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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 & Shafesbury St. South Perth, Friday 15th April 2011 commencing at 8.00p.m.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

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MAY MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 2nd
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 6th
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 27th

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Sat. 13 days prior to OSWA GM.**

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Birthdays:

April: 5th - Alex Szabo **7th** - Rosemary McGrath **10th** - Bernadette Campbell **12th** - Karen Carless **13th** - Hector Patfield **17th** - Mike Burgess **21st** - Anne O'Callaghan **23rd** - Ron Brown
24th - Rod Pohl **29th** - Ian Duncan

May: 7th - Dorothy Walton **9th** - Ellen Dixon

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>

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- **April General Meeting: CHANGED DATE** - As our regular meeting date falls on Good Friday, the meeting will be held on **FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2011. Please note this is the 3rd Friday not the 4th.**
- **April Item:** The Silent auction will be held at the 15th April Meeting. This will be an event not to miss. There will be heaps of good stuff up for grabs. Donations so far include some brand new folding chairs, a new greenhouse heater, books, ceramics, pots, and two new portable mini greenhouses (the type sold at Bunnings with a zip up plastic cover). If you have any items to donate for this event, bring them along on the night and they will be put into lots for the auction. The OrchidWiz software will also be auctioned on the night (not silently!). All proceeds from the auction will go to OSWA, so come along, enjoy the fun of the auction, and support your society.
- WAROO is putting on a display at the World Orchid Conference this November, to advertise the 2012 AOC Conference in Perth. If you are able to contribute cut flowers or old bush camping and mining equipment for the WAROO display in November, please let a Committee member know.
- **A visit to the Wajon property near Mt. Barker:** Members who would like to visit Eddy Wajon's property around September, please register your interest with Ian, Kaye or Murray. The trip last year was enjoyed by all who attended. Lots of native orchids were in flower.
- **Garden Week:** 7th—11th April 2011. Please check the February General Meeting Minutes for other details.
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- **Dates for your calendar:** Autumn Show- Stocklands Riverton 4-7th May, setup 3rd May 6-7 pm. Plant sales daily.
- Winter Show - Scout & Guide Hall South Perth 16-17th July, setup 16th July 8-9 am. Plant sales daily.
- Saturday 16th July - Casserole Night with the orchids on the evening of our winter Show in the Scout & Guide Hall South Perth
- Spring Show - Kardinya Shopping Centre 31st August - 3rd September, setup 30th August 6-7 pm. Plant sales Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
- Royal Show: Display 1 - 8th October, setup Fri. 30th September, take down Sun 9th Oct.
- Potting Workshop - Scout & Guide Hall South Perth Sunday 16th October. Plant sales.
- Saturday 3rd December - Annual Christmas dinner to be held at RAAF Bull Creek

RESULTS OF PLANT COMPETITION - (MONTH - MARCH 2011)**Open:**

Class 1A (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>C. bowringiana</i>
Class 1B (1)	1. Murray & Arni Baker	Cattlianthe Sapphire
Class 2B (1)	2. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Florida Cracker 'Marmalade'
Class 3A (1)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	<i>Paph. Dianthum</i>
Class 3B (2)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Gloria Naugle
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Paph. primulinum var. purpurescens</i> x <i>Paph. delenatii</i> 'Debra'
Class 3C (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph Macabre x Ruby Leopard 'Kuotangsu'
Class 3D (2)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. It's a Doll
	2. Fred & Jean Herbert	Paph. Knock Knock x <i>Paph. praestans</i> 'Jean'
Class 4A (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Den. dearei</i>
Class 4C (1)	1. Murray & Arni Baker	Den. Sonia 'Jumbo'
Class 5A (1)	1. Jack & Betty rensen	<i>Phal. violacea</i> 'Red Face'
Class 5B (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Cygnus x Phal. Hsinying Musa
Class 5E (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Black Eagle x Phal. Chiayi 'Red Queen'
Class 6E (2)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Onc. Kahili
	2. Bob & Nancie Jones	Colm. Wildcat 'Leopard'
Class 7B (2)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	Ascda. Bicentennial 'Carmela'
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Kgw. Kristie Low
Class 8A (1)	1. Jim & Kaye Baylis	<i>Den. bigibbum var. compactum</i>
Class 10A(2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Ctsm. fimbriatum</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulb. guttatum</i>
Class 12A(1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Lc. Angel Heart 'Hihimanu' x Sc. Beaufort
Novice:		
Class 22A(1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	<i>Den. bigibbum var. compactum</i> 'Dark Beauty' x 'Brian's White'

POPULAR VOTE:

Open: *Ctsm. fimbriatum* - Maxine Godbeer

Novice: *Den. bigibbum var compactum* 'Dark Beauty' x 'Brian's White' - Ann & Malcolm Davis

Schokman Trophy Points: Cattlianthe Sapphire (70 pts) - Murray & Arni Baker

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (APRIL /MAY 2011) by Roy Brown

Now that the cooler months are here a start can be made on re-potting. It's always a good idea to make an early start on the job of re-potting, especially if you have a fairly large collection of Cymbidiums. A start can be made on small plants as well as divisions that are not expected to flower this year, but any plants that are already showing signs of flower spikes are better left until after the flowers have been cut off.

