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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 22 March 2013
Commencing at **8:00 pm**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

**NATURAL REMEDIES FOR ORCHIDS –
TREVOR BURNETT**

APRIL MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel	7.30 pm Monday 1st
OSWA Committee	7.30 pm Friday 5th
General Meeting	6.30 pm Friday 26th

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Birthdays:

March: 9th – Bob Jones 11th – Merrilyn Brechin 14th – Maree MacDonald 19th – Jack Rensen, John Walton 24th – Raye McIntosh 25th – Lorna Dodd 26th – Kaye Baylis, Peggy Stacy

April: 7th – Rosemary McGrath 10th – Bernadette Campbell 12th – Karen Carless 13th – Hector Patfield 17th – Mike Burgess 23rd – Ron Brown 24th – Rod Pohl 29th – Ian Duncan

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

New Members: Nil

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.
- **A Home Open visit** is to be held at the home of Murray & Arni Baker – 58 Gladstone Rd Leeming Ph. 9310 2800, on 17th March. A sausage sizzle is provided, please bring a salad or sweet to share, BYO drinks, chair & a little something for the raffle. Tea & coffee will be provided. Cost is \$5 per head. Any time from 11 am, come along & see how someone else grows their orchids, chat, & maybe see a solution to a problem that may work for you too.
- **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.

Dates for your Diary

Show dates – Autumn Show 7-11 May 2013

Winter Show 20-21 July 2013

Inter-Society Challenge 3&4 August 2013

Spring Show 27-31 August 2013

Royal Show Display 27 September – 6 October 2013

Potting Workshop 20 October 2013

Other dates to remember:

Home Open 17 March 2013 at Murray & Arni Baker's home

Fund Raiser Sausage Sizzle at Masters 16 June 2013

Casserole Night Saturday 20 July 2013

Annual Christmas Dinner Saturday 7 December 2013

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (FEBRUARY 2013)**OPEN:**

Class 1F (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Epi. radiata</i>
Class 4C (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Den. Ursula
Class 5A (2)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Phal. violacea</i> 'Red Face'
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Phal. cornu-cervi
Class 5E (4)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Dtps.Sogo Prince x Phal.Tai-I 'Yellow Bird'
	2. Ian Duncan	Phal. Unknown
	3. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Yung Ho Princess x Tan Swee Kim
Class 6E (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Zka. Mary Eliza
Class 7A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Aeranthus imeriniensis</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>V. tessellata alba</i>
Class 10B(3)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Ctsm. fimbriatum</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Gongora gratulabunda</i>
	3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Promenea stapelioides</i>
Class 11A(3)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Grande
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Geralda
	3. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Conchiferum
Class 13(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phal.Little GemStripes x Hsinying Little Trick

Novice:

Class 15B(1)	1. Ann & Mal Davis	C. C.G.Roebling 'Blue Magic'
Class 15C(1)	1. Ann & Mal Davis	Blc. Hawaiian Treat 'Carmela's Freckles'
Class 22B(1)	1. Ann & Mal Davis	Den. Bill Lonne

Schokman Trophy Points: C. C.G. Roebling 'Blue Magic' (70 pts) – Ann & Mal Davis

Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy Points: Phrag. Grande (69 pts) – Maxine Godbeer

Popular Vote: Open – *Ctsm. fimbriatum* – Maxine Godbeer

Novice – C. C.G, Roebling 'Blue Magic' – Ann & Mal Davis

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2013) by Roy Brown

This is the time of the year when the young flower spikes are starting to develop, and so a drop in the temperature during the evening is a vital part of the successful flowering of Cymbidiums. By turning on the overhead sprinklers in the early evening will drop the temperature by quite a few degrees, creating the ideal conditions necessary for the growing and flowering of our plants.

Always have a good check of your pots regularly to make sure the drainage is not blocked. Water should pass through the compost freely, not just seep away.

Keep the regular fertilizer programme going, as the new seasons growths need to be kept growing at a fast rate, so they will develop sufficiently to produce their flowers when the time comes.

