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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 25th May, 2018**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

DISEASES OF ORCHIDS
KIRSTY BAYLISS

MAY MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 4th

General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 25th

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Jack and Betty Rensen

I personally, as immediate past President, would like to thank Jack and Betty for all their years of service and help to our Society.

Jack and Betty were both very willing workers and I appreciated all their help during shows, displays, workshops, and any other functions that OSWA had on. Jack was my right hand man helping at the show set ups, and I can't thank him enough. Jack was also always there to help load and unload the trailer, with Jim. Thank you Jack for all your help it was very much appreciated by Jim and myself.

We (the members of OSWA) are all very sorry that you both have not been in good health lately and that you have had to resign from the Society.

Myself and members of OSWA wish you both health and happiness and that you continue to enjoy your orchid growing. Orchids do give us so much pleasure.

Thank you both so very much for all that you have done to help me and the Society. We will miss you both at our meetings.

Kaye Baylis
Immediate Past President.
OSWA.

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.

New Members

Welcome to Marjorie and Phillip Howden. We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

Volunteers needed to tow the trailer

After many years of dedicated service, Jim and Kaye Baylis have retired from the job of towing the OSWA trailer from the shed to shows and back. We now urgently need volunteers to take over that important task. The job includes \$50 per show to cover costs of petrol etc. Anyone able to do this towing, please contact Kaye or Courtney.

Some dates to save...

OSWA/Cymbidium Club Joint Winter Display: At the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre. Setup 7 pm on **Friday 6 July**; Display **Saturday 7 July 2018**. More info in the June Bulletin.

Home Visit at Ray Taylor's Property: **Saturday 28 July 2018**. In case it is cold, there will be special home-made soup. More details later.

Christmas Dinner: **Sunday 11 November 2018**, at Itsara Thai Restaurant in Nedlands. The restaurant has excellent food and a special garden area adorned with live orchids. More details later.

Koi Show

OSWA will put on a small display at the annual Koi Show, to be held at Willowpond, 459 Nicholson Rd, Canning Vale, 10 am - 2 pm on Sunday 27 May 2018. We need a few interesting orchids for a display, and a raffle plant. If anyone has an orchid in flower to donate for the raffle, or orchids to loan for the display, or would like to see the Koi Show and help out on the day, please contact Murray or Eric.

For Sale: Eucalyptus oil @ \$3.00 per 100 mL.

Contact Courtney on 0407 049 717 prior to a meeting to arrange.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (MAY/JUNE 2018) based on notes from 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 2018) based on notes from 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 2018) 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.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (April 2018)

OPEN

1B	(5)	1	M Davis	Blc California Girl Orchid Library
		2	R Taylor	Blc. Pink Empress 'Ju-Sen'
		3	R Taylor	Blc. Tribute 'Harry Avins'
1E	(1)	1	R Taylor	C. Porcia
1F	(2)	1	R Pohl	<i>Schombocattleya</i> (Smbc.) Splendid Bow
		2	M Brechin	<i>Guarianthe</i> (Gur.) Hail Storm
3C	(2)	1	R Taylor	Paph. (Gothic Garden x Gavotte Fantasy 4N)
		2	R Taylor	Paph. Angels Delight
4B	(1)	1	R Taylor	Den. (Hot Lips x Kuranda Classic) X Den. (Rinnadi Pink x Kyomi Beauty)
4C	(1)	1	I Duncan	Den. Chela Color's FCA
6D	(3)	1	H Stretch	<i>Ionmesa</i> Popcorn 'Haruri'
		2	H Stretch	<i>Wilsonara</i> Habibi 'Pacific Pleasures'
		3	T Peeters	Bratonia Royal Robe
7A	(1)	1	R Taylor	<i>Aerides quinquevulnera</i>
10B	(1)	1	P Kissell	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i>
11A	(1)	1	R Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium Schroederiae</i>
12	(1)	1	R Taylor	Paph. (Hsinying Art Pie x Laserlight 'Green Centre')

NOVICE

15B	(1)	1	V Cooper	Rlc. Donna Kimura x Rlc, Spring Dawn
15C	(1)	1	G Esmond	Blc. Lois McNeil 'Ace'
15F	(1)	1	G Esmond	Rth. Stockton Sunrise (Rlc. Toshie Aoki 'Robin' x Rth. Pokai Tangerine 'Lea')
20D	(1)	2	J McLean	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby

POPULAR VOTE

OPEN	R Taylor	<i>Aerides quinquevulnera</i>
NOVICE	J McLean	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby

SCHOKMAN TROPHY M Davis Blc California Girl Orchid Library (72 points)
(Laelinae)

**JIM GRANTHAM
MEMORIAL TROPHY** R Taylor *Phragmipedium* Schroederiae (68 points)
(Phragmipedium)

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on 27 April
2018

Welcome: 7:30 pm. Apologies: As per Register

Meeting Item #1: Rosemary McGrath — New Cards. Rosemary explained the use of the new cards for entering plants in shows.

