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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at Baylis' residence, 18 Wheyland St. (cnr Caple) Willagee on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014 Commencing at **6.30 pm**

**PATRON: Mr Trevor Burnett**

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

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**FEBRUARY MEETING DATES:**

Judging Panel                      7.30 pm Monday 3rd  
OSWA Committee                    7.30 pm Friday 7th  
General Meeting                    8.00 pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

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**Birthdays:**

**January: 31<sup>st</sup>** – John Carless

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

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. To any member on the sick list, may you soon be well

**New Members:** Peggy Walker (Thornlie)

**Vale: Hector Patfield. Passed away Jan 2014**

Hector and Faye joined OSWA in 1981. Hector was a very enthusiastic member and willing worker at shows. He and Faye used to be available to be at the shows at 8 am each morning. Hector served on the Committee. He was also a very keen exhibitor entering his plants in the shows, until he took sick. Even when his health was not so good, Hector was always the optimist, and always had something happy to talk about. Our deepest sympathy to Faye and all the family in their very sad loss. Hector's cheerful face will be sadly missed by all who knew him, especially OSWA members.

**General News:**

- **Name Badges:** If you haven't a name badge, please see Ian and let him know. When at our shows or displays we would like name badges to be worn, so it is easy to see that you are not one of the public helping themselves to orchids. Not all of our members are familiar with each other, so it is made easier if you are wearing a badge.
- **January 2014 General Meeting:** will be held at Jim & Kaye Baylis' home 18 Wheyland St (cnr Caple St) Willagee on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 6.30pm for a BBQ. Please BYO meat, chair, drinks & a salad or sweet to share. There will not be any judging of plants as there is not a lot of room to display them for judging. We will be conducting a raffle, so if you can bring something along it will be extra to the plants that we have at the meeting each month. If you have an interesting or troublesome plant bring it along for us to look at. This meeting last year was a great success as we discussed orchids and had plenty of time to socialize as well. Come along and enjoy yourselves.
- **Bulletin Editor Required:** The February issue of the Bulletin will be the last issue to be edited by Maxine Godbeer, for some time at least, so we need a volunteer to take over the role of Bulletin Editor. The Editor's job is an important one but it is not too onerous, and Maxine will be happy to assist the new Editor to "learn the ropes" in any way she can. If you are interested, please contact Maxine asap.
- **The February Meeting is also our AGM.** You must be a financial member in order to vote (so send your subscription if you haven't already), and now would be a good time to consider nominating someone for a position in the society or consider joining the committee yourself. Nomination forms are on the last page of the Bulletin, but if you don't want to cut up your bulletin, nomination forms will also be available at the General Meeting at the Baylis Residence on the 24th of January. Please return completed forms to Murray Baker (58 Gladstone Rd Leeming 6149) by post or at the Baylis Residence on the 24th of January.

**RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (DECEMBER 2013)****Open Class:**

Class 1A (2)	1. Gillian Marsh	<i>Brassavola perrinii</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. purpurata</i>
Class 1F (3)	1. Ian Duncan	Enc. Bees Knees
	2. Ian Duncan	Epi. ( <i>atropurpureum</i> x Bees Knees) x Epi. Dancing Bees 'Pink Lip'
	3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. Pulcherrima</i>
Class 3B (2)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Deception IJ ( <i>niveum</i> x <i>delenatii</i> )
	2. Howard Tan	Paph. Magic Lantern ( <i>micranthum</i> x <i>delenatii</i> )
Class 3C (1)	1. Gillian Marsh	Paph. Red Fusion 'Spotted Leopard' x Paph. Macabee Merlun
Class 3D (2)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Translie 'Rock&Roll'
	2. Howard Tan	Paph. It's Doll 'K.L.'
Class 3F(1)	1. Phil Taylor	<i>Paph. Haynaldianum</i> 'Landsdale' x <i>Paph. kolapakingii</i>
Class 5E ((1)	1. Phil Taylor	<i>Phal. Yu Pin Natsume</i> 'Minho'
Class 6E (1)	1. Gillian Marsh	Dgmra. Winter Wonder 'White Fairy'
Class 7A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Angcm. compactum</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Angcm. elephantinum</i>
Class 7B (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Vascostylus Pine River
Class 8B (1)	1. Gillian Marsh	Cym. Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson'
Class 10B(3)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulb. bicolor</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulb. basisetum</i>
	3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Cochleanthes discolor</i>
Class 11A(2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Grande
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Mem. Dick Clements

