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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

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SEPTEMBER MEETING DATES

OSWA Committee: Friday 1st
General Meeting: Friday 22nd

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General News

This month, the Bulletin was published a week earlier than usual again, on account of the Editor and a bunch of other members heading to Singapore for the Asia Pacific Orchid Conference. The monthly meeting is still on the 4th Friday of the month though, so please don't rock up for the meeting a week early because the Bulletin came out early this month.

Birthdays:

August: 5th Judy Gibson; 28th Nyein Su Myat

September: 4th Nelia Farquhaison; 14th Bob Longmore; 15th, Nantha Lingam; 30th Wanda Frantom

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. To any member on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery and may you soon be well.

New Members

Welcome to Joshie Balgos (Maddington). We hope you have many enjoyable and rewarding years ahead with our Society.

A special thank you to Trevor, Barbara, and Karen

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Trevor and Barbara Burnett in the success of OSWA's staging of the 2023 ISDW.

From the very beginning they were guiding and supporting us. More than that, Trevor, in his customary "I know someone, I can get that done" manner, was able to organise the halls as soon as we had committed to staging the event. He was able to get us discounts. He was able to negotiate access to the small meeting room for talks. The majority of the raffle prizes were obtained through Trevor's contacts.

Trevor and Barbara were instrumental in laying the foundations for the processes that we followed and his timelines were followed throughout.

Trevor and Barbara's organisational genes were passed on to their daughter Karen, who stepped in to support Barbara and came in with her own skills to complement the committee. Karen and her husband Gavin were an invaluable addition to the planning committee.

