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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 22nd September, 2017**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

DEFLASKING

BY LYNN BROOKS

OCTOBER MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 13th

General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 27th

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Birthdays

September: 6th Alan Prosser, 14th Bob Longmore

October: 16th Barbara 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 Amy and Poh Chia (Wilson). We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

September Meeting: Deflasking

We will be having a demonstration of deflasking of orchid seedlings at the September General Meeting. Usually, members can purchase a freshly-deflasked seedling on the night, but the seedlings do not survive for very long. This time we plan to have the seedlings housed in a suitable growing room until they are well-established, and then make them available to members. Anyone who has a suitable growing area and would be willing to look after the seedlings for a month or so, please contact Lynn Brooks.

Neutrog Bulk Order

Any members wishing to purchase Neutrog products should ensure payment & completed forms are sent to Kirsty Bayliss by 23rd September (the day after the general meeting). Order forms were emailed in August, but printed forms will still be available at the September meeting. Purchases should be available for collection on 21st October.

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 who have already returned them.

Kardinya Spring Show

We had a beautiful display this year. Thank you to the many set-up helpers, especially Lynn, Caterina, and Meg, and to all who took turns watching over the display and the sales table from Wednesday to Saturday. Congratulations to the winners.

Potting Workshop: Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre

The workshop will be held on Sunday 22nd October, 10 am until 4 pm. Plants will be potted, there will be sales of orchids and orchid-related paraphernalia, there will be talks, a display, scones and other snacks. Speakers, potters & helpers needed. Contact Kaye if you can help with repotting or are willing to give a short talk on the day. 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!).

Showing Plants at OSWA Shows and Meetings

We all love to see fine orchids, so members are encouraged to bring orchids in flower to meetings and shows whenever possible. Please note that if you wish to enter an orchid into competition at a show or at a monthly meeting, you must have owned that orchid for at least 6 months. If you have a special orchid in flower but have not owned it for 6 months, you can still show it off at a monthly meeting or orchid show, but the plant should be labelled "For Display Only" and should not be submitted for judging.

2018 AOC Conference

The next AOC conference will be held in South Windsor, close to the beautiful Blue Mountains, in NSW. See: <http://aocc2018.orchidsocietynsw.com.au>. Register before 31st December 2017 to take advantage of the Early-bird pricing.

Floraplant Nursery Visit 822 Rowley Road, Oakford, WA

A visit is planned for Saturday 21st October, arriving at 10.30am. This nursery is a delight to see as it is fully computerised to obtain maximum growing conditions for the various types of flowering plants including orchids. We are hoping to have the use of the South Perth Community bus & it will be a case of first in first accommodated. Please let Rosemary know on 0401508667. An excursion not to be missed!

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017) based on notes from Roy Brown

We are now entering into the Spring months when we see the majority of our Cymbidiums flowering once again. Also these are the months when the orchid societies hold their annual Spring Shows, so give your plants that are in spike that little extra care and attention, then enter them into the shows so that everyone can enjoy them with you. I should start off this month with a few hints on preparing your plants for exhibition. Firstly, give the pots a good clean up. Next, wipe the leaves over with a clean, damp, soft cloth. Trim the ends of the leaves, some may have dead tips and these can look rather unsightly. Always remember to sterilize the cutting instrument after attending to each plant. Then, probably the most important point, make sure that those plants that need it are properly staked, so presenting their flowers in a proper manner. It doesn't really take long to prepare each plant for a show, but it does make all the difference to the finished product. Finally, on the morning of the day that the Show is to be set up, give your plants a good water as they may have to be on display for 3 or 4 days. You should already be hard at it with dividing and repotting by now, and by doing each plant in turn after it has flowered, it will save a lot of last minute, hurried work at the end of October.



Cymbidium pumilum x *Cymbidium Wallara*
"Golden Nugget", grown by Barbara Burnett

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017) based on notes from Henry Eaton

With the increase in daylight hours, there is evidence that Spring is here after a winter of cold nights and late winter rains. Your Cattleyas should now be showing signs of recovering from dormancy, by growth buds beginning to enlarge in some and by the appearance of new roots in others. Where you see these signs on plants they provide an indication that those plants are ready to be repotted in new mix if they are growing out of the pot, or if the mix has been there for a long while and is probably going stale and is unlikely to last for another year in good condition. These plants should be inspected to see if they only need transfer to a bigger pot or whether they need to be divided. If division is contemplated, do not go for divisions of less than 4 mature bulbs each. If there appears not to be any new roots on the posterior divisions, the plant could be partially divided at the necessary spot and left for a couple of months to let a new growth appear, when the cut could be completed and the division made. This also reminds me that when thinking of dividing a plant, make sure by removing any old sheaths around it, that

there is a viable bud at the point of division. If none is found, do not divide it at that point but seek another spot. When potting on a Cattleya it is worth choosing a mix that will be adaptable to the time you can give to watering your plants. If frequent watering is possible, a coarser, less absorbent mix can be used, while those people who cannot spare enough time to water the plants should use a smaller sized mix which will hold water for longer. Cattleyas like a wet to nearly dry cycle for best growth. Use a pot size you feel will be adequate to allow at least 2-3 years growth before the need for repotting arises. Do not over-pot. When repotting, hold the plant so that the oldest bulb sits plumb with the back edge of the pot, giving the new growth at least 2 years of growth in front. After filling the pot with your mix, the plant should be anchored firmly enough for you to lift it up by the leaves without separating it from the pot. A stake alongside the foremost growth to which it is tied is also worth considering if there is any doubt

