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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 23 September, 2016**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

DEFLASKING ORCHIDS  
KIRSTY BAYLISS

**OCTOBER MEETING DATES:**

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 7th  
General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 28th

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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.

**New Members**

Welcome to Mrs Merle Taylor & Mrs Beverley Randozzo (Spearwood) and Eric & Jacqui Bateman (Leeming). We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

**OSWA 70th Anniversary Dinner (10 September 2016)**

Fine food and good company was enjoyed by all who attended. During the proceedings, Kaye presented certificates of appreciation to Caterina Ottobriano and Arni Baker, for their work for OSWA this year. Thank you to Trevor and Barbara Burnett for organising the evening's entertainment and raffle. For the occasion, Trevor also produced a 50 page booklet "*Orchid Growing in Perth*", which included some historical notes about OSWA and over 40 pages of notes about orchid culture. Everyone who attended received a copy. Pasquale and Caterina Ottobriano won most of the raffle draws but generously donated their winning tickets to less fortunate punters.

A special thank you to the companies who donated raffle prizes:

**FloraPlant Nursery** ([www.floraplant.com.au](http://www.floraplant.com.au))

**Garden City Plastics** ([www.gardencityplastics.com](http://www.gardencityplastics.com))

**Neutrog** ([www.neutrog.com.au](http://www.neutrog.com.au))

**Weld West Supplies**, Guilford (ph. 9277 3288)

**Whistler's Chocolate Co.** ([www.whistlers.com.au](http://www.whistlers.com.au))

**Our next bulk order of Neutrog products**

**N.B.** Any members wishing to purchase Neutrog products should ensure payment & completed forms are sent to Kirsty Bayliss by 24<sup>th</sup> September. Anticipated delivery date is 15<sup>th</sup> October. Purchases will be available for collection after that date. If you are having trouble emailing forms back to Kirsty, that may be because gremlins caused some of the forms to be sent out with incorrect email details. Kirsty's correct email address is: [kirstylbayliss@gmail.com](mailto:kirstylbayliss@gmail.com)

**It is time to bring the Trophies back!**

Could members who are holding the trophies please return them by the October General Meeting, as they need to be engraved during November, before our Christmas Meeting and presentation night. If you wish to polish them please use Silvo. Thanks to those who have already returned them.

**Orchids for Sale**

Jean & John Wells contacted the Society to let us know that they have approximately 30 plants for sale. Contact them on 9337 9063 for more details.

**Kardinya Spring Show**

We had a beautiful display this year. Thank you to the many set-up helpers, especially Lynn, Caterina, and Meg, and to all who took turns watching over the display and the sales table from Wednesday to Saturday. Congratulations to the winners.

**Potting Workshop: Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre**

The workshop will be held on Sunday 23rd October, 10 am until 4 pm. Plants will be potted, there will be sales of orchids and orchid-related paraphernalia, there will be talks, a display, scones and other snacks. Speakers & helpers needed. Contact Kaye if you are willing to give a short talk on the day. This is an excellent event for anyone wishing to learn more about potting and other aspects of orchid culture (and members get in for free!).

### Deflasking at the September General Meeting

We have two flasks: *Dendrobium* Red Dragon and *Phalaenopsis* Hsinying Fortune 'Fortune Star' (Chian Xen Queen x Salu Peoker). Kirsty will demonstrate deflasking techniques and members will be able to purchase and pot plantlets for \$2 each; pots and potting mix will be supplied.



*Phalaenopsis* Hsinying Fortune 'Fortune Star'



*Dendrobium* Red Dragon

### Orchid Books free to good home

Three old orchid books have been offered: *Home Orchid Growing* by Rebecca Tyson Northen (1950), *Orchids and How to Grow Them* by Adelaide C Willoughby (1950) and *Orchids in Australia* by Fred Moulen (1958). From the titles, the books sound like they would be most suitable for new growers. Old orchid books often have interesting ideas that have been forgotten about and are well worth a read. The books are in good condition. Contact Murray if you would like any of these books.

