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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 24th March, 2017**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

IMPORTING ORCHIDS – QUARANTINE
AND INSPECTIONS

IAN LADNER

APRIL MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 7th

General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 28th

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Birthdays

March: 11th Merrilyn Brechin, 14th Maree McDonald, 19th Jack Rensen, John Walton,
24th Raye McIntosh, 25th Lorna Dodd, 26th Kaye Baylis, Peggy Stacey

April: 7th Rosemary McGrath, 10th Bernadette Campbell, 12th Karen Carless, 17th Mike Burgess,
29th Ian Duncan.

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.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to John and Dorothy Walton who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 25 March 2017. May there be many more happy anniversaries!

New Members

Welcome to Naomi Mondello, Bob Buckleton, Enid and Laura Chelva, and welcome back to Ray Taylor. We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

Shed Clean Up Day

Our annual shed clean up day to prepare for the upcoming show season will be on Sunday 30th April, at McDougal Park, Como, starting at 10am, to be followed by a sausage sizzle supplied by the Society. The park provides a pleasant environment for a BBQ so this will be a nice social activity.

Waterford Plaza Community Day

We will be setting up a display and sales table at the Waterford Plaza Community Day, Thursday 27 April, from 10 am - 4 pm. More details at the March general meeting.

Orchiata Potting Bark Bulk Order

OSWA has made another bulk purchase of Orchiata bark from Garden City Plastics. It comes in 40 litre bags in four grades: large (18-25 mm); medium (12-18 mm); small (9-12 mm); and mini (6-9 mm). To purchase (\$22 per bag), contact Rosemary on 0401 508 667. There is a limited number of bags, so be quick or miss out on the good price.

Award-winning Growers

Congratulations to Howard Tan, who won WA Orchid Hybrid of the Year for *Paphiopedilum* Ho Chi Minh, and Peter Masters, who won WA Orchid Species of the Year for *Catasetum tenebrosum*.

Neutrog Bulk Order

Orders must be received by Kirsty Bayliss and paid for by Friday, 24 March. Order forms and payment details were sent out with the February bulletin. Orders will be available for pick up from Rosemary's home, 2 Morrish Place, Como, on Saturday 29 April.

Tinonee Orchids Sale

Tinonee Orchids (NSW) is having a sale. Normally, if plants are shipped to WA, the buyer has to pay for shipping and a quarantine inspection fee, but on this special occasion Tinonee will cover these costs. Orders will be shipped to Ray Taylor, who will bring the plants to the April general meeting. The Tinonee Orchids catalogue can be downloaded from www.tinoneeorchids.com. To place an order, contact Ray Taylor (tayloralpacas@hotmail.com) or Ray Clements (orchids@tinoneeorchids.com or (02) 6553 1012) before the end of March. This will be a great opportunity to get some interesting plants at very good prices.

Meetings and the Monthly Plant Competition

Members benching plants at monthly meetings are requested to have your entry business completed by 7:30 pm so that the meeting can start on time and visiting speakers are not left waiting. The Registrar, Ian Duncan, is available before the start of each meeting to assist members with questions about what class(es) their plant(s) should be entered in to.

For your calendar — OSWA Christmas Dinner 2017.

This year's Christmas Dinner has been booked for Wings Restaurant, RAAF, Bull Creek, for Saturday 9th of December.

Home Visits.

If you would like to host a home visit, please see Lynn Brooks at a meeting or send her an email (contrarymiss@hotmail.com). It doesn't seem to matter the of year, home visits are always very popular. Already Rosemary has volunteered to host a home visit on Sunday 25 June.

OSWA Office Bearers for 2017

Patron: Trevor Burnett **President:** Courtney Rogasch **Vice President:** Murray Baker
Secretary: Rosemary McGrath **Treasurer:** Kirsty Bayliss **Minutes:** Rosemary McGrath
Immediate Past President: Kaye Baylis.

Committee: Ian Duncan, Lynn Brooks, Jim Baylis, Rosemary McGrath, Jack Krishnan, Lorna Dodd, Jacqui Bateman

Librarian: Kaye Baylis **Opportunity (Sales) Table:** Rosalie McCallum, Coral Bielby
Donations Table: Jack Krishnan

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Show Sales: Rosemary McGrath, Ian Duncan

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CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2017) based on notes from Roy Brown

This is the time of the year when the young flower spikes are starting to develop, and so a drop in the temperature during the evening is a vital part of the successful flowering of Cymbidiums. Turning on the overhead sprinklers in the early evening will drop the temperature by quite a few degrees, creating the ideal conditions necessary for the growing and flowering of our plants. Always have a good check of your pots regularly to make sure the drainage is not blocked. Water should pass through the compost freely, not just seep away. Keep the regular fertilizer programme going, as the new seasons growths need to be kept growing at a fast rate, so they will develop sufficiently to produce their flowers when the time comes. If you should be poking about in your plants looking for these early flower spikes during March, do be very careful, they are very easily broken or damaged. Should you have to move a plant that has definite signs of flower spikes showing, be very careful to replace it in the exact same position with the flower spike facing the same direction as before. With the advent of flower spikes showing, it might be a good idea to give the shade house a general clean up, getting rid of all dead leaves, weeds and anything else that might harbour pests. Now is the time to also check that you have a good supply of pots and potting mix ready for those repotting jobs next month.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2017) based on notes from Henry Eaton

