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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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014, commencing at **7.30 p.m.**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

DISCUSSION

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SPECIES & HYBRIDS

**DECEMBER MEETING DATES:**

Judging Panel	None
OSWA Committee	7:30 pm Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
General Meeting	7.30 pm Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.

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**Birthdays: November:** 10<sup>th</sup> George Price, 18<sup>th</sup> Trevor Burnett

**December:** 6<sup>th</sup> Val Seaman, 27<sup>th</sup> Maxine Godbeer

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:** Sandra Brown - Carlisle  
Ashleigh Reid - Oakford  
Ian Sutton and Kirsty Bayliss - Scarborough  
Claire Riessen - Kingsley  
Kelly Butler - Orelia  
Ray and Patricia Wood – Walliston

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 Visit** Held at John & Karen Carless' home. Even though the morning started off wet & miserable, the day turned out to be a great success. We would like to thank John & Karen for their wonderful hospitality. A very enjoyable & informative day.
- **Workshop:** I would like to thank all the members who turned up to help on this day. The weather started off really bad, but ended up quite a good day. Thanks to the kitchen ladies, who kept us and the public fed and watered. Thank you to the potters, speakers, sales and door people. Our workshop was another very successful day.
- **General Meetings: Please Note:** At present, meetings will still be on the **Friday evening** as the members have not given a clear indication on how they feel about a Sunday afternoon meeting 2-5pm. The heat at that time of the day during summer, then also that the judges will not judge the orchids on a Sunday, so that would mean we wouldn't have a plant competition. The only night other than our Friday evening, at the Collins Street Hall is a Wednesday evening.  
**PLEASE MEMBERS** give us an indication of what you would like us to do by contacting Murray 9310 2800 or Kaye on 9337 6210, if you are unable to attend the November Meeting.
- **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:** To be held on 6th December 2014 at the RAAF Wings Restaurant, Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek. There is underground parking, and a lift that takes you up to the restaurant. 6.30pm for a 7pm start. \$34.00 per person payable at the November General meeting to Ian Duncan. We have a Secret Santa - please bring a small gift so that everyone will leave with a gift from Santa. This is a good evening, with excellent food and great company
- **December Christmas Meeting: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday) at 7.30pm. Presentation of Trophies and our Social Christmas evening. Please bring a plate of finger food. OSWA supplies the drinks.
- **RETIRING JUDGES:** Jim Baylis and Raye McIntosh. Jim has been a Judge since 1976 and Raye since 1993. Our sincere thanks go to these two judges for all the judging and knowledge they have given to members who have asked a question of them. A job well done. They always attended meetings, as well as all the rostered meetings and shows that they were listed to do, and sometimes extra meetings and judging. Congratulations to you both for your dedication to the Orchid world. Happy retirement

- **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.
- **Vale:** Fred Bishop - October 2014. Fred was a member of OSWA a few years ago. Fred, his wife Ruth and brother Alan were all keen and very active members. Fred was an AOC Orchid Judge for quite a few years. Our sympathy to all his family.
- **Vale:** Ross Lang - 5th November 2014 Ross and Alice were members of OSWA a couple of years ago. Always willing to help out. Our sincere sympathy to Alice and their family.

### MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (October 2014)

#### OPEN:

Class 1B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	C. Bonanza Queen "Panamint"
Class 1C (2)	1. Ian Duncan 2. Ian Duncan	Rlc. Bingham Vick x Ctna. Why Not Rlc. Haw Yuan Bay "Sunset"
Class 1F (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Epi. Star Valley "Lake View"
Class 3A (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. rothschildianum
Class 4C (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Den. Madame Udomsri x Jaqueline Concert
Class 5D (2)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen 2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Taida Smile "Little Gold" Phal. Taisuco Maki
Class 6D (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phycopsis Unknown
Class 7B (3)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen 2. Jack & Betty Rensen 3. Jack & Betty Rensen	Ascda. Mem Sally Vilders x Ascda. Saeng Udom Ascda. Mem Sally Vilders x Ascda. Saeng Udom V. Gordon Dillon x Ascda. Yips Sum Wah
Class 8A (2)	1. Ian Duncan 2. Ian Duncan	Cym. <i>madidum</i> Den. <i>rigida</i>
Class 10B (2)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen 2. Ian Duncan	Chysis. <i>bractensis</i> Bif. <i>harrisonae</i>

#### NOVICE:

Class 15B (1)	1. Valerie Cooper	Margaret Digwood x Lady Veitch
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#### Junior:

**Schokman Trophy:** 72points Rlc. Bingham Vick x Ctna. Why Not owner Ian Duncan

#### POPULAR VOTE:

**OPEN:** Dendrobium Madame Ubomsri X Jaquelyn Concert (Owner: J & B Rensen). Jack and Betty kindly donated their prize to M Spurling.

**Novice:** Cattleya Margaret Digwood x Lady Veitch (Owner: V Cooper)

**CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014) by Roy Brown**

Most of the dividing and re-potting of our Cymbidiums should be completed by now because once we reach the middle of November, the weather pattern will have changed from warm Spring days to hot, dry days with easterly winds, and these conditions of course are not suited to dividing & repotting our plants. Any pots that were not attended to will be better left until next Autumn.

