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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

SILENT AUCTION
AND
CASSEROLE NIGHT

AUGUST MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 11th
General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 25th

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Birthdays

July: 1st Kevin Butler, 15th Dana Mitchell, 16th Maureen Grantham

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 Howard Loosemore (Ardross). We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

The Sales Table at General Meetings and Shows

Recently there has been some confusion at the Sales Table due to special arrangements being made by members when buying or selling items. So that confusion can be avoided in future, please note:

- No credit can be extended to people buying stuff from OSWA or the Sales Table – goods can only be taken after they are paid for in full.
- If a member wishes to make a special arrangement (eg to sell an item to a specific buyer via prior agreement) then the seller should sell the item in a private sale and not through the Sales Table.

The Sales Table will now use an "OSWA members only" price list for general meetings and a "standard" price list at shows and the Potting Workshop. The intent here is to offer our very best prices only to OSWA members (who can buy stuff at general meetings) and offer competitive but slightly higher prices to the general public (who can buy stuff at shows but don't normally attend general meetings). To avoid confusion, at any given event, only the relevant price list will be used, so members wishing to buy stuff at the "OSWA members only" price must do so at a general meeting, since those prices will not be available to anyone, including OSWA members, at Shows or the Potting Workshop.

The Sales Table at General Meetings

Caterina Ottobriano has kindly volunteered to manage the Sales Table at general meetings. To minimise chaos during the early parts of general meetings, we ask that members please note:

- The Sales Table will only operate during the Supper Break.
- No plants are to be put aside (i.e., no "dibs") before the break.
- All plants for sale should be labelled with price tags before they are put on the Sales Table and sellers should supply a completed Plant Sales form to Caterina. Tagging should preferably be done at home, before the meeting. Tags and a copy of the Plant Sales form can be collected in advance at a general meeting or downloaded from OSWA's web page.
- OSWA usually receives 10% commission from the sales of plants at the sales table. However, on a trial basis until the end of the year, the **commission will be waived for sellers who have been members of OSWA for 5 years or longer** and who sell up to 10 plants at any given meeting. An eligible member wishing to take advantage of this trial should indicate on the Plant Sales form that they have been in OSWA for 5+ years.
- There is now a "OSWA members only" price list for the Sales Table at General Meetings (see above).

Showing Plants at OSWA Shows and Meetings

We all love to see fine orchids, so members are encouraged to bring orchids in flower to meetings and shows whenever possible. Please note that if you wish to enter an orchid into competition at a show or at a monthly meeting, you must have owned that orchid for at least 6 months. If you have a special orchid in flower but have not owned it for 6 months, you can still show it off at a monthly meeting or orchid show, but the plant should be labelled "For Display Only" and should not be submitted for judging.

July Meeting: Silent Auction and Casserole Night

Silent Auction: Please bring along plants (preferably orchids), orchid-related books and magazines, orchid-related paraphernalia, gardening tools, bottles of wine (full), etc., to donate for the silent auction. Donations will be grouped into lots for the auction. All proceeds go to OSWA. To avoid wet mess on the auction table, please do not water plants on the day of the auction.

Casserole Night: Please bring a casserole or sweet to share. Ovens will be available for re-heating casseroles if necessary. Tea and coffee will be available as usual. BYO fancy drinks.

WA Orchid Spectacular (WAOS)

- Rendezvous Hotel Perth, Scarborough.
- Setup will be from 7 am on Friday 4th August. Entries from 8-10 am.
- Open to the public Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August.
- For the latest information about WAOS (parking, lecture program, registration, tours, show schedule, catalogs from vendors etc) see the website: http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/WAOS_2017.htm.
- OSWA will be putting on a display at WAOS. If you expect to have orchids in flower that you can enter into the display, please send the names of the orchids to Kaye (kayejaybaylis@gmail.com; ph. 0400 205 090) or Trevor (tgburnett@bigpond.com, ph. 0428 570 986) to help them plan the display.
- Any plants entered into the competition for judging should be labelled with the number "10" under the pot (a wax pencil or certain types of marking pens are suitable for this purpose) so that after judging the plants can be moved to OSWA's display (which is display #10).
- OSWA will be coordinating the sales table at WAOS. Members who volunteer to do one or more shifts at the sales table will get free entry to the display and sales areas at WAOS (but not free registration). Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Kirsty Bayliss.

September Meeting: Deflasking

We will be having a demonstration of deflasking of orchid seedlings at the September General Meeting. Usually, members can purchase a freshly-deflasked seedling on the night, but the seedlings do not survive for very long. This time we plan to have the seedlings housed in a suitable growing room until they are well-established, and then make them available to members. Anyone who has a suitable growing area and would be willing to look after the seedlings for a month or so, please contact Lynn Brooks.

2018 AOC Conference

The next AOC conference will be held in South Windsor, close to the beautiful Blue Mountains, in NSW. See: <http://aocc2018.orchidsocietynsw.com.au>. Register before 31st December 2017 to take advantage of the Early-bird pricing.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2017) based on notes from 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 that they receive the proper shade conditions to bring 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 a bud at this stage will show up as a bad blemish on the flower sepals when the bud 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 2017) based on notes from Henry Eaton

July and August are usually the coldest months of the year. This seems to be holding true in 2016. 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.

Keep an eye out for plants in the shadehouse that have spent flowers. Spent flowers and flower sheaths should be removed with scissors or secateurs that are sterilised before use on each plant. At this time of year in particular, water that collects in old flower sheaths and stagnates can lead to rot that will result in loss of the pseudobulb.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2017) 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 one-quarter to one-half 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.

Minutes of the OSWA General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 23rd June 2017

Welcome: Courtney Rogasch opened the meeting at 7.35pm welcoming visitors, members.

Birthdays: June: 2nd Tom Seaman, 9th Fred Herbert, Edna Burgess, 17th Maggie Longmore
July: 1st Kevin Butler, 15th Dana Mitchell, 16th Maureen Grantham

Best wishes to anyone celebrating birthdays or anniversaries during June & July

Apologies: R McGrath & Ian Duncan + as per register.

New Members: Bruce Fehlauer & Sandra Hayes, Northam; Silvana Rueda-Saez, Willetton; Jo Wong, East Perth; Tara Peeters, Greenmount.

Meeting Item: Mounted Orchids presented by Lynn Brooks

Break for tea and popular vote.

Minutes: Moved P Kissell, seconded L Brooks that the Minutes of the April meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business arising:

- GM Schedule & Sales Forms are now online so Members can fill in before the GM

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

Correspondence:

- WAROO Draft Agenda for 18th June – Barbara Burnett to attend as OSWA Representative
- WOC22 – Equador this year – 15th July
- AOCC 18-22 July 2018 NSW Update
- Tinonee Open Day 9th July advert
- Account set up at Brunnings

Business arising: None

Confirmation: Moved L Brooks, seconded R Taylor that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: presented by K Bayliss.

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

Reports: WAROO, WAOS Display – Kaye Baylis reported on progress

General Business:

- **Bus Trip** to Ezi-Gro Orchids – Saturday July 1st – members going to put names on sheet
- **Home Open:** Sunday June 24th Baylis' 18 Weyland St, Willagee 10am \$5, bring salad or sweet
- **Winter Show:** Entries received from 6pm Friday 7th July in the Dining room, Judging from 7pm. Display area

set up Main Hall from 7.30pm. Show Saturday 8th July 10am -4pm Helpers needed - Kitchen & to talk to visitors

- **Northam Agricultural Show:** invitation to OSWA to put on a display Sept 9th – refer to Committee

- **Suggestions for talks at General Meetings:**

Raffle: Plants to be given next month. Jim Baylis, Leo Waters, Ann Lam (GoGo Juice), Trevor Burnett (Strikeback)

Popular Vote: Open: Paph. insigne var. sanderiae owner Tara Peeters

Novice: Blc. Bonza Clarke owner Jacqui Bateman

Badge Prize: 35 Malcolm Davis

Entering Plants: Courtney gave members an exercise for entering plants. Winner Table 5 & Table 1

Light bulb snippets:

Trevor: To stop ants from climbing up flower spike use vaseline.

Lynn: How to cover metal stakes with clear tubing to prevent rust.

Next General Meeting: Friday 28th July Silent Auction of plants (sort into about 35 lots) Casserole Night

Committee Meeting: Friday 14th July at 2 Morrish Place

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm

Results of the OSWA Winter Show, Manning Activity Centre, July 2017.

Champion Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Tokyo Magic "6-1" AM/AOS x <i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i> Cosmic Delite "SVO" HCC/AOS	Tom & Val Seaman
Best Cymbidium	<i>Cymbidium</i> One Tree Hill "Waikanae Canary"	Courtney Rogasch
Best Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Translie "Rock and Roll"	Howard Tan
Best Dendrobium (Excl. Aust. Natives)	<i>Dendrobium alexandrae</i> x <i>Dendrobium forbessii</i> "J&L"	Rosemary McGrath
Best Australian Native	<i>Dendrobium</i> Colonial Surprise x <i>Dendrobium</i> Jesmond Gold	Ian Duncan
Best Oncidinae	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Bab "Taida"	Murray & Arni Baker
Best Vandeae	<i>Jumellea major</i>	Maxine Godbeer
Best Phalaenopsis	-- no entries --	
Best Any Other Genera	<i>Phragmipedium conchiferum</i>	George Price
Grand Champion	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Translie "Rock and Roll"	Howard Tan
Reserve Champion	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Tokyo Magic "6-1" AM/AOS x <i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i> Cosmic Delite "SVO" HCC/AOS	Tom & Val Seaman
Best Species	<i>Zygopetalum intermedium</i> x self	Ian Duncan
Best Specimen	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Pastoral Innocence	Malcolm & Ann Davis
Best Seedling	-- no entries --	
Best Novice Entry	<i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i>	Dana Mitchell
AOC Most Pre-Eminent Entry	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Pastoral Innocence	Malcolm & Ann Davis
Best Floral Entry	Arrangement in a container	Meg Donald
Schokman Trophy (Laeliinae)	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Tokyo Magic "6-1" AM/AOS x <i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i> Cosmic Delite "SVO" HCC/AOS (73.9 points)	Tom & Val Seaman
Jim Grantham Trophy (Phragmipedium)	<i>Phragmipedium conchiferum</i> (73.6 points)	George Price

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (June 2017)

OPEN

1A	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Cattleya percivaliana</i>
		2	Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Epidendrum porpax</i>
1B	(4)	1	Robin Dalziell	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Dream Trader 'Southern Cross'
		2	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Dream Trader
		3	Robin Dalziell	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Memoria Gordon Vallance 'Tina R'
1C	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'
2E	(1)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Cymbidium</i> Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'
3A	(2)	1	Tara Peeters	<i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i> var. <i>sanderae</i>
		2	Rod Pohl	<i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i>
3D	(3)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Naraso
		2	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> White Jewel
		3	Peter Kissell	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Snow Glow x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Green Ice x Skip Bartlett)
5E	(1)	1	Tara Peeters	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Kenneth Schubert
6B	(1)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Oncidium</i> Heaven Scent 'Redolence'
		2	Peter Kissell	<i>Oncidium</i> Pacific Sunrise
8B	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hilda Poxon
		1	Robin Dalziell	<i>Dendrobium</i> Anne's Rainbow 'Top Dog'
12	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Yerba Buena 'White Cap' x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Stone Lovely 'Rising Sun'

NOVICE

15B	(4)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Dream Trader
		2	Jacqui Bateman	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Bonza Clarke
		3	Chris Sloan	<i>Cattleya</i> unknown
15C	(1)	1	Jack Krishnan	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Loong Tone x <i>Laeliocattleya</i> Netrasiri 'Fire Ball'
15F	(1)	1	Chris Sloan	<i>Cattleya</i> unknown

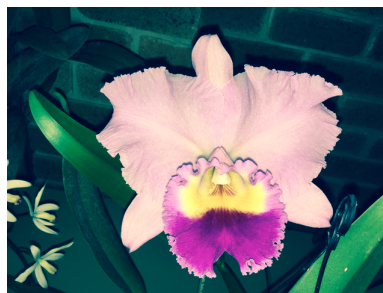
POPULAR VOTE

OPEN	Tara Peeters	<i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i> var. <i>sanderae</i>
NOVICE	Jacqui Bateman	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Bonza Clarke

SCHOKMAN TROPHY Robin Dalziell *Brassolaeliocattleya* Dream Trader 'Southern Cross' (76 points)
(Laelinae)



Paphiopedilum insigne var. *sanderae*
(Tara Peeters)



Brassolaeliocattleya Dream Trader
(Harry Ashton)



Dendrobium Hilda Poxon
(Ray Taylor)

From the Winter Show



Paphiopedilum Translie "Rock and Roll"
(Howard Tan)
Grand Champion



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(Tom & Val Seaman)
Reserve Champion



Phragmipedium conchiferum
(George Price)
Best any other genera



Paphiopedilum insigne
(Dana Mitchell)
Best Novice Entry



Cymbidium One Tree Hill "Waikanae Canary"
(Courtney Rogasch)
Best Cymbidium



Zygopetalum intermedium x self
(Ian Duncan)
Best Species

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