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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 16 December, 2016**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS AND  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

**JANUARY MEETING DATES:**

OSWA Committee No meeting!

General Meeting 6:00 pm Friday 27th  
(NOTE: BBQ at the Baylis Residence)

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**Birthdays: December:** 6th Val Seaman, 27th Maxine Godbeer  
**January:** 31st John Carless

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.

### **December Meeting**

The December meeting, our Christmas and Trophy Presentation meeting, will be held on the THIRD Friday (16th December). There will be the usual plant competition, but the sales table will not be open. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Drinks will be provided.

### **January Meeting**

The January meeting will be a BBQ at the home of Jim and Kaye Baylis, 18 Wheyland Street (corner with Caple Street) Willagee, on Friday 27 January, from 6.30 pm. Phone 9337 6210. Bring your own drinks and meat, and bring a salad or sweet to share. There won't be a plant competition but please bring along any unusual plants to show. Extra chairs would also help.

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.

### **Membership Subscriptions for 2017 are now due.**

\$26 double, \$21 single. For your convenience OSWA will accept payment by three methods:

- (a) directly to Kirsty Bayliss at the December meeting;
- (b) by cheque payable to Orchid Society of WA Inc., sent to OSWA, 58 Gladstone Rd Leeming 6149; or
- (c) by direct debit to OSWA's account:

Account name - Orchid Society of Western Australia Inc.

Bank - Westpac Bank, Booragoon, WA

BSB - 036069

Account Number - 457265

Reference - please use your name, to help us identify your payment.

### **Name Badges.**

Any members who wish to obtain one of the spiffy new OSWA name badges should contact Kirsty. Badges cost \$15 each, to be paid in advance.

### **New Members**

Welcome to Bridget and Cary Rasmussen. We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

### **Plants on the Sales Table**

Plants offered for sale on the OSWA sales table at meetings or shows should be in good condition, free of pests and disease, and have no colour breaks in the flowers. If in doubt about the quality of a plant, please check with the person in charge of the sales table before putting the plant up for sale.

### **OSWA Christmas Dinner**

It's too late! If you weren't one of the lucky members who attended the OSWA Christmas Dinner on the 3rd December, you missed out on a great night, and you will have to wait until December 2017 for your next chance. Thank you to Pasquale and Caterina Ottobriano for their generous donation of six large hams for the raffle.

### **W.A. Orchid Spectacular Conference & Show ("WAOS 2017"), Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough, WA, 5 & 6 August 2017**

WAOS 2017 will be the biggest orchid event in Western Australia since the Perth AOC conference way back in 2012. There will be visiting speakers from interstate and overseas, and vendors selling orchid plants, flasks, and orchid-related stuff. There will also be orchid tours organised for immediately before or after WAOS. See [http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/WAOS\\_2017.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/WAOS_2017.htm) for the latest information about registration, visiting speakers, orchid tours, vendors, etc. Should you have any queries or questions regarding WAOS 2017, feel free to contact the Chairman, Bruce Larson ([bruce@pegasusconsulting.org](mailto:bruce@pegasusconsulting.org)) or the Webmaster, Tony Watkinson ([waos@iinet.net.au](mailto:waos@iinet.net.au)).

**CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (DEC 2016 / JAN 2017) based on notes from 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 weekly 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. I recommend that you grow them under 50% shade cloth for flowering size plants. For young seedlings, perhaps a little more shade would suit them better. Allow ample space between pots, don't crowd them all together. Too much shade and overcrowding are probably why some plants don't flower. Overcrowding can also lead to other problems due to restricted air movement, such as fungal outbreaks.

Normally December is too late for dividing and repotting, due to the stress the summer heat will cause to the plants. This year, though, spring has been quite cool, the fierce summer heat has not yet arrived, and the summer is predicted to be quite mild, so we might get away with some late repotting in early December. Once the summer heat arrives, any plants that have not been 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.

**CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (DEC 2016 / JAN 2017) based on notes from Henry Eaton**

When the summer weather eventually arrives, be ready to cope with the hot days (over 35 °C) 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 35 °C, 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 and so forth 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 state where the leaves on the plants are not dark green but a yellow/green, which indicates adequate exposure to light.

**PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (DEC 2016 / JAN 2017) by Trevor Burnett**

We will certainly get some hot weather that 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) in the glass house, misting will assist with maintaining humidity;
- (c) weekly fertilizing can continue;
- (d) do not crowd your plants;
- (e) check for pests and treat if necessary;
- (f) keep the growing area clear of dying leaves or other decaying material;
- (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.

## MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (November 2016)

## OPEN

1C	(1)	2	I Duncan	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Hwa Yuan Bay 'Sunset'
1F	(5)	1	I Duncan	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Golden Boy
		2	M Godbeer	<i>Epidendrum</i> Candy Valley # 1
		3	M Godbeer	<i>Epidendrum</i> Unknown
2E	(1)	1	M Davis	<i>Cymbidium</i> Mimi 'Mary Bea' x <i>Cymbidium madidum</i>
3A	(3)	1	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum delenatii</i>
		2	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum sanderianum</i>
		3	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i>
3B	(1)	1	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum sanderianum</i> x <i>Paphiopedilum anitum</i>
3C	(4)	1	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Booth's Strap Leaf
		2	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Strange Love (Macabre x <i>callosum</i> )
		3	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Kemp Tower x <i>Paphiopedilum anitum</i>
5E	(2)	1	M Davis	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Black Eagle x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Black Jack
		2	M Davis	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Taida White x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Florida Snow
6E	(1)	1	I Duncan	<i>Psychopsis papilio</i> x <i>Psychopsis</i> Kalihi 'Green Valley'
6D	(1)	1	P Kissell	<i>Oncidium</i> Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea'
10B	(5)	1	M Godbeer	<i>Bulbophyllum echinolabium</i>
		2	P Kissell	<i>Chysis aurea</i> 'Casey Jane' HCC/AOC
		3	M Godbeer	<i>Bulbophyllum pecten-veneris</i>

## NOVICE

15B	(1)	1	R Pohl	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Don De Micheals x Peggy Huffman 'Carousel'
21B	(1)	1	R Pohl	<i>Vanda</i> Unknown
24A	(2)	1	R Pohl	<i>Cymbidium</i> Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson'
		2	R Pohl	<i>Cymbidium</i> Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson'
25B	(1)	1	J Krishnan	<i>Neopabstopetalum</i> hybrid

## POPULAR VOTE

OPEN: I Duncan *Psychopsis papilio* x  
*Psychopsis* Kalihi 'Green Valley'

NOVICE: R Pohl *Cymbidium* Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson'

SCHOKMAN TROPHY  
(Laelinae)

I Duncan *Brassocattleya* Golden Boy (70 points)

Please take care in filling out plant entry cards. Illegible cards make it difficult for the Judges, Registrar, Show Marshall, and Bulletin Editor to correctly record and acknowledge the results of judging. If uncertain of a name, try checking it at the RHS Orchid Register:

<http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp>

**Minutes of the General Meeting of The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.) held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, Friday 25th November 2016 (Recorded by R McGrath)**

**Welcome:** Kaye Baylis opened the meeting at 7.34 pm welcoming visitor Kathy Megane & members. Welcome back to Peggy & Tom Stacey

**Apologies:** As per register.

**Meeting Items:**

**Cymbidiums** – Courtney discussed the many different categories & varying types of flowering habits of species and hybrid cymbidiums, their culture & how to choose an Exhibition orchid (rounded, filled-in flowers). Cymbidiums grow best in any of the southern areas of Australia. Thanks Courtney for a very informative presentation.

**Australian Native Terrestrials** – Ron Fauntleroy showed 2 albums of WA terrestrial orchid photos & the WANOS&CG 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book which depicted their studies over the last 40 years. Most of the orchids flower better after a bushfire due to the smoke created, except the reed type orchids. Thanks Ron your item it created a lot of interest

**Break for tea and popular vote.**

**Minutes:** Moved L Brooks, seconded G Esmond that the Minutes of the October meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

**Business arising:** None

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

**Correspondence:**

- From Franco Yu, suggesting we might like to advertise a course for a certificate in horticulture on our website (*does not seem appropriate*).
- Email and best wishes from Carsten Hammer, who also said he hopes to visit again (2018?)
- From Tarryn Carter, news about orchids endangered by development in the Dunsborough area (replied with contact info for orchid conservation experts).
- Email exchange with Ken Jones (soon to be secretary of WAROO) re circulation of agendas to allow time for discussion by clubs.
- Email from AOS to advise that our 2017 subscription is due
- More info from Tony Watkinson, news about WAOS 2017 (*will be published in Bulletin*)
- Email exchange with Chris Hayes-Brown re anti-cancer properties of *Bletilla striata*
- Email exchange with Shirley Jackson (Tasmanian Orchid Society) about reprinting an article (about anti-cancer properties of *Bletilla striata*) from our Bulletin.
- Garden Clubs of Australia – update forms & Timeline for 2016 for secretary
- Enquiry through Kardinya to K Baylis about how to grow crucifix orchids
- Responses to general email enquiries from members of the public.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail

**Business arising:** Article re anti-cancer properties of *Bletilla striata* was in the Bulletin

**Confirmation:** Moved R Pohl, seconded L Brooks that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

**Financial Statement:** prepared by K Bayliss

**Confirmation:** Moved K Bayliss, seconded P Kissell, that the Financial Statement be endorsed. **Carried.**

**New Members:** Paula & Jackie Fox, Harry Ashton & Hayden Shotch, Ross & Carol Willox, Helen & Sonya Milas

**Reports:**

**WAROO** – discussion re the WA conference next year

**General Business:**

- Honorariums – as required by the new laws, approval was sought for honorariums to be paid to the Secretary & Treasurer. Carried
- Christmas Dinner – RAAF - Our Christmas Dinner will be held at Wings Restaurant, RAAF Bullcreek, on Saturday 3 December. Arrive at 6 pm for 6:30 start, and bring a small gift for the Secret Santa Table. Dinner is \$37 per person, includes soup, roast, and pudding. Payments can be made in person to Kirsty at this meeting or by cheque or direct debit – details were in the Bulletin
- AGM February 2017 – please consider nominations. By law, committee members now have to declare that they have never been: (1) bankrupt; (2) convicted of an indictable offence in relation to the formation or management of body corporate in last 5 years; (3) convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty (3 Months imprisonment) last 5 years; or (4) convicted of an offence under the Act where they have allowed the association to operate while insolvent in last 5 years.
- OSWA needs a new Registrar. We already have a nomination for President but need extra Committee
- Christmas Meeting & Presentation Night 16<sup>th</sup> December bring a plate of food to share
- Many members will know local orchid identity Les Gadenne (of WJOS). Sadly Les passed away this week; funeral is at Pinnaroo cemetery, 9:30 am Saturday.
- Anyone interested in participating in a bulk order of virus test kits? Kirsty Bayliss for more info – several members were interested.

**Raffle:** Many thanks to those members who donated plants for the raffle. Winners: W Frantom, L Pacca, P Fox, C Rasmussen, A Lam (x 2), H Shotch, G Esmond, I Duncan\*

**Popular Vote:****Open:** Psychopsis Papilio x Kilahii "Green Valley" owner I Duncan\***Novice:** Kuranda "Arthur Dawson", owner R Pohl\***Badge Prize:** J Fox

(Asterisks \* indicate prize plant to be received next meeting)

**Plants of Interest** (discussed by owners): *Chysis aurea* 'Casey Jane', *Oncidium* Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea', *Vanda* unknown, *Bulbophyllum pecten-veneris*, *Bulbophyllum echinolabium*, *Paphiopedilum sanderianum* x *Paphiopedilum anitum*, *Paphiopedilum sanderianum*, *Paphiopedilum delenatii*, *Angraceum sequipedale*.**Meeting Closed** at 9.50pm

*Cypripedium reginae* growing in the wild, near Ottawa, Canada. 26 June 2016

*A very Happy Festive Season to all members*

*May you all enjoy the Christmas and New Year festivities.*

*Drive safely, remain well, and enjoy 2017.*



## The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc.

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### The 2018 "Beautiful Gardens of Australia" Calendar Submissions

**Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.**

Following the success of the previous GCA Calendars, the GCA 2018 Calendar is to proceed featuring a further series of wonderful Gardens and Flowers, **taken in Australia**. The success of the Calendar relies on members submitting wonderful images of Australian garden scenes.

#### The Rules for Submission of Australian Garden Photos:

1. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE FROM MEMBERS OF AN AFFILIATED CLUB, OR GROUP or a REGISTERED "OUR GARDENS" MAGAZINE SUBSCRIBER.
2. **Only** digital images can be submitted in JPEG or RAW format at a minimum 2MB file size for consideration for main Calendar month images. Smaller file size images can be sent if only to be considered for "fillers".
3. All Images **must** be in **landscape** format
4. There is no limit to the number of images a member can submit.
5. Images are to be submitted either:
  - via email to [calendar@gardenclubs.org.au](mailto:calendar@gardenclubs.org.au), as **attachments** to the email, or multiple emails may be used to send a series of large file size images.
  - via Post to Paul Lucas, 64 Timbertop Drive, Rowville, Vic, 3178.
  - USB/CD/DVDs will only be returned if a stamp addressed envelope is included.
6. Each submission **must** include:
  - the name of the affiliated Garden Club or Group, and State. Or state you are a Magazine subscriber.
  - the name of the photographer.
  - the name of the Garden and State displayed, if the image is intended for consideration for the Main Calendar Pages.
7. Entry is free.

These rules, together with the copyright details, are also available on the GCA website [www.gardenclubs.org.au](http://www.gardenclubs.org.au) under "Pictorial Calendar 2018" in the left hand side column.

Each photo selected for the Main Calendar Pages will attract a copyright fee (non-exclusive) of \$100 paid to the photographer, by Bartel Calendars. There is no payment for images of specimen blooms etc. used as small "fillers" used on the Calendar Date Pages, but the photographers name will be printed with the photo.

All images are destroyed after the completion of the Calendar.

**This Photographic Competition has Australia's largest total prize money of \$1,300, for a non-commercial photo contest with no entry fee.**

**The prizes are paid by Bartel Calendars.**

Paul Lucas – GCA Calendar Coordinator

**The AGM is approaching...**

Our next AGM is in February 2017. As usual, we will be looking for new committee members and other office bearers, especially Secretary and President (Kaye must step down after serving the maximum permitted term of 3 years). Please consider nominating for a position. The nomination forms now include a declaration that nominees must sign, which is required by WA state law. Nomination forms will also be available at the December and January meetings.

***THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WA (INC)***

I hereby nominate .....

for the position of.....

Nominator.....

Secunder.....

I hereby accept nomination & declare that I have not breached any of the 4 conditions (listed below) under the New Act

Signed.....

Date.....

Under the New Law a person is excluded from being on the Committee if they:

1. Are bankrupt or their affairs are under insolvency laws
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