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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the Collins St. Hall, cnr. Collins & Shaftsbury St. South Perth on Friday 26th July 2013 Commencing at **8:00 pm**

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AUGUST MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel	7.30 pm none
OSWA Committee	7.30 pm Friday 9th
General Meeting	7.30 pm Friday 23rd

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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 Anniversaries. To any member on the sick list, may you soon be well. Our best wishes go to Roy and Meg Brown who are both currently in hospital.

Vale: Ken Clarke and Joan Larson. Both were former members of OSWA. Sympathy to their families

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

New Members: Marg Bower from Melville, Helen Reynolds from Kardinya and Pam DiGiovanni from Applecross. Welcome to the society, we hope you have many happy years as a member.

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.

General News:

- **The Inter-Society Challenge** will be held in Geraldton this year. For those newer members who do not know what this is – it is a great fun weekend, the first weekend in August, where the different orchid societies compete against each other for a trophy (a Wheel hub!!!). Each society can enter 2 plants in each section of the show and the society who earns most points from the judging gets to take home the trophy. The societies also enter a display. There is usually a dinner held on the Saturday night. A different society holds it each year, and it is a great way to have a fun weekend away if it is held in a country area, as it is this year. If you are interested in going to Geraldton for this year's Challenge, then you may need to start thinking soon about booking accommodation.
- **OSWA Morning Tea:** The next Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Trevor & Barbara Burnett, 33 Salisbury Rd, Beechboro, 10.30 am on Monday July 29th 2013. Any members are welcome to come along.
- **Winter Show:** To be held at the Scout Hall, Pilgrim St., South Perth (behind South Perth Community Hospital). **Set-up Saturday 20 July 8.30 am. Plant sales** – Saturday afternoon & all day Sunday 21 July **Break-up** – Sunday 21 July at 4.30 pm
- **Casserole Night:** Saturday 20 July 6.00 pm among the orchids in the Scout Hall. "Christmas in July" for \$5.00 per person. Please bring a **casserole or sweet** to share, **BYO drinks & glasses**, and a **small gift or plant** as a door prize. A **Monster Raffle of garden products** will be held with tickets selling at 3 for \$5.00.
- **Plants for the Challenge:** Any plants to be entered for the Challenge or the display need to be at **Ian Duncan's home, 5 Salen Ct, Ardross 9364 5439 OR Murray Baker's home 58 Gladstone Rd. Leeming 9310 2800 by Thursday 1 August 2013.** Please contact either of the gentlemen above or myself (Kaye Baylis 9337 6210) if you have plants for OSWA to take to Geraldton and if you need them to be picked up from your home or if you can deliver them to the above addresses by Thurs. 1 August. **Please also leave a list of your plants and your name when you deliver your plants**
- **Auction:** OSWA's annual plant auction will be at the July Meeting. Please bring your plants and let Ian know on the night if you wish to donate them or whether you wish to sell them on commission.
- **Change to meeting format:** In an attempt to shorten the formal meeting, the Financial Statement and a list of Correspondence will be posted on the Bulletin Board. The Minutes are published in the Bulletin
- Any Member who has sick or marked plants and would like an opinion on them, is encouraged to bring them in to a meeting and see a committee member.
- **Dates for your Diary**

Show dates – Winter Show 20-21 July 2013. Inter-Society Challenge 3&4 August 2013
Spring Show 27-31 August 2013, Royal Show Display 27 Sept – 6 Oct 2013

Other dates to remember -

Casserole Night Saturday 20 July 2013, Potting Workshop 20 October 2013
Home open Sunday 15 September 2013 at Maxine Godbeer's
Annual Christmas Dinner Saturday 7 December 2013

Special Requests: Seed Pods wanted – A plant biotechnologist at Palestine Polytechnic University is seeking orchid seeds for a course in Plant tissue and Cell Culture, to teach Masters students techniques for sterilization and non-symbiotic germination of seeds. Genus is not important. If any member has a mature seedpod that they do not want and would like to donate for this, please let Murray know.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (June 2013)

OPEN:

Class 1A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. anceps</i> var. <i>vietchiana</i> 'Fort Caroline'
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Sophranitella violacea</i>
Class 1B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Lc. Bonanza Queen 'Panamint'
Class 3A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Paph. villosum</i>
Class 3B (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara
Class 3C (1)	1. Jim & Kaye Baylis	Paph. Maudiae
Class 3D (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Paph. TB Warren
Class 4B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Dal's Treasure x (Dal's Classic x Dal's Pennies)
Class 4C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Velvet Majesty.
Class 6A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Rodriguezia decora</i>
Class 7A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Angcm. Equitans</i>
Class 7B (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Tuberella Snow Gem
Class 8B (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Den. Hilda Poxon
Class 9A (1)	1. Ian Duncan	<i>Ptst. Sp. dalyellup</i>
Class 11B (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Paphinia Majestic
Class 12 (1)	1. Jim & Kaye Baylis	Paph. Greyhound

Novice:

Class 15B (2)	1. Gloria Talbot	C. Portia 'Coerulea' x
		Lc. C.G Roebing 'Blue Magic'
	2. Peggy Stacy	C. Mary Battle 'La Tuiliere'
Class 27A (1)	1. Rod Pohl	Blc. Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami' x
		Blc. Spring Dawn 'Top Row'

Schokman Trophy Points: *L. anceps* var. *vietchiana* 'Fort Caroline' (74pts) – Maxine Godbeer

Popular Vote: Open – Paph. Greyhound – Jim & Kaye Baylis

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/ AUGUST 2013) by Roy Brown

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

During July the flower spikes grow rapidly and soon 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 plant 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's 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 when it opens.

Plants that are under cover for protection should be watered regularly. If they 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 mix on hand in readiness for the repotting jobs that can be started after the end of next month.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2013) from notes of the late 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 depends on keeping the plants out of the rain so that the roots are not sitting in a cold wet mix, which if it is maintained for a while, will result in the death of the roots. Watering can be done on a bright day, as early in the day as possible, so the plant can dry out as much as possible before the cold night sets in. Also remember that cattleyas like to dry out between waterings, so they may only need two or three waterings for the month. If fertilizing your plants, this could be done perhaps 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 repotting, this should be done now, as if left for later they may not form new roots once again.

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

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (JULY/AUGUST 2013) by Trevor Burnett

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

I still will give the flowering plants fertilizer on a fortnightly or monthly basis. The smaller, un-flowered plants will still require fertilizer at $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ strength, on a fortnightly or monthly basis, to keep the growth moving forward.

Flowers can be left on 2-3 growth plants without harm, as long as the plants are healthy and showing good, strong growths. With smaller plants flowering for the first time on a single growth, not showing signs of a secondary growth, the quick removal of the flowers will facilitate the best growth. This will promote new growths and ensure strong growth 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 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 entering the plant in a show. 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 the insects with a soaked cotton swab or for larger infestations, spray the entire plant with a 50/50 mix with water, being sure to thoroughly 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 leaf 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 legible

e) Ensure plants are neatly staked without excessive ties.

THE CONFERENCE IS NEAR!

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 General Meeting for affiliated members 25th Aug

For fuller details see www.ourshopfront.com/kabi and follow the Conference link.

August will be here before you know it, and registration date is the end of June. If you wish to come, and have not yet registered, see all the details on - www.ourshopfront.com/kabi/html/conference.php

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

**Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth on
28 June 2013**

Welcome: The meeting opened at 8.15 pm: Welcome to members, visitors and Dr. Frank Berry from South Africa..

Minute's silence for Bob Jones:

Evening's Programme: Native Orchids of Western Australia DVD .Ian Duncan showed the beautiful orchids, shown with common names only. Trevor Burnett assisted by supplying the generic names. Thanks to Ian & Trevor.

Intermission/Tea Break

Dr. Frank Berry spoke about the different genera that he grows in South Africa – Masdevallias, Dendrobeae, & Disas ,but he doesn't have a lot of success with Disas. His talk was very interesting & shows that, as growers, we do not always succeed with all genera.

Minutes: Moved J. Brabin, , seconded N. Jones that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.
Carried

Business Arising:

- Cottesloe Display: Committee resolved not to offer a display in September but explore the possibility of moving the winter Show there in 2014. M. Baker to follow up.
- More info on Constitution has been provided to members. To be voted on in its entirety at the July GM.

