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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 24 November, 2017**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

ONCIDINAE  
RAY TAYLOR

**NOVEMBER MEETING DATES:**

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

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**Membership Subscriptions for 2018 are now due.**

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

- (a) directly to Kirsty Bayliss at the November 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.

**Christmas Dinner**

Our Christmas Dinner will be held at Wings Restaurant, RAAF Bullcreek, on Saturday 9 December. Arrive at 6 pm for 6:30 start. Please bring a small gift for the Secret Santa Table. Dinner is \$39 per person, includes soup, roast, and pudding. Payments can be made in person to Kirsty at the November meeting or by cheque or direct debit (see above).

**December Meeting**

The December meeting, our Christmas and Trophy Presentation meeting, will be held on the THIRD Friday (15th December). Please bring a plate to share. Drinks will be provided.

**Birthdays**

**November:** 10<sup>th</sup> George Price, 13<sup>th</sup> Rosalie McCallum, 18<sup>th</sup> Trevor Burnett.

**December:** 5<sup>th</sup> Pauline Chia, 6<sup>th</sup> Val Seaman, 27<sup>th</sup> Maxine Godbeer

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**

Welcome to Richard Gordon, Pauline Chia & Geoff Braid, Colleen Cortenbach, and Jenny McLean. We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

**Bus Driver Needed**

We are fortunate to have access to a minibus (associated with the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre) to transport members on excursions in the metro area, and we have been extra fortunate to have Arnold Godfrey to drive it for us. Unfortunately Arnold will not be able to drive for us in future, so we need a new driver. The requirements are not onerous, just a valid Light Rigid (LR Class) heavy vehicle licence. If you have such a licence, or know of someone who does, and would be willing to drive the bus for us, please contact Rosemary.

**Perlite available.**

Peggy Stacy recently bought a large bag of coarse grade perlite from Garden City Plastics. The bag turned out to be larger than anticipated, so Peggy now has perlite to spare. Perlite is an inorganic porous material that can be used on its own as a potting medium or mixed with pine bark etc. It does not break down, absorbs water easily, and helps to keep potting mix aerated. If you would like to buy some perlite to experiment with, please contact Peggy on 0411427264 or at pstacy575@gmail.com.

**OSWA's next January General Meeting will be in February.**

As is OSWA's tradition, the January General Meeting will be a BBQ at the Baylis Residence. However, since the 4th Friday next January falls on Australia Day, the January GM will be held the following Friday, on **2 February 2017**. More details later.

**The AGM is approaching...**

Our AGM is in February. Please consider nominating for a position. Nominations for Patron, President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Committee Members should be placed by the end of January 2018. Nomination forms will be included in the December and January bulletins and will be available at the general meetings.

### Seedlings for sale

The seedlings that Lynn deflasked at the September meeting are now hardened a bit, and so they will be available for sale (\$5 each) at the November meeting. The seedlings are *Cattleya* Chunyeah x self (photo by Jose Amorin, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/amorin/3124989100>) and *Dendrobium* Larat semi alba/sakda red x sibling. We don't have a photo of *Dendrobium* Larat semi alba/sakda red x sibling, but I'm guessing this orchid is something bred from *Dendrobium bigibbum*. [The flasks came from Bali and *Dendrobium* Larat seems to be an Indonesian name for *Dendrobium phalaenopsis*, which is very closely related to (some say the same as) *Dendrobium bigibbum*.] There is an interesting relevant article by Jim Brydie at [http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/Dendrobium bigibbum Complex.htm](http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/Dendrobium%20bigibbum%20Complex.htm).



### CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017) - notes of the late Henry Eaton.

Although this year has seen a late rainy season and cooler temperatures well into November, the heat is now beginning to arrive with a little more consistency. It is now getting too late to do much more dividing of your *Cattleyas*, but you may still pot some on if they are badly in need of it. They will not be too traumatised provided that the roots are not disturbed too much.

As the weather heats up further, you should assess the degree of shade needed to keep your plants protected. The best indication for this is the colour of the leaves. If the leaves are deep green, then it indicates that they are too shaded, whilst reddening of the leaves means that too much light is hitting the plants. The ideal is to have a greenish yellow leaf colour.

At this time of the year fertilising can be carried out once a week, or every fortnight, with a high nitrogen product. Fertilising is best done the day after the plants have been given a thorough watering to flush out the salts in the mix. Because of the warmth, be on the lookout for caterpillars, scale and mealy bugs that multiply very quickly in these conditions. Treat them as soon as they are identified as this will prevent them causing a big problem.

### PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017) by Trevor Burnett

The *Paphiopedilum* growing season will now be fully in progress. The plants should be producing new roots which will support the new growths which should be developing strongly.

As the sun power is increasing towards summer it is time to consider whether you need to increase the shading required to stop any burning. Generally with our hot conditions, plants may appreciate a little additional shading. Passing your hand over the plants on a bright and sunny day can indicate the amount of shading required. The shadow cast should only be faint.

The plants should not be excessively dark green, as this indicates a lack of sufficient light. Bright light produces the best flowering but if too bright, burning will occur and plants will suffer a setback which will be reflected in the flowering results later in the year. It is also very important to keep up good air movement.

As the plants will be growing strongly now, a weekly application of fertiliser at one quarter to one half strength with a high nitrogen base, will promote good development of the new growths. With the warmer days, I increase my watering to twice a week. Do not crowd your plants in the growing area as plenty of fresh air movement is essential for the good health of your plants.

Once again, with the warmer weather, check your plants and the surrounding area for mealy bugs, ants and other bugs that may decide to move into the cooler conditions of a shade or glass house where greater moisture content is available. It is much easier to get rid of the pest when there are only a few and not let them multiply, which makes the task harder.

### CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017) - notes of the late Roy Brown

Most of the dividing and repotting of our *Cymbidiums* should be completed by now because by the time

we reach the middle of November, the weather pattern will have changed from warm Spring days to hot, dry days with easterly winds. These conditions, of course, are not suited to dividing and repotting our plants. Any pots that were not attended to will be better left until next Autumn.

From November on, with the increase in temperatures, we must increase the watering too. Provided the pots have good drainage, the plants will appreciate having the surrounding area nice and damp all through the summer period.

This is the start of the summer culture, and this means added fertilizing: once a week or fortnightly as you prefer. If you are not too certain as to how much fertilizer you should apply, then always err on the lighter side. It's far better to give the plants two applications of half strength fertilizer than one dose that is too strong. Always remember to give the pots a good watering before you apply the fertilizer, then another good, heavy watering several days later. In the meantime of course, if you have fine misting overhead, then use this to keep the plants' leaves, benches and surrounding areas nice and damp.

During November and December, the sun's rays are increasing and shining more directly overhead each day, and if it should shine through a break in the shade cloth the plants beneath will suffer with badly sunburnt leaves. This will affect the efficiency of the plant in producing the necessary plant sugars. Once plant leaves are burnt, they do not repair themselves and the scar will stay there until the leaf eventually dies.

### **Minutes of the General Meeting of The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.) held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Welcome:** The President, Courtney Rogasch opened the meeting at 7.38pm welcoming visitors, members.

**Apologies:** as per register

**Birthdays: October:** 16<sup>th</sup> Barbara Burnett, 25<sup>th</sup> Liz Gilbert **November:** 10<sup>th</sup> George Price, 18<sup>th</sup> Trevor Burnett.  
Best wishes to anyone celebrating birthdays or anniversaries during October & November

**New Members:** Diana Williams & Mike Choo (Hamilton Hill), Lauren Nicholls (Mt Nasura), Nahiid Stephens (Samson), Aaron Gould (North Beach). All were welcomed into the Society

**Meeting Item:** Brian Klepsig Neutrog Fertilizers. Many thanks to Brian for his very informative talk on the History of the Neutrog Company, the development, manufacturing of & the use of their biological fertilizers which they have developed since 1988 & what new products are available

**Break for tea and popular vote.**

**Minutes:** Moved J Walton, seconded P Kissell, that the Minutes of the September meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

**Business arising:** None

**Correspondence:**

- Cards to Malcolm Davis (get well), Caterina Ottobriano (sympathy)
- Lotterywest Grants Information invitation Fri 10/11/17 10am-12pm, Level 2, 38 Station St, Subiaco
- Little Aussie Directory showing Workshop Ad only in Como edition
- City of S Perth confirmation of bus booking Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – next year see if another member can drive the bus.
- Garden Clubs, calendar for sale, \$10, orders accepted but payment in advance is required.
- Letter of thanks to Floraplant
- Two people have orchids to sell or give away- Joyce Dowsett (Harrisdale) 0418954158
- Manning Senior Citizens – Melbourne Cup Luncheon
- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about where to buy orchids, show and meeting dates, etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

**Confirmation:** Moved V Seaman, seconded M Burgess, that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

**Financial Statement:** presented by K Bayliss.

**Confirmation:** Moved K Bayliss, seconded R Pohl, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

**Reports:**

**Floraplant Trip** Members thoroughly enjoyed being shown through the fully computerised Nursery. Richard explained how the optimum growing & flowering conditions.

**Workshop** Very well attended. Thanks to all the workers, potters, kitchen staff, speakers & sales staff. Also many thanks to those who assisted in setting up, providing plants for the Display & dismantling.

**General Business:**

- Perth Garden Festival 2018 – Set up 11<sup>th</sup> April '18, open 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Open 9am to 4pm. Query availability of staff passes & check with GM if members are willing to man the display. Can have a raffle & advertise memberships, not sell plants

- December General Meeting Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday) Social & Presentation Night
- Membership Fees due 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Suggestion Box: items submitted were considered by Committee & will be adopted where possible

**Raffle:** Lina Pacca, Graham Esmond, Lynn Brooks, Dorothy Walton, Peter Kissell, Lorna Dodd, Carol Willox, Val Seaman, Rod Pohl, White Lynn Brooks, Merril Brechin, Anna Sipieterre, Edna Burgess, Margaret Rathborne, Dawn Rathers, Harry Ashton, Anna Sipieterre. Thanks to Trevor Burnett for the ferns to add to the raffle plants.

**Popular Vote: Open:** Den. chrysotoxum owner Maxine Godbeer

**Novice:** Sarc. hartmanii (Fitzhart?) owner Jack Krishnan

**Badge Prize:** Nahiid Stephens

**Next General Meeting:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November Oncidiums – Ray Taylor

**Next Committee Meeting:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2 Morrish Place, Como

**Meeting Closed** at 9.48pm

### MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (October 2017)

#### OPEN

1A	4	1	R Taylor	C. skinneri oculata alba "Dayana"
		2	M Godbeer	C. intermedia var. orlata "Crown Fox"
		3	M & A Baker	Rhyncholaelia glauca
1B	1	1	R McGrath	C. Lyn Spencer "Cha"
1F	2	1	M & A Baker	C. harrisoniana alba x C. mossiae var wagnerii
		2	M & A Baker	Epicat. Sian Jade "Auo"
2B	1	1	M & A Baker	Cym. pauwelsii (insigne x lowianum)
2D	1	1	C Rogasch	Cym. Sleeping Sharon "Carolyn"
2E	3	1	P Kissell	Cym. Spark Sprite
		2	C Rogasch	Cym. Ken Gorey "A Summer Place"
		3	P Kissell	Cym. Spark Sprite
3C	1	1	P Kissell	Paph. Dominic Carulli
3D	1	1	M & A Baker	Paph Tea For Two "Ken" x Paph Magic Mountain "Colossus"
4A	1	1	M Godbeer	Den. chrysotoxum
5A	1	1	M Godbeer	Phal. mannii
5B	1	1	R Taylor	Phal. Mt Katha Elegance x self
5E	1	1	M & A Baker	Phal. Carmela's Pixie
6A	1	1	M Godbeer	Onc. ascendans
7A	2	1	M Godbeer	Ascocentrum ampullaiceum
		2	T Peeters	Papilionanthe vandarum
7B	1	1	R McGrath	Vanda. Unknown
8B	3	1	T Peeters	Sarc. Hot Ice x Elegance
		2	T Peeters	Sarc. Judith
		3	M Godbeer	Sarc. Pinkhart x Ceciliae
10A	1	1	R Pohl	Phrag. Caudatum x Sib
10B	4	1	P Kissell	Chysis aurea "Casey Jane" HCC/AOC x self
		2	P Kissell	Chysis bractescens
		3	T Peeters	Seripas spp
11B	1	1	C Rogasch	Zga. Freestyle Meadows
12	2	1	R Taylor	Sarc. Kulnura Dragonfly (Elegance x Sweetheart)
		2	R Taylor	Sarc Madge

#### NOVICE

19B	(1)	1	N Kulchytska	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
22B	(1)	1	J Krishnan	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Fitzhart

#### POPULAR VOTE

OPEN: M Godbeer      Den. chrysotoxum

NOVICE: J Krishnan      *Sarcochilus* Fitzhart

**SCHOKMAN TROPHY**  
(*Laelinae*)

R Taylor

*C. skinneri oculata alba* "Dayana"  
(80 points)

**JIM GRANTHAM TROPHY**  
(*Phragmipedium*)

R Pohl

*Phrag. Caudatum* x *sib*  
(73 points)

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