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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the Baylis residence, 18 Wheyland Street (corner with Caple Street) Willagee, on Friday 27 January, from 6:00 pm.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

BBQ AT THE HOME OF
JIM AND KAYE BAYLIS

FEBRUARY MEETING DATES:

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

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Birthdays.

February 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.

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 6.00 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 overdue.

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

(a) directly to Kirsty Bayliss at a general 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.

Unfortunately we cannot carry unfinancial members because we need to cover costs (insurance etc.) that are associated with each membership. If your subs are not paid, this is the last Bulletin that you will receive!

February 2017 AGM: Election of office bearers.

Please consider nominating for committee or some other role to help OSWA this year. Nomination forms (see back page of this bulletin) need to be submitted at or before the January Meeting.

Home Visits.

If you would like to hold a Home Visit in 2017 please contact Kaye Baylis on 9337 6210. It doesn't seem to matter what time of year that we hold Home Visits, they are always very popular.

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.

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.

Wanted to Buy.

Flowering size *Phalaenopsis bellina* and *Phalaenopsis schilleriana*. If you have one to spare, please contact Kirsty by phone or email or at a meeting.

Virus testing kits?

If you would like to purchase one or more virus tests, please contact Kirsty by phone or email or at a meeting. The tests come in boxes of 10 and each test strip is expected to cost about \$15 (so \$150 for a box). If there is enough interest we can purchase a box (or several) and divide them up, so individual members do not need to buy a whole box.

Articles for the Bulletin?

If there are any orchid-related topics that you would like to read about in the Bulletin, please let Murray know. Even better, if you would like to write an article for the bulletin, contributions will be gratefully received!

2017 OSWA SHOW DATES

Autumn Show: **Stockland Riverton Shopping Centre**, corner of High Road & Willeri Drive Riverton.
Set up Tues 9th May (6.00 – 7.15 pm). Judging 7.30 – 9.30 pm.
Open to Public 10th – 13th May.
Member Plant Sales Friday 12th (to be confirmed) & Saturday 13th.

Winter Show: **Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre**, 3 Downey Drive (near Ley St) Manning
Set up Friday 7th July (6.00 – 7.15 pm). Judging 7.30 – 9.30 pm.
Open to Public Saturday 8th July 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Member Plant Sales 8th July.

Spring Show: **Kardinya Shopping Centre**, South Street, Kardinya
Set up Tues 29th August, (6.00 – 7.15 pm). Judging 7.30 – 9.30 pm.
Open to Public 30th August – 2nd September. Member Plant Sales daily.

WAOS 2017: **Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough, WA, 5 & 6 August 2017**

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STOCKPILE PROCESS

In any given year our club loses some members for all sorts of different reasons, many of which are beyond our control. We therefore need to be constantly looking to recruit new members, to at least keep pace with the rate of attrition.

The Membership Drive Stockpile Process has been an effective tool in helping to attract new members to the club. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the process, this is how it works: Members who wish to participate donate plants to a stockpile, which is then used to offer new members the incentive of some free orchids with the first year of membership to our club.

For existing members, it is not mandatory that you have to donate to the stockpile. However, those who wish to, are encouraged to do so. In the long term it works better if lots of people donate a few plants, rather than a few people having to donate lots of plants each.

Donated plants don't have to be champions or potential champions. They simply need to be healthy orchids, free of virus or rot problems. Flowering size or near flowering size (in other words likely to flower this season or next season) are preferable, so that the new grower has a chance to get involved with the show bench process, sooner rather than later.

The stockpile is a great place to get rid of those dreaded plant divisions that just keep taking up more and more of your valuable growing area.

The Membership Drive Stockpile Process is part of a wider integrated recruitment process that has proven to have benefits for both the new grower/s and existing members and growers. The process has worked most effectively in the last couple of years, but the wolf is always at the door. If we are to maintain an active, enthusiastic and vibrant membership base, it is necessary to continue to attract new members. This in turn means we need to have a constant supply of (donated) plants. So, if anyone has any plants that they would be willing to donate, and that fit the above criteria, can you please contact Courtney. That way, we may continue to attract the interest that is vital to the long term viability of the club.

The vast majority of plants that have been given away as part of the stockpile process this year have been donated by a very small number of club stalwarts. Hopefully some additional members can find a plant or two to contribute as well. Every little bit helps.

— Courtney Rogasch

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JAN-FEB 2017)

— based on notes from Courtney Rogasch and Roy Brown

Summer is a time of year when there are not a lot of cymbidiums in flower here in Perth. Those that are in flower tend to be the starry pendulous flower type. Some say these are an acquired taste, however they do break the monotony of nothing but green leaves.