April is the month when most of the Spring flowering plants send up their spikes. Cymbidium spikes are produced from the base of the pseudo bulb, or sometimes they appear between the lower and second leaf. The early flowering Cymbidiums have already produced their spikes and these will continue to grow at a fast rate, in some cases the flower buds can be seen already. Take care of these new spikes, they are easily damaged, and keep all slugs and insects away from the flower buds. Use Baysol to keep the slugs away and for other biting insects use a powder form of insecticide on flower buds; don't use liquid insecticides or you could cause malformed flowers when the buds finally open.

Watering will probably be needed once a day from now on, preferably in the morning, depending on weather conditions. The regular feeding programme can be continued with the addition of a little extra Potash to help form the new developing flower spikes.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (APRIL/MAY) by Henry Eaton

We have experienced a very hot, dry summer and there's little sign of a let-up as yet. This should, however, be around the corner. Until such time, continue with your summer culture. When the true Autumn weather arrives it will need a change in culture. As it ought to be cooler and more humid, the frequency of watering can be reduced as well as stopping any watering in the evenings, so as to allow the plants to dry out before nightfall. The necessity to water a plant can be gauged by lifting up the pot and comparing the weight of a recently watered plant with what it felt before watering. Cattleyas in general do not like having their roots wet all the time but prefer a dry/wet cycle. Remember too, that the plant itself is only as good as it's root system. Fertilization with a high Potassium, low Nitrogen formulation can be used fortnightly as growth will be slowing down with winter approaching. Mature pseudo bulbs should be staked erect so that any buds or flowers will present well on opening. If you use a malleable stake, take the stake to the errant bulb rather than the other way around as the latter could cause the bulb to fracture. Over a couple of days or a week or two, gradually straightening the stake can move a pseudo-bulb from almost a flat position to an upright one without damaging the bulb. If circumstances dictate that a plant has to be moved, try and place it in its new position at the same angle to the brightest light source as it was in previously. If the weather turns, becomes more cloudy and there is a decrease in sunlight, you can also think about removing some of the shade applied in summer. Keep a close look-out for pests and deal with them promptly. Any unfinished potting on or re-potting should be completed by mid-May, as growth will be slowing markedly from now on.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth

On Friday 25th March 2011

Welcome: The Vice-President, Mr J. Walton opened the meeting at 8:05 pm and welcomed the 30 members and 1 visitor present, as per the register.

Attendance & Apologies: Five apologies were received as per register

Minutes: Moved J. Brabin, seconded M. Perry that the Minutes of the previous meeting be received. **Carried.**

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence Inward:

- Merle Arrah (Secretary of 2012 AOC Conference) requesting info about our plants for a display at the Conference, requesting assistance with cut flowers for World Orchid Conference, and old bush or camping equipment as props for WOC Display.
- Scott & Broad: Insurance renewal papers, invoice for new certificate of currency, and certificate of currency for Garden Week (with interested parties listed)
- Mavis Watkinson/WAROO: AGM Minutes, financial statement, and advice on special offer for Sanders List of Orchid Hybrids.

- June Foote (Garden Week): requesting more insurance details
- Garden Clubs of Australia re: 2011 National convention (Blue Mountains, October), Sales Brochure, Norfolk Island Spring Tour.
- City of Cockburn re updating our details for their database
- Niamh (pronounced Neev) Tully (Centro) asking if we are interested in putting on a display (no sales at Maddington or Vic Park, maybe sales at Kalamunda, no offer of payment) Bank West: statement
- Vince Davey (Neutrog Fertilisers) announcing Brian Klepzig as their WA rep, The Pooh Bah Club, offer of a talk to the club about Neutrog and it's products, and other info.
- Society Newsletters.

Correspondence Outwards:

- Thank you letter to Carl Barry (Growth Technology) for agreeing to sponsor Winter show, and invoice for same
- David Gardiner, thanking him for agreeing to serve as independent Auditor.
- Niamh tully (Centro) to explore arrangements for extra shows at Centro Shopping Centres.
- City of Cockburn re updating our details for their database.
- Mavis Watkinson regarding a missing cheque
- Scott & Broad, requesting Certificate of Currency suitable for Garden Week

Business Arising; Nil

Confirmation; Moved B. Rensen, seconded V. Seaman that Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: The Treasurer I. Duncan, noted the current balance indicated in the Bank Statement, and summarized income and expenditure for the past month. He also flagged that we would likely be changing banks, to avoid account keeping fees.

