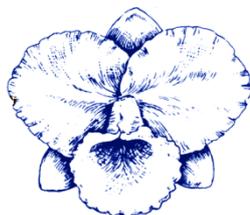


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 23rd November 2012, Commencing at **8.00 pm**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:  
MOUNTING OF ORCHIDS - MAXINE  
GODBEER**

**DECEMBER MEETING DATES:**

Judging Panel            7.30 pm Monday 3rd  
OSWA Committee        7.30 pm Friday 7th  
General Meeting         8.00 pm Friday 14th

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**Birthdays:**

**November: 10<sup>th</sup>** – George Price, **18<sup>th</sup>** – Trevor Burnett **December: 6<sup>th</sup>** – Val Seaman

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. 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](http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au)

**New Members:** Rosalie McCallum of Myaree, Vincenzina (Nancy) Princiotto of Lathlain, Graeme Long, and Janet Kramer of Waterford. Welcome to the Society, we hope you all enjoy a long and happy membership.

**General News:**

- **Membership Subscriptions for 2013 are now due. \$26 double, \$21 single.** Please pay Ian Duncan at the November meeting or send a cheque payable to The Orchid Society of WA to OSWA, 58 Gladstone Rd Leeming 6149.
- **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.
- **Potting Workshop:** My THANKS to all who helped at the workshop. Special thanks to Rosemary for holding the fort and organizing everything in my absence, also to the potters – John Carless, Murray Baker and Rosemary for their untiring work repotting the orchids that were brought in by the public. The speakers, Door admittance, Sales Table, kitchen workers, money collectors for the potting, and any members who talked to the public and kept them informed. It was all of you people who made our potting workshop a success. Jim's and my apologies for not being there to help this year, it is the first year that we have missed in all the years of the potting workshop.
- **Trophies:** If you have an OSWA Perpetual Trophy can you please return it at the **November Meeting** as Rosemary has to have them engraved with this season's winners before presentation at the December Meeting.
- **Please Note:** Our **Christmas Meeting** will be held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of December (14<sup>th</sup> December)**. Presentation of trophies and a social meeting so bring a plate of finger food to share. This year we are asking if you can bring something to go into a hamper. This will be a free raffle for the members who are in attendance. Our December Meeting is a social and trophy presentation night, so come along and enjoy the evening.
- **Annual Christmas Dinner:** This will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 at the RAAF, Cnr of Leach Hwy & Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek. The entrance is in Bull Creek Drive. There is parking underneath with a lift up to the function area. Please be there at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start. The cost is \$32.00 per head for a lovely 3 course Christmas dinner. Drinks to be purchased from the Bar. Everyone please bring a small gift or plant for a "Secret Santa", this will mean we will all leave with a gift. **We would like numbers attending and payment at the November Meeting please.**
- **January 2013 General Meeting:** will be held at Jim & Kaye Baylis' home 18 Wheyland St (cnr Caple St) Willagee on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 6.30pm for a BBQ. Please BYO meat, chair, drinks & a salad or sweet to share. A raffle will be held and if you have a troublesome plant that you like to have looked at, bring it along. There will not be any judging of plants as there is not a lot of room to display them for judging. Phone No. 9337 6210. We will be conducting a raffle, so if you can bring something along it will be extra to the plants that we have at the meeting each month. This meeting last year was a great success as we discussed orchids and had plenty of time to socialize as well. Come along and enjoy yourselves.
- **Luncheon for Members:** We are holding a luncheon for members, if they would like to come, at the Riverton Sizzlers at 11:30 am, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

- **Bench Materials Available.** Wire mesh (2.4 m x 0.95 m), lengths of 15 mm pipe, and Downee fittings, a little rusty in places but still quite solid, enough to make a bench about waist height to keep your orchids off the ground. Any member who wants this (free), contact Murray (ph. 9310 2800, email [murray.baker@iinet.net.au](mailto:murray.baker@iinet.net.au)).
- **Item for November:** Maxine Godbeer – Mounting Orchids/orchid mounts

#### RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (OCTOBER 2012)

##### **Open Class:**

Class 1A (1)	1. NAS	<i>C. aurantiaca</i>
Class 1B (2)	1. Courtney Rogasch	Bc. Pastoral Innocence
	2. Ian Duncan	Blc. Sylvia Fry 'Wallacia'
Class 1C (2)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Blc. Yen Corona 'Green Genius'
	2. Jim & Kaye Baylis	L. apple Blossom
Class 1E (1)	1. Jim & Kaye Baylis	Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Beauty'
Class 2C (1)	1. Courtney Rogasch	Cym. Pee Wee
Class 4C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Woo Leng x <i>Den. canaliculatum</i>
Class 5E (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Dou-Dii Golden x Haur Jin Diamond
Class 6E (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Pyp. Mariposa 'Green Valley'
Class 7A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Aerangis fuscata</i>
Class 7B (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Ascda. Mem. Sally Vilders x Ascda. Saeng Udom
Class 8B (4)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Sarco. Heidi
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Sarco. Racheal
	3. Maxine Godbeer	Sarco. Fitzhart
Class 10B(2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Polystachya pubescens</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Promeneea xanthine</i>
Class 11A(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Vampire Slayer

##### **Novice Class:**

Class 15B (1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Lc. Rosling 'Blue Magic'
Class 16C(1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Cym. Touchstone 'Parishii' x Phar Lap 'White'
Class 19B(1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Phal. Join Angel 'Snow' x <i>amabilis</i> 'Le' (registered as Dtps. Long Pride Snowboard)

##### **SCHOKMAN TROPHY POINTS:**

Blc. Yen Corona 'Green Genius' (70 pts) – Jack & Betty Rensen

##### **JAMES GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY POINTS**

Phrag. Vampire Slayer (70 pts) – Maxine Godbeer

**POPULAR VOTE:** Open: Cym. Pee Wee – Courtney Rogasch

Novice: Lc. Rosling 'Blue Magic' – Ann & Malcolm Davis

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012) by Roy Brown

During these next months, we can expect warmer sunny days, so it will be necessary to keep a check on the weather with regards to watering the plants. Plants in spike, in particular, must never be allowed to dry out or you will cause the flower buds to suffer a setback. This will affect the quality of the blooms when they open. During November we will have longer periods without rain, and this is when we must be careful; should we have a dry spell then use the sprinklers.

From October onwards we can increase the fertilizer; this is another reason for checking the plants are receiving sufficient water. Always remember, when using any fertilizer, your plants should be well watered before and after each application. The plants should also be growing in a position where they will receive plenty of sunlight in order to make use of the minerals in the fertilizer.

Once the annual spring shows are over, do not leave the flower spikes on the plant for too long. The flowers will last for several months if they are left, but this causes quite a drain on the pseudo bulbs and also retards the new season's growth. Cut the spikes and use them indoors, they will last just as long in water.

In some cases the young growths won't come away until the spikes are cut off, and if the plant is to be expected to flower again next year, then these new leads must be given the benefit of the full seasons growth time.

If you are only repotting your plant into a larger size pot, and the root system isn't disturbed during the process, then it doesn't matter at what time of the year you do this. If you intend to break up and divide your plant, then this should have been done by the end of October. After this time the weather becomes too hot and the plant could suffer a setback through the pseudo bulbs shriveling.

After dividing, keep the newly potted plants in a cool place with a little heavier shading for 2-3 weeks and spray the leaves often with water. This will help until the plant becomes established and the new roots become active again.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012) from records of the late Henry Eaton.

Although we have had later rains this year in comparison with the previous couple of years, our average rainfall is still down. Therefore we all still need to be mindful of the amount of water we use on our plants and there are some moves we can make that should help. As the temperature rises with the onset of summer, there will be greater loss of water from the plants from evaporation. To counter this, we can keep the plants more shaded than before, the floor moist to increase humidity and fans running at low speed to cool the plants. Cooling can also be achieved by the use of evaporative coolers that come on when the temperatures rise above limits that you set. Watering the plants by hand is helpful as it gives you a chance of viewing the plants more closely and taking action without delay. If you lift up a pot from the bench, you should be able to gauge whether it is heavy (due to the mix being wet) or light when the mix is dry.

At this time of the year the emphasis is on promoting growth as much as possible. This means providing good light, sufficient water, the suppression of insect attacks by detecting it early and applying the correct treatment without delay, and using fertilisers on a regular basis. As this is a growth phase, Nitrogen should be available in higher quantity than at other times of the year. Aim for producing new growths with light green leaves not dark green which indicates too little light reaching the plant, and this would affect flowering later. Fertilising with a weak solution is all that is needed provided it is done regularly.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012) by Trevor Burnett

Paphiopedilum growing season will now be fully in progress. The plants should be producing new roots which will support the new growths, which should be developing strongly.

As the sun power is increasing towards summer, it is time to consider whether you need to increase the shading required to stop any burning. Generally with our hot conditions, plants may appreciate a little additional shading. Pass your hand over the plants on a bright and sunny day can indicate the amount of

shading required. The shadow cast should only be faint. The plants should not be excessively dark green, as this indicates a lack of light.

Bright light produces the best flowering, but if too bright, burning will occur and plants will suffer a setback which will be reflected in the flowering result later in the year. It is also very important to keep up good air movement.

As the plants will be growing strongly now, a weekly application of fertilizer at  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  strength with a high Nitrogen base, will promote good development of the new growths.

With the warmer days I increase my watering to twice a week.

Do not crowd your plants in the growing area, as plenty of fresh air movement is essential for the good health of your plants.

Once again, with the warmer weather, check your plants and the surrounding area for mealy bugs, ants and other bugs, that may decide to move into the cooler condition of a shade or glass house where greater moisture content is available. It is much easier to get rid of the pest when there are only a few and not let them multiply, which makes the task harder.

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

#### **Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins St. Hall, South Perth, on 26 October 2012**

**Welcome:** The President, Mrs. Kaye Baylis opened the meeting at 8:07 pm welcoming visitors and members.

**Apologies:** As per the register

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

**Business arising:**

- V. Yates received her plant for the August raffle. T. Burnett and D. Mitchell are still to receive theirs.

**Confirmation:** Moved J. Walton, seconded F. Herbert, that the Business Arising has been resolved.  
**Carried**

**Correspondence:**

- Thank you email from AOC Conference Organisers (Bruce Larson, Merle Arrah, Mavis Watkinson) thanking us for our contribution and results (large document, can email if members are interested)
- Neutrog "feedback" product update.
- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about where to obtain orchids (Miltoniopsis?)
- Garden Clubs: flyer for 2013 Garden Cruise to Europe
- From AOC (via Sue Pearson/WAROO) advice about election of President and Vice Presidents.
- Received: Society bulletins & junk mail

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Confirmation:** Moved B. Rensen, seconded M. Donald, that the Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried**

**Financial Statement:** Ian Duncan presented the Financial Statement and accounts for payment (Ezi-Gro Orchids, Mirco Bros.)

**Confirmation:** Moved F. Herbert, seconded E. Burgess that the Financial Statement & accounts for payment endorsed. **Carried**

**New members:** Therese & Irene Thorn, Paul Serra. (Pending: Janet Kramer. Graeme Long, Vincenza (Nancy)Princiotto. Hassim Abdullah was welcomed and received a copy of the OSWA Patron's Handbook for New Members and some orchid magazines.

### Reports:

- **Potting Workshop:** K. Baylis apologized that she & Jim could not attend due to commitments interstate (first workshop they have missed) and thanked R. McGrath (organizing & potting all day), John Carless and M. Baker (potting), J. Walton (talks), I. Duncan (talks and sales table), M. Donald (sales table), N. Jones and M. Brechin (receipts), helpers in the kitchen, and all other members who attended and helped out on the day. R. McGrath also extended her thanks, and J. Walton (to applause from those present) thanked R. McGrath for her extraordinary effort.
- **Royal Show:** K. Baylis thanked all who helped out, especially R. McGrath and I. Duncan, who volunteered for many time slots. B. Rensen noted that we need more helpers at the Show. K. Baylis pointed out that our display at the royal show generates a lot of interest and is good promotion for the Potting Workshop.

### General Business:

- M. Davis thanked members for their concern and best wishes during his recent illness.
- J. Walton noted that there was some confusion about use of clips on plants and asked whether clips were still allowed on plants at shows. M. Godbeer indicated that clips are allowed but it is not necessary to decorate the plant (dragonfly clips etc. distract the eye from the flowers) and generally racemes only need to be clipped near the base and near the top. R. McGrath noted that for Cymbidiums with thick stems, tie wire can cut into stems whereas clips can be used without causing damage.
- **Christmas Meeting Hamper:** B. Rensen suggested that we have a raffle for a hamper at our Christmas Meeting: members each bring an item to donate for the hamper and each member receives a free raffle ticket. Proposal was agreed to by the members.
- **Christmas Dinner:** 1<sup>st</sup> December, details in the bulletin
- **January Meeting:** BBQ at the Baylis residence, 25<sup>th</sup> January 6.30 pm. Details in the bulletin
- **Proposal for new show format:** K. Baylis outlined the format of a recent Bunbury show, where the society rented a large venue and sold space to other clubs. The show was successful and costs were recouped after the first day. There was general agreement that we should explore similar options for OSWA. Possible venues: Italian Club (Fremantle), Claremont Showgrounds.
- **Floraplant tour:** It was agreed that the visit to the Floraplant nursery would be on sat. 17<sup>th</sup> November, from 10 am. M. Baker to confirm with Floraplant and confirm details with the 20 or so members who signed up at the meeting.

**Christmas Meeting: NB this will be on Friday 14th December which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month**

**Popular vote: Open:** Cym. Pee Wee – owner C. Rogasch

**Novice/Junior:** Lc. Roslyn 'blue Magic' – owner A&M Davis

**Raffle:** R. McGrath, I. Duncan.

**Door Prize:** I. Duncan

(Popular Vote, raffle and Door Prize plants to be collected at the next meeting)

**Evening's Programme:**

Edna Burgess gave an interesting presentation about photographing orchids, and showed many beautiful photos to illustrate her talk. The following notes were taken by M. Baker:

Photographing large hybrid orchids on the show bench, is very different to photographing orchids in the wild. At the show bench, a black background can be provided so the plant can stand out, but the photograph usually has to be taken from a distance to capture the whole plant. In the wild, orchids are typically smaller, a clear background is unlikely, lighting can be difficult (too bright, too dark) and movement by the wind is an extra complication.

Experiment to get good photos of orchids in the wild. Brightly coloured flowers with broad petals (eg cowslip orchids) will often stand out clearly against a background. If the flower is not so bright, or has thin petals (eg Spider orchids), keeping it in focus against an out-of-focus background can give good results. White flowers can be particularly difficult to photograph, because in certain light they have few, or no, features to focus on. Lighting (torch, flash etc.) can change the colour of the flower, so try to use natural light (but sometimes shading will be necessary if there is bright sunlight). One way to blur the background is to use the "macro" setting on the camera, focusing from a metre or so way, then zooming in as much as possible while keeping the flower in focus (success of this method may be camera-specific).

**Meeting closed at 9:50 pm**

**Little more than a year to go!**



**Check the calendar and register to come to the  
7<sup>th</sup> Australasian Native Orchid Society  
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