### Royal Show

Unfortunately OSWA will not be putting on a display at the Perth Royal Show this year. Rather than having the orchid display in the usual hall with the district displays, this year the Show organisers required the orchid display to be held in a marquee, which is not suitable for display of orchids over an extended period.

### Plant Sales at General Meetings

Anyone selling plants at general meetings must fill in plant sales slips and attach them to the plants so that the staff at the Sales Table know who the plants belong to.

Also, please note that the Sales Table will only be operating during the supper break.

### Redundant Equipment

OSWA has a Samsung CLP550 colour laser printer that is surplus to requirements. The printer worked the last time it was tested, but it is quite old, quite bulky, and out of toner, and toner cartridges are hard to find. Anyone interested in taking the printer, please contact Murray Baker.

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### CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016) - 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 Cattleyas 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 2016) by Trevor Burnett**

As I discussed last month you should now be ensuring that, by the end of October, you have completed 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.

### **CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016) 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.

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### **Minutes of the General Meeting of The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.) held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on 26 August 2016**

(Recorded by R McGrath)

**Welcome:** The President Mrs Kaye Baylis opened the meeting at 7.30 pm welcoming members & visitors. Apologies as per register.

**Meeting Item:** Apologies from Dr Aaron Maxwell who was unable to attend. A very interesting plant discussion was held instead. After the meeting Eric Bateman, Garden Clubs of Australia Webmaster, spoke about GCA website & activities including the Photographic Competition.

**Break for tea and popular vote** - after the business of the GM

**Minutes:** Moved R Pohl, seconded L Brooks that the Minutes of the previous July meeting be accepted. Carried.

**Business arising:**

- Tropical Colours – a very enjoyable day
- Lady with orchids still has some available – see Kaye for phone number
- Wanneroo Auction – successful – a lot of Paphs

**Confirmation:** Moved L Brooks, seconded P Kissell that the business arising has been resolved. Carried.

**Correspondence:**

- Thank you email to Rick Winch and Lyn Harwood for their efforts organising the "Challenge" etc.
- Email from Carsten Hammer (German orchid grower and board member of European Orchid Council) enquiring about being guest at OSWA October GM.
- Sample calendar from Garden Clubs Australia, with order form.
- Email to WA orchid clubs about Neutrog bulk order.
- From Albert Maas, promoting his website of orchid photos ([www.globalorchids.info](http://www.globalorchids.info))
- Thank you email from Robert Boyd (Rosemary located and cleaned Nalder trophy, for him to photograph).
- Phone call from someone searching for Terry Rowlands – unknown at OSWA
- From National Library, about electronic deposition of publications Murray to check OSWA info if not updated then to list him as the contact.
- From Coralie Hills, AOC, Associations Insurance invoice. Payment sent.
- From Tony Watkinson, advising of passing of Don, partner of orchid judge Lee McNicol.
- Alyce Woodrow Riverton – photos of Autumn Show – sent
- Bridget Millar – new email – [mulgaland11@hotmail.com](mailto:mulgaland11@hotmail.com)
- Kirsty Bayliss re change of speaker at August GM - Dr Aaron Maxwell.
- 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:**

- ISD&W- OSWA came equal 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Benched Plants

