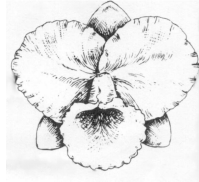


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 23rd July 2010 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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## **THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

PROTECTING OUR ORCHIDS FROM THE COLD

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## AUGUST MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 2nd  
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 13th  
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 27th

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**Deadline for Bulletin Items — 9 pm  
Sat. 13 days prior to OSWA GM.**

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**Birthdays:**

**July - 1st** - Kevin Butler **15th** - Dana Mitchell **16th** - Maureen Grantham **18th** - Roy Brown

**August - 18th** - Tom Dixon **19th** - Judith Keogh **26th** - Meg Brown

We wish everyone a very Happy Birthday and also anyone celebrating an Anniversary, our best wishes to you. To anyone on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery.

**OSWA Bulletin:** The Bulletin is now online at <http://members.iinet.net.au/~murray.baker/OSWA>

If you are happy to download the Bulletin from the web and not receive the printed copy by post, please let Murray know ([murray.baker@iinet.net.au](mailto:murray.baker@iinet.net.au))

- **Winter State Championship Show:** This will be held at the South Perth Scout & Guide Hall, on the 24th & 25th July 2010. The hall is on the Ernest Johnson Oval, Pilgrim Street, South Perth (just behind the South Perth Community Hospital). Setup is at 8 am Sat. 24th July, judging commencing at 9.30 am.
- Show open to the public Sat. 24th 12 noon - 4 pm and Sun. 25th 9 am - 4 pm
- As our Show Secretary and our Treasurer are both unable to be at the Winter Show, we will need some help in the kitchen and also with setup and take down of the Show. Plants are also needed for the exhibition and people to help man the display.
  
- **Casserole Night :** Saturday 24th July 2010, 6 pm for a 6.30 pm start. Please bring a casserole or a sweet to share. Cost is \$5.00 per person.
- This is an enjoyable evening sitting among our orchids at the Winter Show, having great food and good company, talking about what ever subject you like. Please bring something for a raffle.
- **Next Committee Meeting** will be held on **13th August** at Henry's home.
  
- **Upcoming Meeting Items: July** - Protecting your orchids from the cold in Winter **August** - Eddy Wajon- Regeneration after a fire, orchids & wildflowers.
  
- **Tenterden Trip:** Will be on 11th & 12th September. Motel accommodation is being booked in Mt. Barker for those making the trip to Eddy Wajon's property. Please let Ian Duncan know if you are interested in this trip. He can answer any questions you may have at the July Meeting  
Motel costs are - Single room \$92.00 per night + \$10.50 for breakfast.  
For 2 people \$110.00 per night + \$10.50 pp for breakfast

Hundreds of FREE (used) 2" pots. These are suitable for seedlings, tube-stock etc. but need to be washed before use. If you want any please let Murray know.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION RESULTS (JUNE 2010)**Open:**

Class 1A (1) 1. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>L. anceps</i> 'Blumen Insel'
Class 1B (2) 1. Edna & Mike Burgess	Blc. Goldenzelle 'Taja'
2. Edna & Mike Burgess	Blc. Sibling Rivalry 'Southern Cross'
Class 6A (1) 1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Rdza. Decora</i>
Class 9A (1) 1. Ian Duncan	<i>Ptst. Scabra</i>
Class 11A(1) 1. Edna & Mike Burgess	Phrag. Calurum

**Novice:**

Class 15B(2) 1. Ross & Alice Lang	C. Jolly Roger 'Kellie'
2. Ross & Alice Lang	Bc. Hawaiian Prince
Class 16B(1) 1. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Gareth 'Latangor'
Class 16C(3) 1. Peggy Stacy	Cym. Starlight Capella
2. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym Zig-Zag 'Kiwi'
3. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Gene Siskel 'Topsey'
Class 17A(1) 1. Peggy Stacy	<i>Paph. insigne</i>
Class 25B(1) 1. Merylyn Brechin	Z. Redvale Leather x
	Z. Artur Elle 'Essendon'
<b>Junior:</b> 1. Dana Mitchell	Z. Redvale Leather x
	Z. Artur Elle 'Essendon'

POPULAR VOTE

Open - Blc. Goldenzelle 'Taja' - Edna & Mike Burgess

Novice - C. Jolly Roger 'Kellie' - Ross & Alice Lang

Mem. Jim Grantham Trophy points - Phrag. Calurum (66 pts) Edna & Mike Burgess

### CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2010) by Roy Brown

During the next two months, the flower spikes on the Spring flowering varieties of Cymbidiums will grow very rapidly. The most important part of the culture will be caring for the flower spikes, training those that need straightening, and seeing they receive the proper protection and shade conditions.