If you should be poking about in your plants looking for these early flower spikes during March, do be very careful, they are very easily broken or damaged. Should you have to remove a plant that has

definite signs of flower spikes showing, be very careful to replace it in the exact same position with the flower spike facing the same direction as before.

With the advent of flower spikes showing, it might be a good idea to give the shade house a general cleanup, getting rid of all dead leaves, weeds and anything else that might harbour pests. Now is the time to also check that you have a good supply of pots and compost ready for those repotting jobs next month.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2013) from notes of of the late Henry Eaton

Although March is technically the first month of Autumn, we can still expect days when the temperature goes quite high and there is little, if any, rain around to increase the humidity. The light may be decreasing slightly, but the heat still requires that you maintain shading as for the summer months. Watering and fertilizing your plants will still follow a summer pattern, unless there is rain, when you can miss a watering if necessary. Cattleyas are plants that revel in a wet/dry cycle, where they like to dry out nearly fully before being watered again. You can gauge this by lifting up the pot after watering when it should feel heavy. The pot loses weight when drying out giving you the signal to re-water.

At this time of the year, due to the cooler nights, check your plants after watering to make sure that no water has collected in between the upper leaves. This is essential, as at this time many plants will be producing flowering sheaths and buds and any water retained around them could cause rotting. If water has collected dry it up with a tissue. While attending to your plants also stake the pseudo bulb bearing the buds or sheaths erect, so that when the flowers emerge they will be pointing towards you and not any which way.

If you have a flowering house out of the rain etc. make sure that the plant is pointing in the same direction in which it was grown, as otherwise the buds may open in an unsightly fashion

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2013) by Trevor Burrett

Even though summer has officially finished, the summer pattern is still with us. We may still have some hot days over 34C to come, so we need to be mindful of this and adjust our watering accordingly. At this time of the year I water three times a week early in the morning with overhead sprinklers, so the plants are well saturated. This will allow time for the plant to dry out before the sun gets too high and will prevent any possibility of water burns. It will also ensure the plants are dry by nightfall

If excessive heat is forecast over consecutive days, you will need to watch plants in small pots and increase the watering as necessary. Watering is highly dependent on the composition of your potting mix and its ability to retain moisture. For beginners, a test pot of just potting mix in the growing area is recommended, until you understand the water holding capacity of your mix. You can empty the pot at any stage to see what water is retained.

As the plants are still in active growth, keep a weak fertilizer programme going at $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ strength, on a weekly or fortnightly basis depending on your time restraints. Ensure that you flush the mix with water between fertilising.

In the glasshouse, the use of misting sprays under the benches will be beneficial by increasing the humidity levels on very hot days. It is equally important that plenty of fresh air, which is essential for the plants health, is available in the glasshouse.

At this time of the year the paphiopedilum will have some leaves that have died over the summer months and these should be removed in preparation for the forthcoming flowering season, to prevent any unwanted vermin having an ideal hiding place.

I would repot any small plants that are not expected to flower during this period, to ensure they have a nice clean mix before going into winter.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth on 22 February 2013

Welcome: The President, Mrs Kaye Baylis opened the meeting at 8.05 pm welcoming visitors & members.

Apologies: As per register

Minutes: Moved R. McGrath, seconded J Walton that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Carried

Business Arising: Nil

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

Correspondence:

- From AOC (Thea & Jim Shaughnessy) Presidents newsletter February 2013
- From Jim O'Hare (Judges Panel): new show schedules & invoice for judging panel fees
- WAROO (Sue Pearson): WAROO reports
- To WAROO: letters summarizing fate of 1991 conference funds & request for inclusion of details in WAROO Minutes
- Cards to Merle Arrah (get well) & Carmel Sullivan (thank you for donation to OSWA)
- Card from Jim Baylis thanking members for their concern during his recent illness
- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about where to obtain orchids etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins & junk mail

Business Arising:

- It was noted that Bernie Arrah had thanked OSWA members for their best wishes for Merle.

