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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the **Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 27th November 2015, commencing at 7.30pm**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

ORCHID INFORMATION

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DECEMBER MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel	Recess until 2016
OSWA Committee	7.30 pm Fri 4 th Dec.
General Meeting	7.30 pm Fri 11 th Dec.

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Birthdays: November: 10th George Price, 13th Rosalie McCallum, 18th Trevor Burnett

December: 6th Val Seaman, 27th 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.

General News:

- **Potting Workshop:** Many thanks to all the members who volunteered their time to man the door, Sales Table, and kitchen. Thanks also to the potting team, Jim Baylis, Edna Burgess & Kirsty Bayliss. Thanks also to the very informative Speakers & those who worked in the kitchen & on the Sales Table. Everyone all combined to make it a successful and rewarding day.
- **Membership Subscriptions** for 2015 are now due. \$26 double, \$21 single. Please pay Ian Duncan at the November meeting or send a cheque payable to The Orchid Society of WA to: OSWA, 58 Gladstone Rd Leeming 6149 or to the Treasurer, 5 Salen Court, Ardross, 6153.
- **November Meeting:** This will be held on 4th Friday as normal (**27th November**) Please note that we all have to pay a \$1.00 to the Manning Senior Citizens as they provide tea, coffee & biscuits Speaker will be Ron Fauntleroy who has a wealth of knowledge in all orchid genera, especially Australian Native Terrestrials.
- **December Christmas Meeting** will be on the **2nd Friday**, 11th December at 7.30pm. Presentation of trophies and Christmas Festivities. Members to bring a plate of finger food to share. Drinks are supplied by the Orchid Society of WA.
- **OSWA Annual Christmas Dinner:** This will be held at Wings Restaurant, RAAF Centre, Bull Creek Dr., Bull Creek, on Saturday 5th December 2015 at 6.30 pm. The cost per person is \$37.00 which must be paid at the November Meeting. The menu consists of Soup, Roast Turkey or Ham with vegetables, Xmas Pudding, Tea & Coffee. Members are requested to bring a plant or small gift for the Secret Santa, so each can go home with a gift. This is always a great social night, enjoyed by all. Please come along and join us. Drinks can be purchased at the Bar.
- **Shadehouse for Sale:** Large pipe construction located in South Lake. Needs to be dismantled Contact Nancie Jones on 9417 2862 for more information.
- **Meeting Items:** Members are encouraged to contact any Committee Member with any suggestions you may have for a Monthly Item (talk). It is the only way to make us aware of what you are interested in hearing someone talk about. Now is the ideal time, as we can then make enquiries and arrangements to acquire the speakers well ahead of time, also giving the speaker time to put a programme together and reserve the date in his/her calendar.
- **2016 Home Visits:** The members enjoyed a very busy year in 2015 visiting Nurseries & several Home Visits. If you would like to participate in this programme please let the Committee know when & where we could hold these events in 2016.
- **General Meeting Opportunity Table:** This table is set up at all our monthly meetings. Please bring anything you would like to donate, i.e. any orchids, other plants, products from your pantry, articles you no longer need, books, magazines, fruit & vegetables. All donated items will be greatly appreciated. If there is anything you wish to take from the table, remember to put a small donation in the box provided. This table is separate from the usual OSWA table where fertilizers, plants, hangers, tags, books, etc. are sold at set prices.
- An article worth reading & listening to-
<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/ockhamsrazor/edith-coleman-pseudocopulation-danielle-clode/6938808>
- **Springfield Orchids November Sale**
End of season Mericlone Sale – 20% OFF normal list price – for November only For example, the first plant on the list, Trinity Gold ‘Gorgeous’, shown as C+ size \$27.50, will discount to \$22.00. Email Nado Lenkic re availability of plants : nado@iinet.net.au Sale ends on Monday 30 November.

2016 CALENDER of SHOW EVENTS:

- **January 2016 BBQ & Social Night:** Jan 22nd at Malcolm & Ann Davis' home more details in the December Bulletin
- **Annual Christmas Dinner:** RAAF 5th December 2015
- **Autumn Show:** Stocklands Riverton 4-7th May 2016 Set up 3rd May
- **Winter Show:** Manning Senior Citizens Centre 9-10th July 2016 (To be confirmed)
- **Spring Show:** Kardinya Park SC 31st August – 3rd September 2016 Set up 30th August
- **Inter Society Display & Workshop:** Venue & date to be finalized (6-7th August)
- 10th & 11th October 2016 **OSWA Anniversary** –keep these dates free
- **Royal Show:** 1st – 8th October 2016
- **Potting Workshop:** 16th October 2016

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (October 2015)

(Please ensure all names are clearly printed so we can record the plant names correctly)

OPEN:

1 A (1)	1.	Trevor Burnett	Cattleya skinneri
3 C (1)	1.	Peter Kissell	Paph. Dominic Caruili
4 A (1)	1.	Trevor Burnett	Den. chrysotoxum
6 D (1)	1.	Peter Kissell	Colminara Wildcat "Bloodshot"
7 A (1)	1.	Peter Kissell	Angraecum sesquipedale
B (1)	1.	Jack & Betty Rensen	Ascda. Mem Sally Vilders x Ascda. Seang Udom
10 B (1)	1.	Peter Kissell	Chysis aurea "Casey Jane" HCC/AOC

NOVICE:

15B (2)	1.	Valerie Cooper	C. Margaret Digwood x Lady Veitch
	2.	Merril Brechin	Roebling "Blue Magic" x Self
15C (1)	1.	Chris Sloan	Cat. Unknown
23B (1)	1.	Chris Sloan	Sar. Fritzhart

JUNIOR:**POPULAR VOTE:**

Open	Peter Kissell	Chysis aurea "Casey Jane" HCC/AOC
Novice.	Merril Brechin	Roebling "Blue Magic" x Self

SCHOKMAN TROPHY: Trevor Burnett Cattleya skinneri 70 points.