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

Meeting Item #2: Tara Peeters — Naming of Orchids (Orchid Nomenclature) Tara gave an entertaining and informative talk about some of the intricacies of the way orchids are named and the significance of the different parts of names we write on plant tags.

Break for popular vote

President's Address: C Rogasch spoke briefly about general matters and reminded members of the club Library.

Minutes: Moved V Cooper seconded R Pohl that the Minutes of the March meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence:

- CGA Insurance Invoice (NB: members over age 76 not covered for some things now)
- Ken Jones — info for next WAROO meeting
- Tony Watkinson — info about orchid auction on 28 April.
- From associations@dmirs.wa.gov.au re our new rules (received but not checked etc)
- To associations@dmirs.wa.gov.au re our current membership details etc.
- Little Aussie Directory re booking for advert (can advertise potting workshop)
- Two other orchid clubs have asked to join us on our visit to Flora Plant.
- From Ken Jones + Graham Bowden, re ISDW
- From Garden Clubs, insurance invoice (\$171.76, for direct debit)
- Brian Newnham re Perth Garden Festival
- David Edmonds (Orchidup) trying to contact Bridget Seaman
- Crazy Domains (website renewal)
- Alyce Woodrow (OSWA logo and orchid pics re Autumn show)
- Responses to email enquiries from the public about where to buy orchids, show and meeting dates, etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Business arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved R Pohl seconded J McLean, that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: Prepared and presented by K Bayliss.

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

New Members: Stephanie Williamson and Bernard Rowles

Reports:

- **WAROO** (M Baker). Key items at the WAROO meeting on 22 April 2018: Special resolution to change name from WAROO to "Orchids Western Australia" was passed; Cymbidium Club accepted as a member; draft of new rules to be ready for distribution soon; WOC 2023 website discussed (to be set up this year); B Larson and T Watkinson reimbursed for registration fees to promote WOC 2023 at Sydney AOC conference; AOC was to have a special meeting in July to discuss AOC's new rules, T Burnett to represent WA (*meeting has since been cancelled*); Ron Fauntelroy appointed as WA conservation officer appointed; ISDW (1st weekend in August, run by Species Club) will have combined sales table, 10% commission to Species Club; T Watkinson compiling email list for WOC 2023; general generic business. Next WAROO meeting to be held during ISDW (need OSWA delegate, M Baker will be away).
- **Perth Garden Festival** (C Rogasch, M Baker). The event was a big success for OSWA, lots of interest from the public, raffle was profitable, the OSWA stall was well staffed with helpers and many members assisted with setup and pack up. Thank you to all who helped!

General Business:

- Last minute details for the Tropical Colours bus trip were discussed.
- **Shed Cleanup:** Sunday 29th April, at McDougal Park, Como, to start at 2 pm, to be followed by afternoon tea supplied by the Society. L Pacca volunteered to make scones, K Baylis to bring tea and coffee supplies.
- **Neutrog Orders:** Pick up after Sunday 29th April after 1 pm (best: after shed cleanup)
- **Orchid Auction:** Saturday opens 9 am sales from 10 am at 83 Arkana Road Westminster
- **Koi Show:** Latest arrangements discussed.
- **July Display:** Setup from 7 pm Friday 6 July, display Saturday 7 July. We need to advertise the July show/display, especially as NDOS and WJOS have a show the same day. We will need plants for display and for sale, plus people committed to help. Flyers available from Rosemary.
- **2018 "Christmas" Dinner at Itsara** (H Ashton). Latest planning discussed, Sunday 11 November is the date for the event.
- **Ray Taylor Open House:** Ray outlined his proposal for an OSWA home visit to his property, date set as Saturday 28 July.

Raffle: K Borgward collected her prize from the Garden Festival raffle. Monthly meeting raffle winners: G Esmond, S Chafer (x2), I Duncan, D Fathers, J Baylis, M Rathbone, N Kulchytska. Thank you to R Pohl and T Burnett who also were raffle winners but kindly donated their prizes to M Choo and M Howden. Thank you to P Kissel and J&K Baylis who kindly donated two superb raffle plants.

