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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 27 May, 2016**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

12TH ASIA PACIFIC ORCHID CONFERENCE
KEVIN BUTLER

JUNE MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 3rd
General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 24th

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Birthdays

May: 7th Dorothy Walton, 9th Ellen Dixon.

June: 2nd Tom Seaman, 9th Fred Herbert, Edna Burgess, 17th Maggie Longmore

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.

Shed Cleanup.

Thank you to all the members who helped with getting order back into our shed in preparation for the show season.

Autumn Show.

The Autumn Show at Stockland Riverton went well. Thank you to all the members who helped set up and dismantle the show, entered plants, and looked after the display and information table

John and Dorothy Walton Home Visit and Orchid Sale

This home open will be held on Sunday 22 May from 10.00 a.m., 29 Menli Place, Orelia 6167. Entry \$5 per person, proceeds to OSWA. There will be the usual sausage sizzle (sausages and rolls supplied). Members should bring a salad or dessert to share, and chairs.

This will be a special home visit because **John will be selling all his orchids and orchid equipment.** John has more than 800 orchids, including over 500 **cattleyas** (mostly mature plants), a good mix of **dendrobiums**, **oncidiums** and **brassias**, a few **vandas**, and over 80 **seedlings** (some quite rare). Prices start at \$5. Various pots, trays, hangers, potting mixes, fertilisers, submersible pumps, and a good variety of new tools will also be for sale.

John will not be attending the April General Meeting, so if you would like further information about the home visit or plant sale, email John on samuel.55@bigpond.com. Please note that John will not be selling anything before the home visit.

Wanted: *Vanilla planifolia*

Bob Longmore is looking for a cutting or plant of *Vanilla planifolia* to try to grow in Nannup. If you have a plant or a piece to spare, please contact Rosemary McGrath, or Bob at longmore@westnet.com.au.

Nursery Visits

- **Tropical Colours Nursery:** Saturday 13th August, arriving at Tropical Colours around 10 am. See the June Bulletin for further details.
- **Floraplant Nursery:** Planning underway, watch this space.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (MAY/JUNE 2016) by Roy Brown

During May some of the early flowering Cymbidiums will be in flower. Others will have flower buds showing through the protective sheaths on the stem. Once they reach the stage where flower buds are visible, it's time to move the plants out of the shade house and into the flowering house, where more protection can be given them. Heavy rain or hail can chip the soft buds and leave a permanent mark. Also strong winds can cause the leaves to rub on the flower and this too will cause a blemish. Cymbidiums like to grow in a position where there is plenty of free air movement, so don't completely enclose the flowering house like a glass house. This could be the reason for bud drop. Give them overhead protection from the heavy rain and also close off the sides that face the strongest winds. Don't overcrowd your plants, if possible give them plenty of room between each pot. By the end of May we can expect cold, wet wintery weather. Watering will depend on the weather but don't let the pots become dry, particularly those in spike and those under cover. Keep the shade house and flowering house well baited with Baysol pellets for slugs and snails, particularly now that flower buds are showing.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (MAY/JUNE 2016) from notes of the late Henry Eaton.

Autumn weather has at last been established with cool nights and warm days. This has meant that plants that flower in the autumn have begun to do so with plenty of blooms. As always, culture of your

plants will be dependent on the prevailing weather. Because of the cold there will be a slowing of activity in the plant, so watering needs will lessen and fertilization can be reduced to once a month or so. This is not a good time for repotting unless the mix in the pot has deteriorated badly, or new roots are being formed over the edge of the pot. In the latter instance, an alternative is to place the whole plant in a larger pot without disturbing the mix, and fill the remaining space with moist, fresh mix. Repotting can then be completed in the spring. The other method is to place a pot full of mix beneath the roots spilling over so they can establish themselves and not be air pruned, as would otherwise occur. As the intensity of the sun now declines, all shading can be removed and the plants will benefit from the increased light and warmth. To protect the flowers from spotting with Botrytis, try and maintain a good flow of air around the plants by hanging them up or having a fan blowing gently over them. The flowers also need protection from snails and slugs by placing baits in the pots and near the flower sheath. Also keep water off the flowers by hand watering into the pot and growing the flowering plants where they are out of reach of the rain. After flowering, plants can be grown in an area where they can experience a rest period during which they receive little or no water, until they show signs of activity again with the appearance of new roots or a swelling of the bud at the base of the pseudo bulb.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (MAY/JUNE 2016) by Trevor Burnett.

