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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

STAKING  
COURTNEY ROGASCH

**AUGUST MEETING DATES:**

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 3rd

General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 24th

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## Birthdays

July: 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Butler, 15<sup>th</sup> Dana Mitchell, 16<sup>th</sup> Maureen Grantham

August: 30<sup>th</sup> Kirsty Bayliss, 31<sup>st</sup> Lynn Brooks.

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.

## Home Visit at Ray and Peta Taylor's Property: Saturday 28 July 2018, from 10 am.

The address is 2118 Great Northern Highway, Bullsbrook. There will be plants from Tinonee Orchid Nursery (NSW) for sale, and in case it is cold, there will be a big pot of special home-made soup. Bring a chair if you can. Optional: meat for bbq, salad or sweet to share. Please fill in the sign-up sheet if planning to attend.

## Tropical Colours Orchid Nursery Visit: Saturday 18 August, from 10 am (bus leaves 9:30 am).

The nursery is at 558 Gossage Road, Oldbury. We have organised a free bus, which will leave from Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre at 9:30 am. The bus will be towing a trailer, to haul back the purchases. Places on the bus are limited — to book a seat, call Rosemary on 0401 508 667 or add your name to the list at the July general meeting, otherwise you can drive or car pool and meet at the Nursery at 10 am.

## Intersociety Orchid Display and Workshop – Saturday 4 August and Sunday 5 August

The Intersociety Orchid Display and Workshop will be the biggest orchid show in WA this year. The venue is Morley Sport & Recreation Centre, Wellington Rd, Morley. Set-up is from 7 am on Saturday and needs to be completed by 12 noon. Judging will happen in the afternoon, the annual dinner will be held on Saturday evening (see info in previous bulletins) and the Display will be open to the public on Sunday 5 August from 9 am - 3 pm. Make sure you wear your OSWA badge to get free entry.

***We need enthusiastic members to help set up on Saturday morning, pack up on Sunday afternoon, and bring in plants for the plant competition and for the display.***

If you haven't been involved in an OSWA event before, this would be a good to cut your teeth on -- it will be the biggest orchid show in WA this year, with lots of orchids to see, guest speakers, and orchid plants and flasks and other paraphernalia for sale. There will be a sales table, with the organising club (the Species Orchid Society of WA) receiving 10% commission on all sales. Proceeds from sales (less the commission) will be credited to sellers in late August or early September, via cheque or electronic funds transfer to each seller's bank account. **If you wish to sell plants, collect the special ISODW paperwork and sales slips at the July General Meeting.**

## Some dates to save...

**Home visit at John Carless's place:** in September 2018 or later, watch this space.

**Christmas Dinner:** Sunday 11 November 2018, at Itsara Thai Restaurant in Nedlands. The restaurant has excellent food and a special garden area adorned with live orchids. More details later.

## Upcoming Shows:

### South Eastern Orchid Society 2018 Annual Show.

Venue: Cannington Hall, corner of Station Street & Albany Highway, Cannington

Setup: Friday 24 August 2018 from 12 noon till 6.30 pm. If any member wishes to put plants into the show, entry forms and schedules will be available from Sue Pearson, and plants must be tabled on the Friday by 6 pm.

Open to public: Saturday 25 August 9am – 6pm and Sunday 26 August 2018 9am – 4pm.

Enquiries: Sue Pearson, ph. 9399 4966, mobile 0407 718 377, email [Jayenss3@bigpond.com](mailto:Jayenss3@bigpond.com)

**Show Spring Orchid Fair 2018.**

Venue: Aranmore Catholic College Hall, Oxford St, Leederville.

Setup Friday 14 September from 5 pm, open to public Saturday 15 September 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday 16 September 9 am - 3 pm.

This show is presented jointly by the Cymbidium Orchid Club of WA, Northern Districts Orchid Society, Wanneroo/Joondalup Orchid Society, Species Orchid Society of WA, Australasian Native Orchid Society and the Paphiopedilum Study Group of WA.

OSWA members are invited to attend and enter plants into the competition. Further info from Bruce Larson 0417 903 280, or Lynn Brooks 0414 922 923. Entry tickets and the Show Schedule are available by email from Helen Stretch, [hstretch2007@bigpond.com.au](mailto:hstretch2007@bigpond.com.au)

**For Sale: Eucalyptus oil @ \$3.00 per 100 mL.**

Contact Courtney on 0407 049 717 prior to a meeting to arrange purchase.