Confirmation: Moved M. Godbeer, seconded J. Baylis that the Business Arising has been resolved.
Carried

Key Correspondence: (list placed on Notice Board)

- From Dr. Rami Arefeh (Palestine Polytechnic University) requesting orchid seed for his class in non-symbiotic germination of seed.
- From ANOS requesting advert for their Conference in the Bulletin
- From GCA, notice of AGM
- From Neutrog, samples of liquid Orchid Strike Back ; to Neutrog, thank you for Brian Klebzig's fine presentation at May GM
- Jenna Coghill (IGA Perth Royal Show) inviting OSWA to participate in 2013 Show (accepted by email)
- Cards to Bob & Nancie Jones

- From Bill Cartwright (Geraldton Orchid Society) info about Challenge
- Email exchanges with members of the public on miscellaneous matters of orchid identification, culture, and sourcing
- Thank you from Wendy Brown re the assistance and patience to Ron when he grew orchids
- Received: Society Bulletins & junk mail

Business Arising: Inter-Society Challenge was discussed. Payment for meal required now. Plants or racemes to be delivered to Ian Duncan's home 2 days prior to Ian leaving. Please contact Ian 93645439 to arrange a suitable time

Confirmation: Moved J. Brabin, seconded T. Burnett that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: On Notice Board.

Confirmation: Moved T. Burnett, seconded J. Baylis that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment be endorsed. **Carried**

New Members: 3 visitors wish to become members – yet to be ratified by the Committee.

Reports:

- Sausage Sizzle at Masters – a good result, although next time we will know how much to purchase. The remaining frozen sausages, onions and buns will be auctioned at the July GM. Many thanks to M. Baker, R. McCullum, R. McGrath & L. Dodd (who unfortunately got lost) for working that day

General Business:

Winter Show – refer to Bulletin

- Christmas in July/Casserole Night 20th July – please bring a main or sweet
- Hamper – a raffle not to be missed
- Schedules, Entry Cards & Sales Slips available at the front desk

Inter-Society Challenge – refer to Bulletin

- Geraldton needs numbers & payments for Challenge Dinner (\$35 per person) by mid-July
- Last minute arrangements meeting at T&B Burnett's home on 29th July 10.30 am

Other

- Prize money was distributed from the Autumn Show – congratulations to all winners
- I. Duncan – WAROO report
- M. Godbeer spoke about her unusual plant of *Rodriguezia decora* from southern Brazil
- Plant gift letter presented to new member R. McCullum
- A notice to be placed in Bulletin for members to bring in plants for which they have a query e.g culture, problems etc.

Popular vote:

Open: Paph. Greyhound – J&K Baylis,

Raffle: N. Jones, I. Duncan, J. Brabin.

Door Prize: J. Baylis

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Continuation of revision of the OSWA Constitution.

In Late April. Members were provided with copies of OSWA's constitution (which has been in effect since 1995). At the May General Meeting, the proposed new constitution was discussed and some additional alterations were proposed. These additional alterations could not be approved at that meeting since members were not advised of them 30 days prior to the meeting (as required by the constitution). These additional alterations included (i) reduction in the numbers of committee members (which seems reasonable given that OSWA membership is lower now than it was in 1995); (ii) minor additions & deletions of text to clarify certain points & simplify language; (iii) additions to the section on Bank Accounts to cover Direct Debit (which did not exist for OSWA in 1995) & formalize operation of a Petty Cash account by the Treasurer; and (iv) corrections to minor typographical errors. These additional alterations are summarized below, where "Proposed" refers to wording in the proposed new constitution that was distributed to members in late April, and "Alterations" refers to wording that includes the additional alterations proposed at the May general meeting. The differences between the two versions are highlighted in *italics*. -- Murray Baker, Secretary.

8. OFFICE BEARERS clause (f) – Proposed: (f) *Eight* committee members

Alterations (f) Four committee members

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS **Proposed:** All office-bearers shall be persons that are financial members of the Society and shall be elected by the members present at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with Section 10 hereof. The Patron need not be a financial member of the Society.

Alterations: All office-bearers shall be persons that are financial members of the Society and shall be elected by the members present at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with Section 10 hereof. The Patron need not be a financial member of the Society. *The President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected for terms of one year, and the Vice-Presidents and Committee Members shall be elected for two-year terms.*

10. RETIREMENT OF OFFICE-BEARERS first paragraph. **Proposed:** The President, one Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and one half of the Committee shall retire on the day of the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election, provided that no member shall occupy the position of President for more than three consecutive years. Those committee members who retire that year shall be those Committee Members who have completed the two-year term or part thereof. **Alterations:** The President, one Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and one half of the Committee shall retire on the day of the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election, provided that no member shall occupy the position of President for more than three consecutive years. Those committee members *and the Vice-President who retire that year shall be those who* have completed the two-year term or part thereof.

