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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 14th December, 2018**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

PRESENTATION NIGHT,
CHRISTMAS SUPPER,
AND SECRET SANTA

JANUARY MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee No meeting

General Meeting 6 pm Friday 25th
(BBQ at the Burnett Residence)

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Birthdays

December: 5th Pauline Chia; 6th Val Seaman, 27th Maxine Godbeer, Howard Tan.

January: 31st John Carless

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.

December Meeting - Secret Santa! Christmas hams!

The December meeting, our Christmas and Trophy Presentation meeting, will be held on the SECOND Friday (14th December). Please bring a plate to share. Drinks will be provided. Also, please bring a gift (< \$10) for the Secret Santa table. If everyone brings a gift, everyone will have something to take home. Also, Caterina will generously donate five Christmas hams to be raffled.

December Meeting - No Sales Table! - But there will still be plants available.

Because there will be a lot going on at the December meeting, the normal sales table will not be operating, so please do not bring in plants for sale. We *will*, however, have some plants available. Harry will be bringing in some seedlings (from the flasks purchased at Itsara, now deflasked) for raffle or for sale to members.

Payments to OSWA / Payments at General Meetings

To make it easier for Kirsty (our Treasurer) to keep track of business at meetings, please:

- bring correct change to pay for your \$1 entry, raffle tickets etc.;
- if you do not have correct change, do not approach Kirsty for assistance, but ask at the Sales Table;
- pay for your annual membership, Neutrog orders, dinners, etc., by direct deposit online if possible.

Your efforts will be much appreciated!

Membership Subscriptions were due on 1 November 2018.

\$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 deposit 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.

The AGM is approaching...

Our AGM is in February. Please consider nominating for a position. Advice in the last bulletin about nominations was not perfect, so here is the correct info. Nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Committee Members should reach the secretary (Murray) by Friday 8 February 2019 (which is 14 days prior to the AGM). Nominations for the position of secretary will be joyfully received. Nomination forms are included at the end of this bulletin and will be available at the December and January general meetings. Being involved in the Committee is a great way to help OSWA and get to know more about OSWA and the WA orchid community.

The Garden Clubs of Australia

The Garden Clubs of Australia (GCA) is proud to promote any club, or activity involving a club, affiliated with GCA. If you want your event promoted, please send us a message to web@gardenclubs.org.au and it will be placed in our Diary Dates page. The GCA also offers insurance cover, a quarterly *Our Gardens* magazine to which you can submit photos on any gardening subject or lodge a Diary Date for an event, annual calendars, photo competitions in five categories with prizes and many other attractions. Please visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/gardenclubsaustralia/>) and/or the website (<https://gardenclubs.org.au>). For further information contact our Zone Coordinator Jacqui Bateman 0424 430 844.

Free Orchids

Occasionally we receive offers of free orchids from members of the public who are no longer able to look after their collections and would like to see their beloved plants go to a good home. If you would like to be contacted when we receive offers of free orchids, just let Murray know. You should be aware that if you accept free plants, you do so at your own risk. Please take care to only add healthy plants to your collection.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (DEC 2018/JAN 2019) - based on notes from Henry Eaton.

When the summer weather eventually arrives, be ready to cope with the hot days (over 35 °C) that will undoubtedly occur. These very hot spells will lead to some retarding of growth while they last. To counter these effects, we need to increase the shading if necessary, to about 70%, and maintain an adequate water supply to the plants. This is one time of the year when watering your plants in the evening may be more helpful than during the day, as this will cool the place down and will increase the humidity.

At this time of the year, fertilising your plants can be undertaken if the temperatures are below 35 °C, but above this level, because of the slowing growth, it would be best to withhold the fertiliser until temperatures fall. Because of the dryness and high temperatures, it would be wiser to avoid repotting and so forth unless we experience a cool spell. The only justification for repotting is if the plant being stressed by being in a decaying mix, as shown by shrivelling of the pseudo bulbs and limpness of the leaves.

Also be on the lookout for plants that could be sunburnt because of gaps in the shade cloth. These, at first, may show reddening of the leaves. Try to attain a state where the leaves on the plants are not dark green but a yellow/green, which indicates adequate exposure to light.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019) by Trevor Burnett.