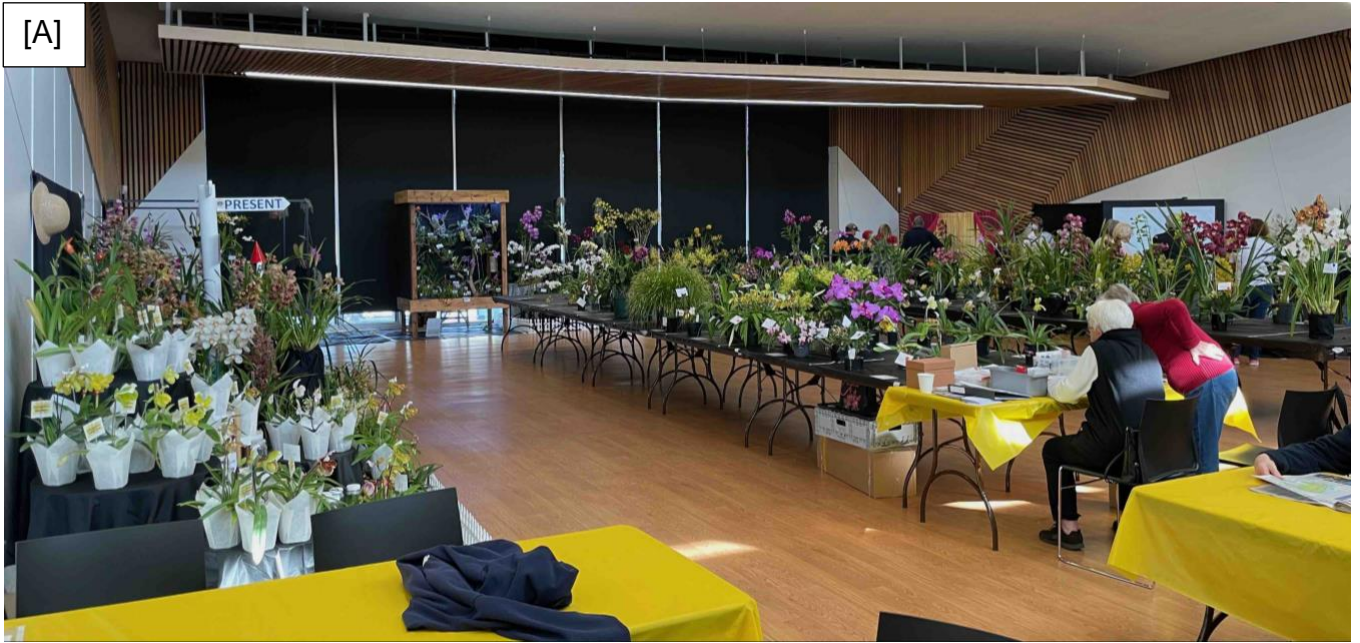
Lina Pacca
President

Intersociety Orchid Display and Workshop

Thank you to *everyone* who helped out at our ISODW! It was a real team effort, with many members helping out in many ways: planning for the event, meetings and discussions with sponsors and vendors, publicity (radio interviews, ads on Facebook and elsewhere), purchasing supplies, making props for the display, setting up the venues for the show and the dinner, bringing in plants for the display and the plant competition, running the kitchen, setting up the our display, manning the entry table, manning the sales table, and simply showing up to chat to other orchid enthusiasts and members of the public. By any measure, we managed to run a highly successful event that was enjoyed by members of orchid clubs and members of the public alike.

Ten orchid clubs were involved, more than usual for the ISODW. Congratulations to the Cymbidium Orchid Club of WA, which this year joined the ISODW for the first time and won the Best Display competition. Congratulations to OSWA and South Eastern Orchid Society for equal first place in the benched plants competition. Congratulations to Peel Region Orchid Society for winning the Popular Vote for Best Display. No doubt we are all looking forward to the next ISODW, but for now it is time to enjoy that good feeling that follows from a job well done, at least for a week or two, until we have to gear up again for our Kardinya Spring Show!

Photos on next page: [A] The hall, when judging was nearly done; [B] OSWA's Display; [C] The show at the end of the day when proceedings were drawing to a close.



Spring Show: Kardinya Shopping Centre, Setup from 5:30 pm Wednesday 30 August!

- *Loading the ute for the show:* OSWA Shed, Neil McDougall Park, Como, *time to be announced.* Access to the shed is via the driveway opposite number 27 Clydesdale Street.
- *Show Setup happens on Wednesday 30th August*, from about 5:30 pm; entries received from 6 pm; judging to start at around 7:15 pm.
- *Show open to public Thursday 31st August to 4.00 pm Saturday 2nd September.* Plant sales daily.

This year our show and display will be held in front of Coles. It is easiest to enter the shopping centre via the door near the kebab shop (the door closest to Coles), rather than via the door near Liquorland as in previous years. Roster, Sales Sheets, Entry Cards etc will be available at the August General Meeting. If you don't have perfect plants to enter in the competition, please consider bringing them in for the display. If you don't have any plants for display, please consider coming along anyway, to help set up and pack up the display, or look after the display and chat to members of the public. Also, please consider signing up for a shift or three in the roster to look after our display. No special skills are required, just enthusiasm for sharing your love of orchids with the public. There is at least one coffee shop in the mall (a second may be open by the time of our show), and there are a kebab shop and a sushi place near the main entrance if you need sustenance during the day (the kebab shop makes great gozleme and pizza).

If you plan to bring plants for the display, show, or sales table, please do not water them on the day you are going to bring them in.

Quality Plant Auctions

Quality plant auctions provide a convenient way for local orchid enthusiasts to buy and sell award-quality plants, preferably large specimens. Buyers and sellers do not need to be members of OSWA. To encourage growers to sell exceptional plants at our Quality Plant Auctions, no commissions are taken—all proceeds go to the seller. Please contact Harry in advance when you intend to offer a plant for auction, and supply pictures and other information (growing conditions, place of origin, how is it currently being grown etc.) that can be used to enthuse prospective buyers. Letting Harry know in advance about plants to be put up for auction will help to ensure that the auction runs smoothly. Also, please note that since OSWA does not take a commission on these sales, payment should be arranged directly between the seller and buyer.

At the June meeting, 2 plants were put up for auction:

- *Bulbophyllum* Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' won by Donna, \$26;
- *Cattleya intermedia* 'Breckinridge Snow' won by Lina, \$40.

We need plants for the new member plant stockpile

One way we attract new members to our club is with an offer of three free orchids. Two of these free orchids come from our "new member plant stockpile". Courtney has been supplying plants for the stockpile for many years, but his idea of using free plants to attract new members has been very successful, so the stockpile is starting to run low. If anyone can donate some plants to the stockpile, please let Courtney know. Of course, plants for the stockpile should be healthy, free of pests and signs of disease, firmly established in their pot, and preferably at or near flowering size.

