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The next meeting of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on **Friday 23 July 2021**.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

SILENT AUCTION

AUGUST MEETING DATES

OSWA Committee: 7:30 pm Friday 13th (to be confirmed at July GM!)

General Meeting: 7:30 pm Friday 27th

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Silent Auction (July General Meeting)

July's meeting will include our Silent Auction. Here is the plan...

- Each item (or group of items) for auction will be given a lot number.
- A sales tag showing the seller's name and reserve price will be attached to each lot.
- Bidders will write their name, lot number, and bid amount on a bid slip and place it face down under the lot for sale. (Bidders will not peek at other people's bids!)
- At the conclusion of bidding, while other meeting business is being conducted, Jacqui and Kirsty will sort the bids to identify the winner of each lot.
- Winning bidders will be announced, and will pay for their winning lots in cash before the end of the meeting.
- To allow time for commissions to be calculated and payment counted, sellers will receive payment at the August general meeting. Please note that all sales will be charged 10% commission.

Orchids, orchid-related paraphernalia (pots, books, stakes, fertilisers...), or additional items that might be appreciated by orchid lovers (other exotic plants, fine wine...) may be put up for auction.

If you have plants or other items that you wish to donate to OSWA for auction:

Take your plants or other items to Murray and he will sort them out. They will be put in the auction
and all proceeds will go to OSWA. You don't have to do anything else, and your generosity will be
much appreciated.

If you have plants or other items that you do not wish to donate to OSWA for auction:

- Organise your plants or other items into one or more lots. A lot may contain one or more items but all the items in a lot must be from the same seller.
- Place a lot number in front of each lot. (Lot number cards will be available on the night.)
- Complete a plant sales tag for each lot, and list all your lots on a plant sales sheet. On the plant sales tags and plant sales sheet, Item Number = Lot Number, Price = Reserve Price (can be zero). Plant sales tags and the plant sales sheets can be downloaded from http://orchidsocietywa.net.au, but some will be available on the night.
- Collect the proceeds of auction of your lots at the August general meeting.

So that everything goes as smoothly as possible:

- Do not water any plants on the day of the auction (otherwise the bid slips are going to get soggy).
- · Bring a pen or pencil!
- Bring a box (or boxes) to take home your purchases.
- Bring at least some small denomination notes for payment. There will be angst and chaos and gnashing of teeth if everyone tries to pay for their purchases with \$50 or \$100 notes (unless of course their bids are in multiples of \$50 or \$100...that would be fine).
- As always, ensure that any plants for auction are in good condition and free of disease. For the protection of members, any plants of dubious quality will be removed from the auction table.

There will be no sales table at the July meeting...if you have something you want to sell, put it up for auction!

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Birthdays

July: 1st Kevin Butler, 9th Stephanie Williamson, 15th Dana Mitchell

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 Member

Welcome to Andrew Beer (Woodlands). We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

Wireless Hill Picnic - Saturday 31 July

Jointly with ANOS WA (Australian Native Orchid Society, WA) we will be having a picnic at Wireless Hill on Saturday 31st July 31 from 12:30 pm. Bring a plate to share and BYO drinks. There may be a few orchids out, and if not, we can have a trek through the bush anyway, to see where the orchids will likely bloom later in the season, and enjoy the good company of other orchid enthusiasts. Meet at the carpark in Wireless Hill Reserve, accessible via McCallum Crescent or Almondbury Road in Ardross.

Ray Taylor Orchid Sale - Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 July, 9 am - 3 pm

Members will have seen many of Ray Taylor's spectacular orchids at monthly meetings and shows. Unfortunately Ray is selling a lot of his collection due to health issues. He will be home 9 am - 3 pm Saturday and Sunday for anyone who wants to buy, at **2118 Great Northern Highway, Bullsbrook**. If driving north on the Great Northern Highway, pass Warbrook Rd on the left, then turn right into the laneway 350 metres further up the highway. Ray and Peta Taylor's place is about 200 metres down the lane on the right. There is a map at http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/Ray_Taylor_Mud_Map.jpg.