**Novice Class:**

Class 15D(1)	1. Meryll Brechin	C. Cherrychips 'Blumen Insul' x Sl. Beaufort 'Big Circle'
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SCHOKMAN TROPHY POINTS: *Brassavola perrinii* (73 pts) – Gillian Marsh

JAMES GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY POINTS: Phrag. Grande (72 pts) – Maxine Godbeer

POPULAR VOTE: Open: *Brassavola perrinii* – Gillian Marsh

**CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014) by Roy Brown**

These are very hot months with the temperatures in the high 30's, so regular use of the sprinklers is an absolute must. Create as much humidity as possible, keeping the pots and the area around your plants as damp as possible.

It's my opinion that the next month or two are the most important ones for the successful flowering of Cymbidiums. THE NEW GROWTHS MUST BE KEPT GROWING SO THEY WILL BULB UP IN TIME

TO PRODUCE THEIR FLOWER SPIKES. To do this they will need as much light as they can take without actual burning of the leaves, plenty of fertilizer and water.

For those who grow their plants under 50% Sarlon Shade Cloth, you will find the plants leaves have become a yellowy green. This is mainly because of the bright light we experience here in WA, the skies being cloudless during the summer months. Provided the bulbs are nice and plump and the plants are healthy, this yellowing is a good sign that the plant should flower this season. A plant grown under too heavy shade conditions will have dark green leaves, lush foliage and will not produce as many spikes of flowers as one that has been grown under bright sunlight.

If you find that your plants are troubled by red spider mite, thrip, scale etc. then give them a spraying with insecticide. It's during the next couple of months that the flower spikes are produced and it is a good idea to have the plants free from all insect pests well in advance so that no harm will come to the young flower spikes when they show up.

#### **CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014) from notes of the late Henry Eaton**

As expected, the hot weather has at last arrived. With the onset of hot, dry conditions examination of your plants will show the development of new growths, which will elongate quickly. Culture has thus to be adjusted to take these factors into account.

Increase shading if necessary and the use of fans to cool the growing area is called for. Because of the dryness, watering frequency will need to be increased as the mix dries out sooner, in order also to help with enlargement of the new growths. Damping down of the growing area, watering or misting beneath the benches will help with raising humidity.

A fertilizer programme will also be needed to provide sufficient Nitrogen (N) for growth, as well as Potassium (K) for maturing those growths. The aim should be to produce big, fat bulbs without inducing the appearance of weak new growths. The new growths should be watched to train them into an erect position before they mature off, so that when flowers appear they are well displayed.

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

#### **PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURE NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014) by Trevor Burnett**

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

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

Any burning will cause a setback at this stage, which will definitely effect our flowering season.

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

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

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

- a) Good air movement
- b) If in a glasshouse, misting to assist with maintaining humidity
- c) Weekly fertilizing

- d) Not overcrowding our plants
- e) Pests, and treat if necessary
- f) Keep area clean of drying leaves or material
- g) Increase watering to three times a week, 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
- j) Watch and control your shading

### **The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**

#### **Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on 13 December 2013**

**Welcome: Open 8:10 pm.** President L Dodd welcomed members and guests.

**Apologies:** As per register

**Evening's Programme: Brad Croukamp : "Zimbabwean orchids"**

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

**Business arising:** Nil

#### **Key Correspondence**

- From Tony Watkinson, re advance notice about plant auction (~250 plants including many species, from a grower who is down-sizing his collection); includes a hot house.
- AOC (Jim Shaughnessy) AGM minutes
- Info to Garden clubs re insurance
- Bank account details provided to Stockland to facilitate payment for shows in future.
- Email exchanges with members of the public on miscellaneous matters of orchid identification, culture, and sourcing.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

**Business arising:** Nil

**Confirmation:** Moved B Rensen seconded R Pohl, that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

**Financial Statement** (posted on noticeboard for review by members).

**New Member:** Peggy Walker

#### **General Business:**

- Trophies were presented for winners of competitions during the year.

