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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, on Friday 12th December 2014, commencing at **7.30 p.m.**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES
& CHRISTMAS MEETING

JANUARY MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel	None
OSWA Committee	None
General Meeting	6.30 pm Fri 23 rd Jan'15

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Birthdays: December: 6th Val Seaman, 27th Maxine Godbeer
January: 17th Liu Shen-Pohl, 31st John Carless

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Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. To any member on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery & may you soon be well.

New Members: Peter Kissell - Rockingham
Mr & Mrs Hicks - Balga

Welcome & we hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

Name Badges: If you haven't a name badge, please see Ian and let him know. Not all of our members are familiar with each other, so it is made easier if you are wearing a badge.

General News:

- **Home Visits** If you would like to hold a Home Visit in 2015 please contact Kaye Baylis on 93376210. It doesn't seem to matter what time of year that we hold Home Visits, they always are very popular and well attended. The Committee appreciates the warm hospitality provided by the Hosts and the chance for members to get together in a social environment.
- **December Christmas Meeting: Friday 12th December** (2nd Friday) at 7.30pm. Presentation of Trophies and our Social Christmas evening. Please bring a plate of finger food. OSWA supplies the drinks.
- **General Meetings: Please Note:** At present, meetings will still be on a **Friday evening** at the Collins Street Centre Hall, which has been booked for 2015. Wednesday evening was a possible alternative but is at present not available. **Please note the January Meeting is at Jim & Kaye Baylis' home** (see below)
- **January Meeting:** 23rd January 2015. - BBQ to be held at Jim and Kaye Baylis' home: 18 Wheyland, cnr Caple Street, Willagee. 6.30pm. BYO - Meat, Drinks, chair and a salad or a sweet to share. If you have a problem plant or any questions you might want answered please come along and we will do our best to help you.
This is a wonderful way to start the new year of orchid growing. There will be a raffle, so if you have a spare plant, please bring it along, so that perhaps we can all go home with a plant.
- **General Meeting Sharing Table:** A table is set up at each of the Society's Monthly meetings. Thanks to those who brought donated items in such as books, magazines, pots, cuttings of your favourite plant, produce (bag of lemons), etc. All donations are most welcome. Please remember to put a small donation in the **Honesty Box** if you take something from the table.
- **Membership subscriptions: 2014/15 subs** were due on the 31st October – so please keep this in mind. Contact Ian Duncan on 9364 5439 re payment. \$26.00 for a Double & \$21.00 for a single membership.
- **Annual Christmas Dinner:** Was held on 6th December 2014 at the RAAF Wings Restaurant. This is an excellent evening, enjoyed by those who attended. The food was excellent and great company, judging by the merriment especially from one table. The gifts were all beautiful and appreciated by the members attending. We are booked to return there again next year so if you missed this great event make sure you attend in 2015.
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- **Lotterywest Grant:** Thanks to the generosity of Lotterywest our grant application for a new Trailer, PA System and Photocopier was approved. Purchase of these items can now proceed. Many thanks to Lotterywest.
- **FEBRUARY 2015 AGM: Election of office bearers at the AGM (February 2015): Please consider nominating for committee or some other role to help OSWA next year. Nomination forms (at the end of this Bulletin) need to be submitted at or before the January General Meeting.**

- **2015 CALENDER of SHOW EVENTS:** (None of these have been confirmed in writing as yet)
 - **Autumn Show:** Stocklands Riverton 6th – 9th May 2015, Set up Tuesday 5th May
 - **Winter Show:** Cottesloe Shopping Centre 16th – 18th July 2015, Set up Wednesday 15th July
 - **Spring Show:** Kardinya Park Shopping Centre 2nd – 6th September, Set up Tues 1st September
 - **Royal Show:** 26th September – 3rd October 2015, Set up Friday 25th September
 - **Potting Workshop:** Scout Hall, South Perth Sunday 18th October 2015

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (November 2014) (Apologies if plant names are incorrectly spelt)

OPEN:

Class 1A (1)	1. Murray & Arni Baker	Encyclia cordyera
Class 1F (2)	1. Ian Duncan	Epi. Bees Knees
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Epi. Gail Nahagahi
Class 3A (3)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. platyphyllum
	2. Howard Tan	Paph. liemiana
	3. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph philippenensis "Buzza" x philippenensis "WitchesBroom"
Class 3B (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph lowii Cheetah x philippenensis "Buzza"
Class 3C (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph Miao Hua #2
Class 3E (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph Shin-Yi Isabel
Class 4D (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Palolo Sunshine "Red Wings"
Class 5A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phal. borneinse
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Phal. mannii
Class 5C (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phal. China Doll
Class 6A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Onc. straminium
Class 6B (2)	1. Rosemary McGrath	Onc. sphacelatum
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Onc. Sweet Sugar (mutation)
Class 6D (2)	1. John & Dorothy Walton	Golden Gamine "White Knight"
	2. Jim & Kaye Baylis	Balc. Everglades Hunter "Swamp Ruggy"
Class 7A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Angcm. compactum
Class 8A (1)	1. Jim & Kaye Baylis	Cym. madidum Burma Star
Class 8B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Cym. Kuranda
Class 10B (3)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Bulb. micranthum
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Bulb. synapsis
	3. Maxine Godbeer	Grammangis ellisii
Class 11A (3)	1. Howard Tan	Phrag. Grande "Chinaman"
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Grande
	3. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Geralda
Class 11B (2)	1. Murray & Arni Baker	Lycaste (candida x deppei)
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Bulb. Pranom Prutpongse

NOVICE:

Class 15F (1)	1. Ian Sutton	Epi Unknown
Class 17B (1)	1. Rod Pohl	Paph. Rowenna
Class 22A (1)	1. Mal & Ann Davis	Cym. madidum
Class 22B (2)	1. Rod Pohl	Cym. Kuranda "Arthur Dawson"
	2. Mal & Ann Davis	Cym. Australian Midnight Gowie
Class 23A (1)	1. Rod Pohl	Bletilla Striata

Junior:

Schokman Trophy:

POPULAR VOTE:

OPEN: Brassidium Golden Gamine 'White Knight', owners J & D Walton

Novice: Cymbidium Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson', owner R Pohl

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2014/JANUARY 2015) by Roy Brown

The new seasons leads are well underway now and during the next couple of months the growth will be rapid. Keep your fertilising programs going, either weakly or fortnightly, whichever you prefer. This helps to increase growth and so makes bigger leaf and bulb development, which in turn, will give better flowering next year.

Don't grow your plants under too heavy shade conditions and allow ample space between pots, don't crowd them all together. This is probably why some plants don't flower. I recommend that you grow them under 50% Saron shade cloth for flowering size plants. For young seedlings, perhaps a little more shade would suit them better.

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, you can always pot on, that is repot the plant into a larger pot without disturbing the roots. This can be done at any time of the year and won't cause the plant any setback at all.

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

This being the December notes, I would like to wish all Cymbidium growers the Compliments of the Season.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2014/ JANUARY 2015) from notes of the late Henry Eaton

We should, now that summer has arrived, be ready to cope with the hot days (over 35C) that will undoubtedly occur. These very hot spells will lead to some retarding of growth while they last. To counter these effects, we need to increase the shading if necessary, to about 70% and maintain an adequate water supply to the plants. This is one time of the year when watering your plants in the evening may be more helpful than during the day, as this will cool the place down and will increase the humidity. At this time of the year, fertilising your plants can be undertaken if the temperatures are below 35C, but above this level, because of the slowing growth, it would be best to withhold the fertiliser until temperatures fall.

Because of the dryness and high temperatures, it would be wiser to avoid repotting etc unless we experience a cool spell. The only justification for repotting is if the plant being stressed by being in a decaying mix, as shown by shrivelling of the pseudo bulbs and limpness of the leaves. Also be on the lookout for plants that could be sunburnt because of gaps in the shade cloth. These, at first, may show reddening of the leaves. Try to attain a stage where the leaves on the plants are not dark green but a yellow/green, which indicates adequate exposure to light.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2014/ JANUARY 2015) by Trevor Burnett

We will certainly get some hot weather which may be extended over several days, so we need to monitor the conditions and adjust our watering programme accordingly.

Ensure the plants have sufficient shade to prevent any burning as a setback at this stage will definitely affect our flowering season. If you have a mix of pot sizes you will need to ensure that the smaller pots do not dry out completely before watering.

Paphiopedilum development should still be fully in progress with the new growths coming to maturity, ready for the flowering season ahead.

Checklist for this Month

- a) keep good air movement
- b) If in glass house, misting will assist with maintaining humidity
- c) Weekly fertilizing can continue
- d) Do not crown your plants
- e) Check for pests and treat if necessary
- f) Keep area clean of dying leaves or material

Paph Notes (Cont)

- g) Increase watering to 3 times a week or more often if plants have dried out
- h) Check all plants to see if there are any signs of stress
- i) Water in the early morning before the sun is too high

**The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)
Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth,
on 28 November 2014**

Welcome: The President Mrs K Baylis opened the meeting at 7:30 pm welcoming visitors & members.

Minutes' silence: Ross Lang & Fred Bishop & Heather Head

Meeting item: Seedlings vs Species vs Hybrids (Kevin Butler)

Break for popular vote.

Apologies: As per Register

Minutes: Moved R Pohl, seconded P Di Giovanni that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business arising:

- General Meetings will continue to be held on Friday nights, but possibility of having Sunday meetings in cooler months (June-August) or Wednesday night meetings still being explored.

Confirmation: Moved J Walton seconded C Rogasch that the Business Arising has been resolved. **Carried.**

Correspondence:

- Phone call from Bunnings O'Connor requesting someone to speak about orchids on 13 December at relaunching of their garden club.
- From Allan at Aquarius Orchids, requesting advertising space in our Bulletin.
- From Carmel Sullivan, resignation letter after many years of membership and generous support of OSWA.
- From Lotteries Commission, advice that our grant application had been accepted and that some funds had been transferred.
- Condolences cards to Alice Lang, Ian Duncan
- Most pre-eminent certificates from AOC
- From City of South Perth, acknowledging tentative bookings for venues for 2015
- From RAS (Jenna Coghill) with thanks and praise for OSWA's contribution to the Royal Show
- From Alice Lang, to say Ross had passed away
- From Helen Wood, advising orchids (her Mother's) for sale, at Merriwa area.
- From Vidar Paulsrud, about Orchids for Life in Myanmar
- Phone call from Graham Anderson, to say that his father-in-law, former OSWA member Fred Bishop, had passed away and requesting help on what to do with Fred's orchids
- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about growing orchids, where to obtain orchids, show and meeting dates, etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Business arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved J Walton seconded C Rogasch that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: Presented by K Baylis (provided by I Duncan)

- J Walton asked if some funds could be invested. I Duncan indicated that some funds could be added to the fixed term deposit when it comes up for renewal next April.

Confirmation: Moved R Pohl seconded J Walton that the Financial Statement be received.
Carried.

New Members:

- Ray and Patricia Wood (Walliston), and Ian Sutton and Kirsty Bayliss (Scarborough) received EziGro letters and new members plants. (Plants kindly donated by M&A Davis and R Pohl)
- Sandra Brown (Carlisle) received EziGro letter.
- Ashleigh Reid (Oakford), Claire Riessen (Kingsley) and Kelly Butler (Orelia)

Reports: Nil

General Business:

- Arrangements for Christmas Dinner noted.
- December meeting - 2nd Friday. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.
- January meeting - at the Baylis residence, details in the Bulletin
- Meg Donald wrote to thank retiring judges K Baylis and R McIntosh for their service over many years.
- K Baylis said that we will be trying to organise more "Open House" Sundays during 2015. These are very enjoyable events that give members an opportunity to get together and see how others grow their orchids. OSWA covers costs of supplies (so the hosts are not out of pocket). \$5 entry (to raise money for the club).

Raffle: P Kissell and J Walton. P Kissell kindly opted for "re-draw" when he won a second raffle.

