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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at Malcolm & Ann Davis' home, 4 Ryans Court, Redcliffe, on Friday 22nd January 2016, commencing at **6.30pm**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

**BBQ & SOCIAL EVENING AT
MALCOLM & ANN DAVIS' HOME**

FEBRUARY MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Mon 1st Feb
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Fri 5th Feb
AGM 7.30 pm Fri 26th Feb

GM is held at Manning Activity Centre

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Welcome to 2016. Wishing everyone their best year yet for Orchid Culture with many spectacular blooms occurring throughout the year

Birthdays: January: 17th Liu Shen-Pohl, 31st John Carless

February: 6th Maxine Perry, 7th Jim Baylis, 11th Nancie Jones, 25th Betty Rensen
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: Lina Pacca – North Perth

NB Applications received after the 4th December '15 will be processed at the February Committee Meeting

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 Visits** If you would like to hold a Home Visit in 2016 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.
- **January Meeting:** 22nd January 2016. - BBQ to be held at Malcolm & Ann Davis' home, 4 Ryans Court, Redcliffe. 6.30pm. Phone Number is 9477 4248. 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.
- **March General Meeting will be held on March 18th (3rd Friday)** due to Easter occurring the following week.
- **General Meeting Sharing Table & Sales Table will not be available at the January Meeting**, but will recommence at the February AGM. Thanks to those who last year brought along donated items in such as books, magazines, pots, cuttings of their favorite plants, produce (bag of lemons), etc. All donations are welcome, but please remember to put a small donation in the **Honesty Box** if you take something from the table.
- **Membership subscriptions: 2015/16 subs** were due on the 31st October 2015 – 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. This will be the last Bulletin you will receive unless you are financial for 2016
- **FEBRUARY 2016 AGM: Election of office bearers: Please consider nominating for committee or some other role to help OSWA this year. Nomination forms need to be submitted at or before the January General Meeting.**
As Murray will be away for most of 2016 it would be appreciated if someone could offer to stand in as Secretary for the next year. He is happy to pass on any applicable computer files applicable to OSWA. Also we are looking for nominations for Committee – can you all give serious consideration to nominating for any position as every little bit lessens the load for others. Nomination Forms at the end of the Bulletin. We would also appreciate nominations or a volunteer for Bulletin Editor.
- **Free shadehouse materials.** About 40 metres of 20-25 mm galvanized pipe, some pipe fittings, some shadecloth available for free, you just need to take it away. Some rust on some of the pipe and fittings, but still sturdy. Another 30 metres or so of pipe, additional fittings, polycarbonate sheets and shadecloth available for anyone enthusiastic enough to dis-assemble the existing shadehouse (not a difficult task). Contact Nancie on 9417 2862 or woodentoy@westnet.com.au
- **2016 CALENDER of SHOW EVENTS:**
 - **Autumn Show:** Stocklands Riverton 4th – 7th May 2016, Set up Tuesday 3rd May
 - **Winter Show:** Manning Activity Centre Sat. 9th July 2016, Set up Friday night 6pm 8th July
 - **Inter Society Display & Workshop:** 6th – 7th August 2016 at Busselton (to be confirmed)
 - **Spring Show:** Kardinya Park Shopping Centre 31st August – 3rd Sept., Set up Tues 30th August
 - **Royal Show:** 24th September – 1st October 2016, Set up Friday 23rd September
 - **Potting Workshop:** Manning Activity Centre Sunday 23rd October 2016

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (December 2015)

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

OPEN

1 F (2)	1. Courtney Rogasch 2. Ian Duncan	Enc. Bees Knees Enc. Bees Knees
4 A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Den. hercoglossum
5 A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phal. floescens
6 A (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Brs. brachiata
7 A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Vanda. felcata
10B (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer 2. Maxine Godbeer	Bulb. bicolor Pescatorea cerina
11A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag Grande 'Chinaman'

NOVICE

15F (1)	1. Rod Pohl	Encyclia Gail Nakagai
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(no entries)

POPULAR VOTE*	Rod Pohl	Encyclia Gail Nakagai
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SCHOKMAN TROPHY (Laelinae)	Courtney Rogasch	Enc. Bees Knees, 73 points.
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JIM GRANTHAM MEMORIAL (Phragmipedium)	Maxine Godbeer	Phrag Grande "Chinaman", 73 points
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RICHARD NICHOLS TROPHY (Lycaste)	No entries	
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(* There was only one novice entry so the Novice and Open sections were combined for the Popular Vote)

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016) by Roy Brown

Now that we are into the summer months, we can expect hot days and evenings, coupled with hot dry easterly winds. Don't allow the cymbidiums to dry out under any circumstances. The plants should be watered every day, and during heat waves, twice a day. Water the shade house with a fine spray in the early evening: this is the best time to water as there is less water loss through evaporation, and it also helps to keep the evening temperature down. This is vital if we want our cymbidiums to flower again next year, because it is during the summer months that the flower spikes are initiated.

New growths are growing well now, and during the next couple of months growth will be very rapid. Keep the fertilizing going, either weekly or fortnightly, whenever you prefer. This helps to increase growth and so will give better flowering next year.

It's too late in the year now for dividing and repotting: any plants that were not attended to will be better left until next autumn. However, in an emergency, it is always better to repot at any time of the year, rather than risk losing the plant because of sour or rotten compost.

Always keep a neat and tidy shade house, free from weeds and dead vegetation, and you should have a house free from insect pests.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016) from notes of the late Henry Eaton

As expected the hot weather has arrived. With the onset of hot dry conditions, examination of your plants will show the development of new growths which will elongate quickly.

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 N for growth as well as K (Potassium) for maturing those growths. The aim should be to produce big fat bulbs without inducing the appearance of further weak new growths. 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 CULTURAL NOTES (JANUARY /FEBRUARY 2016) by Trevor Burnett

The hot weather will be in full swing during these months, but I still only water 3 times a week. If the forecast is for very hot weather over 4 days, I will increase the watering to every second day but always in the morning.

Keep your additional shade 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 some pots drying out quicker is to double pot, so the final size pots in the house are all 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 by regular routine checking of:

- Good air movement
- If in a glasshouse, misting will assist with maintaining humidity
- Weekly fertilizing
- Not overcrowding our plants
- Check for pests and treat if necessary
- Keep area clean of dying leaves or material
- Increase watering to 3 times a week or more often if plants have dried out
- Check all plants to see if there are any signs of stress
- Water in the early morning before the sun is too high
- Watch and control your shading

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Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on 11 December 2015

Welcome: Mrs K Baylis opened the meeting at 7.35pm welcoming visitors, members.

Apologies: As per register.

Meeting Item: Presentation of Trophies Congratulations to all winners.

Break for popular vote.

Minutes: Moved R McCallum, seconded J Krishnan that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Carried.

Business arising: None

Correspondence:

- Email from Mr Duong (Vietnam) offering orchids for sale.
- Email exchange with Helen Waghorn (Neutrog) about logo for our own use. (Looks good. - agreed)
- Requests from Laura Dew for our involvement in Yelp's Botanical Balcony Party (seems not suitable for OSWA; want us to provide free samples, event to be held on Jan 15).
- Email from Andrew Davies re another Orchid story on Radio National – a reference placed in Bulletin.
- Email from Abhimanyu Gahlot about a new book on Indian slipper orchids.
- From AOC (Thea Shaughnessy): AOC AGM and BOM minutes.
- Responses to email enquiries about where to obtain orchids, show and meeting dates, etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Business arising: Books for the Library to be considered by Committee in February

Confirmation: Moved M Brechin seconded C Rogasch that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: prepared by I Duncan

Confirmation: Moved R Pohl, seconded M Brechin, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for

Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

New Members: Lina Pacca North Perth

Reports: WAROO: I Duncan 2016 Inter Society Display & workshop to be held in Busselton – more information to follow. Speakers to come from the Eastern states. Member query- why can't specialist WA growers be sponsored as we have a lot of expertise in WA, especially for our growing conditions. Suggestion was that they can bring special plants over in bulk from the Eastern states which due to quarantine is otherwise impractical.

General Business:

- 2016 Bulletins to be sent by Email either directly or through Murray Baker Jan 1st postage to increase to \$1 per letter Also anyone who hasn't paid their Subs won't receive a Bulletin from February
- 2016 Nominations for positions on the Management Committee- forms are in the December Bulletin
- 70th Anniversary Dinner
- OSWA Shed Cleanup in April
- January Meeting Davis' home 4 Ryans Court, Redcliffe 6.30pm Friday 22nd January.

Raffle:

A84 C Ottoband, A66 J Krishnan, D 98 L Pacca, C 33 R McGrath, A 06 G Esmond, A95 R McIntosh

Popular Vote: Open/Novice: Encyclia Gail Nakagai owner Rod Pohl

Door Prize: 29 D Mitchell, 11 K Baylis,

Meeting Closed at 8.47pm to be followed by Christmas supper

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc) Trophy List 2015

TROPHY	WINNER
The Lester Schokman Memorial Trophy (Cattleya - most points awarded - throughout year)	P Taylor
Harold Hill Memorial Trophy (Best Phalaenopsis - Spring Show)	J & B Rensen
Cypripedium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Paphiopedilum - Winter Show)	T Burnett
Vera Kennedy Perpetual Trophy (Novice - Aggregate Points)	R Pohl
Vicki Browne Perpetual Trophy (Champion Native or Hybrid Terrestrial - Spring Show)	G Price
Cymbidium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Champion Cymbidium - Spring Show)	M Donald
J & C Sullivan Trophy (Best Specimen Plant Australian Native Hybrid or Species – Spring Show)	I Duncan
George Marshall Trophy (Open - Aggregate Points)	M Godbeer
Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy (Best Phragmipedium of the Year)	M Godbeer
Richard Nichols Memorial Trophy (Best Lycaste of the year)	M & A Baker
Roy Brown Perpetual Trophy (Best Novice Cymbidium – Spring Show)	M Donald
Tom Dixon Memorial Trophy (Best Cymbidium Seedling – Spring Show)	C Rogasch (2014)
Judge's Choice Certificate - Best at General Meeting for the year.	Tied – M Godbeer, P Kissell
AOE Most Pre Eminent Entry, Autumn Show Den. bigibbum No 0082 Sec 132 H	M Godbeer
AOE Most Pre Eminent Entry, Winter Show Angraecum sesquipedale No. 0257 Sec 174 J	M Godbeer
AOE Most Pre Eminent Entry-Spring Show Den. speciosum No 0331 Sec. 132H	J & B Rensen
Junior – Most Points - Certificate	D Mitchell

OSWA Winners Points:

Most Points in Open Class	1 st – Maxine Godbeer	98pts	
	2 nd – Ian Duncan	53pts	
	3 rd – Peter Kissell	36pts	
Most Points in Novice Class	1 st – Rod Pohl	39pts	
	2 nd – Malcolm & Ann Davis	27pts	
	3 rd – Jack Krishnan	23pts	
Most Points in Junior Class	1 st – Dana Mitchell	3pts	
Schokman Trophy (Cattleya)	1 st – Phil Taylor	Rlc Ruby Ace “Abe”	74.5pts
	2 nd – Ian Duncan	Blc Tribute “Independence Day”	74pts
	2 nd – Rosemary McGrath	Blc Sakurayama “First Prize”	74pts
Jim Grantham Trophy (Phrag)	1 st – Maxine Godbeer	Phrag Sorcerers Apprentice	72.7pts
	2 nd – Rod Pohl	Phrag calurum	68pts
Richard Nichols Trophy (Lycaste)	1 st - Murray & Arni Baker	Lyc (candida x deppei)	71pts
	2 nd - Murray & Arni Baker	Lyc (aromatic x deppei)	71pts
Judges Choice – Monthly	Nov. Rod Pohl	Cym. Kuranda “Arthur Dawson”	75pts
	Dec. Maxine Godbeer	Angraceum compactum	73pts
	Feb. Trevor Burnett	Paph. Tom Larkins	73pts
	Mar. Maxine Godbeer	Dendrochilium macranthum	77pts
	Apr. Ian Duncan	Bulb. echinolium	75pts
	May Maxine Godbeer	Bulb. echinolium	73pts
	Jun. Maxine Godbeer	Rodriguezia decora	73pts
	Jul. Ian Duncan	Den. speciosum	74pts
	Aug. Valerie Cooper	Blc Hadvai Delight x Srisil Gold	66pts
	Sep. Rosemary McGrath	Blc Sakurayama “First Prize”	74pts
	Oct. Peter Kissell	Chysis. aurea	77pts
Overall winners of Plant of the Month	Maxine Godbeer	Dendrochilium macranthum	77pts
	Peter Kissell	Chysis. aurea	77pts

Congratulations to all members who won Trophies for their successful presentation of orchid plants both at Shows & at Monthly Meetings. Wishing you all every success with your orchids in 2016

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For the position of.....

Nominator.....

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I hereby accept nomination for the position of

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