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**CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2018) based on notes from Henry Eaton**

July and August are usually the coldest months of the year. This seems to be holding true in 2016. 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. 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, because the cold would induce dormancy at this time. 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 2018) 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 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 quick 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.

**CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2018) based on notes from Roy Brown**

The most important job with our 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 flower 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.

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**From our June General Meeting...****John Carless — Dry Rest for Orchids**

Generally, most orchids don't like cold wet winters, especially when temperatures fall below 8 °C for long periods of time. When this occurs, plants should be kept on the dry side. It is important to remember that more orchids are killed by overwatering than underwatering. If you are not sure whether to water or not, it is probably better not to water.

Everybody's growing conditions are different. Each grower should take into account temperature, humidity, light, potting media, drainage, and air circulation. During winter in Perth, watering is only needed every 7 - 10 days, even in glasshouses. Plants in shadehouses should receive sufficient water from rainfall. Plants grown on slabs (i.e., mounted) will require water more often. Damping down floors will increase humidity in growing areas. Watering at this time of year should be done mid-morning on a sunny day, and plants should be dry by nightfall.

Any repotting and/or fertilizing should be left until at least mid-August or early September. Scale insects can be a problem at this time. Small infestations can be brushed off with methylated spirits mixed with water.

Some orchids that require a dry rest in winter: *Dendrobiums* (*Dendrobium farnesi*, *Dendrobium thysiflorum*, *Dendrobium loddigessii*, *Dendrobium nobile*, *Dendrobium canaliculatum*), oncidiums and their relatives, stanhopeas, ansellias.

**Courtney Rogasch — Dividing a large orchid**

Courtney showed off a large specimen of *Laelia lobata* that had seriously outgrown its pot and had many pseudobulbs with long roots well outside the pot. The pot was about a 15 cm pot but the pseudobulbs occupied formed a cluster about 60 cm in diameter. Courtney used a large knife to cut the rhizome and divide the plant into pieces of about three to five pseudobulbs each. He was quite rough during this procedure. Lynn assisted by painting Mercurochrome onto the cut sections of the divisions, to seal the wounds and prevent attack by fungus or other pathogens. Mercurochrome is much easier to apply than Steriprune (which tends to get everywhere.) Courtney advised that *Laelia lobata* is an orchid that often flowers best when it overgrows the pot. He suggested growing the divisions in coarse bark in slatted pots (e.g., the shallow square Vanda pots), or on mounts, and recommended pieces with four or five pseudobulbs as being a good size. He then generously gave away all the divisions, and promised that he would give a decent orchid to whomever was the first person to bring a piece in flower back to a general meeting. There were many witnesses who heard this pronouncement, and after brief discussion Courtney emphasized that *only the first* person with a flowering division would earn the decent orchid prize.

When Courtney was almost finished dividing the plant, he discovered an aluminium stake tangled within the remnants of the plant. He recalled that he made the stake from an offcut of 72-strand cable he obtained from some Western Power workers in his area. To make the stake, he cut the cable to the length he wanted, and separated the individual strands. At this point, the strands were aluminium wires that were each curled into a loose helical shape. To straighten a strand, he bent the last two centimetres of one end to form a loop, and fixed that firmly into a vice, then poked the other end into a drill chuck and tightened the chuck firmly. He then turned the drill on and pulled back away from the vice. As the drill chuck turned, the wire was straightened. [Of course this exercise requires great care! Protective eyewear, clear work area away from trip hazards, slow drill speed, etc, etc.] The loop part serves two purposes. Firstly, it makes fixing the wire into the vice easier. Secondly, later when the wire is being used as a stake in an orchid pot, the loop prevents people looking closely at the orchid from being poked in the eye with an aluminium spike. The aluminium wire is very versatile. It can be used straight, to stake a tall cymbidium, or it can easily be bent and formed into a gentle curve to follow an arching phalaenopsis raceme. Courtney may talk about this more during his presentation in the July meeting.