Intersociety Orchid Display and Workshop, Saturday 6th August - Sunday 7th August

The ISOD&W is a joint event where all the orchid clubs in Western Australia come together to share our passion for orchid growing. This year the event is being held at Kelmscott Hall, 60 River Rd, Kelmscott. Friday 5th August is the setup day, where participating clubs put together displays, and on Saturday and Sunday we get to show off our orchids to the public. Throughout the weekend, we get to mingle with orchid enthusiasts from other clubs and other parts of WA, buy and sell plants, share our knowledge and have a good gossip.

The event includes a display competition and a plant competition. OSWA has won the plant competition more than any other orchid club, although winning this year will be very difficult due to our significant points handicap. Our display team is working hard on planning our contribution to the event. The theme of the display this year is "Weekend at the Movies". We need members to start thinking about what plants they will have in flower in early August, as we will need to produce plant labels for our display. It doesn't matter if you end up not being able to bring the plant in question - we would rather have a label ready and not need it, than need a label and not have it. So, please email Trevor with the name of any orchid you might have in flower: tgburnett@bigpond.com.

Setup for the ISOD&W will be Friday 5th August, from 11 am and will be completed by 5 pm. Please bring along whatever plants you have in flower. If your plants aren't chosen for the plant competition they will still be used in the display. Judging will take place on Friday evening, and the event will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday until 4 pm. Members of participating clubs can enter the venue for free. Wear your OSWA badge so the folks at the entry desk know that they should let you in for free.

The intersociety dinner will be held at the same venue on the Saturday night, \$65 per person. By the time you receive this bulletin the deadline for dinner bookings will have passed, but you might still manage to get a place if you grovel to Sue Pearson (jayenss3@bigpond.com). The dinners are always very enjoyable and well worth the cost.

There will be a **sales table** at the event. Any members wishing to sell plants should contact Harry so that he can forward you information about how to proceed.

Neutrog Bulk Order

Neutrog's Online Store is currently open for Winter orders. If you wish to place an order, you need to be registered with Neutrog and you will have received an email from Neutrog about how to proceed. If you are not registered with Neutrog but want to take advantage of the excellent prices available to OSWA members (and the \$20 discount offered by Neutrog), contact Harry to arrange registration or make arrangements with another member to order items for you. The only way to participate in the order is via the Neutrog Online Store. OSWA no longer collects orders and payments frm members.

Home Visit — John and Karen Carless - Sunday 29 August 2021

John and Karen have kindly agreed to host an OSWA visit to on Sunday 29 August, from 10 am. An event not to be missed, so put this one in your calendar too. More details to come.

Other events for your calendar — more info later

6 - 8 August: Intersociety Display and Workshop (Kelmscott Hall, Kelmscott)

20-22 August: Perth Orchid Fair (No OSWA display due to closeness to Kardinya Show and

limited availability of members)

1-4 September: Kardinya Spring Show (Setup Tuesday 31 August)

17 October: Potting Workshop (Sunday; Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre)

9 November: Mundaring Garden Club (Tuesday, Courtney coordinating)

13-14 November: Late Flowering Orchid Display (Setup Friday 12 November; Manning Senior

Citizens Activity Centre)

24 November: Christmas Dinner (Bentley Pines, Wednesday 24 November from 6:30 pm)

? Springfield Nursery Visit (maybe?)

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2021) based on notes from Roy Brown

The most important job with 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 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 2021) based on notes from Henry Eaton

July and August are usually the coldest months of the year. This seems to be holding true this year, and July is much wetter than usual as well. 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. If necessary, 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, with an application of a liquid fertiliser such as Strike Back for Orchids Liquid, because the cold would induce dormancy at this time. Alternatively, a "tonic" such as Seamungus Liquid or GOGO Juice could be applied. 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 2021) 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 such as Strike Back for Orchids Liquid 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 guick 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.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.): Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre,
Manning, on Friday 18th June 2021

Welcome: 7:31 pm. Apologies and attendance: as per register. Presentation: Dr. Paul Armstrong on Orchids of Ellis Brook Valley

Minutes: Moved V Cooper, seconded M Rathbone that the Minutes of the previous general meeting be accepted. Carried.

New Members: Ann Walker, Fides Amadure, Maggie Reisenberger, Nantha Lingam.

Correspondence:

- 31/5- notification of GCP price increases
- 31/5- request from Neutrog for member contact details update
- 1/6 and 7/6- OWA documents, notably Orchidhub project grant had been rejected, and A Brown is publishing a book on WA
 Native orchids and is seeking funding which B Larson has proposed OWA contributes to. Proposal to follow at next meeting.
- 4/6- info re: new Manning Centre alarm control panel
- 4/6- call from Bunbury Orchid Society asking if 10-12 of their members can join us for the Flora Plant visit
- 9/6- documents re ISDW (please let me know if you plan on selling plants at this event so I can forward you the information)
- 14/6- received enquiry re: paphiopedilum culture, forwarded to Trevor
- 14/6- received invitation to the next Perth Orchid fair planning meeting on July 14th
- 14/6- received flyer for Cymbidium Orchid Society of WA Winter Show at EziGrow on 23-25th July
- 14/6- emailed EziGrow regarding possibility of an OSWA 75th Anniversary orchid
- 14/6- emailed Koi society thanking them for our invitation to attend

Business arising from correspondence: See general business

Moved H Ashton seconded A Rowe that correspondence be accepted. Carried.

Reports: Koi Society Show

Financial report: Presented by J Bateman Business arising from the financial report

• Orchiata Bark/Orchid Pots/Hangers Order: Forms available at the general meeting. Please return these to Jacqui and await confirmation of stock availability before paying. Once paid we will aim to have your order available at the next meeting. Moved J Bateman seconded Arnold Davis that the financial report be accepted. Carried.

General Business:

- Harry: New Grower Incentive Scene Participation new OSWA members are encouraged to bench plants at our monthly meetings. Members in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year with OSWA collect points from benching plants, and at the end of the year the grower in each year with the most 'points' will be awarded a quality, flowering sized plant from the OSWA stockpile.
- Lina: New raffle prizes: Given a large amount of interest in OSWA raffles, the committee have agreed to increase the number of raffle prizes available by 2 plants, and also add some non-plant prizes. For the next few months we have some orchid print greeting cards available as raffle prizes too. These have been produced by the Australasian Native Orchid Society of WA and

feature some of our spectacular WA native terrestrial orchids.

- Lina: OSWA Silent Auction: We are having a silent auction at our July meeting, so please start cleaning up plants that you would like to sell! A 10% commission will be taken by the society for all sales (including members of > 5 years). Please ensure plants for sale are established in their pots and free from pests and disease, and please do NOT WATER orchids the day of the meeting. Usual sales tickets can be used, but please specify any reserve price on the ticket.
- · Because of the auction, we will not be selling plants on the general sales table at the July meeting.
- Lina: Flora Plant Nursery Visit, 10 July- 9am SHARP. 822 Rowley Rd, Oakford. This event has been very popular in the past. In recent years Floraplant has moved away from orchid production towards other flowering plants, indoor plants, bromeliads and aroids—but we hope they still have some orchids! Plants will be available for sale, but Floraplant does not accept Eftpos so bring cash to make purchases. Floraplant has done us a big favour by letting us visit and gives us very good prices—please do not haggle or attempt to negotiate further discounts. Kindly observe physical distancing requirements at the visit, hand sanitiser will be provided. Please note that this is an OSWA event available to financial members only. Non-members and non-financial members will not be welcome without express permission from the OSWA committee prior to the event.
- Lina: Intersociety Display and Workshop, August 6th-8th: For our new members, the ISDW is a joint event where all the orchid clubs in WA come together to share our passion for orchid growing. There is also a plant competition and a display competition (and we have won this more than any other orchid club- although winning this year will be very difficult due to our significant handicap!) Our display team is working hard on planning our contribution to the event- the theme of the display this year is "Weekend at the Movies". We need members to start thinking about what plants you will have in flower in early August, as we will need to produce plant labels for our display. It doesn't matter if you end up not being able to bring the plant in question- we would rather have a label ready and not need it, than need it and not have it. So please email Trevor with the name of any orchid you might have in flower to tgburnett@bigpond.com
- Rosemary's resignation from OSWA committee Murray spoke on OSWA's appreciation for Rosemary's service to the Orchid Society of Western Australia, and described his experience working with Rosemary since he joined in 2000. In 2008 Murray took over the secretary role frm Rosemary, and realised just how much work this involved. Rosemary continued doing many jobs even after leaving the secretary position and put an extraordinary level of commitment into helping the club grow, finding new venues and locations for our meetings, doing much behind-the-scenes organising for shows, and many other not-so-visible but essential tasks, supporting the committee with useful advice (not to mention allowing us to have our sometimes smelly Neutrog orders delivered to her property!) Rosemary's contribution to OSWA was met with a big round of applause.
- Lina: Event calendar for 2020

BREAK FOR PLANT JUDGING

Raffle: We owe some raffle prizes to Kirsty and Courtney for winning our April 2021 online photo competition (from when we had to cancel the meeting due to COVID lockdown)

Raffle winners for June: N Lingam, Nataliya, A Rowe, L Pacca, P Kissel, K James, L Pacca

Open popular vote: *Dendrobium* unknown, grown by Mal Davis. **Novice popular vote:** *Cymbidium* unknown, grown by Enid Chelva.

Door Prize: Laura Chelva Plant descriptions Meeting Closed at 9:50 pm

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (JUNE 2021)

Dendrobium Hilda Poxton

OPEN

18F

(1)

Betty Saul

1A	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	Leptotes unicolor	
2E	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	Cymbidium Dolores Hoyt x Cymbidium Tom Thumb	
3F	(1)	1	Howard Tan	Paphiopedilum Paul's Park (sanderianum x anitum)	
4B	(1)	1	Malcolm Davis	Dendrobium Unknown	
6A	(1)	2	Harry Ashton	Zelenkoa onusta	
11B	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	Zygoneria Freestyle Meadows	
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15C	(1)	1	Enid Chelva	Cymbidium Unknown	
15D	(2)	2	Enid Chelva Karl Lee	Cymbidium Unknown Cymbidium Sarah Jean 'Ford Cascade'	
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MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (MAY 2021)

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OPEN							
1A	(2)	1 2	Harry Ashton Harry Ashton	Brassavola cordata Cattleya cernua			
1B	(2)	1 2	Courtney Rogasch Courtney Rogasch	Brassolaeliocattleya George King 'Serendipity' AM/AOS Laeliocattleya Drumbeat 'Triumph'			
1C	(1)	1	Helen Stretch	Cattleya Unknown			
2A	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	Cymbidium erythrostylum			
2E	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	Cymbidium Butterfly Kisses 'Viridian'			
3A	(3)	2	Howard Tan Howard Tan Howard Tan	Paphiopedilum spicerianum Paphiopedilum gratrixianum Paphiopedilum henryanum			
3B	(2)	1 2	Howard Tan Howard Tan	Paphiopedilum sanderianum x Paphiopedilum anitum Paphiopedilum sanderianum x Paphiopedilum anitum			
3D	(2)	1	Howard Tan Howard Tan	Paphiopedilum St Swithin x Paphiopedilum rothschildianum (= Paphiopedilum Gary Romagna) Paphiopedilum Hsinying Larry x Paphiopedilum charlesworthii			
4B	(1)	1	Malcolm Davis	Dendrobium Hot Lips x Dendrobium Murute classic			
4C	(2)	1 2	Malcolm Davis Tara Peeters	Dendrobium Unknown Dendrobium Unknown			
6A	(1)	2	Harry Ashton	Zelenkoa onusta			
8A	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	Dendrobium bigibbum (line bred species)			
10A	(1)	1	Howard Tan	Phragmipedium longifolium x Phragmipedium Hanne Popow			
10B	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	Dendrochilum cobbianum			
11B	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	Zygoneria Freestyle Meadows			
12	(1)	1	Tara Peeters	Dendrobium bigibbum x Dendrobium bigibbum			
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15B	(1)	2	Enid Chelva	Cattleya "Ruth Gee"			
15D	(1)	1	Betty Saul	Laeliocattleya Wrigleyii x Cattleya Chocolate drop Kodama			
17A	(3)	1 2 3	Jacqui Bateman Jacqui Bateman Jacqui Bateman	Paphiopedilum insigne Paph gratixianum Full Gloss x Paph gratixianum Rock nRoll Paph gratixianum Full Gloss x Paph gratixianum Rock nRoll			
17C	(1)	1	Jacqui Bateman	Paphiopedilum Maudiae King Hsinying Larry x Hsinying Yahoo x charlesworthii			
18C	(1)	1	Enid Chelva	Dendrobium Unknown			
20B	(1)	1	Jacqui Bateman	Oncidinae Hybrid			
20D	(1)	1	Alan Rowe	Degarmoara Olympia 'Jacqui Louise'			
24B	(1)	1	Kirsty Bayliss	Bulbophyllum mastersianum			