**Special Crayfish Raffle:** J Smith, P Serra (crayfish generously donated by T Burnett).

**Raffle:** M Douglas, N Jones, D Mitchell (x2); extra raffle plant kindly donated by J & K Carless.

**Popular Vote:** G Marsh, Brassavola Penniait

**Open:** J & B Rensem, Vanda Panchong Blue

**Novice/Junior:** V Cooper, Laeliocattleya Dakao "Flammea Enami"

**Door Prize:** M Baker

**Meeting closed at 10 pm**

**Letter from the President of the Australian Orchid Council, Jim Shaughnessy (January 2014)**

Hi everybody,

Welcome to 2014. I hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Year.

There were many suggestions made at the Board of Management meeting in October to improve the running of the AOC, communication between the AOC and the AOC finances, and some of these are expected to be implemented during this year. One of the most important suggestions is that each club keeps in contact with their State Delegate and feeds him/her any thoughts or ideas that you may have towards helping the AOC, as the Council can only operate successfully if each and every club supports it. I have heard this question from many clubs: "What does the AOC do for us?" May I suggest that this be a two-way street so that the question is also asked: "What can I do to assist the AOC?" Much work is done by the Officers of Council at no cost to the AOC and considerable time and effort to see that everything runs smoothly. There are only four people involved in the day-to-day running of the AOC, though at least another four are heavily involved in behind-the-scenes work at their own expense. Some of these are listed on the letterhead for this newsletter. In addition there are the seven State Delegates who form the Board of Management who assist us where possible.

Some suggestions that have already been forwarded from some of the States to assist with finances of Council include having raffles at some of their major shows and making direct donations to the AOC (and some have done this). Our aim is to keep the running costs down, which has already happened in many ways, with significant reductions, but more has to be done. It is your organisation – we are only the elected people to improve orchid growing people throughout the country. You will find in the introduction the name of your State Delegate with a contact email address. Please support him/her as the ears and eyes of the Council in your State and a direct door to the Council.

One way that I can assist you is to pass on suggestions for club activities from the Delegates' reports at the Board of Management Meeting or from club newsletters. The ideas from the 2013 BOM Meeting included:

From WA: The Inter-society Challenge gives social contacts and gets the public involved in joining clubs. The President suggested an AOC stall or raffle as an AOC fundraiser. Instead of selling stock, could have samples of what is available and take orders.

From TAS: Compost mix day is a good day where all clubs get together and there is a job for everyone. Devonport had a buy, sell & swap day which attracted buyers from all over the state. A suggestion for a possible fundraiser was a raffle with a trip to the World Orchid Conference as a prize.

From NT – has two clubs. Both held successful auctions to raise funds. Items had a reserve price and all amounts above the reserve prices went to the club.

From SA: OCSA, the founding club has members who work with students from 3 high schools - they learn how to grow orchids and have their own section at shows. Substantial fundraisers are sausage sizzles at Bunnings.

Thea and I will be doing some travelling this year as time and circumstances permit to other states. I already have commitments to Queensland and would like to visit some parts of Victoria and NSW if possible. We thank the many clubs who are sending us their club newsletter or bulletin as this gives us direct contact with your club. If you are not already sending us your newsletter or bulletin, please consider doing so.