Confirmation: Moved J Walton, seconded M. Perry that Correspondence be endorsed. Carried

Financial Statement: I Duncan presented the Financial Statement

Accounts for payment: EziGro Orchids, \$30.80; OJPWA, \$380; R. McGrath \$146.25

Confirmation: Moved J Baylis, seconded J Walton that the Financial Statement be received and Accounts for payment be endorsed. Carried

New Members: Nil

Reports:

- I, Duncan reported on a talk he gave on behalf of OSWA at Quinns Rock.
- January M BBQ at the Baylis' residence (K Baylis): Meeting was held on 9/12/2012. The invoice recently sent to OSWA requesting the last of the 1991 AC 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 accumulated from the 1991 & 2012 AC Conferences.
- OJPWA (T Burnett): Nothing to report.

General Business:

- M Baker: OSWA occasionally receives requests from members of the public for information on where may be purchased. If any member wishes to be contacted when someone is seeking to purchase orchids, let Murray know (provide email and/or phone number)
- OSWA's Constitution is currently being revised. The revised version will be presented for consideration of members at the next GM
- WAROO has left over conference funds and is looking for ideas of what to do with these funds. One suggestion so far: subsidised orchid tours. Any ideas from OSWA members? The funds cannot simply be turned over to clubs or members

- Courtney Rogasch received his “new member” voucher for a plant from EziGro
- The January meeting (BBQ at Baylis’ residence) was attended by 24 members and was enjoyed by all. It was agreed to do the same again next year for the JanuaryGM.

Popular vote:

Open: *Catasetum fimbriatum* (beautifully fragrant) owner M Godbeer

Novice/Junior: *Laeliocattleya* C G Roebing ‘Blue Magic’ owner M&A Davis

Raffle: J Rensen, R McIntosh

Door Prize: T Burnett

The meeting was adjourned for the AGM at 8.58 pm and reconvened at 9.18 pm.

The new President Mrs Lorna Dodd thanked members for their nomination for President and thanked K Baylis for her dedicated service during the previous 3 years.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm, followed by wine & Cheese

OSWA Office Bearers for 2013

The following officers were elected/appointed at the AGM. Any members who wish to join the committee or assist in other roles, please see Lorna. We need more committee members, a Show committee, a second Vice President, someone to write *Cattleya* culture notes for the Bulletin and helpers at Show Sales, the Opportunity Table and Library etc.

President:	Mrs. Lorna Dodd
Vice-President:	Mrs. Maxine Perry
Secretary:	Mr. Murray Baker
Treasurer:	Mr. Ian Duncan
Immediate Past President:	Mrs. Kaye Baylis
Committee:	Mrs. Maxine Godbeer Mr. Jim Baylis Mrs. Rosemary Mc Grath Mrs. Judith Brabin Mr. Roy Brown
Registrar:	Mrs. Maxine Godbeer
Show Marshall:	Mrs. Kaye Baylis
Opportunity Table:	Mrs. Rosemary McGrath
Show Secretary:	Mrs. Rosemary McGrath
Librarian:	Mrs. Rosemary McGrath
Show Sales:	Mrs. Rosemary McGrath
Bulletin Editor:	Mrs. Maxine Godbeer
Orchids Australia:	Mrs. Barbara Burnett

President’s Report 2012/2013

Well it is that time of the year when the Annual General Meeting is held and I have to give a President’s report. Time just seems to be going faster and faster. It doesn’t seem 12 months since I gave you my last report.

Many thanks to all the members who have helped with setting up, supplying plants, manning the shows/displays, and dismantling the show/displays. Without your help we would not have had the success that we did. The public always love seeing our beautiful orchids and are interested in how we grow them. Thank you all so very much for your support.

