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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 28th 2013
Commencing at **8:00 pm**

PATRON: Mr. Trevor Burnett

THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Lorna Dodd

NATIVE ORCHIDS - DVD

JULY MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 3rd

OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 6th

General Meeting 7.30 pm Friday 27th

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Birthdays:

June: 2nd – Tom Seaman **9th** – Fred Herbert, Edna Burgess **17th** – Maggie Longmore, Liu Shea Pohl

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.

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

New Members: Nil

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:

- **A fund raising event** will be held at Masters, North Lake Rd Bibra Lake (opposite Adventure World) on 16 June 2013. We will need helpers in cooking & selling the sausage sizzle. Further info will be in the next Bulletin. Please try & help on this day even if it is only for a couple of hours.
- **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
- **Geraldton Challenge Dinner:** The dinner at the Inter-Society Challenge in Geraldton will cost \$35.00 per person. **Those members who wish to attend this event will need to give their names and pay their money to Ian Duncan at the June General Meeting.** Geraldton Orchid Society need the names for insurance purposes. OSWA will send a cheque for those who pay Ian.
- **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.
- **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.

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 - Fund Raiser Sausage Sizzle at Masters 16 June 2013

Casserole Night Saturday 20 July 2013, Potting Workshop 20 October 2013

Home open Sunday 18 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.

Orchids for in-house display – OSWA has received this request from a resident of Mosman Park. “I am looking for someone who might supply me with some orchids on a regular basis and “rotate” them through our house all year. We will supply pots and materials if necessary and would like a few great plants around all the time. I envisage checking our existing plants, then agreeing on a “plan” of what to supply and when – taking away existing plants for renovation or change and bringing in fresh. Presently have Phalaenopsis but open to other varieties. It’s a fair sized home with good light and winter warmth. Any member interested in developing such an arrangement, please call Graham on 0409 682 228

Vale Bob Jones: Passed away 11th June 2013

Bob and Nancie joined OSWA in 1991. Bob was always willing to help out at Shows, Displays and Workshops.

He loved his orchids and always had a plant or two to enter in the show or just for display. He also loved his woodwork and made several items for our Shows and Displays.

Over the last couple of years, Bob’s health deteriorated but he still entered his plants and offered his help.

Bob will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancie and her family.

OSWA President, Committee and members.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (May 2013)

Open:

Class 1B (2)	1. Robin Dalziell	Blc. Burdekin Bells ‘Mary’
	2. Peter & Shirley Masters	Blc. Ruth Griffin
Class 1C (1)	1. John & Dorothy Walton	Slc. Red Jewel ‘Tara’
Class 1F (1)	1. John & Dorothy Walton	Slc. Duckitt Ruby
Class 2D (1)	1. Courtney Rogasch	Cym. One Tree Hill ‘John’s Quest’ x Cym. Golden Elf ‘Sundust’
Class 4A (1)	1. John & Dorothy Walton	<i>Den. Ioddegessii</i>
Class 4B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Burana Candy x Den. Chao Praya Gem
Class 6E (2)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	Onc. Yurla x Onc. Hamilton Gold
	2. Peter & Shirley Masters	Onc. Yurla x Onc. Honey Butter
Class 8B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Hilda Poxon
Class 11B (1)	1. John & Dorothy Walton	Ctsm. Susan Fuch x Ctsm. Dragon Teeth

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: Blc. Burdekin Bells (73 pts) – Robin Dalziell

Popular Vote: Open – Blc. Ruth Griffin – Peter & Shirley Masters

Novice –C. Portia ‘Coerulea’ x Lc. C. G Roebing – Gloria Talbot

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

This month the early flowering Cymbidiums will be in flower. Others will have flower buds showing through the protective sheath on the stem. Once they reach the stage where the flower buds are visible, it's time to move the plants out of the shade house and into the flowering section, where more protection can be given to them. Heavy rain or hail can chip the soft buds and so leave a permanent mark. Also strong winds can cause the leaves to rub on the flowers, and this too will cause a blemish.

Cymbidiums like to grow in a position where there is plenty of free air movement, so don't completely enclose the flowering section like a glass house. This could be the reason for bud drop. Give them protection from the heavy winds and also close off the sides that face the strongest winds. Don't over crowd your plants, if possible give them plenty of room between each pot.

During July we can expect cold, wet wintry weather. Fertilising can be tapered off to once a fortnight. Watering will also depend on the weather, but don't allow the pots to become dry, particularly those in spike and under cover.

Keep the flowering house and shade houses well baited with slug and snail pellets, particularly now that the flower buds are showing.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JUNE/JULY 2013) from notes of the late Henry Eaton

With the onset of cold wintry weather, the foremost consideration is adjusting cultural practice to the cold. Orchid growth slows with the cold so the need for watering decreases and the use of fertilisers becomes a minor concern, unless your plants are being grown in a heated greenhouse. If your plants are grown in an open but covered area to protect them from the rain, all shading, if not already, should be removed. This helps to warm the plants to some degree on sunny days, and helps flowers opening now, to do so with true colours. Heavily shaded plants appear to open flowers with less brightness in them. Due to the cold and dampness in the air, flowers are more likely to get infected with botrytis spores with the appearance of black spots on the petals. This can be averted to some degree by keeping the air moving gently over the plants with the use of a fan, and avoiding crowding plants too close together. If the structure in which you grow your plants, permits using hangers, pots hung up give plants more space for flowers to open without obstruction and better air movement.