Although March is technically the first month of autumn, we can still expect days when the temperature goes quite high and there is little, if any, rain around to increase the humidity. The light may be decreasing slightly, but the heat still requires that you maintain shading as for the summer months. Watering and fertilizing your plants will still follow a summer pattern, unless there is rain, when you can miss a watering if necessary. Cattleyas are plants that revel in a wet/dry cycle, where they like to dry out nearly fully before being watered again. You can gauge this by lifting up the pot after watering when it should feel heavy. The pot loses weight when drying out giving you the signal to re-water. At this time of the year, due to the cooler nights, check your plants after watering to make sure that no water has collected in between the upper leaves. This is essential, as at this time many plants will be producing flowering sheaths and buds and any water retained around them could cause rotting. If water has collected dry it up with a tissue. While attending to your plants also stake the pseudo bulb bearing the buds or sheaths erect, so that when the flowers emerge they will be pointing towards you and not any

which way. If you move a plant to a flowering house out of the rain etc., make sure to leave the plant pointing in the same direction in which it was grown, otherwise the buds may open in an unsightly fashion.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2017) by Trevor Burnett

Even though summer has officially finished, the summer pattern is still with us. We may still have some hot days over 34 °C to come, so we need to be mindful of this and adjust our watering accordingly. At this time of the year I water three times a week early in the morning with overhead sprinklers, so the plants are well saturated. This will allow time for the plant to dry out before the sun gets too high and will prevent any possibility of water burns. It will also ensure the plants are dry by nightfall. If excessive heat is forecast over consecutive days, you will need to watch plants in small pots and increase the watering as necessary. Watering is highly dependent on the composition of your potting mix and its ability to retain moisture. For beginners, a test pot of just potting mix in the growing area is recommended, until you understand the water holding capacity of your mix. You can empty the pot at any stage to see what water is retained. As the plants are still in active growth, keep a weak fertilizer programme going (at ¼ to ½ strength) on a weekly or fortnightly basis, depending on your time restraints. Ensure that you flush the mix with water between fertilising. In the glasshouse, the use of misting sprays under the benches will be beneficial by increasing the humidity levels on very hot days. It is equally important that plenty of fresh air, which is essential for the plants health, is available in the glasshouse. At this time of the year the paphiopedilum will have some leaves that have died over the summer months and these should be removed in preparation for the forthcoming flowering season, to prevent any unwanted vermin having an ideal hiding place. I would repot any small plants that are not expected to flower during this period, to ensure they have a nice clean mix before going into winter.

Some unusual plants from the February meeting...

Bulbophyllum hirundinis (upper right) and *Phragmipedium Memoria Dick Clements* (lower right) were both grown by Maxine Godbeer. *Stanhopea Bellearensis* x self (below) was grown by Murray and Arni Baker. Stanhopeas have the unusual habit of flowering through the bottom of the pot and for this reason are often grown in wire baskets lined with coconut fibre.



MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (February 2017)**OPEN**

1A	(2)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Guarianthe bowingiana</i>
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Epidendrum ciliare</i>
1B	(2)	1	Malcolm Davis	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome'
		2	Ian Duncan	<i>Cattleya</i> Hawaiian Message
1C	(1)	1	Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Hawkinsara</i> Koolan Sunset 'Hawaii'
1F	(2)	1	Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Encyclia</i> Tropical Bees 'Yellow' x self
		2	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Love Sound 'Dogashima' x <i>Cattleya</i> Cherry Chip 'Blumen Insel'
3B	(1)	1	Rod Pohl	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Henrietta Fujiwara
4B	(1)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium</i> Unknown
4F	(1)	1	Malcolm Davis	<i>Denendrobium caniculatum</i> x <i>Dendrobium</i> Tangerine
5A	(2)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana</i>
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi</i> 'Ching Hua'
5E	(1)	1	Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Doritaenopsis</i> Fuller's Sunset
6D	(4)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Psychopsis</i> Mariposa 'Green Valley'
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Oncidium</i> Sarcanthum
		3	Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Odontioda</i> Trixieroe x <i>Vuylstekeara</i> Moonie Ponds
7A	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Aerides maculosa</i>
7B	(1)	1	Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Ascocenda</i> Mem Sally Vilders x <i>Ascocenda</i> Seans Yudon
10A	(1)	2	Howard Tan	<i>Phragmipedium delassandroi</i>
10B	(5)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Promenaea stapelioides</i>
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulbophyllum hirundinis</i>
		3	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>
11A	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Mem Dick Clements
11B	(4)	1	Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Stanhopea</i> Bellearensis x self
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Promenaea</i> Cachaca
		3	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Catasetum</i> Jumbo Bound
		3	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> Frank Smith