JIM GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY:

RICHARD NICHOLS TROPHY:

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015) by Roy Brown

Most of the dividing and repotting of our Cymbidiums should be completed by now because by the time we reach the middle of November, the weather pattern will have changed from warm Spring days to hot, dry days with easterly winds. These conditions, of course, are not suited to dividing and 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.

Cymbidium Notes Cont.

This is the start of the summer culture, and this means added fertilizing: once a week or fortnightly as you prefer. If you are not too certain as to how much fertilizer you should 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, then another good, heavy watering several days later. In the meantime of course, if you have fine misting overhead, then use this to keep the plants leaves, benches and surrounding areas nice and damp.

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

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

Although this year has seen a late rainy season and warm temperatures, the heat is now beginning to arrive with a little more consistency. It is now getting too late to do much more dividing of your Cattleyas, you may still pot some on if they are badly in need of it. They will not be too traumatised providing the roots are not disturbed too much.

As the weather heats up further, you should assess the degree of shade needed to keep your plants protected. The best indication for this is the colour of the leaves. If the leaves are deep green, then it indicates that they are too shaded, whilst reddening of the leaves means that too much light is hitting the plants. The ideal is to have a greenish yellow leaf colour.

At this time of the year fertilising can be carried out once a week, or every fortnight, with a high nitrogen product. Fertilising is best done the day after the plants have been given a thorough watering to flush out the salts in the mix. Because of the warmth, be on the lookout for caterpillars, scale and mealy bugs that multiply very quickly in these conditions. Treat them as soon as they are identified as this will prevent them causing a big problem.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015) 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. Passing 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 sufficient light. 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 results 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 fertiliser at $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 conditions 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 at the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre,
Manning, on 23 October 2015**

Welcome: Mrs K Baylis opened the meeting at 7.30pm welcoming visitors, members. An excellent number of members attended. Kaye thanked Malcolm Davis for chairing the September Meeting.

Apologies: As per register.

Meeting Item: Orchid Auction- Trevor Burnett was the Auctioneer. Thanks to those members who donated their plants to the Society for the Auction.

There were 5 Sarcophilus seedlings auctioned as well.

Thanks to Trevor Burnett who had deflasked & potted some variegated dendrobium & oncidium seedlings which were all sold.

Many thanks to John Walton for deflasking, potting & labelling the second flask from last month's meeting, Rhynchocattleya Willette Wong x (Yen 24 Carat x Samui Magic). These were all sold.

After a lot of fun & spirited bidding, some members went home with an armful of plants.

Break for tea and popular vote.

Minutes: Moved R Pohl, seconded M Donald that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Carried.

Business arising: None

Confirmation: Moved G Talbot, seconded R Pohl that the business arising has been resolved. **Carried**

Correspondence:

- Email from Rachel Walmsley to advertise the opening of "Candy's Bush Reserve" in Moora (has native orchids).
- From Coralie Hills (AOC), invoice for Association Liability Insurance.
- To Royal Agricultural Society, letter of thanks for inviting us to put on a display again this year, and invoice.
- Responses to general email enquiries from members of the public.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Business arising:

Confirmation: Moved A Prosser, seconded H Reynolds that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: prepared by I Duncan

Confirmation: Moved K Baylis, seconded J Walton, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

New Members: Sandra Rutherford (Byford), Jeffrey Simper (Mosman Park), Vicki & Ryan Ainsworth (Kardinya), Catterina Ottobrinde (Brentwood), Harrison Crawford (Ravenswood), (all are yet to be confirmed by committee)

Reports:

- Potting Workshop – Very successful even though there were some problems with the new venue which will be corrected for next year- A huge thank you to all the workers especially the potters, sales table, speakers & kitchen staff.
Also thanks to Trevor Burnett who organized the donation of 15 bags of bark for the Workshop.

General Business:

- 2016 subs now due
- Trophies- anyone still holding a Perpetual Trophy to contact R McGrath asap
- Christmas Dinner-RAAF in Bullcreek on Saturday 5th December, Cost is \$37.00pp for a 3 course meal, Please bring along a secret Santa present (can be an orchid plant) so everyone will go home with a gift.
- N Jones has a large water pipe shadehouse available, which needs to be dismantled. Contact Nancie on 9417 2862 for more information.
- Members were asked to keep Sunday 11/9/16 clear, for OSWA's 70th anniversary celebrations.

Raffle: A32 Trevor Burnett, D31 Leo Waters, B28 Dorothy Walton A27 Edna Burgess, D27 Graham Esmond

Popular Vote:

Open: Chysis Aurea "Casey Jane" HCC/AOC owner Peter Kissell
Novice: Roebling "Blue Magic" x SELF owner Merrill Brechin

Badge Prize: 14 Ci Ottobriano, 41 Edna Burgess, 5 Betty Rensen

Unusual Plants on display:

- Peter Kissell spoke about his beautiful Ang. Sesquipedale- such huge flowers, originally from Madagascar.
- Trevor Burnett showed his Den. chrysotoxum which has a mass of bright yellow flowers - his recommendation is to give Dendrobiums no water in winter, only mist every 2 weeks. In August start watering again. Also the plants prefer to be hung up high away from colder benches.
- Ryan Ainsworth wanted to find out how to pollinate orchids, so Trevor assisted by Ryan pollinated Trevor's Cattleya. Over the next few meetings they will see if it takes & how the seed pod develops.

Meeting Closed at 9.18pm

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