Events calendar 2023

Kardinya Spring Show: 30 August - 2 September. (Setup from 5:30 pm Wednesday 30 August)

Perth Orchid Fair: 2-3 September (setup on Friday 1 September; at John Septimus Roe School).

Potting Workshop: Sunday 15 October, at MSCAC.

Late Flowering Orchid Display: Saturday 11 - Sunday 12 November, at MSCAC

Bentley Pines Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 8 November; *limited to 36 attendees.*

Floraplant Nursery Visit: date to be determined.

December General Meeting: Friday 8 December (two weeks earlier than usual, only date available).

GENERAL ORCHID CULTURE NOTES FOR DJILBA (APPROX. AUGUST/SEPTEMBER)

The Orchid Society of Western Australia would like to acknowledge that our meetings are held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. Unlike the European calendar, the Noongar people describe the climate of Western Australia's South West as having six seasons guided by what is happening and changing around us, rather than specific 'dates' on a calendar. This approach to describing Perth's climate is helpful for guiding our orchid related jobs for the year. Djilba (approx. August/September) is known as the 'first spring'. While weather can still be cold and wet, we begin to experience longer hours of daylight and an increasing number of pleasant warm days. The West Australian landscape bursts into life with wildflowers (including our spectacular native terrestrial orchids) and this floral display corresponds with peak flowering season for the orchids we grow. It's a busy time of the year, with many orchid-related shows and events!

We are heading into the second month of Djilba. Culture notes for Djilba were published in the July Bulletin and will not be reproduced here. Again at this time of year though, those black hairy caterpillars are rampant, and they love to feast on orchid blooms. Already several members have reported cases of these caterpillars destroying budding racemes. Keep an eye out for these pests, especially if you don't have your orchids in an enclosed shadehouse. You can reduce the chances of these caterpillars getting at your orchid flowers by hanging the pots or by wrapping some cotton wool around the base of the flower raceme — apparently the caterpillars don't like walking across the dry cotton wool surface.

Further information about cymbidiums, cattleyas, and paphiopedilums and other types of orchids can always be found at http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au/OSWA/Growing_Orchids.html.

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 28 July 2023

Welcome: 7:37 pm

Apologies and attendance: as per attendance register

Minutes: Moved Ray T seconded Keng L that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Carried.

Presentation: Preparing Orchids for Judging, by Courtney

New member introductions: Joshua B

Correspondence: Multiple correspondence in/out re ISODW planning and related advertising; 7/7 from Diane (OWA) re OSWA delegate; 9/7 received OWA documents; 10/7 from Bruce re suggestion for advertising through Curtin Radio; 11/7 from Kardinya Park requesting OSWA logo for marketing and clarifying show details; 11/7 from Flinder's re Autumn Show invoice; 11/7 from Bunnings Bibra Lake re Garden Corner workshop; 11/7 from RHS re The Orchid Review newsletter; 12/7 from Andrew Carr re botanical art exhibition in Perth; 17/7 from MSAC (invoice); 19/7 from Horticultural Council, offer to circulate our newsletter; 22/7 from OWA re draft event calendar; 23/7 from AOC re membership renewal; 25/7 from OWA re membership renewal; 26/7 from GCA re AGM.

Business arising from correspondence: RHS newsletter now online! Subscribe through RHS website. Moved Harry A seconded Nantha L that the business arising from correspondence be accepted. Carried.

Reports: Nil

Financial report: Presented by Sheelagh.

Moved Sheelagh H seconded Ray T that the financial report be accepted. Carried.

General Business:

- **Quality Plant Auctions** Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' Donna \$26
 Cattleya intermedia "Breckinridge Snow" Lina \$40
- **Garden City Plastics Order** - club looking at placing an order. Feel free to have a look at the website and if you would like to bulk order something, let Harry know (their stock is subject to having adequate numbers of orders so no guarantees that they will actually have stock!)
- **SODW 2023:** roster circulated.
- **Events calendar 2023**

Raffle: John, Valerie, Rosemary, Glynn, Courtney, Leo, Donna, Linda, Sheelagh

Open popular vote: Courtney R with *Dendrobium* Hilda Poxon. This is an Australian native primary hybrid of *Dendrobium speciosum* and *Dendrobium tetragonum*. This is a very popular hybrid and won several popular votes last year!! Maybe we need to organise some as a club plant...