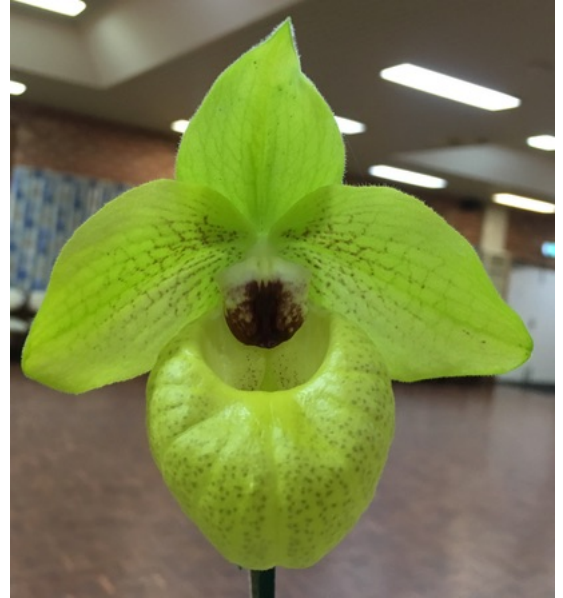


Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Haadyai Delight x Srisil Gold), grown by Valerie Cooper. Valerie grows this orchid under 50% shadecloth, with protection from the winter rains, and fertilises it with Strike Back for Orchids Liquid and pellets.

about stability. Water the plant well and leave it a shady area of the shadehouse for a couple of weeks before returning it to its normal spot. You can fertilise the plant with something like Seasol or Strikeback before commencing its normal feeding after 3-4 weeks.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017) by Trevor Burnett

As I discussed last month you should now be ensuring that, by the end of October, you have completed repotting of the plants that have finished flowering. The plants that did not produce spikes should already have been done. With warmer conditions now gradually becoming the norm during these months, increased attention needs to be given to the watering. As all my plants now have a nice new open mix, I increase my watering programme to once a week, but always in the morning. When you water now, check to ensure that the water freely flows out of the drainage holes at the bottom of the pot. As a lot of us place small crock pieces in the base of the pot, we need to ensure that good drainage is maintained and we have not retarded the water flow with crocking of the pots. With the warmer weather, the fertilizer programme can be increased to weekly or fortnightly with a high Nitrogen based fertilizer to promote good development of the new growths. When repotting plants from the existing pot, carefully extract all the growing mix with your fingers and remove any dead roots. Care must be taken not to damage live roots when repotting as paphiopedilums have a limited root system. Place the plant in the pot, with the base of the plant some 15mm below the rim of the pot, and work the mix in and around the roots. Gently bumping the pot on the bench can also assist in the placement of the mix. On top of the mix I spread a small quantity of crushed sea shells or gravel sand which helps support the plant from moving in the pot, which will cause root damage.



Paphiopedilum Norito Hasegawa, grown by Trevor Burnett. Trevor did his own crossing of *Paphiopedilum malipoense* and *Paphiopedilum armeniacum* to obtain this plant.

Minutes of the OSWA General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 25th August 2017

Welcome: The Vice President Murray Baker opened the meeting at 7.38 pm welcoming visitors, members.

Birthdays: August: 30th Kirsty Bayliss, 31st Lynn Brooks September: 6th Alan Prosser, 14th Bob Longmore. Best wishes to anyone celebrating birthdays or anniversaries during August & September

Apologies: as per register.

New Member: Val Dobrowolski (Riverton)

Meeting Item: Floral Art Kaye Baylis demonstrated how to correctly make a corsage, an arrangement using wood/driftwood, and an arrangement in a container. Her work made it look easy, but it takes a lot of practice to design arrangements as beautiful as those she completed. Hopefully Kaye did inspire members to make a floral arrangement for the forthcoming Spring Show. Thanks so much for your direction Kaye.

Break for tea and popular vote.

Minutes: Moved R Taylor, seconded K Bayliss, that the Minutes of the July meeting be accepted. Carried.

Business arising: The Cymbidium Unknown was actually Cymbidium Bulbarrow

Correspondence:

- Manning Senior Citizens – Activities during August & September – Operetta 6th – 8th Sept. Members \$10
- Garden Clubs, notice of AGM
- 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.
- Garden Clubs Winter Magazine – photo of Liz Gilbert's "Tulips at Araluen" 2016 entry

Business arising: All items discussed as presented

Confirmation: Moved R Taylor, seconded V Seaman, that Correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Financial Statement: presented by K Bayliss,

Confirmation: Moved K Bayliss, seconded L Brooks, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. Carried.

