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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the Baylis residence 18 Wheyland St, Willagee, on Friday 25th January 2013
Commencing at **6.30 pm**

PATRON: Mr Trevor Burnett

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:
BBQ & SOCIAL EVENING**

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FEBRUARY MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel	7.30 pm Monday 4th
OSWA Committee	7.30 pm Friday 1st
General Meeting & AGM	6.30 pm Friday 22nd

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Birthdays:

January: 21st – Faye & Hector Patfield (Anniversary) **31st** – John Carless

February: 6th – Maxine Perry **7th** – Jim Baylis **11th** – Nancie Jones **25th** – Betty Rensen

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

General News:

- **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.
- **January 2013 General Meeting:** will be held at Jim & Kaye Baylis' home 18 Wheyland St (cnr Caple St) Willagee on Friday 25th January 2013 at 6.30 pm for a BBQ. Please BYO meat, chair, drinks & a salad or sweet to share. If you have a troublesome plant that you like to have looked at, or an special orchid in flower, bring it along. There will not be any judging of plants as there is not a lot of room to display them for judging. 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. Phone No. 9337 6210.
- **The February Meeting is also our AGM.** You must be a financial member in order to vote, and now would be a good time to consider nominating someone for a position in the society or consider joining the committee yourself.

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

Class 1A (3)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. purpurata</i> 'Equilab' x 'Treasure Carpentaria'
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. purpurata</i> 'Coerulea' x 'Semi-alba'
	3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. purpurata</i> var. <i>russelliana</i>
Class 1F (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Epicat. Rosita
Class 3A (1)	1. Howard Tan	<i>Paph. platiphylum</i>
Class 3B (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Joyce Hasegawa
Class 3F (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Dr. Kenji So
Class 4A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Den. hercoglossum</i>
Class 4C (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Den. Burana Green x Alice Gata 'Lynn Kits Oki'
Class 5A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i>
Class 6E (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Pyp. Mariposa 'Green Valley'
Class 7A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Angcm. compactum</i>
Class 8B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Cym. Kuranda
Class 10B(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Restrepia trichoglossum</i>
Class 11A(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Grande
Class 11B(1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Ctsm. Penang Red x Susan Fuch 'Jumbo Pearl'
Class 12A (2)	1. Phil Taylor	Onc. Gold Dust
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Enc. cordigera</i> 'Gertrude' x 'Liontanium'

Novice Class:

Class 15F(2)	1. Merrilyn Brechin	C. Dellensis 'Violet Eloquere' x
		<i>L. purpurata</i> var. <i>schusteriana</i>
	2. Merrilyn Brechin	L. Pulcherrima 'Alba' x
		Lc. Gessy Doering 'Anugo Emperor'

SCHOKMAN TROPHY POINTS:

C. Dellensis 'Violet Eloquere' x *L. purpurata* var. *schusteriana* (73 pts) – Merrilyn Brechin

JAMES GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY POINTS

Phrag. Grande (73 pts) – Maxine Godbeer

POPULAR VOTE: Open: Pyp. Mariposa 'Green Valley' – Ian Duncan

Novice: C. Dellensis 'Violet Eloquere' x *L. purpurata* var. *schusteriana* – Merrilyn Brechin

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013) by Roy Brown

Now that we are into the summer months, we can expect hot days and evenings, coupled with hot dry easterly winds. Don't allow the cymbidiums to dry out under any circumstances. The plants should be watered every day, and during heat waves, twice a day. Water the shade house with a fine spray in the early evening: this is the best time to water as there is less water loss through evaporation, and it also helps to keep the evening temperature down. This is vital if we want our cymbidiums to flower again next year, because it is during the summer months that the flower spikes are initiated.

New growths are growing well now, and during the next couple of months growth will be very rapid. Keep the fertilizing going, either weekly or fortnightly, whenever you prefer. This helps to increase growth and so will give better flowering next year.

It's too late in the year now for dividing and repotting: any plants that were not attended to will be better left until next autumn. However, in an emergency, it is always better to repot at any time of the year, rather than risk losing the plant because of sour or rotten compost.

Always keep a neat and tidy shade house, free from weeds and dead vegetation, and you should have a house free from insect pests.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013) from notes of the late Henry Eaton

As expected the hot weather has arrived. With the onset of hot dry conditions, examination of your plants will show the development of new growths which will elongate quickly.

Increase shading if necessary and the use of fans to cool the growing area is called for. Because of the dryness, watering frequency will need to be increased as the mix dries out sooner, in order also to help with enlargement of the new growths. Damping down of the growing area, watering or misting beneath the benches will help with raising humidity. A fertilizer programme will also be needed to provide sufficient N for growth as well as K (Potassium) for maturing those growths. The aim should be to produce big fat bulbs without inducing the appearance of further weak new growths. New growths should be watched to train them into an erect position before they mature off, so that when flowers appear, they are well displayed.