Moved P. Stacy, seconded Heaton, that the financial statement be received. **Carried**

New Members: Nil

Reports: WAROO: I. Duncan reported on the WAROO meeting of 20th March.

General Business:

- A Certificate for the Ira Butler Trophy was presented to I. Duncan
- J. Walton showed a specimen of Den. White Dragon that was about 40cm tall and in spike. This specimen was a small keiki in January 2011, and three similar keikis separated from the mother plant at the same time were only about 10cm tall.
- J. Walton advised that he was seeking a quality plant to raffle for the club at garden Week. The plant could be donated or purchased by the club. He also reminded members that those wishing to sell plants at Garden Week should call him the night before to arrange for him to meet them at the entrance gate at garden Week the following morning. He has Exhibitors passes that can be used by those selling plants or others assisting at the OSWA stand. Owners must be at the OSWA stand to look after their sales plants, and unsold plants need to be taken home at the end of the day. The usual 10% commission on sales will apply.
- The next General Meeting will be held on 15 April (to avoid clash with Good Friday). The 15 April meeting will be the Silent Auction. Items to be auctioned are to be donated, and all proceeds will go to the club. Any electrical appliances should be in working order. The

OrchidWiz disk will also be auctioned (not silent) and there will be a reserve price on that item.

- The Shed Cleanup will be on Sunday 3 April.
- On behalf of the members, J. Walton thanked Jim & Kaye Baylis for their Home Open and BBQ on 20 March.

Raffle: F. Patfield. D. Walton

Door Prize: J. Rensen

Evenings Programme: Preparing plants for shows and reading the schedule, presented by Rosemary McGrath. Rosemary outlined the procedure for entering plants in shows. New this year is the use of yellow, blue and red cards to highlight certain classes. The coloured cards should be firmly attached to the exhibit with the entry card. Rosemary then led an informative discussion about preparing plants for shows, with contributions from Henry Eaton, John Walton and Maxine Godbeer

Meeting closed at 9:35 pm.

Minutes of the AGM of the Orchid society of WA(Inc), held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth on 25th February 2011

The President Mrs Kaye Baylis declared the meeting open at 8:40 pm, welcoming members & visitors present.

Business Arising from the Previous Minutes - Nil

Financial Statement: Not available

President's Report: The president noted with sadness the passing of a few of our longstanding members during the year; expressed the Society's best wishes to our Patron, Ken Rex, after his recent stroke; and thanked many members who have helped out during the year; thanked the members for electing her as President; and expressed her pleasure and pride at having been the Society's President.

Election of Office Bearers: Trevor Burnett was appointed as Returning Officer. Ensuing elections resulted in the following appointments.

Acting Patron: Mr Roy Brown. Nominated by J Walton, seconded I. Duncan; elected

President: Mrs Kaye Baylis. Nominated by R. McGrath, seconded L.Dodd; elected

Vice-Presidents: Mr J Walton. Nominated R. McGrath, seconded I. Duncan; elected

Mrs L. Dodd (continuing for 2nd year of two-year term)

Secretary: Mr Murray Baker. Nominated by K. Baylis, seconded I. Duncan; elected

Treasurer: Mr Ian Duncan. Nominated by J. Brabin, seconded J. Walton; elected, pending

Acceptance by I. Duncan (unable to attend AGM)

Immediate Past President: John Walton

Committee: The following nominations for a 2 year term.

Mrs Maxine Perry. Nominated by I. Duncan, seconded J. Brabin; elected

Mr Fred Herbert. Nominated by M Baker, seconded H Eaton; elected

Mr Jim Baylis. Nominated by R. McGrath, seconded L. Dodd; elected

Mrs Rosemary McGrath. Nominated by K. Baylis, seconded J Walton; elected

Mrs Nancie Jones. Nominated by K Baylis, seconded J Walton; elected.

Continuing (1 more year to complete term in office)

Mr Roy Brown

Mr Henry Eaton

Mrs Judith Brabin

OSWA Registrar: Maxine Godbeer

Show Marshall: Kaye Baylis

Show Secretary: Rosemary McGrath

Opportunity Table: Rosemary McGrath

Show Sales: Rosemary McGrath

Librarian: Rosemary McGrath

Bulletin Editor: Maxine Godbeer

Orchids Australia:

Show Committee

Auditors: 1. Mr David Gardiner. Nominated L. Dodd, elected 2. Meg Brown **Meeting declared closed 9:00pm**