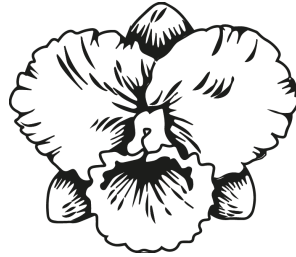


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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

MOUNTED ORCHIDS.

PRESENTED BY

LYNN BROOKS

JULY MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 14th

General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 28th

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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 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 Bruce Fehlauer & Sandra Hayes (Northam), Silvana Rueda-Saez (Willetton). Tara Peeters (Greenmount) and Jo Wong (East Perth). We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

Home Visit

The next home visit will be hosted by Rosemary, on **Sunday 25 June**, from 10 am, at 2 Morrish Place, Como, Ph. 0401 508 667. Entry \$5, proceeds to OSWA. Sausages and buns for the sausage sizzle will be supplied, but please bring a salad or a sweet to share, and a chair. Please park on the lawn facing the house, or on Todd Street (no on-street parking in Morrish Place). Rosemary has been one of our most successful growers over the last few years, and this home visit will be a rare opportunity to sneak a peek at her orchid collection and learn the secrets of her success.

The Sales Table and Commissions on Sales 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 and will eventually be available from OSWA's web page. (If they are not on the webpage when you need them, email Murray and he will send you a copy.)
- 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.

Ezi-Gro Nursery Visit — Saturday 1st of July

The bus will be leaving Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre at 9.30am & return after lunch. Members planning to travel on the bus should advise Rosemary at the June General Meeting. Ezi-Gro has a range of genera on sale and Kevin always provides a sausage in a bun & tea & coffee for club visits.

The Winter Show is Coming Soon — Saturday 8th of July

OSWA's winter show will be held at Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre on Saturday on 8th of July, from 10 am - 4 pm. **Setup and judging and will be on the evening of Friday 7th July.** Plants must be ready for judging by 7 pm, so entries will close at about 6:30 pm. More details at the June GM.

July Meeting: Silent Auction and Casserole Night

Please bring along plants (preferably orchids) or orchid-related books, gadgetry, etc., to donate for the silent auction. Donations will be grouped into lots for the auction. All proceeds go to OSWA.

WA Orchid Spectacular (WAOS)

- 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.
- Folks wishing to attend lectures at WAOS must register. **Cost of registration is \$100 (partners \$75) until 1st July; registration costs more after 1st July.**
- For the latest information about WAOS (lecture program, registration details, tours, show schedule, catalogs from vendors etc) see the website: http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/WAOS_2017.htm.

Meetings and the Monthly Plant Competition

Members benching plants at monthly meetings are requested to have their entry business completed by 7:30 pm so that the meeting can start on time and visiting speakers are not left waiting. The Registrar,

Ian Duncan, is available before the start of each meeting to assist members with questions about what class(es) their plant(s) should be entered in to.

Orchiata Potting Bark Bulk Order

We still have some bags of Orchiata bark. It comes in 40 litre bags in four grades: large (18-25 mm); medium (12-18 mm); small (9-12 mm); and mini (6-9 mm). To purchase (at a very competitive price for OSWA members), contact Rosemary on 0401 508 667.

From last month's general meeting...David Edmonds (Orchidup Nursery, Walpole)

David gave us some background information about growing conditions at Orchidup Nursery and then spoke in detail about Sarchochilus orchids. The climate at Walpole is cooler and much wetter than in Perth. David grows his orchids under 50% shade cloth (which might not be enough shade for Perth conditions), in Orchiata pine bark. He tried (unsuccessfully) growing orchids in coconut chips, but found they work fine with bromeliads. He prefers to use plastic pots rather than clay pots, since plastic pots minimise "root grabbing". His orchids receive a lot of water. Overwatering is never a problem under his growing conditions because his growing area is breezy and has excellent air movement. He noted that sarcs should not be allowed to dry out, because they don't have pseudobulbs that can store moisture. He fertilizes with polyfeed in his watering system a couple of times a week. For sarcs, and also for masdevallias and pleurothallids, David recommends using Neutrog's Seamungus, sprinkled on top of the potting mix (3-4 pellets for a two inch pot, a spookful for larger pots) every 8 weeks. Seamungus is high in nitrogen but is still good for flowering of sarcs. For bigger orchids of flowering size, David uses Neutrog's Strike Back pellets, applied every 4 weeks, but not for his sarcs (which might be burned by Strike Back). David's sarcs tend to grow roots that ramble out of the pot. They can be grown on mounts, but require extra humidity.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JUNE/JULY 2017) based on notes from Roy Brown

This month, more of the early flowering Cymbidiums will be in flower. Others will have flower buds showing through the protective sheath on the stem. Once they reach the stage where the flower buds are visible, it's time to move the plants out of the shade house and into the flowering section, where more protection can be given to them. Heavy rain or hail can chip the soft buds and so leave a permanent mark. Also strong winds can cause the leaves to rub on the flowers, and this too will cause a blemish.