Novice popular vote: Enid with an unknown Cymbidium.

Door Prize: Courtney's number came up but he wasn't wearing his badge! Prize forfeited to Tara P!

Floral Art: Linda brought in a lovely floral art piece, involving a glue gun and her sewing box!

Judges Choice: *Dendrobium* Hilda Poxon (Courtney R) 72 points

Best Cymbidium: Not judged. **Meeting Closed** at 9:42 pm.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (July, 2023)

OPEN

1A	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Epidendrum elongatum</i>
1B	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Boambee 'Carnival'
1F	(1)	1	Tara Peeters	<i>Cattlianthe</i> 'Golden Wax'
3A	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i> var. <i>sanderae</i>
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>
3C	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> 'Charly Web'
3E	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> 'Cocoa Pride' x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> 'Cocoa Lovely Oliver'
4C	(1)	1	Tara Peeters	<i>Dendrobium</i> Majestic Candy 'Alison'
4D	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium</i> Gloucester Charm 'Keith'
6A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Oncidium sotoanum</i>
7B	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Vanda</i> Somsri Thai Spots
8B	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hilda Poxon (<i>Dendrobium tetragonum</i> var. <i>giganteum</i> x <i>Dendrobium speciosum</i> var. <i>curvicaule</i> 'Palmerston')
10B	(1)	1	Tara Peeters	<i>Anoectochilus formosanus</i>
11B	(3)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Zygoneria</i> (Iron Knob x Pine Road) x <i>Zygonisia</i> Cynosure 'Blue Birds'
		2	Ray Taylor	
		3	Harry Ashton	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Night Hawk x <i>Zygopetalum</i> Kiwi Choice <i>Coelogyne</i> Jannine Banks
12	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Cocoa Elect x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Enzan Rose Crown

NOVICE

22A	(1)	1	Dawn Fathers	<i>Dendrobium speciosum</i>
22B	(2)	1	Dawn Fathers	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i> Style Hybrid
		2	Betty Saul	<i>Dendrobium</i> Colonial Surprise x <i>Dendrobium</i> (Aussie Springtime x Kim)

Judges' choice (Roy Brown Trophy): *Dendrobium* Hilda Poxon, grown by Courtney Rogasch (72 pts)

Open popular vote: *Dendrobium* Hilda Poxon, grown by Courtney Rogasch.

Novice popular vote: *Cymbidium* unknown, grown by Enid Chelva.

Floral popular vote: Arrangement by Linda Gooding.

From the July General Meeting (All photos by Alan Rowe.)

Open Popular Vote:

Dendrobium Hilda Poxon, grown by Courtney. *Dendrobium* Hilda Poxon is a primary hybrid of *Dendrobium tetragonum* and *Dendrobium speciosum*. There are four different *tetragonum* varieties and nine different *speciosum* varieties, so many combinations to form Hilda Poxon are possible. This particular specimen is the result of crossing *Dendrobium tetragonum* var. *giganteum* (a variety notable for its very large flowers) with *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *curvicaule* 'Palmerston' (*curvicaule* is a compact variety of *speciosum* and 'Palmerston' is a highly prized clone of *curvicaule*). With this pedigree, it is not surprising that Courtney's plant has large, attractive flowers, better than those on the average Hilda Poxon.



Novice Popular Vote: *Cymbidium* unknown (pictured at right), grown by Enid. This plant also won last month's popular vote, and was also a popular vote winner last year!



Floral Art: Linda got creative with a raceme of an *Oncidium* (Sharry Baby?) to make the beautiful piece of art shown below. Did it smell as nice as it looked?



[A] Floral art by Dawn.

[B] *Dendrobium* Colonial Surprise x *Dendrobium* (Aussie Springtime x Kim), grown by Betty.

[C] *Vanda* Somsri Thai Spots, [D] *Paphiopedilum* 'Charly Web', and [E] *Oncidium* *sotoanum*, all grown by Ray.

[F] *Cattlianthe* 'Golden Wax' and [G] *Anoectochilus* *formosanus*, both grown by Tara.

[H] *Epidendrum* *elongatum*, grown by Harry.

