for the Display & put names down to man the Show.
- Members were asked to keep Sunday 11/9/16 clear, for OSWA's 70th anniversary celebrations. There is a possibility that we will celebrate with a Dinner at the Manning Senior Citizens Centre on Saturday evening of the 10/11/16 more information in the future.

**Raffle:** R McGrath D74, I Sutton E53, V Cooper D81 Special Raffle-Challenge Plants Gloria TalbotE100

**Supper donor award:**

**Popular Vote: Open:** None

**Novice:** BLC Hadvai Delight x Srisil Gold owner Valerie Cooper

**Badge Prize: No 25** Kirsty Bayliss

**Meeting Closed** at 9.00pm



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