13. DUTIES OF OFFICERS clauses (c) - (e) under Treasurer.

Proposed: (c) To submit the accounting records to the Auditor(s) at the end of each financial year.

(d) To report to each monthly meeting of the Management Committee on the finances, funds, and general membership of the Society, this report to be submitted to the next ensuing General Meeting of members.

(e) To peruse all accounts to be passed for payment and ensure that they have been fully authorised.

Alteration: (only the order of the clauses is changed)

(c) To report to each monthly meeting of the Management Committee on the finances, funds and membership of the Society, this report to be submitted to the next ensuing General Meeting of members.

(d) To peruse all accounts to be passed for payment and ensure that they have been fully authorised

(e) To submit the accounting records to the Auditor(s) at the end of each financial year

14. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: clause 1 and clause 3 (c)

Proposed: 1. The Management Committee shall consist of the President, two Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, the immediate Past President ex-officio and *eight* other members.

3(c) Appoint sub-committee to manage special events. Such sub-committee may include any financial members.

Alterations: 1. The Management Committee shall consist of the President, two Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, the immediate Past President ex-officio and *four* other members.

3 (c) Appoint *a* subcommittee to manage special events. Such sub-committee may include any financial members.

24. BANK ACCOUNT. Proposed: An account shall be opened at a Bank or Banks decided upon by the Management Committee and all monies received shall be banked therein as directed by the Management Committee. All payments by the Society shall be made by order of the Committee and all payments as determined by Management Committee shall be paid by cheque and shall be signed by two signatories chosen from the President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer.

Alterations: An account shall be opened at a Bank or Banks decided upon by the Management Committee and all monies received shall be banked therein as directed by the Management Committee. All payments by the Society shall be made by the order of the Committee and all payments as determined by management Committee shall be paid by cheque *or by direct debit* and *all cheques* shall be signed by two signatories chosen from the President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer. *The Honorary Treasurer may maintain a Petty Cash account of an amount approved by the Committee to pay small expenses from time to time.*

27. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION clause (b)

Proposed: No such amendment, repeal or new rule shall: (b) be passed unless at 75% of the members present have voted in favour of same.

Alterations: No such rule or amendment, repeal or new rule shall: (b) be passed unless at *least* 75% of the members present have voted in favour of same.

30. DISSOLUTION first paragraph

Proposed: The Society may be dissolved or wound up by the vote of 75% of members present at a Special General Meeting called for such purpose. In the event of the organization being dissolved the amount that remains *after the dissolution and the satisfaction* of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred:

Alterations: The Society may be dissolved or wound up by the vote of *at least* 75% of members present at a Special General Meeting called for such purpose. In the event of the organization being dissolved the amount that remains *after the satisfaction* of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred:

SCHEDULE A first paragraph. Proposed: I, the undersigned, hereby to become a member of The Orchid Society of Western Australia (Incorporated) and if my application is approved, agree to comply with and be bound by the *Rules* of the Society.

Alterations: I, the undersigned, hereby apply to become a member of The Orchid Society of Western Australia (Incorporated) and if my application is approved, agree to comply with and be bound by the *Constitution* of the Society.

BY-LAWS Rule 3 clauses (c) and (n)

Proposed: (c) The Society reserves the *light* to refuse to accept any plant or bloom tendered for exhibition.

(n) Only the Judges, Associate Judges & Student Judges *of* the AOC Judging Panel of WA, and Show Officials shall be present during judging.

Alterations: (c) The Society reserves the *right* to refuse to accept any plant or bloom tendered for exhibition

(n) Only the Judges, Associate Judges and Student Judges *authorised by* the AOC Regional Judging Panel of Western Australia, and Show Officials shall be present during judging.



March on down to the...

Christmas in July Casserole Night!

Saturday July 20th at 6:30 PM at the South Perth Scout Hall.

FOOD & FRIENDS

Please join us for this Fun Event!!

Cost \$5.00 per head.

Please bring a casserole or sweet to share.

Spot Prizes

A small gift or plant for door prizes would be appreciated.