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From our June General Meeting

Some of Dr Paul Armstrong's photos of orchids in Ellis Brook, from his presentation at the June general meeting.

Hills White Spider Orchid, Caladenia longicauda subsp. clivicola







Pink Enamel Orchid, Elythranthera emarginata





Rattle Beak Orchid, Lyperanthus serratus

Plant descriptions (recorded by Harry)

Novice popular vote: *Cymbidium* unknown, grown by **Enid Chelva** (photo at right, by Enid). A beautifully grown cascading cymbidium hybrid! Enid says this is right up the back of her shade house, totally neglected! She said it was quite sick last year, but it's obviously bounced back with a spectacular flowering!

Open popular vote: Dendrobium unknown (photo below), grown by Mal Davis. A profusely flowering Australian native dendrobium bigibbum hybrid. Mal has grown this plant for 7 years, and highlights the importance of being patient. Mal grows it in coco peat, but notes that the peat sometimes gets a bit too wet for the dendrobium's liking. Mal now uses a combination of 50% bark and 50% coco peat. This plant gets fertilized with a variety of fertilizers, including Polyfeed, Seamungus and some very expensive fertilizers fortified with calcium (shells are a cheaper alternative source of calcium).





Betty Saul presented on *Dendrobium* Hilda Poxon (photo at right) – a primary hybrid of *Dendrobium speciosum* and *Dendrobium tetragonum*. Betty finds this plant easy to grow, and noted it's been in the pot for at least 3 years. This hybrid is quite fragrant during the day. Betty described how the plant flowers a few times a year - the current flowers have already been open for a few weeks.

Enid Chelva presented on a lovely yellow cymbidium hybrid, which she obtained from another OSWA member. (No photo available due to technical difficulties with camera at the general meeting.) This cymbidium is fragrant - a very unusual feature for a cymbidium orchid. Enid mentioned that she has multiple divisions of this orchid;););) (Harry said he'd promise to stop advertising at this point.)

Courtney Rogasch presented on a zygopetalum hybrid, *Zygonaria* Freestyle Meadows (photo in June 2021 bulletin). Courtney noted the importance of keeping these plants in shady conditions (under 70% shade cloth and polycarbonate sheeting on top of that). When grown in higher light, zygopetalum hybrids are very prone to leaf tip spotting and brown marks. Courtney grows this plant in medium bark and charcoal with polystyrene at the bottom of the pot to assist with drainage.





Above: *Cymbidium* Dolores Hoyt x *Cymbidium* Tom Thumb (grown and photographed by Courtney Rogasch).



Above: *Cymbidium* Sarah Jean 'Ford Cascade' (grown and photographed by Karl Lee).

Below: *Leptotes unicolor* (grown and photographed by Harry Ashton). This miniature orchid is native to Brazil and Argentina. It can be grown hot or cool and its

Below right: *Bulbophyllum* Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' (grown and photographed by Harry Ashton). This plant wasn't benched at the June meeting but the flowers are quite striking. Surprising for this time of year, Harry also managed to flower a *Rhyncholaelia digbyana* (no space for the photo, but a slightly less impressive one is in the June 2020 bulletin).



