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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 & Shaftebury St. South Perth, Friday 27th July 2012, Commencing at **8.00 pm**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:
ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION
ORCHIDWIZ SOFTWARE AUCTION

AUGUST MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 6th
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 3rd
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 24th

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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

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniverseries. To any member on the sick list, may you soon be well.

The **OSWA Bulletin** (and other information) is now available at www.orchidsocietywa.net.au

New Members: Jack and Sandra Krishnan of Winthrop. Welcome to the Society, may your membership be enjoyable.

General News:

- **Busy Bee:** We will be organizing a busy Bee for the making of any props for the conference display. Keep an eye on the Bulletin for a time & date for this.
- **Name Badges:** If you haven't a name badge, please see Ian and let him know. When at our shows or displays we would like name badges to be worn, so it is easy to see that you are not one of the public helping themselves to orchids. Not all of our members are familiar with each other, so it is made easier if you are wearing a badge.
- **Next Coffee Morning** is to be held on Tues. 7th august 2012, at the Burswood Hotel. We will be meeting around the Concierge Desk at 10:30 am. Come along & enjoy a social coffee with us.
- **2012 Show Dates: Winter Show:** Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim St. South Perth. Set-up Sat. 21st July (8-9:15am). Judging 9:30–11:30 am. Open to the public 21st (12 noon) & 22nd July. Member plant sales daily
Spring Show: Kardinya shopping Centre, south St. Kardinya. Set-up Tues.28 August (6-7pm). Judging 7:15-9:30 pm. Open to the public 29 August –1 September. Member plant sales Thurs-Sat.
Perth Royal Show Display: at Claremont Showground. Set-up Friday 28 September (12 noon). Open to the public 29 September-6 October. Take down Sunday 7 October early a.m.
Potting Workshop: Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim St. South Perth Sunday 21 October, set-up 8:30 am. Workshop commences & open to the public 10am-4pm. Plants potted, talks, sales, display & refreshments available.
- **Other Dates to put in your calendar: Casserole evening** Saturday 21 July, Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim St South Perth 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Bring a casserole or sweet for sharing. BYO drinks & a glass, a plant or gift for the raffle. We hold this event in with our Winter Show orchid display – a great conversation piece, a lot of fun, terrific company & food. All for \$5 per person.
- **Home Open:** Trevor & Barbara Burnett's home, 33 Salisbury St. Beechboro, Sunday 5th August 2012 from 11am. BYO drinks, chair, and bring a salad or a sweet to share. \$5 per person for the sausage sizzle. Also bring a plant or gift for the raffle. OSWA does supply the sausages, onions & rolls. These days are enjoyable & are a great social get-together.
- **19th AOC Conference:** 11-16 September at the Burswood Entertainment Complex. Open to the public from 13-16 September inclusive. OSWA is putting on a display and still needs volunteers for jobs at the conference. **Anyone who can spare a few hours, please contact Murray.**
- **Annual Plant Auction:** To be held at the July General Meeting. As well as plants there will be a copy of OrchidWiz Express 2012 up for auction. OrchidWiz Express includes basic information about cultivation of species & hybrids, 4000 colour photos of the most common orchids, comprehensive genealogy charts, an orchid journal to keep track of your plants and more. For more information visit www.orchidwiz.com. **Anyone wishing to try the software before they bid on it can download a trial version from www.orchidwiz.com**
- **Orchid Virus Test Kits:** Kits to test for the most common orchid viruses (Cym. Mosaic virus & Odontoglossum Ringspot virus) can be purchased from a supplier in the Eastern states. The kits work a bit like pregnancy test strips. Each kit contains 25 test strips and will cost about \$300 inc. freight or about \$12 per test strip. The cost will come down a little for larger orders If anyone is interested in a group purchase of a kit (or more), contact Murray Baker
- **Entry numbers for AOC Conference: Please make sure you make a note of your individual entry number if you wish to enter plants at the conference.**

RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (JUNE 2012)**Open Class:**

Class 1A (2)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>L. anceps</i>
	2. Ian Duncan	<i>L. anceps</i> var. <i>chamberlainianum</i>
Class 1B (2)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	Blc. Honolulu Lulu
	2. Peter & Shirley Masters	Blc. Hetherington Horace
Class 4B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. (Dal's Classic x Dal's Pennies) x
		Den. (Nora Valmadre x Virtual Magic)
Class 4C (2)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. (Queen Cabra x Sangerinum) x <i>Den. carronii</i>
	2. Ian Duncan	Den. Taffeta 'KK'
Class 8B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Hilda Poxon
Class 10B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	<i>Eria javanica</i>
Class 11B (1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	Z. Advance Australia

Novice Class:

Class 15B (1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	C. Unknown
Class 17B (1)	1. ???J.MS	<i>Paph. wardii</i> var. <i>album</i> x <i>Paph. venustum</i> var. <i>album</i>

Schokman Trophy Points: Blc. Honolulu Lulu (73 pts) – Peter & Shirley Masters

POPULAR VOTE: Open: Den. (Dal's Classic x Dal's Pennies) x Den. (Nora Valmadre x Virtual Magic) – Ian Duncan

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2012) by Roy Brown

The most important job with our Cymbidiums for the next month will be caring for the flower spikes and training those that need straightening up, seeing they receive the proper shade conditions to bring out the best colour in the blooms.

During July the flower spikes grow rapidly, and by now 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 plants 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 leaves to knock or rub against the flower buds. This quite often happens and a small mark on the buds at this stage will show up as a bad blemish on the flower sepals later when it opens.

Plants that are under cover for protection should be watered regularly. If these 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 compost on hand, ready for the re-potting jobs that can be started next month.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2012) by Henry Eaton

July and August are usually the coldest months of the year. This seems to be holding true as I write. Culture of your Cattleyas depend on keeping the plants out of the rain so that the roots are not sitting in a cold, wet mix, which if maintained for a while will result in death of the roots. Watering can be done on a bright day, as early in the day as possible, so that the plant can dry out as much as possible before the cold night sets in. Also remember, that Cattleyas like to dry out between watering, so they may only need to be watered two or three times for the month. If fertilizing your plants, this could perhaps be done 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 re-potting, this should be done now, as if left for later they may not form new roots again.

Protect buds and flowering sheaths, and keep a constant look out for snails and slugs, and bait for them.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2012) by Trevor Burnett

These are the truly wonderful months and most rewarding for 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 seedling we have been eagerly waiting 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 colours or types, so you can purchase new seedlings or divisions from other growers, who may be disposing of surplus divisions accordingly.

I still will give the flowering plants fertilizer on a fortnightly or monthly basis.

The smaller un-flowered plants will still require fertilizer, at ¼ to ½ strength (on a fortnightly or monthly basis), to keep the growths moving forward.

Flowers can be left on 2-3 growth plants without harm, as long as the plants are healthy and are showing good strong growths. With smaller plants, flowering for the first time on a single growth and not showing signs of a secondary growth, the quick removal of the flowers will facilitate the best growth. Thus promoting new growth will ensure strong growths and flowers in future years. The flower can be enjoyed as a cut flower for some time.

Tips for Showing Plants

With a great deal of shows around now, you should ensure that your plants are free from any bugs, especially mealy bug, before you contemplate getting the plants ready for the various shows. If mealy bugs are detected, they should be treated before entered in shows. Taking some time to prepare your plants will ensure all your growing efforts are presented at their best for judging.

Soft-bodied bugs, such as aphids & mealy bugs:

Straight 70% or 90% alcohol (methylated spirits) – touch insects with a soaked cotton swab, or for larger infestations, spray the entire affected plant with a 50/50 mix with water, being sure to wet all surfaces. Repeat every 3 days for about 2 weeks.