From November on, with the increase in temperatures, we must increase the watering too. Provided the pots have good drainage, the plants will appreciate having the surrounding area nice and damp all through the summer period.

This is, of course, the start of the summer culture, and this means adding fertilizer, once a week or each fortnight as you prefer. If you are not too certain as to just how much fertilizer to apply, then always err on the lighter side. It's far better to give the plants two applications of half strength fertilizer than one dose that is too strong. Always remember to give the pots a good watering before you apply the fertilizer, and then another good, heavy watering several days later.

In the meantime, of course, if you have fine misting overhead then use these to keep the plant leaves, benches and surrounding area nice and damp.

During November and December the sun's rays are increasing and shining more directly overhead each day. If it should shine directly through a break in the overhead material of your shade house, then the plants beneath could suffer with badly sunburnt leaves and this will affect the efficiency of the plant in producing the necessary plant sugars. Once plant leaves are sunburnt they do not repair themselves and the scar will stay until the leaf eventually dies.

**CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014) from records of the late Henry Eaton.**

November, so far, has been cool and unexpectedly quite wet. We should therefore, be even more awake to the onset of real hot summer weather in the next few weeks.

With Cattleyas, remember they like to dry out after being well watered, before they receive their next drink. The important fact to remember is that you adjust the frequency of watering to suit the density of the mix you use, and growing good roots that can breathe freely will ensure that the green parts of the plants above ground will develop well very successfully.

One might have to increase shading if temperatures soar too high (over 35C or so). A misting system beneath the benches will also help, as well as fans blowing cool air over the plants. Keep the ground beneath the benches damp to increase humidity.

Fertilise regularly to attain maximum growth but perhaps go lightly once temperatures reach 35C or more.

Begin to look out now for the appearance of flowering sheaths on some of the maturing growths. If any are seen, try to position them so that water will not be retained in the axil of the leaf and any flowering sheath. Make sure also that you straighten out the bulbs so that they remain erect and will display the flowers as well as possible.

As the temperatures increase, so do the insects and pests. Keep a lookout for caterpillars, scale and mealy bug which multiply very quickly in these conditions. Treat them as soon as they are identified as causing trouble.

Hand watering your plants gives an excellent opportunity to observe their leaf colour – too dark a green will indicate that not enough light is reaching your plant, too reddish indicates too much light and the need for extra shading). You may also spot other potential problems such as insect damage or ants making home in the pots. Treat any problems promptly with the appropriate products.

**PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014) by Trevor Burnett**

Paphiopedilum growing season will now be fully in progress. The plants should be producing new roots which will support the new growths, which should be developing strongly.

As the sun power is increasing towards summer, it is time to consider whether you need to increase the shading required to stop any burning. Generally with our hot conditions, plants may appreciate a little additional shading. Pass your hand over the plants on a bright and sunny day can indicate the amount of shading required. The shadow cast should only be faint. The plants should not be excessively dark green, as this indicates a lack of light.

**PAPHIOPEDILUM (cont.)**

Bright light produces the best flowering, but if too bright, burning will occur and plants will suffer a setback which will be reflected in the flowering result later in the year. It is also very important to keep up good air movement.

As the plants will be growing strongly now, a weekly application of fertilizer at ¼ to ½ strength with a high Nitrogen base, will promote good development of the new growths.

With the warmer days I increase my watering to twice a week.

Do not crowd your plants in the growing area, as plenty of fresh air movement is essential for the good health of your plants.

Once again, with the warmer weather, check your plants and the surrounding area for mealy bugs, ants and other bugs, that may decide to move into the cooler condition of a shade or glass house where greater moisture content is available. It is much easier to get rid of the pest when there are only a few and not let them multiply, which makes the task harder.

**The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)  
Minutes of the General Meeting to be held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth,  
on 24 October 2014**

**Welcome:** The President Mrs K Baylis opened the meeting at 7:45 pm welcoming visitors & members.

**Apologies:** As per Register

**Meeting item:** Keikis - Murray Baker.

**Break for tea and popular vote.**

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

**Business arising:**

- K Baylis thanked M Baker and R McGrath for running the last September GM while she and I Duncan were away.
- Trisodium phosphate has been purchased for the club by M Davis.

**Confirmation:** Moved M Brechin seconded R Pohl that the Business Arising has been resolved.

**Correspondence:**

- From Pam Kennerly, resignation and best wishes letter, with thanks for friendship and help extended by OSWA members.
- From Bartel Calendars, received Garden Clubs Calendars for OSWA.
- Cards to Lorna Dodd and Ross Lang (unwell)
- From City of South Perth, calling for nominations for Active Citizenship Awards
- From David and Liz Edmonds, about their new orchid nursery Orchidup at Walpole (visitors by appointment).
- Email to Stephanie Clarke about OSWA's view on motions to be voted on at AOC AGM.
- Thank you card from Ross & Alice Lang
- From Laura Newton (AOS) about a survey about orchid growers' experiences with CITES, trade, and conservation
- From Metway Real Estate, notification of payment for Kardinya Show
- From WA Dept of Commerce, advice about proposed changes to laws about Associations
- 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.