We will certainly get some hot weather that may be extended over several days, so we need to monitor the conditions and adjust our watering programme accordingly. Ensure the plants have sufficient shade to prevent any burning, as a setback at this stage will definitely affect our flowering season. If you have a mix of pot sizes you will need to ensure that the smaller pots do not dry out completely before watering.

Paphiopedilum development should still be fully in progress with the new growths coming to maturity, ready for the flowering season ahead.

Checklist for this month:

- (a) keep good air movement;
- (b) in the glass house, misting will assist with maintaining humidity;
- (c) weekly fertilizing can continue;
- (d) do not crowd your plants;
- (e) check for pests and treat if necessary;
- (f) keep the growing area clear of dying leaves or other decaying material;
- (g) increase watering to 3 times a week or more often if plants have dried out;
- (h) check all plants to see if there are any signs of stress;
- (i) water in the early morning before the sun is too high.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (DEC 2018/JAN 2019) - based on notes from Roy Brown.

The new seasons leads are well underway now and during the next couple of months the growth will be rapid. Keep your fertilising programs going, either weekly or fortnightly, whichever you prefer. This helps to increase growth and so makes bigger leaf and bulb development, which in turn, will give better flowering next year.

Don't grow your plants under too heavy shade conditions. I recommend that you grow them under 50% shade cloth for flowering size plants. For young seedlings, perhaps a little more shade would suit them better. Allow ample space between pots, don't crowd them all together. Too much shade and overcrowding are probably why some plants don't flower. Overcrowding can also lead to other problems due to restricted air movement, such as fungal outbreaks.

Normally December is too late for dividing and repotting, due to the stress the summer heat will cause to the plants. This year spring has been quite cool, but the summer heat seems to have finally arrived, so any plants that have not been attended to will be better left until next autumn. However, you can always pot on, that is, repot the plant into a larger pot without disturbing the roots. This can be done at any time of the year and won't cause the plant any setback at all.

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

November Guest Speaker: Nado Lenkic (Springfield Orchids)

At his presentation at our November meeting, Nado described how he successfully grows his 10,000 plants, mainly Cymbidiums. After experimenting with various potting media and types of pots, he found he had most success using a mixture of 75% Premium Coco peat & 25% Perlite in Anova pots (which have a little well for water at the bottom). He fertilizes with a good quality slow release fertiliser. When potting on (usually every two years) he adds a sprinkling of calcium (e.g. dolomite). Nado uses quality plant tags (like the ones sold by OSWA). To limit any spread of disease, he uses the plant's own tag to trim leaves, and demonstrated his technique to members. Watering is done every two days in summer, twice a week in Autumn and Spring, and not at all during winter.

Nado's website is www.springfieldorchids.com.au. The website has links to his Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube pages, as well as lots of pictures and some culture notes. The culture notes are a bit hard to find, so here's the link: <https://www.springfieldorchids.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Culture-Notes-1.pdf>

Many thanks to Nado for donating *Cymbidium* 'Hit the Spot' (raffled on the night and won by Merrill Brechin) and *Cymbidium* Star Falls (Sarah Jean x *madidum*, to be raffled at a future meeting).

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 23 November 2018

Welcome: 7.36 pm. **Apologies:** As per Register

Birthdays: November: 10th George Price, 13th Rosalie McCallum, 18th Trevor Burnett.
December: 5th Pauline Chia, 6th Val Seaman, 27th Maxine Godbeer, Howard Tan

Meeting Item: Cymbidium Orchids (Nado Lenkic)

Special Raffle Cymbidium "Hit The Spot" (Donated by Nado Lenkic) was won by Merrill Brechin.

• **Break for popular vote**

Minutes: Moved J Bateman, seconded V Cooper, that the Minutes of the October GM be accepted. Carried.

Business arising: Nil.

Correspondence:

- Email exchange with Bunnings re sausage sizzle
- Email Exchange with Neutrog to advise of new members for Neutrog Welcome Packs
- Lotterywest invitation to Grants info session 19 Nov (RSVP 12 Nov)
- Garden Clubs (invoices for insurance, annual dues, etc)
- Ken Jones, info about OrchidsWA AGM etc
- Responses to general email enquiries from members of the public.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Confirmation: Moved K Bayliss, seconded T Burnett that Correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Financial Statement: Prepared and presented by Kirsty Bayliss.

- Membership subscription to be paid by Direct Deposit if possible.

Confirmation: Moved K Bayliss seconded V Seaman, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. Carried.