I suggest you ensure that you:

- (a) Present clean pots
- (b) Remove dead leaves from plants before showing
- (c) Clean foliage of any old sprays, dirt or dust. When wiping down leaves, hold the leaves at the base and wipe to the tip. This will prevent leaves being inadvertently pulled off, especially on newer growths.
- (d) Ensure the plants are correctly labeled and readable.
- (e) Ensure plants are neatly staked without excessive ties.

19th AOC Conference

Bulletin No.11

Only 9 weeks to go!!

A reminder, that if you have not yet registered, the next deadline is 31st July for the close of Standard Registrations. Even though most of the tours & the conference dinner are sold out, registration is still exceptional value, with the range of speakers, complimentary satchel, early photography access, ability to pre-order plants & flasks (thus ensuring you do not miss out) and the Opening Ceremony on the night before the public opening, where you will be rubbing shoulders with many world class orchid personalities. http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Registration_Page.htm

Vendors: the Committee for the 19th AOC Conference can now reveal a full list of vendors from all over the orchid world:

<http://waorchids.iinet.net.au/Vendors.htm> Also some of their catalogues for pre-ordering your orchids:

http://waorchids.iinet.net.au/Pre-Ordering_Orchids.htm

Floral Art Displays: A HUGE display of floral art is planned for the entrance foyer of the ballroom. This will be a series of presentations by Interflora, Racheenee Orchids, Challenge TAFE, Flower Design School, WA floral Art Society & the Ikebana Group.

Orchid Displays: A full list of the Orchid displays & the floor plan is now available on line at:

<http://waorchids.iinet.net.au/Displays.htm>

The Conference Tours: The Swan Valley tours, both Full Day & Half Day still have vacancies. Conference Registrants will be given first preference on all tours.

Photographic Competition: The Conference Committee is pleased to invite entries into an open orchid photographic competition http://waorchids.iinet.net.au/Photo_Competition.htm. The competition is to provide an opportunity for the community & orchid enthusiasts interested in the arts, to create awareness & beauty of both native (species) & hybrid orchids, and is open to all interested photographers, amateur or professional, aged 12 years & over. The competition is to promote creativity & artistic excellence, and to provide amateur & professional photographers with the opportunity to display their work. Selected works will be displayed at the 19th AOC Conference being held at the Burswood Entertainment Complex 13-16th September 2012.

The Conference Lecture Programme: Unfortunately Mike Coronado cannot be with us in September, but Robert Fuchs will step in & give two lectures, one on Vandaceous Intergenerics & the other on Vandaceous Culture. Bob's R.F. Orchids, of Florida, USA has been the recipient of numerous awards for his breeding of Vandas & allied genera over the years. He has won many FCC/AOS awards (the First class Certificate, the highest flower quality award) & also many CCM/AOS awards for orchid culture. We are proud to have Bob Fuchs as part of our hugely experienced Lecture Program.

Due to unfortunate circumstances, Terry root is not able to be with us either But Terry has graciously agreed to make videos of his lectures available, which will be shown at the conference. http://waorchids.iinet.net.au/Lecture_Program.htm

Extensive Media Campaign: Negotiations with a number of media entities, radio, newspaper & electronic are now complete & we can announce that we have completed sponsorship arrangements with the top rating Perth radio station 6PR & the states leading newspaper The West Australian. We have also concluded arrangements with leading television station Channel 7, Perth for extensive advertising in the weeks leading to the Show. Discussions with the Community Newspapers are on-going, & there have been numerous articles in The West Australian & in Seniors Newspapers. All this will give the AOC Conference a huge coverage across the Perth area & the state of Western Australia.