Popular Vote:

- **Open:** Brassidium Golden Gamine 'White Knight', owners J & D Walton. J Walton fertilises this orchid with Polyfeed and Ionic. He obtained the orchid from Tinonee Orchids. J Walton kindly donated his popular vote prize to Pat & Ray Wood.
- **Novice:** Cymbidium Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson', owner R Pohl. An impressive specimen with 15 racemes. Fertilised with liquid fertiliser (calcium nitrate, potassium nitrate, and others) about once a fortnight. This orchid is an Australian native primary hybrid (*Cymbidium madidum* x *Cymbidium suave*) and at certain times of the day has a lovely fragrance.

Door Prize: E Burgess.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm

New Orchid Nursery: Orchidup - the place of orchids

Orchidup is a new orchid nursery, at Walpole. The owners are David and Liz Edmonds. Orchidup specializes in cool growing orchids, including cymbidiums, cattleyas, Australian native dendrobiums, sarcochilus, masdevallias, zygotetalums, miltoniopsis and a large selection of oncidium alliance plants. The nursery is not formally open to the public but the owners are happy to supply orchids by mail or receive visitors by appointment. The nursery is part of a working farm, so it is essential that anyone planning to visit calls beforehand to ensure the owners will be available. Perth growers who have already visited Orchidup report that it is an interesting nursery that is well worth the trip.

Contact details: Mail - PO Box 20, Walpole WA 6398.

Phone - (08) 9840 1105

Email - jacksplace@westnet.com.au

Website - www.orchidup.com.au

The President and Committee extend their wishes to all our members for a safe and festive Christmas and New Year and successful orchid growing in 2015

Plant Kingdom Notes, courtesy of Kevin Butler

Family- Orchidaceae
Sub Family- Epidendroideae
Tribes- Cymbidieae
Sub Tribe- Cymbidinae
Genus- Cymbidium

Species

An orchid which can be found naturally occurring- a native orchid that grows somewhere in the world in the wild. For cymbidiums there are about 60 species. If man makes a selfing or sibling cross of this type of orchid it still remains a species.

Its name can have up to four terms or names.

- Generic name: The name of the genus (plural genera). Genus is a latin word meaning 'kind'. This name is written in italics, with an initial capital letter, eg. *Cymbidium*.
- Specific epithet: A name used for a group of similar looking and form of orchid within its genus. This name is written in italics, with a small initial letter, eg. *Cymbidium lowianum*.
- Varietal epithet: The next name refers to a specific type or form of the species eg. a particular colour form or extra large flower form. The name is written in italics and small letter after the wording var. which is also written in small letters. Eg. *Cymbidium lowianum var. concolor*.
- Cultivar epithet: This can be the third name if the species is not of a variety, or fourth name if a variety. This name is used to distinguish different plants of the same type in an orchid collection, and is similar to first names that are used for humans. This name is not in italics and starts with an initial capital letter. Eg. *Cymbidium lowianum var. concolor* 'John Smith'

Hybrid

A hybrid is the result of breeding one orchid with a different orchid or a selfing. These can be species or hybrids. If it is the same species it remains a species. If it is two different species it is often called a primary hybrid. This form of orchid is the result of man being involved in the cross pollination. In nature we occasionally get a pollinator to cross two different species together, this produces a natural hybrid and the name is written as *Paph. X fanaticum*.

Seedling

This can be used as an alternative name to hybrid, but in orchid growing it usually means a small plant until and including its first flowering.

Writing of Hybrid Names

Hybrid names can consist of three names.

- Generic name: Hybrids from parents belonging to the same genus retain the same genus name. Intergeneric hybrids receive a new hybrid generic name, which is issued by the Royal Horticultural Society. Eg. *Cymbidium*
- Grex epithet: Grex epithet is the next name. This is written with a capital initial letter and is not in italics. Eg. *Cymbidium* Tom Dixon. Grex name is usually given by the hybridiser of the cross, but it has to be approved by the Royal Horticultural Society.
- Cultivar epithet: This name is written with a capital initial letter and is not in italics. The name is enclosed with single quotation marks. Eg. *Cymbidium* Tom Dixon 'Ellen'. This name is used to distinguish it from other plants that have flowered out of the same seed pod.

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