Congratulations to the working committee of the 19th AOC Orchid Conference that was held in Perth September 2012 at the Burswood complex. What a spectacular show. When you walked into the main display area it was like a fairyland, and many of the visitors to view the show were in awe at the sight. Thank you to our Patron Trevor and his wife Barbara for everything that they did towards our display, “Gorilla’s in the Mist.” Very interesting with the two gorillas in amongst the orchids, and with the waterfall, the mister and the sounds of the gorillas, it was very realistic. Thank you to everyone who helped with the setting up and the dismantling, workers on the sales table, ladies who were making orchid vases. It really was a great effort and I am very proud of what we did.

We lost a very good grower of species/native orchids during 2012 - Anne O'Callaghan will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Anne had a good knowledge with the growing of orchids. Our sincere sympathy to Geoff and family.

Our Treasurer, Ian has done another fantastic job of keeping our books and the Society financially well off. Thanks Ian for another great year. Also thanks to you Ian for his attendance at the WAROO meetings, having you as our delegate has been great.

OSWA's Committee never stop working for the Society. My appreciation and thanks to you all. It makes life easier for me as your President, to have a good confident Committee like you.

The Secretary - Murray, another excellent job and without you with your finger on the pulse and keeping us informed of things happening in the orchid world we would be lost. When Murray is away Arni (Murray's wife) keeps whoever is the acting Secretary up with anything that has to be attended to. Thank you Arni and the acting secretaries for your untiring work.

Show Secretary, Rosemary, and Merrill who helps Rosemary out with entries and also writes calligraphy on the major prize cards. It is always nice to get a prize card so professionally written. Thank you both for your tireless work, to help make our shows a success.

To all the members who bring in their plants, man the shows/displays, set up and help dismantle them, my appreciation and thanks go to you all. You all make our shows the success that they are.

Thanks to Nancie for preparing the food for our functions.

Loma and her faithful troops in the kitchen. When Loma is not able to be in the kitchen there are always willing helpers to take over the task. You are all angels and thanks from myself and all the members for having the cuppa and biscuits ready. I really think that there is a fight to get into the kitchen to help, as you all seem to have so much fun, and I know that there are a few jokes that get told. Thanks to you all.

Thanks to Dana for the selling of the raffle tickets at the meetings. We have watched you grow into a fine young lady Dana, and we thank you so much for your work.

Rosemary is not only the Show Secretary, but has the library and the sales table in tow. Thanks for all your hard work Rosemary with organising products to sell and Show/display venues. A lot of running around but we do appreciate you time and effort. Thanks.

Speakers at the meetings and the potting workshop, thanks, a really great effort by you all. Keeping the newer members informed on Orchids and coming up with a few new ways of looking after them. Thanks one and all.

The Orchid Judging Panel of W.A., our thanks and appreciation for your time in judging at OSWA's Shows and monthly meetings. Thank you to all the Judges for a great job.

OSWA is very fortunate to have Maxine Godbeer as our Registrar and also our Bulletin Editor. Thanks Maxine for all your work in recording results and accumulating information to keep us all informed as to what is happening in the Orchid world.

Bulletin writers, Roy Brown (Cymbidiums) Trevor Burnett (Paphiopedilums) and the late Henry Eaton (Cattleya). Our thanks to you for keeping us informed as to what to do each month for the orchids. We are still looking for someone who can write notes on Cattleyas as at present we are just recycling the Late Henry Eaton's notes.

Thank you to Ann and Malcolm, Trevor and Barbara for having their homes open for the fund raising sausage sizzles. These days are really terrific, socially and for seeing how other members grow their orchids. Open days are enjoyed by all of us and also helps the Society financially.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner at the RAAF was once again enjoyed by the members who attended. Great food and company.

The Christmas meeting which is also presentation of Trophies was a great night, leading into the Christmas break. The January meeting once again was held at Jim and Kaye's home. BBQ dinner and a great evening. The evening wasn't as hot as the previous year. A pleasant way to start the new year off.