Bringing Cut flowers to the Show? With the assistance of staff of the WA Dept. of Agriculture & Food, a simplified process for bringing non-commercial quantities of cut flowers to WA for the orchid show has been developed. A single permit will be issued by AgWa to enable societies & individuals wishing to bring cut orchid flowers to Perth for the show. It will be available as a downloadable document from the conference website. Any person bring cut flowers with them, will need to have in their possession, a copy of this permit when they enter WA. All cur orchid flowers brought to WA will need to be inspected before they can be judged or placed in a display. An inspector will be at Burswood between 8:30 am & 12:30 pm on Tuesday 11th September to conduct these inspections. There is no charge for this service which is only available to bona fide non-commercial exhibitors. As you enter your orchid, or bring your cut flowers for your display, you will be directed to the inspector, who will be situated close to the entry desk. We ask that you co-operate in this regard as AgWa staff have been very responsive to our request for assistance to make it as simple as possible for Eastern states exhibitors. Commercial quantities of cut orchid flowers will need to follow standard import application & inspection procedures, or which a fee is payable.

Bringing live orchid plants for sale? Commercial quantities of orchid plants, bare root if not inspected in the state of origin, or in media if inspected in state of origin, will be inspected at Burswood on Tuesday afternoon unless otherwise arranged. A fee is payable for this service & will need to be paid at the time the inspection is conducted.

Purchasing plants to take home to NSW, Vic. SA NT or Tas? Registrants & visitors from NSW, Vic, & SA purchasing plants to take home with them will require certification that the plants have been inspected & found to be free from green snail. Qld presently has no restrictions, and we are awaiting further clarification of NT & Tas requirements. A summary of this information is available on the conference webpage. The Dept. of Agriculture & Food will arrange for an inspector to be at Burswood between 1:30pm & 4:30pm on Friday 14th September to conduct plant inspections & issue the certification required by the other states. The charge for this service is time based at \$56 per 15 min., during which it estimated an inspector can inspect 10 plants. For simplicity, the overall charge for this service will be billed to the conference organizer & we will seek reimbursement at \$6 per plant, from all those who utilized the service (AgWa will provide these details to us). If you are not able to have your plants inspected at this time, you will have to make an appointment AgWa Quarantine WA quality Assurance Officer on 08 9334 1800 to have plants inspected at their Fricker Road premises (adjacent to the International Airport) during the following week. Payment for this service can be made to AgWa by cash or credit card.

Re-brand Announcement: In line with the announcement that Burswood Entertainment Complex will change its name to Crown Perth later in 2012, InterContinental Perth Burswood & Holiday Inn Perth Burswood hotels will also undergo a complete re-brand. Upon completion of the refurbishment in July, InterContinental Perth Burswood will change its name to Crown Metropol & Holiday Inn Perth Burswood will re-brand as Crown Promenade.

New Orchid Tour: The overwhelming response to our Five Day Orchid tour of the south west of Western Australia, means that not all who would like to can take part. If you have missed out, then you may be interested in the offering from Coates Wildlife Tours. Join orchid specialist guide Wayne Merritt & a small group of like-minded people, to see Western Australia's magnificent native orchids. Coates wildlife tours are offering a 10 day Terrestrial Orchids Tour, departing Perth on 19th September, 2012. This accommodated tour will take you to the best orchid sites in Western Australia's Wheatbelt & South West regions during wildflower season. With a maximum of 12 participants on tour, the small group ensures a personalized experience. At only \$3165 per person (twin share) with all meals included, this tour is excellent value. For more info or to place your booking, call Coates Wildlife Tours on 1800 676 016 or +61 08 9330 6066, or visit their website at: www.coateswildlifetours.com.au

Further info regarding all our latest happenings can be accessed on the website at:

http://waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm

Or contact the Chairman, bruce@pegasusconsulting.org, Secretary aocconference@dodo.com.au or the Webmaster at waos@iinet.net.au

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth on Friday 22 June 2012

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8:02pm and welcomed those present.

Apologies: As per the register

Minutes: Moved M. Donald, seconded. Davis, that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried**

Business arising:

- A morning tea – see reports

Confirmation: Moved T. Stacy, seconded M. Davis that the Business Arising has been resolved. **Carried**

Correspondence:

- From Garden Clubs of Aust.: (i) invitation to meet 3 members of GCA Committee visiting from the eastern States (ii) in South Perth on Friday 10th August, or Bridgetown on Saturday 11 August; an invitation to attend GCA AGM (Sydney 18 September); & (iii) info about limits to coverage by our new insurance policy.
- From Ann Gillingham (Australasian Native Orchid Soc.) requesting we advertise their 2013 conference (Qld. August 2013)
- To Malcolm Dobson, info on where to see orchids in WA
- To Helen Howarth, info on where to buy orchids
- To George Tsambourakis, a copy of our Bulletin for his "Orchids" web portal.
- To Little Aussie Directory, Have a Go News, & Southern Gazette (from Rosemary) to request advertising for our Winter Show
- To Stockland Riverton, re booking for our Autumn Show at Riverton for 2013
- Society bulletins & junk mail

Business Arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved V. Yates, seconded V Cooper, that the Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: Ian Duncan presented the Financial Statement.

Accounts for payment: Copyworld, reimbursement to T. Burnett for materials for Conference Display

Confirmation: Moved V. Yates, seconded M. Donald that the Financial Statement be received & accounts for payment be approved. **Carried**

New members: K Baylis welcomed Jack Krishnan, & Sandra Krishnan who had just applied to become a member

Reports:

- **Morning Tea at Garden City:** (K Baylis) Members met to plan OSWA's display for the AOC Conference. Trevor & Barbara Burnett were thanked for doing much running around for planning so far. Next morning tea will be at M. Donalds place, 3 July, 10:30am. New members especially welcome.

1. **General Business;**

- **AOC Conference:** Members were asked to : (i) put their name down on the roster for the OSWA sales table at the conference, & (ii) volunteer for jobs at the conference (more info in the bulletin)
- **Casserole Night:** Saturday 21 July at the Scout & Guide Hall (Winter Show venue) 6pm for 6:30pm, \$5 per head. Members were asked to bring a sweet or a casserole & a plant or some other present for the raffle. A very large stack of flyers to advertise the AOC Conference is available from M. Baker. Members are encouraged to take some & distribute to libraries, shopping centre noticeboards etc.
- **Busy Bee:** At the shed in Clydesdale St, South Perth, 5 July from 10a, to make props for the Conference display.
- **Winter Show:** Scout & Guide Hall, south Perth 21-22 July. Details of the Show were discussed.
- One copy of Orchidwiz Express 2012 software will also be auctioned at the July meeting..

Popular vote: Open: Den. (Dal's Classic x Dal's Pennies) x Den. (Nora Valmadre x Virtual Magic) - owner I Duncan.

Raffle: K. Burnett, M. Baker, M. Brown

Door Prize: R. McIntosh

Plant prizes were not available, so are to be received at the July general meeting

Evening's Programme: OrchidWiz Express 2012 software: I. Duncan discussed features of the software. M. Baker advised a demo version could be downloaded from www.orchidwiz.com A copy of the software is to be auctioned at the July general meeting

Professor Rottenberg (aka Malcolm Davis) presented an interesting talk that included (i) instructions on how to make a simple, small shade house using a metal bed frame as a base.; (ii) a slide show of interesting shade houses he has seen in his travels, with frames made from pipe & Downee fittings (pricy), treated pine logs (cheaper), reinforcing mesh (really cheap) & covers made from aluminium mesh (Aluminet) & shade cloth; & (iii) a slide show of the Floraplant Nursery (Rowley Road, Baldivis). Many members were interested in visiting the nursery.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm

Little more than a year to go!



**Check the calendar and register to come to the
7th Australasian Native Orchid Society
Conference & Show.
Held at Strathpine (Queensland,Australia).
Hosted by Kabi Group(Inc).
Full Conference - 22-24th August 2013
Public show days - 23-24th August
ANOS Gen. Meeting for affiliated members 25th Aug
For fuller details see www.ourshopfront.com/kabi
and follow the Conference link.**