**Helen Stretch:** *Wilsonara* Eye Candy 'Pinky'. Helen purchased this plant from Tinonee Orchid Nursery at the WAOS meeting in August 2017. She now has it in a 15 cm anti-spiral pot (a pot with vertical undulations in the sides to stop the roots spiralling around inside) that has large vertical slots. Because the pot has the large slots, Helen uses a mix of cocopeat, small bark, and perlite to retain moisture. The pot had been hanging in the shadehouse exposed to rain until flowering about two weeks ago. Fertilising is with Strike Back (pellets and liquid) and various foliar feeds. The plant has grown very fast. It was only about 5 cm tall when purchased last August, but has now filled its 15 cm pot and the foliage is about 30 cm tall, a testament to Helen's skills at orchid culture.



**Harry Ashton:** *Tolumnia* 169. This plant was a polypack plant from Bunnings. Harry is growing it mounted on cork with a bit of sphagnum to help keep moisture around the roots. He usually has it hanging in the shadehouse, but now that it is flowering he has brought it under cover out of the rain, and has it hanging on some security mesh. The flowers are intricately patterned with deep red markings, which seem to get darker as the weather gets colder.




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### The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

**Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 22 June 2018**

**Welcome:** 7:33 pm.

**Apologies:** As per Register

**Birthdays in June:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Seaman, 9<sup>th</sup> Fred Herbert, Edna Burgess, 17<sup>th</sup> Maggie Longmore

**July:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Butler, 15<sup>th</sup> Dana Mitchell, 16<sup>th</sup> Maureen Grantham

**Meeting Item:** John Carless – Orchids that need a dry winter rest. John gave an informative talk about how to care for orchids in Perth's wet winters.

**Break for popular vote**

**Minutes:** Moved L Brooks, seconded V Seaman that the Minutes of the May GM be accepted. Carried.

**Business arising:** Nil.

**Correspondence:**

- David Edmonds re article for the Bulletin
- Community Information Support Services (requesting donation)
- Little Aussie Directory (re our advert for Spring Show, to appear in Winter issue)
- Bunnings (re donation of \$100 gift voucher to OSWA)
- Phone tag with Bunnings (re demo at Belmont in July)
- Ken Jones re sales table procedures at ISODW and the dinner.
- Ken Jones, re proposed new rules for WAROO/OrchidsWA.
- Wenqing Perner (Chengdu, China) re plan of botanical study tour in north Sichuan, China in September 2018. For 13 days, US\$2950 covers everything except airfares.
- Kellie Nelson, searching for *Dendrobium* Margaret Alphonso (*Dendrobium Somsak* x *Dendrobium farmeri*) and *Alphonsoara* Gus (Arachnopsis Miswadi x Ascocenda Memoria Choo Laikeun; now *Trevorara* Gus).
- Garden Clubs (bulletin)
- Sue Pearson (invitation to SEOS Winter Show)
- Responses to emails from members of the public about where to buy orchids, show and meeting dates, etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

**Business arising:** Nil

**Confirmation:** Moved R Taylor, seconded J Bateman that Correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

**Financial Statement:** Prepared and presented by K Bayliss.

**Confirmation:** Moved K Bayliss seconded L Brooks that the Financial Statement be endorsed. Carried.

**New Members:** None this month.

**Reports:**

- **Koi Show:** OSWA represented by Jacqui and Eric Bateman and Murray Baker. This was judged as a worthwhile event despite the inclement weather and an attempted theft of Eric's umbrella. Committee agreed that we would be involved again next year if the opportunity arises. Thanks to J Baylis & G Esmond for donated plants.