We had a few morning teas at different coffee places and also at a couple of homes during the year. This was to start with the organising of the Conference display. We have decided to keep them going, just as a get together. Now we also have to start to organise for the Orchid Challenge, this year it is to be held in Geraldton, 3rd and 4th August 2013. A nice place to spend a couple of days or a week or so.

Jim and myself did miss a couple of meetings during the year and I thank Lorna for conducting the meeting in my absence.

Jim had open heart surgery at the end of November and is still on the road to recovery. He is still my "Rock of Gibraltar" and my darling I thank you for everything that you do for the Society. Your love and support made my job as President easier.

We had two visits to Floraplant nursery in November and this was really enjoyed by the members who attended. What a great set up with the growing of orchids plus other plants. Thanks Murray for

organising these trips.

There is another thank you I must say and that is to you, our members, without you our Society would not be as great as what it is. There is a great friendship and comradeship among our members.

Welcome our new members into the OSWA family. Always feel free to ask questions if you need to know anything about a troublesome plant, growing, fertilising, and watering.

"Many hands do make light work" so always offer any spare time to help your Society out. We are all leading busier lives and are not getting any younger, so ever little bit helps.

It has been my pleasure to have been your President over the last 3 years. Unfortunately it is time for me to step down and let someone else take the job of being President of this great Society. Thank you one and all for all your support over my time and it has been MY pleasure to have been your President.

Kaye Baylis

President of OSWA, 22nd February, 2013

Australian Orchid Council President's Newsletter February 2013

OSWA is affiliated with The Australian Orchid Council (<http://orchidsaustralia.com>). The AOC has a new President, Jim Shaughnessy, who sent us this newsletter.

To all members and orchid clubs, I hope that you enjoyed Christmas and New Year and that all that is going well.

In my travels around, I find that one of the most often asked questions is "What does the AOC do for us?" Remember that the AOC is owned by the membership of orchid growers, but here are some things that the AOC does for all growers and clubs.

The AOC is the national forum for the coordination of orchid growing across Australia and for the resolution of issues brought to it by the personal members or societies, often through the Area Representative Organisations (AROs).

The AOC publishes the magazine 'Orchids Australia' which provides a wealth of information on aspects of orchid growing, historical articles, awards, and what is happening at club level. The publication committee welcomes relevant contributions from personal members – for example on culture, show reports and any other articles of interest to orchid growers not only in Australia but overseas as well.

May I encourage people to become personal members of the AOC by subscribing to 'Orchids Australia.' The AOC provides a comprehensive program library for AOC-affiliated clubs free of charge except for return postage. The complete catalogue may be downloaded from the AOC website which is another service to orchid growers in general. The current AOC Secretary can also email it to you as she is also the Program Librarian.

We also provide a unified national judging system, granting awards of excellence to growers. Over many years the system has been developed, headed by the Registrar General in conjunction with the Registrar from each State who train judges to a high standard so that they are able to judge at orchid shows wherever they may be required.

During my tenure as President I encourage personal members and clubs to share ideas that they have had success with, either at a personal level or at club level. For example, you may have a successful way of attracting new members to your club, or a member may have done something different that resulted in growing his/her orchids better. You can email or post your suggestions to me which I will share in future newsletters. (Please let me know whether you want your name/club mentioned.) I don't care if I am overwhelmed with emails! If you have any articles that could be printed in 'Orchids Australia' I would also be pleased to receive them.

As many of you are aware, there have been horrific fires and floods in Australia in the last month or so, and I would assume that there are orchid growers who have been affected by these disasters. I believe, that as orchid growers, we need to support such people. I suggest that if clubs in the affected areas could let me know, we may be able to put out an appeal for growers who have surplus plants to donate them to those affected so that they may be able to continue their interest in the hobby that we all enjoy so much.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the clubs and personal members for the support and encouraging comments that I have received whilst making contact by email, phone or personally. As a result of these contacts we are now able to be in touch with most clubs via the internet which will help immensely to cut the operating costs of the Council.

Until the next newsletter, goodbye for now.

Jim Shaughnessy, AOC President