Popular Vote: Open: R Taylor, *Aerides quinquevulnera*. Ray grows this plant in a glasshouse 30 cm from the glass, with white shade cloth and 50% green shade cloth above the glass as protection from the sun. He maintains 70% humidity and fertilises with Strikeback for Orchids Liquid, which helps the plant to maintain strong glossy leaves. **Novice:** J McLean, *Oncidium Sharry Baby*. Jenny obtained this plant as a small division from another club in 2013. The plant has a beautiful chocolatey aroma mid-morning.

Badge Prize: J Krishnan

Phalaenopsis repotting: A member of the public generously donated 25 flowering-size phalaenopsis orchids that many members purchased for an exceptionally good price during the popular vote break. M Baker demonstrated his method for repotting such plants from sphagnum moss into bark, using another phalaenopsis that desperately needed such repotting. M Davis emphasized the importance of removing the spent raceme, so that the repotted plant could devote all its energy to re-establishing itself without wasting energy trying to maintain the raceme.

Next Committee: Friday 4th May. **Next General Meeting:** Friday 25th May (K Bayliss, orchid diseases)

Meeting closed at 9:37 pm.

Results of the OSWA Autumn Show, Stockland Riverton Shopping Centre, May 2018.

Grand Champion	Rhyncholaeliocattleya Sukurayama "First Prize"	Rosemary McGrath
Reserve Champion	Dendrochilum cobbianum	Maxine Godbeer
Champion Laeliinae Alliance	Rhyncholaeliocattleya Sukurayama "First Prize"	Rosemary McGrath
Best Cymbidium	Cymbidium Morialta	George Price
Best Paphiopedilum	Paphiopedilum (Via Quatal x Hsinying Cition)	Peter Kissell
Best Dendrobium (Excl. Aust. Natives)	Dendrobium alexandrae x Dendrobium forbessii "J & L"	Rosemary McGrath
Best Australian Native	Dendrobium bigibbum	Murray & Arni Baker
Best Oncidinae	Howeara Lava Burst "Puanani"	Tom & Val Seaman
Best Vandeae	Vanda Unknown	Peter Kissell
Best Phalaenopsis	Phalaenopsis fasciata	Maxine Godbeer
Best Any Other Genera	Dendrochilum cobbianum	Maxine Godbeer
Best Species	Dendrochilum cobbianum	Maxine Godbeer
Best Specimen	Oncidium flexuosum	Meg Donald
Best Novice Entry	Epicattleya Siam Jade "Ävo"	Lynn Brooks
Best Floral Entry	Arrangement in a container	Meg Donald
Schokman Trophy (Laeliinae)	Rlc. Sukurayama "First Prize" (73.25 points)	Rosemary McGrath

28th Inter-Society Orchid Display & Workshop, 4-5 August 2018

This event is being organised by the Species Orchid Society of WA this year, and planning is well underway. Following last year's highly successful event at Scarborough, WAROO has decided to support this annual event by financially contributing to bring two informative speakers to WA.

Andrea Neissen of **Orquideas del Valle, Cali, Columbia** will be the principal speaker, and is expected to have orchid flasks for sale at the event. **Kevin Western** of South Australia will also be in attendance with orchid flasks and possibly plants as well. **David Edmonds** of **Orchidup** in Walpole is also making the trip to Perth with his wide range of orchids and orchid products.

Although Saturday 4th August is primarily for setting up and judging, there will be workshops/lectures for club/society members on both days, while Sunday will be open to the public 9am until 3pm. There will be a \$5 entry fee for members of the public with children able to enter free. Members of clubs/societies who stage a display will gain free entry to all aspects of the event (but please wear your OSWA badge to gain the free entry).

Sunday will provide an opportunity for all participating clubs/societies (with a display) to sell plants and seek new members. Sale plants should be presented tagged and recorded as per clubs/societies normal process and be presented to the central sales area coordinator for checking before being staged in the sales area. All sales plants will be subject to a 10% sales commission to the Species Orchid Society of WA to assist with the costs associated with staging the event.

To support 28th ISODW the organisers intend to run an advertisement and editorial in "The West Australian Newspaper Habitat Section" in the days leading up to the event, and also on radio gardening programs to promote the event and encourage members of the public to attend, view the displays, participate in the workshops/lectures and to purchase orchids.

The annual dinner will be held on Saturday 4th August 2018 at the Western Australian Golf Club, 60 Hayes Ave, Yokine starting at 7pm (\$65 per person). The menu will be in the June Bulletin. For catering purposes please advise Kirsty no later than 10th July if you plan to attend the dinner. For more info, contact Tony Watkinson, Tony Watkinson, waos@iinet.net.au, 9342 3799.