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. My retic is set for 10 minutes per station starting at 6:00 am. If necessary (depending on the temperature during the day) I will hand water again in the late afternoon. This also allows me to apply a very weak application of fertilizer. If you don't have time to apply weak fertilizer frequently, consider using some slow release fertilizer. The new leads on your plants are in a rapid growth phase at this time, therefore regular and frequent fertilizing with high nitrogen fertilizer helps your plants grow sufficiently for some of them enter the flowering process this season, rather than next season. During summer some cymbidium growers like to water the shade house with a fine spray in the early evening. This is a good time to water as there is less water loss through evaporation, and it also helps to keep the evening temperature down. The initiation of new flower spikes occurs during cool nights, so cool night temperatures are vital if we want our cymbidiums to flower in the coming season.

The increase in water and humidity can sometimes cause or contribute to an increase in fungal problems such as bulb rot. If this occurs, remove the affected bulbs immediately. If you leave the rotten bulbs in the pot, the problem can spread to other bulbs and destroy the whole plant. Mancozeb Plus and or Fongarid can help control fungal problems.

Make sure there are no holes/tears in your shade cloth. Your plants will quickly suffer sunburn on the leaves if exposed to direct sunlight at this time of the year. Once sunburnt the leaves become discolored and unsightly.

Summer is also the time when Red Spider Mite and Two Spotted Mite will pose a threat. The actual mites are very small and hard to see without a good magnifying glass or microscope. Watch for evidence of mites on the underside of the leaves of your cymbidiums. It will look like a very fine spider's web all over the underside of the leaf, but it won't come off if you rub it. If it is at all possible, ensure the undersides of the leaves get thoroughly wet when you water your plants. It may be necessary to increase the space between pots to allow this to happen. There are lots of miticide sprays available. Most are 'kill on contact' sprays that need to be applied once to kill the adult mites, then again 10 days or so later to kill any newly hatched mites. It is imperative to read and follow the instructions on the pack, and follow all the safety precautions. Otherwise it won't just be the mites that are feeling crook.

These mites love hot dry conditions especially if there is little or no air movement, typical of Perth summer days, so you may have to repeat actions to control them, several times during the summer and autumn months. About every 5-6 weeks is recommended.

It's too late in the year now for dividing and repotting: any plants that were not attended to will be better left until 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 (JAN-FEB 2017) based on notes from Henry Eaton

Some hot weather has finally 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. Correct watering will help with enlargement of the new growths. Damping down of the growing area by watering or misting beneath the benches will help with raising humidity.

A fertilizer programme will also be needed to provide sufficient nitrogen (N) for growth as well as

potassium (K) 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 and trained 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 (JAN-FEB 2017) 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 four 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 pot sizes, you will need to ensure that the smaller pots do not dry out completely between waterings. 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:

- checking to ensure good air movement
- misting to assist with maintaining humidity, especially in the glasshouse
- weekly fertilizing
- checking to ensure plants are not overcrowded
- checking for pests and treating if necessary
- keeping the area clean of dying leaves or other material
- increasing watering to 3 times a week or more often if plants have dried out
- checking all plants to see if there are any signs of stress
- watering in the early morning before the sun is too high
- watching and control your shading.

THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WA (INC) AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Orchid Society of WA (Inc), held in the Manning Activity Centre, Manning, on 26th February 2016.

The President Mrs K Baylis declared the meeting open at 8.30pm, welcoming members & visitors present.

Acceptance of the 2015 AGM Minutes: Moved T Burnett, seconded P Kissell that the 2015 Minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes: None

Financial Statement: Presented By Ian Duncan. The Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st October 2015 were complete. Moved T Seaman, seconded C Bielby that the Audited Financial Statement be accepted. Carried.

President's Report: Mrs K Baylis presented her report

Election of Office Bearers: Barbara Burnett was appointed as Returning Officer. Nomination and elections proceeded as follows:

Patron: Nomination: Trevor Burnett nominated by B Burnett, seconded by K Baylis elected unopposed

President: Kaye Baylis nominated by R McGrath, seconded by M Godbeer elected unopposed Carried.

Vice President: Malcolm Davis nominated by T Burnett, seconded by K Baylis. Carried

Secretary: Murray Baker nominated by R McGrath, seconded by K Baylis elected unopposed Carried.

Treasurer: Kirsty Bayliss nominated by T Burnett, seconded by K Baylis elected unopposed Carried.

Immediate Past President: Mrs L Dodd.

Committee: Ian Duncan nominated by R McGrath, seconded by K Baylis elected unopposed Carried.
Volunteers from the floor: Vicki Ainsworth, Lynn Brooks Carried

Committee Continuing (1 more year to complete term): Mr Jim Baylis, Ms Rosemary McGrath, Mr Jack Krishnan, Mr Ian Sutton.

Positions for which formal nomination not required:

OSWA Registrar: Malcolm Davis

Show Marshall: Kaye Baylis

Opportunity Table: Rosalie McCallum, Coral Bielby

Show Secretary: Rosemary McGrath, Merrilyn Brechin

Librarian: Vicki & Ryan Ainsworth

Show Sales: Rosemary McGrath, Ian Duncan

Bulletin Editor: Murray Baker

Orchids Australia: Kirsty Bayliss

Show Committee: Committee Members plus Merril Brechin,

Auditor: Harvey Viner CPA

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.55pm.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

**Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on
16 December 2016**

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

Apologies: As per register.

Meeting Item: Presentation of Trophies. Congratulations to all winners

Break for popular vote.

Minutes: Moved K Bayliss, seconded J Krishnan that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.
Carried.

Business arising:

Amendment re Secretary's honorarium, to be paid to R McGrath, who has been acting secretary for 2016. Carried.

Confirmation: Moved J Krishnan, seconded K Bayliss that the business arising has been resolved.
Carried

Correspondence:

- Letter of thanks (and note in bulletin) to Pasquale & Caterina Ottobriano for donation of hams.
- Email from Manning SC inviting members to participate in their Christmas Luncheon.
- From GCA, re Calendar Competition. Details were in the December Bulletin.
- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about where to obtain orchids, show and meeting dates.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail

Business arising: None

Confirmation: Moved L Brooks, seconded J Bateman that Correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Financial Statement: prepared by K Bayliss

Moved R Pohl, seconded J Fox, that any accounts for payment arriving between now and the Feb committee meeting are paid, following approval by Kaye or Murray. Carried.

Confirmation: Moved P Kissell, seconded B Mahoney, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. Carried.

New Members: Cary & Bridget Rasmussen, Karawara

Reports: None

General Business:

- Anyone who hasn't paid their subs won't receive a Bulletin from February
- 2017 Nominations for positions on the Management Committee – forms are in the December Bulletin Already have nominations for major positions but need at least 3 more nominations for Committee.
- 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 6.00 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.
- OSWA Shed Cleanup in April

Raffle: Lorna Dodd, Raye McIntosh, Peter Kissell, Lina Pacca, Ian Duncan, Dana Mitchell (x3), Hayden Shotch, Malcolm Davis, Brian Mahoney, Rod Pohl, Harry Ashton, Ray Taylor, Wanda Frantom, Trevor Burnett. (2 plants to I Duncan & 1 plant for Rod Pohl – from last month)

Popular Vote: *Vanda* Pure's Wax owner Ray Taylor (only one novice entry so only one popular vote)

Door Prize: Lorraine Stronach, Wanda Frantom

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm, followed by Christmas supper. During supper Ray Taylor discussed some of the unusual plants on display

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (December 2016)

OPEN

1A	(1)	1	I Duncan	<i>Prosthechea cochleata</i> 'Marcos' x <i>Prosthechea cochleata</i> 'Alto'
1F	(1)	1	I Duncan	<i>Encyclia</i> Bees' Knees
3A	(3)	1	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i>
		2	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum sanderianum</i>
		3	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum lowii</i>
3B	(5)	1	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Prince Edward of York (<i>rothschildianum</i> x <i>sanderianum</i>)
		2	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> St Swithin (<i>philippinense</i> x <i>rothschildianum</i>)
		3	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (<i>lowii</i> x <i>esquirolei</i>)
3E	(1)	1	H Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Kemp Tower x <i>Paphiopedilum anitum</i>
4A	(1)	1	R Taylor	<i>Dendrobium chrysotoxum</i>
6D	(2)	1	R Taylor	<i>Oncidium</i> Memoria Martin Orenstein 'Lulu'
		2	R Taylor	<i>Oncidium</i> Unknown
8A	(3)	1	C Rogasch	<i>Sarcochilus falcatus</i>
		2	R Pohl	<i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i>

NOVICE

20 (1) 1 J Krishnan *Oncidium* Golden Afternoon

POPULAR VOTE R Taylor *Vanda* Pure's Wax

SCHOKMAN TROPHY I Duncan *Encyclia* Bees' Knees (70 points)
(Laelinae)

THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WA TROPHY WINNERS LIST 2016

TROPHY	WINNER
The Lester Schokman Memorial Trophy (Cattleya - most points awarded - throughout year)	H Tan
Harold Hill Memorial Trophy (Best Phalaenopsis - Spring Show)	-
Cypripedium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Paphiopedilum - Winter Show)	G Price
Vera Kennedy Perpetual Trophy (Novice - Aggregate Points)	R Pohl
Vicki Browne Perpetual Trophy (Champion Native or Hybrid Terrestrial - Spring Show)	-
Cymbidium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Champion Cymbidium - Spring Show)	C Rogasch
J & C Sullivan Trophy (Best Specimen Plant Australian Native Hybrid or Species – Spring Show)	R Dalziell
George Marshall Trophy (Open - Aggregate Points)	M Godbeer
W & L Janney Perpetual Trophy (Best pure colour cymbidium - Spring Show)	-
Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy (Best Phragmipedium of the Year)	M Godbeer
Richard Nichols Memorial Trophy (Best Lycaste of the year)	T Burnett
C & L Friar Perpetual Trophy (Best Aust. Native Hybrid Seedling - Spring Show)	-
Roy Brown Perpetual Trophy (Best Novice Cymbidium – Spring Show)	M Donald
Tom Dixon Memorial Trophy (Best Cymbidium Seedling – Spring Show)	B Burrell
Judge's Choice Certificate - Best at General Meeting for the year.	C Rogasch
AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry, Autumn Show <i>Cattlianthe</i> Little Susie 'Joy'	J Steele
AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry, Winter Show <i>Rodriguezia decora</i>	M Godbeer
AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry-Spring Show <i>Zygoneria</i> Freestyle Meadows	C Rogasch
Junior – Most Points - Certificate	D Mitchell

OSWA Winners 2016 – Points

Most Points in Open Class	1 st – Maxine Godbeer	75pts	
	2 nd – Ian Duncan	44pts	
	3 rd – Courtney Rogasch	39pts	
Most Points in Novice Class	1 st – Rod Pohl	62pts	
	2 nd – Malcolm & Ann Davis	23pts	
	3 rd – Jack Krishnan	20pts	
Most Points in Junior Class	1 st – Dana Mitchell	6pts	
Schokman Trophy (Cattleya)	1 st – Howard Tan	Rlc DreamTrader	77pts
	2 nd – Courtney Rogasch	Enc Bees Knees	73pts
	2 nd – Gloria Talbot	Ctt Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	73pts
	2 nd – Peter Kissell	Blc George King 'Serendipity'	73pts
	2 nd – Val Cooper	Blc Hadvai Delight x Blc Srisil Gold	73pts
	2 nd – John Steele	Ctt Little Susie 'Joy'	73pts

Jim Grantham Trophy (Phrag)	1 st – Maxine Godbeer 2 nd – George Proce 3 rd – Maxine Godbeer	Phrag Memoria Dick Clements Phrag conchiferum Phrag Grand Chinaman	73.5pts 73.1pts 73pts
Richard Nichols Trophy (Lycaste)	1 st – Trevor Burnett	Lyc lasioglossa	74pts
Judges Choice – Monthly	Dec. Courtney Rogasch Feb. Maxine Godbeer Mar. Merrill Brechin Apr. Ian Duncan May Merrill Brechin Jun. Peter Masters Jul. Courtney Rogasch Aug. Jack Krishnan Sep. Meg Donald Oct. Trevor Burnett	Enc Bees Knees Phrag Memoria Dick Clements Ctt Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' Bulb. echinolum Propetalum Mathina 'Elizabeth' Howeara Mary Eliza Zygoneria Freestyle Meadows Miltonidium unknown Den. Jesmond Gem 'Ruby Grace' Lyc lasioglossa	73pts 73.5pts 73pts 74pts 70pts 73pts 77pts 68pts 75pts 74pts
Overall winners of Plant of the Month	Courtney Rogasch	Zygoneria Freestyle Meadows	77pts

Certificates of Appreciation: Lynn Brooks, Merrill Brechin, Trevor and Barbara Burnett

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 2017



Trevor presenting Courtney with the Cymbidium Championship Perpetual Trophy.



Kaye presenting Trevor with the Richard Nichols Memorial Trophy for the best Lycaste of the year.

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.

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
2. Have been convicted of an indictable offence in relation to the formation or management of a body corporate in the last 5 years
3. Have been convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty, punishable by at least 3 months imprisonment in the last 5 years
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