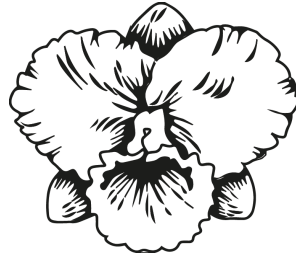


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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

DAVID EDMONDS
FROM ORCHIDUP NURSERY

JUNE MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 2nd
General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 23rd

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Birthdays

May: 7th Dorothy Walton, 9th Ellen Dixon.

June: 2nd Tom Seaman, 9th Fred Herbert, Edna Burgess, 17th Maggie Longmore

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 Anna Sipieterre (Karawarra), Natalie Kulchytska (Salter Point) and Helen Stretch (Kewdale). We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

This Month's Meeting: David Edmonds from Orchidup Nursery

We are fortunate this month to have David Edmonds visiting us from Orchidup Nursery in Walpole. David is a very entertaining speaker and he is bringing orchids from his nursery for sale at our meeting. He has many interesting varieties of soft and hard cane dendrobiums, hybrids from the oncidium alliance, a few zygotepalums, and lots of *Sarcochilus*, a genus that we don't often see at OSWA meetings or shows. He also has a large range of artistic orchid pots.

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. Tagging should preferably be done at home, before the meeting. Tags 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.)

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.

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.

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.

Home Visits.

If you would like to host a home visit, please see Lynn Brooks at a meeting or send her an email (contrarymiss@hotmail.com). It doesn't seem to matter the of year, home visits are always very popular. The next home visit will be hosted by Rosemary, on **Sunday 25 June**. Details in the June bulletin.

From last month...

Many members and a few guests joined OSWA's interesting and enjoyable visit to **Tropical Colours Nursery** last month, and we came away with a trailer load of purchases. Many thanks to Arnold Godfrey who kindly drove the bus and towed the trailer. For those who missed out (and for those who would like to go again) we are planning another visit later in the year. Thank you to all who helped out at OSWA's display and sales table at the **Waterford Plaza Community Day**. There was a lot of interest from the public. Thanks also to those members who helped out at our **Shed Clean Up Day**.



OSWA members at Tropical Colours Orchid Nursery

Results of the OSWA Autumn Show, Stockland Riverton Shopping Centre, May 2017.

Champion Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Splashing Around	Peter Kissell
Best Cymbidium	<i>Cymbidium dayanam</i>	Courtney Rogasch
Best Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Via Quatal x Hsinying Cition)	Peter Kissell
Best Dendrobium (Excl. Aust. Natives)	<i>Dendrobium</i> Maikong	Ian Duncan
Best Australian Native	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i>	Ian Duncan
Best Oncidinae	<i>Degarmoara</i> Unknown "Betty"	Rosemary McGrath
Best Vandeae	<i>Vanda</i> Yano Blue	Peter Kissell
Best Phalaenopsis	<i>Phalaenopsis fasciata</i>	Maxine Godbeer
Best Any Other Genera	<i>Phragmipedium conchiferum</i>	George Price
Grand Champion	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Splashing Around	Peter Kissell
Reserve Champion	<i>Cymbidium dayanam</i>	Courtney Rogasch
Best Species	<i>Cymbidium dayanam</i>	Courtney Rogasch
Best Specimen	<i>Cymbidium dayanam</i>	Courtney Rogasch
Best Seedling	<i>Oncidium</i> Rosy Sunset "Rose Bud"	John & Dorothy Walton
Best Novice Entry	<i>Zygopetalum mackayii</i>	Jack Krishnan
AOC Most Pre-Eminent Entry	<i>Cymbidium dayanam</i>	Courtney Rogasch
Best Floral Entry	Arrangement using wood / driftwood	Meg Donald
Schokman Trophy (Laeliinae)	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Splashing Around (73.8 points)	Peter Kissell
Jim Grantham Trophy (Phragmipedium)	<i>Phragmipedium conchiferum</i> (72.8 points)	George Price