**General Business:**

- **Orchid demo at Bunnings in July:** M Davis has agreed to do this. Belmont, 5 July.
- **Waterford Plaza Community Day:** Saturday 23 June, 11 am - 2 pm, setup from 8:30 am. Shops are on corner of Kent St and Manning Road in Karawara.
- **Bus Trip to Floraplant June 30:** Saturday Bus to leave Manning Seniors at 8.30am sharp. Members requested to book in the sign-up sheet if intending to be on the bus.
- **Combined Orchid display July 7:** Setup from 7 pm Friday 6 July. E Burgess, T Burnett to speak on Cattleyas and Paphs. Microphone will be required.
- **Christmas in July: Friday 20 July, Chin's restaurant, Leeming.** Members requested to fill in the sign-up sheet if planning to attend.
- **Ray Taylor Open House:** Saturday 28 July. 2118 Great Northern Highway, 10.00am start. Bring a chair. Optional: meat for bbq, salad or sweet to share. Members requested to fill in the sign-up sheet if planning to attend.
- **Intersociety Orchid Display and Show.** Sat 4 Aug and Sun 5 Aug. Dinner on Sat night, menu in the bulletin. Advise Murray if you plan to attend. Plant sales on the Sunday, 10% commission to species club. Proceeds of sales will be paid by cheque or bank transfer after Ken Jones returns from overseas in late August. No payments by cash. Advise Murray if you plan to sell plants at the sales table (they will give us a code to tie plant sales to clubs). Plants will need to be presented with necessary sales paperwork (sales slips + sales sheets) on the Saturday.

**Raffle:** C Ottobriano, C Bielby, M Brechin (x2), N Kulchytska, A Sipieterre, M Rathbone, E Burgess. Thank you to J Carless and R McGrath for donations of raffle prizes and to M Brechin for calling "re-draw" instead of accepting her second raffle prize.

**Popular Vote:**

**Open:** Wilsonara Eye Candy 'Pinky', owner H Stretch.

**Novice:** Tolumnia 169, owner H Ashton.

**Badge Prize:** K Bayliss

**Demo on dividing plants (Courtney):** C Rogasch did a demo of dividing a large specimen of *Laelia lobata* that had overgrown its pot.

**Next Committee:** Friday 13 July.

**Next General Meeting:** Friday 27 July (Courtney – Staking plants)

**Meeting closed at 9:24 pm**

**MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (June 2018)**

(Note: Plants must have been owned by the grower for at least 6 months prior to entry in Monthly Meetings and Shows)

**OPEN**

1B	(1)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Drumbeat Triumph
1E	(1)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Epidendrum</i> Star Valley 'Lake View'
1F	(2)	1	Tara Peeters	<i>Brassavola</i> David Sandler
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Epicattleya</i> René Marqués 'Flame Thrower'
3A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i> 'Darch' x <i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i> 'My Best'
3B	(1)	1	Tara Peeters	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Leeaenum ( <i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i> x <i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i> )
3C	(3)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hsinying Art Pie x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Laserlight 'PT'
		2	Tara Peeters	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> unknown
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hung Sheng Red x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Shin-Yi Heart
4C	(1)	1	Tara Peeters	<i>Dendrobium</i> unknown
6B	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Oncidium</i> unknown
6D	(1)	1	Helen Stretch	<i>Wilsonara</i> Eye Candy 'Pinky'
8B	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hilda Poxon
		2	Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium</i> Gracemere
11A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Nicholle Tower ( <i>Phragmipedium dalessandroi</i> 'Orange Glow' x <i>Phragmipedium longifolium</i> 'Black as Night')
11B	(2)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Bulbophyllum echinolabium</i> (?)
		2	Ian Duncan	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Kiwi Seagull x <i>Zygopetalum</i> Artur Elle
12	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hsinying Art Pie x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Laserlight 'Green Centre Keely'
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Nicholle Tower ( <i>Phragmipedium dalessandroi</i> 'Orange Glow' x <i>Phragmipedium longifolium</i> 'Black as Night')

**NOVICE**

15B	(2)	1	Valerie Cooper	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Sanyung Ruby 'Grand Dragon'
		2	Graham Esmond	<i>Cattleya</i> Mont Blanc x <i>Cattleya</i> Supreme
16D	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Cymbidium</i> unknown
16E(?)	(1)	1	Dana Mitchell	<i>Cymbidium</i> Music Box Dancer 'Ballerina'
17A	(1)	1	Margaret Rathbone	<i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i>
20C	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Tolumnia</i> 169

**POPULAR VOTE**

<b>OPEN</b>	Helen Stretch	<i>Wilsonara</i> Eye Candy 'Pinky'
<b>NOVICE</b>	Harry Ashton	<i>Tolumnia</i> 169

**SCHOKMAN TROPHY** Howard Tan *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Drumbeat Triumph (72 points)  
(Laelinae)

**JIM GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY** R Taylor *Phragmipedium* Nicholle Tower (68 points)  
(Phragmipedium)