The growing conditions this month are similar to last month, and as the conditions cool, reduced watering will be necessary. I personally reduce my watering further to once every 10 days, but am always mindful that we could still get some of those unexpected hot days, when watering may have to be adjusted. We would need to get 3-4 hot days in a row before I would adjust my watering programme. We should be seeing a good proportion of our plants now producing spikes. The early flowering types will be well advanced and should be staked to prevent twisting and breakage, as the spikes will be soft and not fully set to support the flower. The plant's growth will have started to slow considerably on the flowering plants, as all the effort is now being channelled into supporting the flowers. Fertiliser programmes need to be adjusted to a fertilizer with less nitrogen and more phosphorus and potassium, to improve the strength and quality of the flowers. The smaller, un-flowered plants will still require a fertilizer at one quarter or half strength, on a fortnightly or monthly basis, to keep the growth moving forward. With more buds appearing weekly, continue staking plants using meat skewers, wire stakes or thin bamboo canes. If you decide to use wire, ensure the top is turned over to help protect your eyes from getting poked when working with the plants. If you are moving plants to a different area to flower, ensure they are returned to the same orientation to the light source as in the original location. Turning plants can cause flower stems to become twisted, spoiling the effect if you wish to enter them in the various shows. My tip for the month is: if you are growing the plants without heat during the winter (as I do), keep the plants drier than usual, as wet, cold conditions are often fatal to roots.

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.) held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on 22 April 2016

Welcome: Mrs Kaye Baylis opened the meeting at 7.35pm welcoming members & visitors Wanda Frantom, Dawn Fathers, Amy Chia, Joyce Ng

Apologies: As per register.

Minute's silence: for Shirley Masters, a long time member of OSWA

Meeting Item: Internet Resources for Orchids presenter Kirsty Bayliss. A very interesting presentation showing the many good Internet resources available – most of which the members had not realised were so easy to access.

Break for tea and popular vote.

Minutes: Moved P Kissell, seconded A Davis that the Minutes of the March meeting be accepted.
Carried.

Business arising: Items for discussion to be dealt with in General Business

Confirmation: Moved I Duncan, seconded M Brechin that the business arising has been resolved.
Carried.

Correspondence:

- Bunbury Orchid Society, re Inter Society Display & Workshop See *WAROO report - Ian Duncan*
- Open Gardens – Festival of Country Gardens – South West, from Friday 6th May

- Volunteer opportunities for 2016 at Eurardy Station Reserve & Charles Darwin Reserve.
- Neutrog (i) Order has been delivered and collected. (ii) Bush Tucker now available. *Will be on the next bulk order form.* (iii) Donation of 40 bottles of GoGo Juice & pamphlets for members to trial. *Given to members present.* (iv) Speaker for 24th June meeting confirmed. (v) Re Autumn show, promotion and presence of Brian Klepzig at show, Strike Back Liquid information sheets to hand out. (vi) Advertisement for inclusion in next Bulletin
- Garden Clubs of Aust, re change of membership (lower numbers) for reduced insurance premium.
- From Carlos Cruz, advertising his blog about growing orchids in Mediterranean climates.
- Bob Longmore returning his notes with thanks for an excellent talk
- Trevor Burnett re photocopying for 70th Anniversary *will do in the near future*
- Stocklands Riverton – *plant sales Sat. only. New Manager Rebecca Schaus. Position outside Big W*
- Shirley Masters passed away (former member Pam Kennerly asked us to pass on her condolences) *Card had already been sent from the Society.*
- Little Aussie Directories re Advert for the Winter Show *copies for display available in June*
- Associations Transition pack – 3 years to implement.
- Badge styles for consideration. *Several members were wearing the new badges, which look superb. \$15 each.*
- Email exchange with the National Library to OSWA bulletin via email (all organisations now receiving our bulletin receive it by email).
- Australian Orchid Foundation Seed bank, Essay competition, Newsletter, Publications
- Jill Parker delivered a huge box of slides of named orchids & several books to Kaye Murray Baker to *put slides on disk & the books to be given to new members*
- Jill Howard, Arcadia Waters 28th April 11.00am -1.00pm, *Lynn Brooks to attend*
- Anne Le Fevre (Peel Regional OS) requesting permission to reprint culture notes and Singapore orchid article from OSWA bulletin. (Approved by M Baker.)
- From Jen Booth, advertising *Go On a Bus* wildflower tours in southwest WA. *Maybe look at next year.*
- Responses to email enquiries about where to obtain orchids, show dates, etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Business arising:

- Content from the Bulletin may be reprinted elsewhere if appropriate acknowledgements included. To be further considered by Committee.
- Jill Parker's Slides – Slides look like an interesting collection of photos of WA terrestrials. R McGrath had a scanner for M Baker to transfer the slides to computer

Confirmation: Moved L Brooks, seconded M Burgess that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: prepared by K Bayliss

Confirmation: Moved C Bielby, seconded R Pohl, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. Carried.

Reports: The Biggest Morning Tea – thanks to Ian for attending, very successful
WAROO – Ian Duncan: Orchid Display & Workshop BOS hosts – Busselton 6th – 7th August
Not For Profit Organizations – new Laws discussed (3year implementation period for clubs)
Booklet "Genera & their Intergeneric Names" 2016 available from Judging Panel \$12 ea.

General Business:

- Autumn Show at Riverton 4-7 May Setup Tues 3rd 6-7.15pm for plant entries. Roster helpers are needed. Plant Sales Sat only. Entry tickets, Schedules & Sales Tickets available at front desk
- Inter Society Orchid Display & Workshop at Bunbury on August 6th & 7th – more information to come
- Home Open John & Dorothy Walton's - May 22nd Plants & equipment will be sold, \$5 for sausage sizzle, tea, coffee provided. Please bring a salad or sweet to share. 29 Menli Place, Orelia. Friends and members of other orchid societies are welcome
- Members were asked to keep Saturday 10/9/16 clear, for OSWA's 70th anniversary celebrations. Those who want to attend Dinner need to add their names to the list (places are limited)
- Glass Salad bowl left at the Davis residence in January is now in OSWA's Manning SC cupboard.
- Thanks to Ryan Ainsworth for taking organizing the Library Table

Raffle: Caterina Ottobriano (x2), Leo Waters, Lynn Brooks, Jack Krishnan. Thank you to Rod Pohl for kindly donating 3 extra plants.

Popular Vote: Open: Blc George King "Serendipity" owner Peter Kissell

Novice: *Cattleya bowringiana* x *Schomburgkia splendida* owner Mal Davis

Badge Prize: Jim Baylis

Meeting Closed at 9.55pm

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (April 2016)**OPEN**

1 A (2)	1. Murray & Arni Baker 2. Courtney Rogasch	<i>Encyclia radiata</i> <i>Cattleya bowringiana</i>
1 B (1)	1. Peter Kissell	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> George King 'Serendipity'
4 B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium</i> Chao Praya Sweet
6 A (1)	1. Ian Duncan	<i>Psychopsis papillio</i>
6 B (2)	1. Murray & Arni Baker 2. Courtney Rogasch	<i>Oncidium</i> unknown <i>Oncidium</i> Sweet Sugar 'Angel'
6 D (3)	1. Edna Burgess 2. Edna Burgess	<i>Brassia</i> (Rex x Christine) x <i>longissima</i> <i>Brassia</i> Edvan Loo
8 A (1)	1. Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i>
8 B (1)	1. Courtney Rogasch	<i>Sarcochilus</i> 'Falcalcar'
10 B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	<i>Bulbophyllum echinolabium</i>
11 B (1)	1. Courtney Rogasch	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Arthur Elle 'Essenden'
12 (1)	1. Edna Burgess	<i>Miltassia</i> Golden Spider 'Copious'