Staking is very important, so if you find a flower stem not growing straight, then insert a stake as close to the base of the pseudo bulb as possible and gently ease the spike up to the stake and tie it firmly. When tying the spike do not tie it too tightly as the stem will still lengthen, so take care not to restrict the growth.

A slug or a caterpillar has only to damage one bud to spoil the whole spike.

Aphis, mosquitos, fruit fly, ants and all other biting pests will be attracted to the flower buds, and these too will leave a damage mark. I find Rose Dust, lightly dusted on the buds, very effective in getting rid of these pests. It is not advisable to use a liquid form of insecticide on the plants once the flower buds are visible, it could cause malformed flowers.

### CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2010) by Henry Eaton

We have been experiencing in early July unseasonably cold, dry weather. This type of cold requires appropriate culture. As discussed last month, preserving the integrity of your plants roots is probably the most important thing. This is especially relevant because of the frequent frosty nights we have experienced. Cattleyas normally can easily survive the odd cold day, but roots are damaged when they are wet and it becomes very cold. To counter this it is helpful to have a covering of some kind over the growing area to ward off any rain or frost.

Watering of plants has to be confined to days on which the forecasts predict a relatively sunny day with the following night temperature not falling too low. If watering has to be suspended due to the cold, humidity may drop, so you compensate for this by watering the floor and surrounds of the plants. If you only have a few plants, they could be grown on trays containing water while the pots stand on gravel above the waterline. Maintaining humidity is even more important if you grow your plants in a heated glasshouse or bring the plants into the home.

Misting these plants early in the day will also help. The cold and decreased watering means that the plants will be in a dormant, resting phase and fertilizer could be dispensed with temporarily, until the weather warms up and early signs of growth reappear.

Flower buds appearing at this time usually take a long time to open and need to be protected against slugs, snails and insects.

Fungal infections can be avoided by allowing for good air movement around the plants.

## The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

### Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, On Friday 25th June 2010

**Welcome:** The President opened the meeting at 8.00 pm and welcomed the members and visitors present.

**Attendance & Apologies:** As per register

**Minutes:** Moved M. Brechin, seconded T. Dixon that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

**Business arising:** The President stated that the result of the auction at last meeting was very pleasing.

**Confirmation:** Moved J. Walton, seconded E. Dixon that the Business Arising has been resolved.

#### Correspondence Inward:

- E-mail from Marianna Hynson from OrchidWiz stating that she was glad that the auction was a success and thanks for the update. Also advised that they are pleased to announce [www.orchidmap.com](http://www.orchidmap.com) as the newest tool to help you find where, when and what is happening in the orchid world.
- E-mail from Secretary/Treasurer of WAROO requesting agenda items for the meeting on 18th July
- Society Newsletters

#### Correspondence Outward:

- E-mail to Marianna at OrchidWiz advising that the auction of the software had taken place and thanking her for the donation of the software which was much appreciated.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Confirmation:** Moved M. Perry, seconded E. Burgess that the Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried**

**Financial Statement:** #416 was tabled

**Acceptance:** Moved K. Baylis, seconded J. Walton that the financial statement be received. **Carried.**

**New Members:** Mr Tom Stacy

**Reports:** Judges—no meeting

Ian Duncan on his visit to TCQ Conference

**General Business:**

- The President gave out some name badges and also asked for orders for jackets and T-shirts
- The President reminded members of the Casserole Night during our Winter Show.
- Ian Duncan advised the members of the suggested arrangements for the trip to Eddy Wajon's property on the 11th & 12th September. Suggested the Hotel/Motel at Mt. Barker for those not camping at Eddy's property. To have further details at the next meeting.

**Popular Vote:** Open – E. Burgess, Blc. Goldenzelle 'Taja'

Novice - R&A Lang, C. Jolly Roger 'Kellie'

**Raffle:** V. Seaman & M. Brechin

**Special Raffle:** Donated by Meg Brown , won by E. Burgess

**Door Prize:** H. Eaton

**Evening's Programme:** Discussion on fertilizing of orchids in which a number of members participated.

**Meeting closed at 9.45 pm**