At this time of the year, look out for the appearance of cockroaches, grasshoppers, scale insects and other pests and deal with them promptly. Snails and slugs are ever present, but not as many as when the ground is wet in the wintery months.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (JANUARY /FEBRUARY 2013) by Trevor Burnett

The hot weather will be in full swing during these months, but I still only water 3 times a week. If the forecast is for very hot weather over 4 days, I will increase the watering to every second day but always in the morning.

Keep your additional shade in place if the plants are showing signs of yellowing, as they are receiving more light than is required. If plants show any signs of burning, add some extra shade for the next few months.

Any burning will cause a setback at this stage which will definitely effect our flowering season. If you have a variety of size pots, you will need to ensure that the smaller pots do not dry out completely before watering. A simple solution to prevent some pots drying out quicker is to double pot, so the final size pots in the house are all the same. By this I mean placing the smaller pots into a larger pot which is filled with compost which encircles the smaller pot. This way all the pots end up drying at the same rate.

Paphiopedilum growths should be promoted, so keep the regular fertilizer programme in place to ensure the growths mature ready for the flowering season ahead.

Let's get back to looking after our plants after our Christmas break by regular routine checking of:

- Good air movement
- If in a glasshouse, misting will assist with maintaining humidity
- Weekly fertilizing
- Not overcrowding our plants
- Check for pests and treat if necessary
- Keep area clean of dying leaves or material
- Increase watering to 3 times a week or more often if plants have dried out
- Check all plants to see if there are any signs of stress
- Water in the early morning before the sun is too high
- Watch and control your shading

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins St. Hall, South Perth, on 14 December 2012

Welcome: The President, Mrs. Kaye Baylis opened the meeting at 8:00 pm welcoming visitors and members.

Apologies: As per the register

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

Business arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved B. Rensen, seconded P. Taylor that the Business Arising has been resolved.

Correspondence:

- AOC (via Toni Benton email), minutes from AOC AGM and BOM
- To Simona Landkroom (Royal Show) confirming that we will donate a "living arrangement" for the Wilkinson Gallery during the 2013 show.
- Cards to Lorna Dodd (sympathy), George Price and Jim Baylis (get well) John Jones and Tony Garbin (thanks)
- From Mike Berecny (WJOS) – new committee and contact details for WJOS
- From Bruce Larson – cheque for \$400 and cover letter thanking OSWA for volunteers at the Conference
- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about where to obtain orchids etc,
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail

Business Arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved T. Dixon, seconded E. Burgess that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: I. Duncan presented the Financial Statement

Accounts for payment: EziGro Orchids \$61.60 and \$30.80; J. Baylis \$127.84; R. McGrath \$111.18

Confirmation: Moved J. Baylis, seconded M. Grantham that the Financial Statement and Accounts for payment be endorsed. **Carried**

New members: Nil

Reports:

- **WAROO** (I. Duncan): Meeting was held 9/12/12. The invoice recently sent to OSWA requesting the last of the 1991 AOC Conference funds was sent due to a misunderstanding. The WAROO committee is seeking ideas on what to do with the funds in reserve that have been accumulated from the 1991 and 2012 AOC Conferences
- **OJPWA** (T. Burnett); Nothing to report, and no OJPWA meeting until February 2013

General Business:

- Kaye Baylis thanked all members and friends who sent cards to Jim during his recent hospitalization
- 2012 Trophies were presented
- Certificates for Judges choice Awards for 2012 general meeting plant competitions were presented
- A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Trevor and Barbara Burnett in recognition of their work for the Society during the year, especially with regard to the AOC Conference.

Popular vote:

Open: Psychopsis Mariposa 'Green Valley', owner I. Duncan. Ian grows this orchid in his heated glasshouse, and fertilizes it mostly with Polyfeed, but also uses Powerfeed and some slow release fertilizer. He noted that the spike should not be cut off after the flower fades because new flowers will continue to grow from the same spike. Peter and Shirley Masters and Jack and Betty Rensen have similar Psychopsis orchids which have been flowering for years off the same raceme. Betty commented that it is not good to divide these orchids, since the plants often die after being broken up.

Novice/Junior: Laeliocattleya Dellensis 'Violet Eloquere' x *Laelia purpurata* var. *schusteriana*, owner M. Brechin. Merrill grows this plant in the shade house and provides it with a little extra shade over summer. She fertilizes the orchid with many different fertilisers, such as products from the Ionic and Neutrog ranges and Aquasol

Raffle: G. Marsh (x2), S. Banks (x2), D. Mitchell, J. Walton. Thank you to J. Keogh who declined to accept a raffle prize and called for a redraw, and T. Burnett who donated his raffle prize to R. Craig.

Door Prize: D. Mitchell

Christmas Hamper: 1st Prize – B. Rensen; 2nd Prize – M. Donald; 3rd Prize – J. Walton

Thank you to Geoff O'Callaghan who called for a redraw when his ticket was drawn for the 2nd Prize.

Evening's Programme: Christmas snacks and drinks

Meeting closed at 9.05 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

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