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

During May some of the early flowering Cymbidiums will be in flower. Others will have flower buds showing through the protective sheaths on the stem. Once they reach the stage where flower buds are visible, it's time to move the plants out of the shade house and into the flowering house, where more protection can be given them. Heavy rain or hail can chip the soft buds and leave a permanent mark. Also strong winds can cause the leaves to rub on the flower 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 house like a glass house. This could be the reason for bud drop. Give them overhead protection from the heavy rain and also close off the sides that face the strongest winds. Don't overcrowd your plants, if possible give them plenty of room between each pot. By the end of May we can expect cold, wet wintery weather. Watering will depend on the weather but don't let the pots become dry, particularly those in spike and those under cover. Keep the shade house and flowering house well baited with Baysol pellets for slugs and snails, particularly now that flower buds are showing.

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

Autumn weather has at last been established with cool nights and warm days. This has meant that plants that flower in the autumn have begun to do so with plenty of blooms. As always, culture of your plants will be dependent on the prevailing weather. Because of the cold there will be a slowing of activity in the plant, so watering needs will lessen and fertilization can be reduced to once a month or so. This is not a good time for repotting unless the mix in the pot has deteriorated badly, or new roots are being formed over the edge of the pot. In the latter instance, an alternative is to place the whole plant in a larger pot without disturbing the mix, and fill the remaining space with moist, fresh mix. Repotting can then be completed in the spring. The other method is to place a pot full of mix beneath the roots spilling over so they can establish themselves and not be air pruned, as would otherwise occur. As the intensity of the sun now declines, all shading can be removed and the plants will benefit from the increased light and warmth. To protect the flowers from spotting with Botrytis, try and maintain a good flow of air around the plants by hanging them up or having a fan blowing gently over them. The flowers also need protection from snails and slugs by placing baits in the pots and near the flower sheath. Also keep water off the flowers by hand watering into the pot and growing the flowering plants where they are out of reach of the rain. After flowering, plants can be grown in an area where they can experience a rest period during which they receive little or no water, until they show signs of activity again with the appearance of new roots or a swelling of the bud at the base of the pseudo bulb.

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

The growing conditions this month are similar to last month, and as the conditions cool, reduced watering will be necessary. I personally reduce my watering further to once every 10 days, but am always mindful that we could still get some of those unexpected hot days, when watering may have to be adjusted. We would need to get 3-4 hot days in a row before I would adjust my watering programme. We should be seeing a good proportion of our plants now producing spikes. The early flowering types will be well advanced and should be staked to prevent twisting and breakage, as the spikes will be soft and not fully set to support the flower. The plant's growth will have started to slow considerably on the flowering plants, as all the effort is now being channelled into supporting the flowers. Fertiliser programmes need to be adjusted to a fertilizer with less nitrogen and more phosphorus and potassium, to improve the strength and quality of the flowers. The smaller, un-flowered plants will still require a fertilizer at one quarter or half strength, on a fortnightly or monthly basis, to keep the growth moving forward. With more buds appearing weekly, continue staking plants using meat skewers, wire stakes or thin bamboo canes. If you decide to use wire, ensure the top is turned over to help protect your eyes from getting poked when working with the plants. If you are moving plants to a different area to flower, ensure they are returned to the same orientation to the light source as in the original location. Turning plants can cause flower stems to become twisted, spoiling the effect if you wish to enter them in the various shows. My tip for the month is: if you are growing the plants without heat during the winter (as I do), keep the plants drier than usual, as wet, cold conditions are often fatal to roots.

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

1A	(1)	1	Robin Dalziell	<i>C. bowringiana</i> "Coconut Resort"
1B	(3)	1	Peter Kissell	Rlc. George King "Serendipity"
		2	Ian Duncan	Rlc. Haadyai "23"
		3	Ian Duncan	Rlc. Tribute "Independence Day"
1C	(3)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>C. Monte Elegant</i> "Richard" X Sc. Mem Ellen Littman "Deborah"
		2	Maxine Godbeer	Blc. Husky Boy
		3	Ian Duncan	Lc. Netrasiri Waxy
1F	(2)	1	Courtney Rogasch	Blc. Golden Delicious "Pokai"
		2	Maxine Godbeer	Lc. Secret Love x <i>C. harrisoniana</i>
2A	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Cym. dayanum</i>
2D	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Cym. One Tree Hill</i> "John's Quest" x <i>Cym. Golden Elf</i> "Sundust"
3B	(1)	1	Rod Pohl	<i>Paph. Rowenna</i> (<i>bellatulum</i> x <i>chamberlainum</i>)
3C	(1)	1	Rod Pohl	<i>Paph. David</i> Hatinata
4E	(1)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>D. (Hot Lips x Kuranda Classic)</i> X <i>D. Asternova Storm</i>
5A	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phal. fasciata</i>
6B	(2)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Onc. Silver Dollar</i>
		2	Ian Duncan	<i>Onc. Saint Dawn Gold</i>
6D	(2)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Milt. Miltonia</i> x <i>bluntii</i>
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Milt. Moirmoir</i>
7A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Aerides quinquevulnera</i>
8A	(1)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> var <i>bigibbum</i> "Fat Lip"
8B	(2)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Doc. hepaticum</i> x <i>Doc. sulphurea</i>
		2	Ian Duncan	<i>Den. Jonathan's Glory</i> "Dark Joy" HCC/AOC
10B	(2)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Lycaste aromatica</i>
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Coelogyne ovalis</i>

NOVICE

15C	(1)	1	Jack Krishnan	Blc. Hannah Arendt
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POPULAR VOTE

OPEN	Ray Taylor	<i>Aerides quinquevulnera</i>
NOVICE	Jack Krishnan	Blc. Hannah Arendt

SCHOKMAN TROPHY Peter Kissell Rlc. George King "Serendipity" (72 points)
(Laelinae)

RICHARD NICHOLS TROPHY (Lycaste) Maxine Godbeer *Lycaste aromatica* (69 points)

Minutes of the OSWA General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on 28 April 2017

Welcome: Courtney Rogasch opened the meeting at 7.34pm welcoming visitors, members.

Members were requested not to touch the benched blooms as some flowers bruise very easily.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries: Birthday wishes to 7th Rosemary McGrath, 10th Bernadette Campbell, 12th Karen Carless, 17th Mike Burgess, 24th Rod Pohl, 29th Ian Duncan.

Apologies: As per register.

Meeting Items:

WAOS 2017 with Bruce Larsen – Venue & parking, display plan, set up & judging times, registration, speakers, organised bus trips, society participation, allocated responsibilities – suggested OSWA manage Sales

How to Enter Plants at the General Meetings – Ian Duncan Schedule to be put in the Bulletin

How to Enter Plants at Shows – Maxine Godbeer NB use Query Table if unsure.

Submitting Entry Cards & Plant Sales sheets – Rosemary McGrath

Break for tea and popular vote. Thanks to those Members who brought in cakes & nibbles for Supper.

Minutes: Moved R Pohl, seconded L Brooks that the Minutes of the March meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business arising: None

Correspondence:

- Little Aussie Directories OSWA Advert – Winter Show
- Manning SC – participation encouraged
- Neutrog Order has arrived & is ready for pick up
- Shona Macskasy, offering us free space for a display and sales table at the Koi Show (Sunday 28 May, 10 am - 2 pm, Willowpond Function Centre, 459 Nicholson Rd, Canning Vale. Murray & Courtney to man. Perhaps run a raffle, need helpers to man.
- Stocklands Riverton, still need 2017 Public Liability Ins.
- Garden Show which TriEvents is looking into – no date or details as yet
- Free club and community group seminar on Wednesday 10 May 6-9pm at Manning Community Hall, 2 Conochie Crescent, Manning WA 6152
- WAOS are working on a new show schedule for the Conference – available soon
- Responses to enquiries from members of the public about where to buy orchids, show and meeting dates, etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Business arising: Request for helpers at the Koi Show