Cymbidiums like to grow in a position where there is plenty of free air movement, so don't completely enclose the flowering section like a glass house. This could be the reason for bud drop. Give them protection from the heavy winds and also close off the sides that face the strongest winds. Don't over crowd your plants, if possible give them plenty of room between each pot.

During July we can expect cold, wet wintry weather. Fertilising can be tapered off to once a fortnight. Watering will also depend on the weather, but don't allow the pots to become dry, particularly those in spike and under cover. Keep the flowering house and shade houses well baited with slug and snail pellets, particularly now that the flower buds are showing.



Cymbidium erythrostylum, grown by Courtney Rogasch.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JUNE/JULY 2017) based on notes from Henry Eaton

With the onset of cold wintry weather, the foremost consideration is adjusting cultural practice to the cold. Orchid growth slows with the cold so the need for watering decreases and the use of fertilisers becomes a minor concern, unless your plants are being grown in a heated greenhouse.

If your plants are grown in an open but covered area to protect them from the rain, all shading, if not removed already, should be removed now. This helps to warm the plants to some degree on sunny days, and helps flowers opening to do so with true colours. Heavily shaded plants appear to open flowers with less brightness in them.

Due to the cold and dampness in the air, flowers are more likely to get infected with botrytis spores, resulting in the appearance of black spots on the petals. This can be averted to some degree by keeping the air moving gently over the plants with the use of a fan, and avoiding crowding plants too close

together. If the structure in which you grow your plants permits using hangers, pots hung up give plants better air movement and more space for flowers to open without obstruction.

Flowering plants should also be closely observed for caterpillars and thrips that will damage them if left untreated. Also make sure you have baits spread around to neutralize the snails and slugs that appear with the rain. When watering, choose a day forecasted to be sunny. A sunny day will allow the plants to dry out by nightfall and ensure no water remains in the leaf axils, which could induce rot. It is also probably wise to wait until the sun is shining into your garden before watering, as by then the water in the pipes may have warmed up to some degree. Avoid all potting activities, unless not doing so might kill the plant.



Brassolaeliocattleya Chia Lin 'New City', grown by Jack Krishnan

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (JUNE/JULY 2017) by Trevor Burnett

With the cooler months upon us, take care with watering, to keep the plants moist but never leave them wet. Always water in the morning to ensure the plants are dry by nightfall. Personally, I reduce my watering back further to once every 14 days, but may give additional watering if the weather is fine and sunny for 6-8 days in a row. Hopefully, a good proportion of our plants will be showing flower spikes. Continue staking plants using wire, meat skewers or small thin bamboo stakes.

This time of the year you start to enjoy the fruits of your previous 12 months work, with some of the early flowers now being fully developed and in full bloom. If you are missing out on a great display starting to appear, now is the time to review your culture over the last 12 months and make any necessary changes to ensure a great show next year. The smaller, un-flowered plants will still require a fertilizer on a fortnightly or monthly basis — quarter-strength to half-strength to keep the growth moving forward.

If you intend to get the plants ready for the various shows, this is the time to spend cleaning up the plants by removing any dead leaves and cleaning any dust from the leaves. Growers use different methods to make their plant's leaves look fresh and glistening. Some growers use of white oil, but I personally believe a little common milk with water wiped over the leaves does a wonderful job without leaving that oily look.

At this time of the year, most growers do not water plants overhead due to the possibility of marking the flowers. It is sound practice to carefully hand-water, if time permits. I do water overhead, but after watering I ensure the pouch is emptied of water and excess water is not left on the remainder of the plant. This can easily be achieved by gently tapping the flower.



Paphiopedilum Translie (left) and
Paphiopedilum gratrixianum (below), both
grown by Howard Tan.



MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (May 2017)**OPEN**

1A	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Sophronitis cernua</i>
1B	(6)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Drumbeat 'Triumph'
		2	Peter Kissell	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Lyn Evans
		3	Peter Kissell	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Mini Purple x <i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Black Beauty
2A	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Cymbidium erythrostylum</i>
3A	(1)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum gratixianum</i>
3C	(1)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Translie (Transvaal x <i>liemianum</i>)
4B	(1)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium</i> Dal's Stunner 'Hot' x <i>Dendrobium</i> Jack Flash
5A	(2)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis fasciata</i>
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i>
5E	(1)	1	Tara Peeters	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Kenneth Schubert
6A	(1)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Brassia verrucosa</i> 'B'
6D	(1)	2	Peter Kissell	<i>Aliceara</i> Pacific Nova
8A	(1)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i>
8B	(1)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium</i> Pompadour
10B	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>
11B	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> Meen Mellow Moon

NOVICE

15B	(1)	1	Jack Krishnan	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Chia Lin 'New City'
16E	(1)	2	Lynn Brooks	<i>Cymbidium</i> Katydid 'Veridan'
18C	(1)	1	Enid Chelva	<i>Dendrobium</i> Unknown

POPULAR VOTE

OPEN	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Translie (Transvaal x <i>liemianum</i>)
NOVICE	Jack Krishnan	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Chia Lin 'New City'

SCHOKMAN TROPHY Howard Tan *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Drumbeat 'Triumph' (74 points)
(Laelinae)

Minutes of the OSWA General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 26th May 2017

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

Apologies: Kirsty Bayliss + as per register.

New Members: Anna Sipieterre – Karawarra, Natalie Kulchytska – Salter Point, Helen Stretch – Kewdale

Autumn Show Winners Presentation: Congratulations to the winners

Meeting Item: David Edmonds from Orchidup Nursery in Walpole spoke about his orchid nursery & the types of orchids that he grows. Thanks to David for the donation of plants for the Raffle.

Break for tea and popular vote.

Minutes: Moved L Brooks, seconded J Baylis 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 J Bateman that the business arising has been resolved. **Carried**

Correspondence:

- Letter of thanks from Stocklands Riverton confirming Autumn Show there in 2018
- Manning SC – Activities for May June July
- Newsletter WAOS 2017
- WAROO Draft Agenda for 18th June

Business arising: None

Confirmation: Moved J Walton, seconded P Kissell that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: prepared by K Bayliss, presented by K Baylis

Confirmation: Moved R Pohl, seconded L Brooks, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

Reports:

WAROO- Next meeting 18th June

Autumn Show Stocklands Riverton: Thanks to everyone who attended to help on the set up night & to those who helped man the Sales Table

Walpole Bus Trip: At this stage 18 members would like to go- possible weekend (overnight) late October

General Business:

- Annual Koi Show 28th May – Organisers – Courtney & Murray helpers needed to set up & man information Display – Display plants Thanks to Trevor Burnett for the raffle plant
- **Home Open:** Sunday June 25th McGrath, 2 Morrish Place Como 10am \$5, bring salad or sweet. Please park on the lawn facing the house – no street parking
- **WAOS 5th & 6th Aug 2017** Entries to be submitted by 10am on Friday 4th. Display setup from 7am OSWA to manage Sales Table – contact Kirsty Bayliss if able to help
- **Plant Sales** at General Meetings – to reward & encourage long term members (5+years) to bring in up to 10 sale plants to a General Meeting & no commission will be charged. Trial to end of year.

Raffle: John Walton, Peter Kissell, Helen Stretch, Carol Willcox, Anna Sepieterre.

Popular Vote: Open: Paph. Translie (Transvaal x liemianum), owner Howard Tan.

Novice: Blc. Chia Lin “New City” owner Jack Krishnan

Howard kindly gave his popular vote prize to new member Jo Wong.

Badge Prize: Jacqui Bateman

Light bulb snippets: Courtney talked about using copper tape or strip to wrap around the flower stem to stop snails & slugs from getting to the flowers

Next General Meeting: Friday 23rd June – Mounted Orchids with Lynn Brooks

Next Committee Meeting: Friday 9th June at 2 Morrish Place

Meeting Closed at 9.32pm

From left: *Dendrobium* unknown (grown by Enid Chelva), *Aliceara* Pacific Nova (grown by Peter Kissell) and *Phalaenopsis* Kenneth Schubert (grown by Tara Peeters).