NOVICE

15 A (1)	1. Chris Sloan	<i>Cattleya bowringiana</i>
15 B (5)	1. Malcolm Davis 2. Valerie Cooper 3. Rod Pohl	Bc. Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome' Blc. Hysing Home Run x Lc. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua' Blc. (Meditation x Madeleine Knowiton) 'All Victory'
15 E (2)	1. Rod Pohl 2. Malcolm Davis	<i>Cattleya</i> unknown <i>Cattleya</i> Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'
15 F (1)	1. Malcolm Davis	<i>Cattleya bowringiana</i> x <i>Schomburgkia splendida</i>
16 E (1)	1. Rod Pohl	<i>Cymbidium</i> Katydid Veridan
22 A (1)	1. Malcolm Davis	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i> 'alba' x self
25 A (1)	1. Rod Pohl	<i>Phragmipedium</i> unknown

POPULAR VOTE

OPEN: Peter Kissell

Blc. George King 'Serendipity'

NOVICE: Malcolm Davis

Cattleya bowringiana x *Schomburgkia splendida***SCHOKMAN TROPHY**
(Laelinae)

Merryl Brechin

Cattlianthe Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'
73 points.**JIM GRANTHAM TROPHY**
(Phragmipedium)

Rod Pohl

Phragmipedium unknown
71 points

WINNERS AT THE AUTUMN SHOW
Stocklands Riverton Shopping Centre, 3-7 May 2016

Grand Champion	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Little Suzie 'Joy'	John Steele
Reserve Champion	<i>Degarmoara</i> Unknown 'Betty'	Rosemary McGrath
Champion Laeliinae	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Little Suzie 'Joy'	John Steele
Best Cymbidium	<i>Cymbidium</i> Morialta Falls	George Price
Best Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphaenopsis</i> Via Quatal x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hsinying Cition	Peter Kissell
Best Dendrobae (excluding Australian Native)	<i>Dendrobium</i> (Ron Falvey x Rammisra) x <i>Dendrobium</i> (Barrabui's Dark Knight 1216)	Ian Duncan
Best Australian Native	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i>	Ian Duncan
Best Oncidinae	<i>Degarmoara</i> Unknown 'Betty'	Rosemary McGrath
Best Vandaeae	<i>Trichoglottis bracheata</i>	Maxine Godbeer
Best Phalaenopsis	<i>Phalaenopsis fasciata</i>	Maxine Godbeer
Best Any Other Genera	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Advance Australia	Edna Burgess
Best Species	<i>Trichoglottis bracheata</i>	Maxine Godbeer
Best Specimen	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Little Suzie 'Joy'	John Steele
Best Seedling	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> Meen Mellow Moon	Maxine Godbeer
Best Novice Entry	<i>Laelia</i> x <i>Schomburgkia</i> (?)	Merril Brechin
AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Little Suzie 'Joy'	John Steele
Best Floral Art		Meg Donald
Best Junior Entry	<i>Epidendrum</i>	Dana Mitchell
Schokman Trophy Points (Best Laeliinae)	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Little Suzie 'Joy' — 73 points	John Steele
Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy Points (Best Phragmipedium)	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Conchiferum — 73.1 points	George Price

NOTES FROM KIRSTY BAYLISS — INTERNET RESOURCES ABOUT ORCHIDS

A quick Google search will find thousands of pages of information, just keep in mind that you need to know what is best for WA conditions, and look for info from experts and reputable sources — nurseries, breeders, growers, qualified judges and regular show winners. Here are some of the websites I mentioned during my talk at the April meeting:

American Orchid Society	www.aos.org
OrchidWire	www.orchidwire.com
The Plant List	www.theplantlist.org
Orchid Nature	www.orchidnature.com
Internet Orchid Species Encyclopedia	www.orchidspecies.com

International Orchid Register

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

YouTube Channels (examples):	Miss Orchid Girl	Brads Greenhouse
Facebook groups (examples):	Orchid Growers Australia	Australian Orchid Enthusiasts
Orchid Forums (examples):	www.orchidboard.com	www.orchidgeeks.com
	www.orchidsforum.com	

From the April General Meeting:



Brassolaeliocattleya George King 'Serendipity'
(Peter Kissell)



Zygopetalum Arthur Elle 'Essenden'
(Courtney Rogasch)

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