**Confirmation:** Moved M Donald seconded R Pohl that Correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

**Financial Statement:** prepared by K Bayliss

**Confirmation:** Moved J Baylis, seconded L Pacca, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. Carried.

**New Members:** Ann Lam, Waterford; Kevin & Anne Ewing, Salter Point. Welcome back Judith Brabin.

**General Business:**

- Spring Show, Kardinya – Set up 30<sup>th</sup> August Show Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September – helpers & plants needed.
- Orchid Potting Workshop 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Speakers: Lynn Brooks to give talk on Mounted Orchids; Merril Brechin, Aust Natives; Malcolm Davis, Phallies; Courtney Rogasch? Ian Duncan? Edna Burgess? Cattleyas? Potters: Lynn Brooks, Lena Pacca, Peter Kissell, Edna Burgess? Sales Table: Ian Duncan, Rosemary McGrath, Caterina Ottobriano. Door: Kirsty Bayliss. Other helpers are needed.
- Change of September General Meeting Date to 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Saturday 10/9/16 clear, for OSWA's 70th anniversary celebrations. Names to go on the list if want to attend Dinner at Belmont Tavern \$40.00pp 6.30 pm start. Members voted to leave purchasing badges until 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Raffle:** Chris Sloan, Wanda Frantom, Jacqui Bateman (*plant to be collected next month*), Peter Kissell. Thanks to Graham Esmond & Rod Pohl for extra raffle plants.

**Popular Vote:**

**Open:** *C loddigesii* owner Maxine Godbeer

**Novice:** *Phrag.* Calurum Owner Rod Pohl

**Badge Prize:** Meg Donald

**Meeting Closed** at 9.14pm

## MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (August 2016)

## OPEN

1A	(1)	1	M Godbeer	<i>Cattleya loddigesii</i>
6B	(1)	1	M Godbeer	<i>Oncidium Taka x Oncidium enerianum</i>

## NOVICE

6D	1	1	J Krishnan	<i>Miltonidium ?</i>
8F	1	1	J Krishnan	<i>Cattleya Hawaiian Sunset</i>
11A	1	1	R Pohl	<i>Phragmipedium Calurum</i>
17A	1	1	R Pohl	<i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i>
17C	2	1	R Pohl	<i>Paphiopedilum Henriettan Fuji Wara</i>
		2	R Pohl	<i>Paphiopedilum Rowena (bellatulum x chamberlainianum)</i>
23B	1	1	R Pohl	<i>Dendrobium Tooloom</i>

## POPULAR VOTE

OPEN: M Godbeer	<i>Cattleya loddigesii</i>
NOVICE: R Pohl	<i>Phragmipedium Calurum</i>

JIM GRANTHAM TROPHY  
(*Phragmipedium*)

R Pohl	<i>Phragmipedium Calurum</i> (67 points)
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## KARDINYA SPRING SHOW RESULTS

Grand Champion	I Duncan	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i> La Paloma x Moon Flight
Reserve Champion	R Dalziell	<i>Dendrobium</i> Robbie McInnes "Fiesta"
Champion Cymbidium	C Rogasch	<i>Cymbidium</i> Noarlunga "Enfield"
Best Laeliinae	H Tan	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Dream Trader (Schokman Trophy: 77 points)
Best Paphiopedilum	J Steele	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Varuna
Best Australian Native	R Dalziell	<i>Dendrobium</i> Robbie McInnes "Fiesta"
Best Oncidinae	G Price	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby
Best Vandeae	I Duncan	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i> La Paloma x Moon Flight
Best Any Other Genera	G Price	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Conchiferum
Best Species – excluding Australian Native	I Duncan	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i> La Paloma x Moon Flight
Best Specimen – excluding Australian Native	I Duncan	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i> La Paloma x Moon Flight
Best Specimen Australian Native Hybrid or Species	R Dalziell	<i>Dendrobium</i> Robbie McInnes "Fiesta"
Best Seedling other than Cymbidium or Aust. Native	C Ottobriano	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> (Jersey x Anne Port) x self
Best Cymbidium Entry in Novice	M Donald	<i>Cymbidium</i> Bulbarrow "Our Midge"
Best Novice Entry	M Brechin	<i>Dendrobium</i> Burgundy x ( <i>Dendrobium</i> X <i>delicatum</i> )
AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry	C Rogasch	<i>Zygonaria</i> . Freestyle Meadows
Best Floral Entry	M Donald	
Best Phragmipedium	G Price	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Conchiferum (Jim Grantham Trophy: 71.7 points)