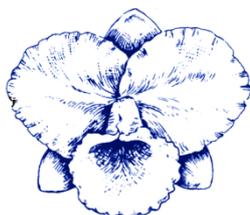


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the Collins Street Centre Hall, South Perth, on Friday 27th March 2015, commencing at **7.30pm**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

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APRIL MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel April 13th
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Fri 10th April
General Meeting 7.30 pm Fri 27th April

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Birthdays: March: 11th Marilyn Brechin, 14th Maree McDonald, 19th Jack Rensen, John Walton, 24th Raye McIntosh, 25th Lorna Dodd, 26th Kaye Baylis, Peggy Stacey
April: 7th Rosemary McGrath, 10th Bernadette Campbell, 12th Karen Carless, 17th Mike Burgess, 29th Ian Duncan

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: Coral Bielby, Ardross

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:

- **Congratulations to the newly elected President & Committee Members.**
Patron, Trevor Burnett, President Kaye Baylis, Treasurer Ian Duncan, Secretary Murray Baker, Past President Lorna Dodd, Committee Jim Baylis, Rosemary McGrath, Jack Krishnan, Ian Sutton (continuing Pam Di Giovanni, Rosalie McCallum)
- **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 are always very popular.
- **Committee Meetings: Please Note: Next meeting, April 10th** not 3rd, due to Easter weekend. Committee meetings are held at 2 Morrish Place, Como, starting at 7.30pm. Please park in the driveway or on the front lawn facing the house or in Todd Ave., as there is no parking in Morrish Place.
- **N.B. Sunday 29th March 2015 A not to be missed Home Open visit to be held at the home of John & Dorothy Walton – 29 Menli Place, Orelia, Ph. 9419 6253.** 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 10.00am onwards, come along & see how someone else grows their orchids, chat, & maybe see a solution to a problem that may work for you too. John will be giving each person who attends a seedling plant & will be demonstrating how to split up a very large Cattleya. Also there will be some plants for sale. So make sure you don't miss this event.
- **Shed Clean up:** Sunday April 19th at McDougal Park, Como starting at 10am followed by a BBQ. Many hands will make light work
- **General Meeting Sharing Table:** Thanks to Pam Di Giovanni a table is set up at each of the Society's Monthly meetings. 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. If unfinancial this will be the last Bulletin you will receive. If unsure please contact Ian.
- **January Meeting** - Ian Duncan brought in for discussion, a beautiful Encyclia not a dendrobium as indicated in the last Bulletin.
- **26th Inter-Society Challenge Display & Workshop- 1-2 August 2015** at the Craigie Leisure Centre, Craigie on behalf of the Wanneroo/Joondalup OS (Host Club) & WAROO 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 a dinner held on the Saturday night. It is a great get together for a fun weekend. More details at the end of this Bulletin.

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

2015 CALENDER of SHOW EVENTS: All dates except Royal Show are confirmed

- **Autumn Show:** Stocklands Riverton 6th – 9th May 2015, Set up Tuesday 5th May
- **Winter Show:** South Perth Scout Hall 18th – 19th July 2015, Set up Saturday 18th July
- **Inter Society Challenge:** Craigie Leisure Centre 1st – 2nd August
- **Spring Show:** Kardinya Park Shopping Centre 2nd – 5th 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 (confirmed)

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MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION COMPETITION (February 2015) (Apologies if plant names are incorrectly spelt)

OPEN:

Class 1B (1)	1. Peter Kissell	Lc. Rosies Surprise "Allana May"
Class 3A (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph. godefraye (dark brown) x godefrayae
Class 3C (3)	1. Trevor Burnett	Paph Tom Larkins
	2. Trevor Burnett	Paph Jem's Pregnant Lady
	3. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph Unknown (Magic Lantern?)
Class 3E (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph. De Perle x rothschidianun
Class 4A (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Den. parishii
Class 6A (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Onc. phycopsis
Class 6D (1)	1. Peter Kissell	Onc. Sharry Baby "Sweet Fragrance"

NOVICE:

Class 15B (1)	1. Jack Krishnan	Lc Alda Case x Rlc. Hsinying Home Run
Class 22A (1)	1. Jack Krishnan	Den. superbien

Junior:

Schokman Trophy: Lc Rosies Surprise owner Peter Kissell 70 points

POPULAR VOTE:

OPEN: Onc. Sharry Baby "Sweet Fragrance", owner Peter Kissell

Novice: Lc Alda Case x Rlc. Hsinying Home Run, owner Jack Krishnan

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2015) 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 2015) from notes 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 2015) by Trevor Burnett

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 ¼ to ½ 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 General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, 27 February 2015**

Welcome: The President Mrs K Baylis opened the meeting at 7:42 pm welcoming visitors & members.

The meeting was adjourned for the AGM at 7.45 pm and reconvened at 8.04 pm.

Apologies: Ellen Dixon, Malcolm & Ann Davis, Kirsty Bayliss, Maxine Godbeer, Coral Bielby,

Birthdays: A very happy 80th birthday to Betty Rensen & any others celebrating birthdays or anniversaries

Minutes: Moved P Kissell, seconded B Rensen that the Minutes of the previous (December 2014) meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business arising: Trophies & Certificates not presented at the December Meeting were presented to J & B Rensen and to C Rogasch

Recognition Badge: to C Rogasch for all the work he has put into the Society to encourage new members to the Society

Correspondence:

- Rod Shoesmith, earlybird registration for Mackay AOC conference is extended until 31 March
- From Tony Watkinson, info about Intersociety Orchid Display and Workshop
- Acquittal form and thank you letter sent to Lotterywest
- Paperwork for transfer of licence of new trailer from Papas Trailers to OSWA has been sent to the Driver & Vehicle Services.

Correspondence Cont.

- From Crazy Domains, invoices for orchidsocietywa.net.au domain name and website fees
- From Andrew Mowat, email about www.myopengarden.com.au, a website to replace "Open Gardens Australia" (to be shut down in June)
- From Rod Shoesmith, re Mackay AOC conference (Show Schedule, registration form, etc)
- Email exchange with Brian Klepzig (Neutrog) to arrange Neutrog presentation at March GM and also his attendance at March committee meeting to discuss OSWA endorsement.
- Email exchange with Allan at Aquarius Orchids, re. advertising space in our Bulletin. (Said they would put together something, nothing received yet)
- Cards to Roy Brown (condolences) Nancie Jones (get well), Carmel Sullivan (thank you)
- From Lotteries Commission, advice that \$4368 transferred to our account.
- Email exchange with Annette Gannaway re presentation about orchids at Northam (will cover expenses and make donation to OSWA)
- Christmas greetings to OSWA from Pam Kennerly (emailed reply: sorry to see you leave)
- Bills for trailer registration, AOC (Orchids Australia subscription), AOS (Orchids subscription)
- Email Letters were sent to Stocklands Riverton, Cottesloe & Kardinya.
- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about where to obtain orchids, show and meeting dates, etc.
- Thank you card from Ian Duncan & family re condolences from OSWA for passing of Heather
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Business arising:

Home Open 29th March at John & Dorothy Walton's home, 28 Menli Street, Orelia, (just off Thomas Road) Best time to arrive is 11.00am not 10.00am as previously stated. \$5.00 per head, bring a chair, sweet or salad,

Confirmation: Moved P Stacey seconded C Rogasch, that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: was presented by Ian Duncan

Confirmation: Moved C Rogasch seconded P Stacey, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

New Members: Lorraine Stronach, Carol Bielby

Reports: None

General Business:

- 2015 Inter Society Challenge- dates given but to be discussed at Committee
- Mackay Orchid Conference- Earlybird Enrolment extended to 31st March. forms are available for those who wish to register & conference arrangements & schedule at www.orchidsinparadise.com.au
- Home Open John & Dorothy Walton's **Sunday 29th March 2015** details as noted previously but to start around 11.00am not 10am. All attending receive a seedling plant. Other plants available for purchase.
- Endorsement of Neutrog Products- members were in favor of endorsing products
- Old Laptop has XP Programme (for anyone who wants it) T Burnett give to a Charitable organization.
- Black & White Toshiba Copier T Burnett to see if Menshed would like it.

Trevor Burnett discussed his 2 Paph plants & although very different they had similar breeding

Break for popular vote

Raffle: Green F06 Jack Rensen, Blue C71 John Walton

Popular Vote: Open: Onc. Sharry Baby "Sweet Fragrance" owned by Peter Kissell

Novice/Junior: Lc Alda Case owned by Jack Krishnan

Door Prize: Ian Sutton

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm followed by a social evening enjoying Wine and Cheese

26th Inter-Society Orchid Display & Workshop 2015

The 26th annual Inter-Society Orchid Display & Workshop (formally the ISC) is being held 1-2 August 2015 at the Craigie Leisure Centre, Craigie and on behalf of the Wanneroo/Joondalup Orchid Society (host club) and WAROO.

Not only will there be the standard displays and individual flower & floral art competitions we are also intending to have two highly credentialed orchid growers & speakers to attend and run workshops/lectures for all club/society members and the public during the weekend of the ISODW. More details on who the speakers will be are to follow.

Your club/society does not have to be a member of WAROO to participate; however, I do extend an invitation to join.

Following last year's highly successful event WAROO has decided to support this annual event by financially contributing to bring two informative speakers to WA. This is to acknowledge all those who contributed to make the 2012 AOC event so successful and to encourage all orchid clubs/societies to continue working together to benefit all orchid enthusiasts by enhancing our knowledge of orchid growing (species & hybrids). The event also provides the opportunity for others with an interest in orchids the chance to learn and participate in community based clubs/societies which provide both cultural information and a social forum in which like-minded people can gather and develop friendships; enhancing our communities.

Although Saturday 1 August is primarily set aside for set up and judging, there will also be workshops/lectures for club/society members while Sunday will be open to the public 9am until 3pm. There will be a \$5 entry fee for members of the public with children able to enter free.

Members of clubs/societies who stage a display will gain free entry to all aspects of the event. Participating clubs are asked to ensure all members wear their club name badges for free entry.

Sunday will provide an opportunity for all participating clubs/societies (with a display) to sell plants and seek new members. Sale plants should be presented tagged and recorded as per clubs/societies normal process and be presented to the central sales area coordinator for checking before being staged in the sales area. All sales plants will be subject to a 10% sales commission to the WJOS to assist with the costs associated with staging the event.

A registration fee of \$30.00 is required from each club/society who intends to stage a display (which we strongly encourage) which can be either 2m x 3m; 3m x 3m or 3m x 6m. All displays are to back onto a wall. See included sketch of the proposed floor plan with numbered display positions which are diagrammatic only. Display positions are flexible. Display position allocations will be on a first to respond basis.

The theme is: "Flowers; Fairytales & Fantasies". This applies to both displays and floral art.

The annual dinner will be held on Saturday 1st August 2015 at the Western Australian Golf Club in Hayes Ave, Yokine, starting at 7pm. The cost is: \$50.00 person. For catering purposes please advise numbers attending the dinner no later than 10th July 2015.