Confirmation: Moved P Kissell, seconded R Taylor that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: prepared by K Bayliss

Confirmation: Moved J Bateman, seconded L Pacca, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

New Members: Margaret Rathbone, Booragoon

Applications: Natalie Kulchytska, Helen Stretch, Anna Sipieterre

Reports:

WAROO-Ian Duncan

- WAROO Application to hold World Orchid Conference
- WAOS Sales Table – no commission paid – need volunteers – free entry & T-shirt
- Want donations each day for raffles
- Judging Benched Plants Friday 11am, Displays 4pm

Waterford Plaza: Rosemary McGrath- enjoyable day, thanks for all those who helped speaking to the public.

Tropical Colours Visit: Kaye Baylis – a great day, lots of orchids in flower to choose from. Thanks to Arnold Godfrey for driving the bus.

General Business:

- Riverton Forum Autumn Show Schedule, Sales Sheets & Entry cards available. A query table to be set up if unsure of class, etc., as once plants are benched they will not be changed. Kaye Baylis Show Marshall Members asked to volunteer & put their names on the Roster
- Annual Koi Show 28th May – Organiser & helpers needed to set up & man information Display Unsure as to size of area as yet. M Baker & C Rogasch to man.
- WAOS 2017- picket fence has been purchased Committee to discuss possibility of organizing Sales
- **Shed Cleanup:** Sunday 30th April start 9.30am Many hands make light work
- **Home Open:** Sunday June 25th McGrath, 2 Morrish Place Como 10am \$5, bring salad or sweet

Raffle: Carol Willox, John Walton, Helen Stretch, Anna Sipieterre, Bruce Larsen, Anna Sipieterre, Carol Willox, Anna Sipieterre. Thanks to Rod Pohl & Jim Baylis for generously donating plants for the raffle.

Popular Vote:

Open: *Aerides quinquevulnera*, owner Ray Taylor.

Novice: Blc. Hannah Arendt, owner Jack Krishnan

Badge Prize: Jim Baylis

Light bulb snippets: for future meetings members were requested to bring in plants or other snippets of information for discussion

Next Meeting: Friday 26th May, Orchidup Nursery Talk

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm Thanks to those members who helped pack everything away

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Rhyncholaeliocattleya Splashing Around, Grand Champion of the Autumn Show. Grown by Peter Kissell.



There were thousands of phalaenopsis hybrids in flower at Tropical Colours Nursery.



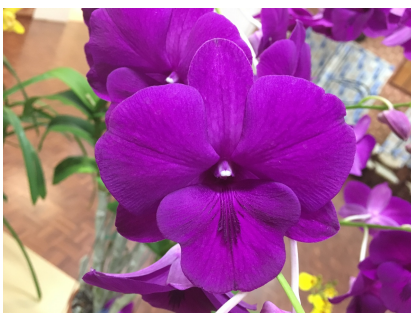
Paphiopedilum Rowenna, from the April meeting. Grown by Rod Pohl.



Docrillia sulphurea, from the April meeting. Grown by Peter Kissell.



Zygopetalum mackayii, Best Novice Entry at the Autumn Show. Grown by Jack Krishnan.



Dendrobium (Hot Lips x Kuranda Classic) x *Dendrobium* Asternova Storm, from the April meeting. Grown by Ian Duncan.

This is a pansy-type Dendrobium, so named because the labellum (lip) of the flower is shaped like a third petal, giving the flower the appearance of a pansy. The pansy lip comes from the *Dendrobium* Kuranda Classic in the parentage of this hybrid.



Aerides quinquevulnera from the April meeting. Grown by Ray Taylor.



Cymbidium (One Tree Hill 'John's Quest' x Golden Elf 'Sundust') from the April Meeting. Grown by Courtney Rogasch.