New Members: Kristene Northover, Joanne Hill, Yen Tran & Binh Hue, and Ms Keng Leow.

Reports:

- **Itsara** (Harry) -- Flasks: someone will deflask and potted orchids will be raffled and /or sold to members at future meetings.
- **OrchidsWA** (Kirsty) OSWA is now OWA host club. Chairperson Kirsty Bayliss, Secretary Lina Pacca, Treasurer Jacqui Bateman. The President thanked Kirsty for all the groundwork that she did on the OWA Rules.
- **Floraplant Visit** for 2019 to be booked. for June

General Business:

Payments to OSWA / Payments at General Meetings

- To make it easier for Kirsty (our Treasurer) to keep track of business at meetings, members were asked to: bring correct change to pay for \$1 entry, raffle tickets etc.; approach the sales table (not Kirsty) if in need of change; pay annual membership by Direct Deposit if possible.
- **Christmas Meeting:** 2nd Friday in December. Members were asked to bring a gift (< \$10) for Secret Santa, and a plate to share. Caterina to donate 5 hams that will be raffled. **No Sales Table at the Dec. Meeting**
- **Sausage sizzle** to be held at Bunnings Cannington on Sunday 10 March 2019, 7.30 am for 8.00 am start, until 4.00 pm. Confirmation Forms have been submitted. A roster will be available for members to put their names down. We require five members for each time slot.
- **Volunteers to unpack the Trailer** C Rogasch, C Sloan, J & K Baylis
- **Reminder that we need a new Secretary as of the AGM.** Nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer plus at least 5 Committee need to be submitted to the current Secretary 14 days prior to the February AGM. Members to consider volunteering for Committee positions. Forms available on the front desk, online or in the December Bulletin.

- **Phil Chadd** free orchids – a list was circulated for Members to indicate which orchids they would like.

Raffle: Coral Bielby, Margaret Rathbone, Lina Pacca

Popular Vote: Open: *Oncidium leucochilum*, owner Peter Kissell

Novice: *Rhyncovola* (formerly *Brassavola*) David Sander, owner Harry Ashton

Badge Prize: Margaret Rathbone

Interesting Plants: *Cymbidium canaliculatum* (Betty Saul), Laeliinae unknown (Chris Sloan), *Tolumnia* 169 (Harry Ashton).

Next Committee: Friday 7 December

Next General Meeting: Friday 14 December

Meeting closed at: 9.31pm

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (November 2018)

(Note: Plants must have been owned by the grower for at least 6 months prior to entry in Monthly Meetings and Shows)

OPEN

1B	(1)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Rhyncolaeliocattleya</i> Crispin Rosales
1F	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Cattleya</i> unknown
5A	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis manii</i>
6A	(1)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Oncidium leucochilum</i>
6D	(1)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Oncidium</i> Jimbo 'Swarm'
7B	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Vanda</i> Pure Wax 'P.T.'
10B	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulbophyllum echinolabium</i>
11A	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Sorcerer's Apprentice

NOVICE

15E	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Epidendrum</i> Comet Valley 'Yellow Star'
15F	(3)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Rhyncovola</i> David Sander
		2	Harry Ashton	<i>Epidendrum</i> Wayne's Mango
		3	Chris Sloan	<i>Laeliinae</i> unknown
16B	(1)	1	Betty Saul	<i>Cymbidium</i> Little Black Sambo
19B	(1)	1	Margaret Rathbone	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
19D	(2)	1	Lynn Brooks	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
		2	Lynn Brooks	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
19E	(2)	2	Harry Ashton	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
		3	Lauren Nicholls	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Pinlong Cheris
20C	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Tolumnia</i> 169
21B	(2)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Vanda</i> unknown
		2	Harry Ashton	<i>Aranda</i> Jairak White

POPULAR VOTE

OPEN Peter Kissell *Oncidium leucochilum*

NOVICE Harry Ashton *Rhyncovola* David Sander

SCHOKMAN TROPHY (Laeliinae) Howard Tan *Rhyncolaeliocattleya* Crispin Rosales

JIM GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY (Phragmipedium) Maxine Godbeer *Phragmipedium* Sorcerer's Apprentice



Left: Rhyncovola David Sander
(Owner and photographer: Harry Ashton)

Right and below: Oncidium leucochilum
(Owner Peter Kissell, photograph from November 2017)



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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