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19 1 1 Jack Krishan *Phalaenopsis* Taisuco Desirous

POPULAR VOTE

OPEN Jack & Betty Rensen *Odontioda* Trixieroe x *Vuylstekeara* Moonie Ponds

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SCHOKMAN TROPHY Ian Duncan *Guarianthe bowingiana* (68 points)
(Laelinae)

JIM GRANTHAM Maxine Godbeer *Phragmipedium* Mem. Dick Clements (70 points)
MEMORIAL TROPHY
(Phragmipedium)

Minutes of the OSWA General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on 24 February 2017

Welcome: Opening at 7.35pm, the President Mrs Kaye Baylis welcomed Members & Visitors

Apologies: As per Register

Adjournment of meeting for AGM: 7.40 pm reopened at 8.00 pm

Minutes: Moved Lynn Brooks, seconded Lina Pacca that the Minutes of the previous (December 2016) meeting be accepted. Carried.

Business arising: None

Confirmation: Moved Tom Seaman, seconded Malcolm Davis that the Business Arising has been resolved. Carried.

Correspondence:

- Neutrog order form received & sent to Members and Anne Le Fevre
- Nikola Willis, re display and plant sales at Waterford Plaza Community Day Thursday April 27th 10am to 4pm
- Neutrog re speakers
- Updated our details with "Directory of Associations"
- Email from Charles Huang (Taiwan) offering phalaenopsis for sale
- Email exchange with Ken Jones and Ros Snook re new associations rules
- Stocklands Riverton re confirmation of Autumn Show & meeting with management
- New Member applications.
- From Mandurah Districts Orchid Club advising Robyn Kyles is secretary
- From Amanda Doruk, requesting a member to give a talk to residents at Arcadia Waters retirement village in Bicton – Lynn Brooks possibly in June.
- Form Little Aussie Directories requesting feedback (Rosemary completed the survey)
- From Brian Newnham, inviting us to participate in Perth Garden Festival, 27-30 April. 3 x 3 m display area \$330 + GST, optional marquee hire \$396+GST. Declined
- Email exchange with Dave Edmonds (Orchidup) to arrange his visit to OSWA May GM .Confirmed.
- WAOS 2017 – Theme "Scarborough Fair" Newsletter Request Area 10 for OSWA Display, confirmed. Schedule of Competition Winners. OSWA to sponsor Laeliinae- confirmed, Photo Competition, Sales Slips, Offer to speak at GM April.
- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about where to buy orchids, meeting dates, etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Business arising: Discussed as presented

Confirmation: Moved Lina Pacca seconded Peter Kissell, that Correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Financial Statement: to 31st January '17

Confirmation: Moved Kirsty Bayliss seconded Ray Taylor, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. Carried.

New Members: Naomi Mondello, Bob Buckleton (to be approved at March Committee Meeting).

Reports: January BBQ at Jim & Kaye Baylis' home – Kaye thanked all those who attended. A wonderful evening & a great way to start the new orchid year. Ray Taylor moved a vote of thanks to the Baylis's

General Business:

- Neutrog Orders- order forms available Orders to be given to Kirsty Bayliss with cash or cheque or direct deposit to OSWA bank account & form to be emailed to Kirsty by Friday 24 March. Orders will be available for pick up from Rosemary's home, 2 Morrish Place, Como on Saturday 29 April.
- Shed Cleanup April 30th McDougal Park, 10.00am start BBQ lunch to follow.
- Waterford Plaza Thursday April 27th '17 10.00am – 4.00pm – more details next GM
- Stocklands Riverton Autumn Show – 10th to 13th May Set up Tuesday 9th May Plant Sales daily
- OJPWA Maxine Godbeer presented WA Orchid Hybrid of the Year to Howard Tan for his paphiopedilum. The Orchid Species of the Year was won by Peter Masters. Congratulations to both Howard & Peter
- Tinonee Orchids – if any members wish to order online, orders can be included in the April shipment Ray Taylor will bring plants to the April GM

Break for popular vote & supper: Wine & Cheese

Raffle: E73 Rosalie McCallum, E78 Lynn Brooks, A58 Carol Willox

Popular Vote: Open: Oda. Trixieroe x Vulv. Moonee Ponds owner Jack & Betty Rensen

Novice/Junior: Phal Taisuco Desirous owner Jack Krishnan

Door Prize: 22 Harry Ashton

Plant Descriptions: Murray Baker, Stanhopia; Maxine Godbeer, Phragmipedium; Courtney Rogasch, Cattleya; Ray Taylor, growing conditions for all the benched plants.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm