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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 27 October, 2017**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

NEUTROG FERTILIZERS  
BRIAN KLEPZIG

**NOVEMBER MEETING DATES:**

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 3rd  
General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 24th

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**Floraplant Nursery Visit.** 9:30 am. Saturday 21st October, at 822 Rowley Road, Oakford, WA

There was a typo in last month's bulletin. The visit is **starting at 9.30am** (not 10:30 am). This nursery is a delight to see as it is fully computerised to obtain optimum growing conditions for the various types of flowering plants, including orchids. There are no places left on the bus, so if you have not booked a seat on the bus you will have to drive or car pool with someone else. An excursion not to be missed, it will be well worth the drive. If you have booked a seat on the OSWA bus, note that **the bus will leave the Activity Centre no later than 9 am.**

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

The workshop will be held on Sunday 22nd October, 10 am until 4 pm. Setup from about 8 am. **Please bring along plants in flower for the display.** As well as the display, there will be sales of orchids and orchid-related paraphernalia, talks, scones and other snacks, and plants will be repotted. Potters & helpers needed. 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!). **Reminder: Sales of pots, fertilisers, etc., at OSWA Shows and other events, including the Potting Workshop, are at non-member prices.** Members are welcome to place orders with Kirsty for discounted prices for items at our meetings.

### **Birthdays**

**October:** 16<sup>th</sup> Barbara Burnett, 25<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Gilbert.

**November:** 10<sup>th</sup> George Price, 18<sup>th</sup> Trevor 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 Nahiid Stephens, Dianna Williams & Mike Choo, Aaron Gould, and Lauren Nicholls. We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

### **Helpers at General Meetings, Shows, Potting Workshop, etc**

If you are able, please help with packing away tables at the end of the meetings. Many hands make for light work.

**Membership Subscriptions are Due on 1 November 2017.** Since OSWA's financial year runs from 1 November to 31 October the following year, membership subscriptions for 2018 are due on 1 November 2017. Kirsty will be happy to accept subscriptions a few days earlier, at the general meeting on 27 October.

### **Neutrog Delivery**

Purchases will be available for collection on Saturday 21st October, after 2 pm, from Rosemary's place, 2 Morrish Place, Como, ph. 0401 508 667.

### **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 members who have already returned them.

### **Christmas Dinner.**

Our annual Christmas dinner will be held at Wings Restaurant, RAAF Centre, Bull Creek, on 9 December 2017, from 6 pm. More details in the November Bulletin.

### **OSWA's next January General Meeting will be in February.**

As is OSWA's tradition, the January General Meeting will be a BBQ at the Baylis Residence. However, since the 4th Friday next January falls on Australia Day, the January GM will be held the following Friday, on **2 February 2017**. More details later.

### **Cymbidium Orchids for Sale.**

Irene Stolk (from Riverton) has contacted OSWA to offer seven baskets of cymbidiums for sale. See photos here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/7vovte41a7xu6hs/OrchidBaskets.pdf?dl=0> Each basket

contains 3-4 large plants, some in flower. Asking price is \$80-\$100 (negotiable). If interested, contact Irene on 9354 9513 or at [irenestolk@optusnet.com.au](mailto:irenestolk@optusnet.com.au).

### **Orchidup Farm Open Day.**

Orchidup Farm (run by David and Liz Edmonds, who spoke at OSWA's May general meeting) is having an open days on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October 2017 from 10 am to 4 pm. Orchidup is near Walpole, and it is a nursery well worth a visit. For more info, see <http://www.orchidup.com.au> or email David at [jacksplace@westnet.com.au](mailto:jacksplace@westnet.com.au).

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## **SELLING PLANTS AT OSWA SHOWS AND POTTING WORKSHOPS**

What you need to do to sell plants:

1. Fill out and attach an OSWA plant sales tag to each plant you want to sell. Do not use tags from other clubs.
2. Fill out an OSWA Master Sales Sheet, and make sure the information matches what you wrote on the sales tags.
3. Bring your tagged plants and Master Sales Sheet to the sales table coordinator (or their representative), so that the paperwork can be checked. The plants will be made available for sale if the paperwork is correct and the plants are of a suitable standard, free of pests and diseases.

What else you need to know:

4. OSWA will not be held liable for any loss you incur if you supply plants to sell without first checking with the sales table coordinator to ensure paperwork is correct and plants are suitable for sale.
5. All plants exhibiting signs or symptoms of any pests or diseases will be removed from the sales table. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule. The plants will be quarantined out of sight. If there is a serious pest infestation, the plants may be removed from the venue entirely.
6. All plants must have a healthy root system and be secure in their pots, not wobbling or unsupported or in a pot of sludge. If the plant is presented in such a poor manner that you would not buy it yourself, don't try to put it on the sales table, because it will not be accepted.
7. There is a limit on the number of plants that can be sold – no more than 15 plants per member at any one time. Plants may be replaced as they are sold, provided the replacement plants meet all relevant criteria set out above.
8. Additional conditions may be imposed by venues and must be adhered to (e.g., some venues might limit the number of orchids that can be sold per day).
9. Orchids have priority for sale. If you wish to sell other plants, please note that these may be placed off display until space is available on the sales table.
10. OSWA will retain 10% of every sale as a commission at shows and potting days.
11. Proceeds of sales will not be paid to sellers until at least the general meeting following the sales event.

OSWA sales tags and OSWA Master Sales Sheets are available at general meetings or can be downloaded from the "Info for Members" section at <http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au>.

**CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017) - notes of the late Henry Eaton.**

Now that the shows are over for this year, we will be getting into the season for assessing the needs of our plants to be repotted or potted on. This is the start of the growing season and getting the plants off to a good start will result in better flowering next year.

Plants that will need to be considered for potting will be:

- (a) seedlings that have been more than six months in the pot;
- (b) plants where the front growth is over the edge of the pot, or where the next growth will take it;
- (c) plants showing signs of being unhappy in their current mix;
- (d) plants that need breaking up because of their large size.

When to pot can be largely influenced by the appearance of new roots. When new roots appear, you can be sure they will establish in new mix quite readily. Do not allow new roots to grow more than 2-3 centimetres long before potting as longer roots are more likely to get broken in the process of potting.

When potting on, choose a pot size one step up from the pot you had used till then, e.g., from a 125 mm to a 150 mm pot. The mix you use should fit in with your schedule for having time to water your plants. The coarser the mix, the more frequent the watering will have to be.

At the time of potting place the oldest pseudo bulb against the back wall of the pot and fill in with mix from the front. Push the mix in so that the plant is held firm in the pot. If adequately immobilised, you can usually lift the plant up by its leaves without the plant coming away from the pot. Stake the pseudo bulbs up vertically as far as possible and make sure the front growth cannot move around damaging the emerging new roots.

Place the repotted plant in a shady spot in your growing area for a couple of weeks to counter the shock of replanting. Something like a seaweed solution watered through would also help counter shock. If there is a need to divide a plant, make sure you use a sterilised cutting instrument and do not make a division smaller than 3-4 healthy bulbs.

**PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017) by Trevor Burnett**

This month is about getting our newly potted plants into full growth as the growths will need to mature in order to produce flowers next year. With the warmer weather, the fertilizer programme can be increased to weekly or fortnightly at  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  strength, with a high nitrogen based fertilizer to promote good development of the new growths.

In our repotting process we usually end up with plants being repotted into larger pots or divided into several pieces, so be very mindful not to cram your plants together like sardines. They still need space between plants for good air movement. If we cram plants together, we provide a wonderful place for all sorts of bugs to hide and also restrict the airflow around plants. Good air movement around the plants is essential for good healthy plants and greatly reduces the problems of disease.

In respect to watering, we must ensure that our plants do not become completely dry, as we have a nice new mix which for the first couple of months will tend to dry out quicker than the old mix we have just replaced. At this time of the year I would water at 7 day intervals, unless the temperature goes above 32 °C for three consecutive days, then I would bring back my watering to every 4 days.

It is also an ideal time to see if that plant you admired from one of the growers has been divided and a piece may be available to purchase. Remember this is the ideal time to reflect on your cultural success and sharing your growing success with friends and club members. Good luck and good growing for the summer months ahead.

**CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017) - notes of the late Roy Brown**

Repotting should be in full swing, but by the middle of November the temperature will be fairly high, so it would be advisable to have all the repotting done by the first week of November at the latest. When dividing your plants, try not to break them up into sections that are too small. A three bulb piece will have a better chance of flowering the following year. Try not to overpot your plant. Select a pot that will hold

the plant and its root system and will allow for a further two years growth.

When repotting, hold the plant firmly in one hand one inch below the top of the pot, then using your fingers work the fresh pine bark between the plants roots. Fill the pot to about a centimetre from the rim, firming the bark in as you go. The plant should now be sitting neatly in the centre of the pot, with the base of the bulb just below the top of the bark.

Give the plant a good watering and place it in a cool, shady position for about a week, until the roots start into active growth again.

When the flower spikes have been cut and the plant repotted, you will find the new season's leads will shoot ahead. Keep them growing strongly by increasing the fertilizing to weekly or fortnightly intervals. In the growing season, Cymbidiums love plenty of light, water and a regular feeding programme.

**Minutes of the General Meeting of The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.) held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017**

**Welcome:** Courtney Rogasch opened the meeting at 7.45 pm welcoming visitors, members.

**Birthdays:** September: 6th Alan Prosser, 14th Bob Longmore. October: 16th Barbara Burnett. Best wishes to anyone celebrating birthdays or anniversaries during August & September

**Apologies:** as per register.

**New Members:** Amy & Poh Chia (Wilson)

**Sales Table Processes:** Paperwork must match the plant Sales Slip, Insect infected plants to be removed from the Shopping Centre immediately, Sales sheet, slips & plants to be checked as brought in for sale

**Meeting Item:** Deflasking with Lynn Brooks – Lynn did an excellent demonstration of deflasking the plants into compots which will be grown on for at least 2+ months until ready to pot on for sale

**Break for tea and popular vote.**

**Minutes:** Moved Lina Pacca, seconded J Baylis, that the Minutes of the August meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

**Business arising:** Nil

**Correspondence:**

- Garden Clubs, calendar for sale, \$10, orders accepted but payment in advance is required.
- Mary Hervey (York Garden Club) seeking visiting speaker from OSWA (1st Wednesday 10 am except Dec/Jan; will supply petrol money and light lunch; plant sales appreciated.
- Little Aussie Directories, Seniors Newspaper, Habitat, Southern Gazette re advertising for the Potting Workshop
- GCA Zone Co-ordinator re WA visit by George Hood Members invited to meet him at the Zamia Café Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. RSVP Jacqui Bateman if attending Cost \$8 for morning tea.
- Phone call Pauline Chia re hire of plants in flower for Conference 9474 1780, M/B 0459 508 706

**Business arising:** Bunch of plants for Conference – see above

**Confirmation:** Moved Lynn Brooks, seconded Jim Baylis, that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

**Financial Statement:** presented by K Bayliss.

**Confirmation:** Moved Kirsty Bayliss, seconded John Walton, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

**Report: WAROO** - Ian Duncan – Perth has entered a bid for the 2023 World Orchid Conference, but so has NSW. Trevor Burnett is the WA delegate for the Australian Orchid Council.

**General Business:**

- **Sales Table** – Courtney Rogasch outlined suggestions for entering plants & Sale Plants at shows especially at shopping centres (as above)
- Macracote & Jumbo Perlite 15 members said they would purchase tubs of Macracote
- **Neutrog Orders:** Forms are available – payment by 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Delivery 21<sup>st</sup> October
- **Bus Trip** to Floraplant 21<sup>st</sup> October
- **Potting Workshop:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Ads need to be placed in shopping centres, etc.
- **Suggestions for talks at General Meetings:** Members asked to place items in the Suggestion Box
- Entering plants – show schedules – Courtney Rogasch – mini competition entering 3 different plants according to the Show Schedule

**Raffle:** Lina Pacca, Judy Brabin, Kaye Baylis, Lynn Brooks

**Popular Vote: Open:** Ray Taylor, *Den. polyanthum*. **Novice:** Harry Ashton, *Vanda Unknown*

**Badge Prize:** Jacqui Bateman

**Next General Meeting:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October Neutrog – Brian Klepzig

**Meeting Closed** at 9.45pm

## MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (September 2017)

## OPEN

1A	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Cattleya amethystoglossa</i>
1B	(2)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Sak's Triumph
		2	Howard Tan	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Crispin Rosales
1E	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i> Trick or Treat "Orange Magic"
3A	(1)	1	Rod Pohl	<i>Paphiopedilum villosum</i>
4A	(3)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium polyanthum</i>
5A	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis mannii</i>
6D	(2)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Vuylstekeara</i> Cindy "Pinky Lee"
		1	Ray Taylor	<i>Odontocidium</i> Sunlight "Pesky Panther"
8A	(5)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium jonesii</i>
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Dendrobium linguiforme</i>
		3	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Dendrobium shoeninum</i>
8B	(6)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium</i> Colonial Choice
		2	Edna and Mike Burgess	<i>Dendrobium kingianum</i> Blue x <i>Dendrobium speciosum</i> var. <i>pedunculatum</i>
		3	Tara Peeters	<i>Dendrobium</i> Peewee x <i>Dendrobium kingianum</i>
10B	(6)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>
		2	Tara Peeters	<i>Coelogyne lactea</i>
		3	Tara Peeters	<i>Coelogyne mossiae</i>
11B	(1)	1	Tara Peeters	<i>Coel.</i> Unchained Melody

## NOVICE

16D	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Cymbidium</i> Darch Del's Flip Flop x <i>Cymbidium</i> Darch Jabiru 'Orange Glow'
21B	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Vanda</i> Unknown
22A	(1)	1	Enid Chelva	<i>Dendrobium kingianum</i>

## POPULAR VOTE

OPEN: Ray Taylor *Dendrobium polyanthum*  
NOVICE: Harry Ashton *Vanda* unknown

SCHOKMAN TROPHY  
(*Laelinae*)

Howard Tan *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Sak's Triumph  
(73 points)