Reports:

WAROO: next meeting Saturday 9th September

WAOS: Kaye Baylis thanked everyone who was involved with organising, setting up & dismantling the Display. Many thanks to Trevor Burnett for the ferns, rosemary & thyme plants. Congratulations to Maxine Godbeer for *Dendrochilum wenzelii* (Best Specimen & Best Miscellaneous) and Rosemary McGrath for *Den. alexandrae* x *Den. forbesii* (Best Dendrobium).

General Business:

- Neutrog Orders: Forms are available – payment by 23rd September, Delivery 21st October Order forms were sent with online Bulletins. Other societies are invited to participate.
- Bus Trip to Tropical Colours Saturday 26th August Those travelling by car should arrive 10.30am
- Potting Workshop: Sunday 22nd October – need volunteers to assist in repotting – thanks to Lina Pacca & Edna Burgess for volunteering so far.
- Spring Show: Arrangements for the show were discussed. Plants and helpers needed.
- Squat Pots: Please contact Kirsty if you require any pots prior to the meeting 0413599998
- Suggestions for talks at General Meetings: If you have any ideas please let a committee member know.
- Trevor Burnett listed those members interested in purchasing a Dendrobium lindleyi.

Raffle: Many thanks to Graham Esmond for the donation of 9 Softcane dendrobiums for the raffle it was very much appreciated. Winners: Rod Pohl, Tom Seaman, Enid Chelva, Lynn Brooks, Jack Krishnan, Rosalie McCallum, Valerie Cooper, Anna Sipieterre, Ian Duncan, Amy Chia.

Popular Vote: Open: *Paphiopedilum* Norita Hasegawa, owner Trevor Burnett
Novice: *Rlc*. Haadyai Delight x *Rlc* Srisil Gold, owner Valerie Cooper

Badge Prize: Coral Bielby, Ian Duncan

Next General Meeting: Friday 22nd September How to deflask orchids with Lynn Brooks

Next Committee Meeting: Friday 1st September at 2 Morrish Place

Meeting Closed at 9.36pm

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (August 2017)

OPEN

2E	(1)	1	Barbara Burnett	<i>Cymbidium pumilum</i> x <i>Cymbidium</i> Wallara "Golden Nugget"
3B	(1)	1	Trevor Burnett	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Norito Hasegawa
6D	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Odontocidium</i> Sunlight "Pesky Panther"
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Odontocidium</i> Wildcat Bobcat
8A	(1)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium speciosum</i>
8B	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium</i> Cobber Yibbidy Ya Ya
		2	Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium</i> Ruppidsum
10B	(1)	1	Trevor Burnett	<i>Sedirea japonica</i> "Hsinying"4N
12	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> (I-Hsin Romance "Nice Stripes" x Atien Nasu)

NOVICE

15F (1) 1 Valerie Cooper *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* (Haadyai Delight x Srisil Gold)

POPULAR VOTE

Trevor Burnett *Paphiopedilum* Norito Hasegawa

OPEN

Valerie Cooper *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* (Haadyai Delight x Srisil Gold)

NOVICE

SCHOKMAN TROPHY Valerie Cooper *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* (Haadyai Delight x Srisil Gold) (73 points)
(Laelinae)

Results of the OSPA Spring Show, Kardinya Park Shopping Centre, 29th August 2017.

Champion Cymbidium	<i>Cymbidium</i> One Tree Hill "Beenak"	Courtney Rogasch
Best Laeliinae Alliance (Schokman Trophy 74.5 points)	<i>Cattleya loddigesii</i>	Tom & Val Seaman
Best Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphiopedilum edithiae</i>	George Price
Best Australian Native	<i>Dendrobium speciosum</i>	Caterina Ottobriano
Best Oncidinae	Oncidinae Unknown	Meg Donald
Best Vandeae	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	Ian Duncan
Best Any Other Genera	<i>Zygopetalum crinitum</i>	Courtney Rogasch
Grand Champion	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	Ian Duncan
Reserve Champion	Oncidinae Unknown	Meg Donald
Best Australian Native Species	<i>Dendrobium speciosum</i>	Caterina Ottobriano
Best Australian Native Hybrid	<i>Dendrobium</i> Ellen Glow "Howler" x <i>Dendrobium</i> Angelene Wang "Angel Glow"	Merril Brechin
Best Specimen	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Haadyai Delight x <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Srisil Gold	Valerie Cooper
Best Specimen Aust Native	<i>Dendrobium</i> Burgundy Bride x (<i>Dendrobium</i> x <i>delicatum</i>)	Merril Brechin
Best Cymbidium Seedling	<i>Cymbidium</i> Pink Ice x <i>Cymbidium</i> Valley Splash	Ian Duncan
Best Novice Entry	<i>Dendrobium speciosum</i>	Caterina Ottobriano
Best Floral Entry	Arrangement in a container	Meg Donald
Best Lycaste (Richard Nichols Trophy 71.8 points)	<i>Lycaste aromatica</i>	Maxine Godbeer