Flowering plants should also be closely observed for caterpillars and thrips that will damage them if left untreated. Also make sure you have baits spread around to neutralize the snails and slugs that appear with the rain. When watering, choose a forecasted sunny day to do so. This will allow the plants to dry out by nightfall and no water remains in the leaf axils, which could induce rot. It is also probably wise to wait until the sun is shining into your garden before watering, as by then the water in the pipes may have warmed up to some degree. Avoid all potting activities, unless not doing so might kill the plant

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

With the cooler months upon us, watch you're watering just to keep the plants moist, but never leave them wet. Always water in the morning to ensure the plants are dry by nightfall. I, personally reduce my watering back further to once very 14 days, but may give additional watering if the weather is fine and sunny for 6-8 days in a row.

Hopefully, a good proportion of our plants will be showing flower spikes. Continue staking plants using wire, meat skewers or small thin bamboo stakes. This time of the year you start to enjoy the fruits of your previous 12 months work, with some of the early flowers now being fully developed and in full bloom.

If you are missing out on a great display starting to appear, now is the time to review your culture over the last 12 months and make any necessary changes to ensure a great show next year.

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

If you intend to get the plants ready for the various shows, this is the time to spend cleaning up the plants by removing any dead leaves and cleaning any dust from the leaves. Growers may use different methods to make their plant leaves look fresh and glistening, some by the use of white oil, but I personally believe a little common milk with water wiped over the leaves does a wonderful job without that oily look.

At this time of the year, most growers do not water plants overhead due to the possible marking of flowers for shows, and is sound practice if time permits. I do water overhead, but after watering I ensure the pouch is emptied of water and excess water is not left on the remainder of the plant. This can easily be achieved by gently tapping the flower.

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 Gen. 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 24 May 2013

Welcome: The meeting opened at 8.07 pm: attendance as per register.

Minute's silence for Ken Gorey:

Evening's Programme: Brian Klepzig, Neutrog Australia. The background of the company & an excellent outline of all Neutrog products & their specific uses was given by Brian. His talk was much appreciated with many relevant questions answered for the members. Many thanks to Brian for the samples & raffle prizes.

Intermission/Tea Break

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

Business Arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved E. Dixon, seconded R. Pohl that the Business Arising has been resolved. **Carried**

Key Correspondence:

- Sympathy card to Maureen Gorey
- Email exchange with Kelly Lane (Cottesloe Central Shopping Centre) regarding their request for OSWA to do a display in September – discuss at Committee
- Email exchange with Veronica Clowes (OSNSW) & David Harmer (OCSA) re their insurance
- Email from Dept. of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs acknowledging receipt of our grant application
- Email exchanges with members of the public about where to obtain/how to grow orchids etc
- Letter re invitation to meeting for inclusion of disabled people (Lorna to attend)
- Received: Society Bulletins & junk mail
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Business Arising: Proposal for Cottesloe display – discuss at Committee

Confirmation: Moved S. Lyster, seconded J. Baylis that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried**
Financial Statement: This was not presented due to discussion of the constitution taking up time.

New Members: Nil

Reports:

- Shed Clean-up Day: very well attended, thanks to those who helped with the new shelving & clearing away of unwanted items.
- Autumn Show: Congratulations to major Prize-winners. It was a spectacular show, drawing many positive comments from the Management and public. Thanks to all who assisted in setting up, entering plants, manning the sales table & dismantling. The Shopping Centre wish to have us back next year.

General Business:

- Sausage Sizzle at Masters Hardware, Bibra Lake (Cnr. Of North Lake Rd. & Phoenix Rd. Bibra Lake) on Sunday 16th June. We will need members in attendance from about 10.50 am until about 2.10 pm. We need to supply food & drinks to sell (sausages, buns, onions, cans of soft drink) serviettes, serving utensils, & members to run the BBQ & serve customers & perhaps a few folding chairs. Masters will supply everything else (this was not discussed at length).
- Changes to the Constitution: Ian Duncan went through the proposed changes & as the members hadn't received a copy of all the changes, further alterations could only be proposed but not voted on. M. Davis moved that the new Constitution with the alterations be sent out this month to all members, seconded John Walton. (you cannot vote on something that has not been seen). Changes are to be voted on at the June General Meeting.

Popular vote:

Open: P&S Masters - Blc. Ruth Griffin,

Novice/Junior: G. Talbot – C. Portia 'Coerulea'

Raffle: E44 A. Davis, D78 R. McIntosh.

Door Prize: M. Grantham

Meeting closed at 10.10 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 *right* 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

Monster Raffle of Garden Products

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