Kind regards,  
Jim Shaughnessy  
AOC President

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# The Orchid Society of WA (Inc) Trophy List 2013

<u>TROPHY</u>	<u>REPLICA</u>	<u>WINNER</u>
The Lester Schokman Memorial Trophy (Cattleya - most points awarded - throughout year)	Yes	P Taylor (Rlc Sweet Margaret) 80pts
Harold Hill Memorial Trophy (Best Phalaenopsis - Spring Show)	Yes	J & K Baylis
Cypripedium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Paphiopedilum - Winter Show)	Yes	T Burnett
Vera Kennedy Perpetual Trophy (Tray) (Novice - Aggregate Points)	Yes	M & A Davis
Vicki Browne Perpetual Trophy -Terrestrial (Champion Native or Hybrid - Spring Show)	No	.....
Cymbidium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Champion Cymbidium - Spring Show)	Yes	C Rogasch
J & C Sullivan Trophy (Wood – Best Specimen Plant Australian Native Hybrid or Species – Spring Show)	Yes	J & K Carless
George Marshall Trophy (Tray) (Open - Aggregate Points)	Yes	M Godbeer
W & L Janney Perpetual Trophy (Best pure colour cymbidium - Spring Show)	Yes	J & K Carless
Richard Nichols Memorial Trophy (Wood) (Best Lycaste of the year)	No	.....
Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy (Best Phragmipedium of the Year)	Yes	M Godbeer
C & L Friar Perpetual Trophy (Best Aust. Native Hybrid Seedling - Spring Show)	No	.....
Ken Rex Trophy (Highest Agg. Points Novice Section - Spring Show)	No	M & A Davis
Roy Brown Perpetual Trophy (Best Novice Cymbidium – Spring Show)	Yes	M & A Davis
Judge's Choice Certificate - Best at Gen. Meet. for year.	Certificate	P Taylor (Rlc Sweet Margaret) 80pts
Junior – Most Points	Certificate	D Mitchell
AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry –Autumn Show Pychopsis Papilio No 1285 Sec 192 K	No	P & S Masters
AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry- Winter Show Dendrochilum tenellum No. 1257 Sec. 221 O	No	M Godbeer
AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry-Spring Show Dendrochilum glumaceum No 1466 Sec. 221 O	No	M Godbeer



OSWA winners list for 2012/2013

Most points in Novice Class – 1<sup>st</sup> - A&M Davis – 24 pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> – M Brechin – 13 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Pohl – 9 pts

Most points in Open Class – 1<sup>st</sup> – M Godbeer – 110 ts  
2<sup>nd</sup> – J&B Rensen – 74 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> – I Duncan – 71 pts

Most points in Junior Class – D Mitchell – 8 pts

Schokman Trophy – 1<sup>st</sup> – P Taylor – Rlc Sweet Margaret – 80 pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> – J&D Walton – Blc Mt Sylvan – 76.1 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> – J&B Rensen – Blc Yen Corona – 76 pts

Jim Grantham Trophy – 1<sup>st</sup> – M Godbeer – Phrag Vampire Slayer & Phrag Grande  
(Both gaining 73 pts)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – M Godbeer – Phrag Grande – 69 pts

No plants for Richard Nichols Trophy

Monthly winners – Nov. – J&B Rensen – V Mimi Palmer – 74 pts  
Dec. – I Duncan – Psychopsis Mariposa ‘Green Valley’ – 74 pts  
Feb. – J&B Rensen – Phal violacea ‘Red Face’ – 72 pts  
Mar. – J&B Rensen – Blc Yen Corona ‘Green Genius’ – 76 pts  
April – I Duncan – Den bigibbumvar superbum – 74 pts  
May – I Duncan – Den Burana Candy x Chao Praya Gem – 73.5  
June – M Godbeer – Rodriguesia decora – 74.5 pts  
July – P Taylor – Rlc Sweet Margaret – 80 pts  
Aug – none selected  
Sept – M Godbeer – Bulb. Echinolabium – 77 pts  
Oct – J&B Rensen – Ascda Mem Sally Vilders x Saeno Udom – 71 pts

Overall winner of Plant of the Month – P Taylor – Rlc Sweet Margaret – 80 pts

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