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The next meeting of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.), including our Annual General Meeting, will be held at the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre on **Friday 23 February 2022**, from 7:30 pm.

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MEETING ITEMS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WINE AND CHEESE

MARCH MEETING DATES

OSWA Committee: Friday 1st

General Meeting: Friday 22nd

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General News

Birthdays:

December: 6th Val Seaman; 22nd Howard Tan; 23rd Cheryl Compagnone; 27th Maxine Godbeer

January: 17th Ann Lam; 23rd Betty Saul; 25th Margaret Rathbone; 31st John Carless

February: 11th Nancie Jones; 14th Laura Herd

March: 2nd Sophie Kostecki; 4th Angeline Ngooi; 9th Richard Gordon; 11th Merril Brechin; 15th Eileen George; 19th John Walton; 24th Raye McIntosh; 26th Kaye Baylis; 26th Peggy Stacy; 26th Arnold Davies

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. To any member on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery and may you soon be well.

Thank you to Ray and Peta Taylor

Thank you to Ray and Peta Taylor for kindly hosting us for our traditional January home visit again this year. All who attended enjoyed fine food, good company, and a tour of Ray's orchid houses. Lots of folks participated in the plant swap and the weather was great too. Well done Ray and Peta!

Our February Meeting will be our AGM.

Please consider nominating for Committee or some other role to help OSWA this year. No special skills are required, just enthusiasm, an interest in the club, and time to attend a committee meeting once a month (usually via Zoom). It is too late to lodge written nominations, but nominations can be made from the floor at the AGM.

Being involved in the Committee is a great way to help OSWA and get to know more about OSWA and the WA orchid community. If you have ideas about where you think OSWA should be headed in the future, what sort of activities it should support, what sorts of club plants it should buy, and so on, the Committee is a good place to begin to make an impact.

Please note that only financial members can vote at the AGM or nominate for any positions. See below about how to pay your annual subscription if you are not financial at this time.

As well as the AGM, the February meeting will have the usual general meeting activities (monthly plant competition, raffles and such) and wine and cheese at the end of the night. Donations of additional snacks will be well received. Also, see below about the special raffle for bringers of donations for supper.

Membership Subscriptions were due on 1 November!

\$26 double, \$21 single. For your convenience OSWA accepts payment by direct deposit (preferred method), cheque, or cash (paid at a general meeting). Direct deposit can be made via electronic banking or at any Westpac branch using the account information below. *If possible, please use direct deposit or cheque, to lessen stress and chaos at the general meetings.*

For direct deposit into 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 or the first 7 digits of your phone number**, to help us identify your payment.

For payment by cheque:

Make cheques payable to The Orchid Society of WA Inc. and bring them to a general meeting or post them to OSWA, 58 Gladstone Rd, Leeming 6149.

Unfortunately there is a cost associated with every member, even those who receive the bulletin by email, so it is important that members pay their subscriptions each year. Members who are unfinancial will likely be dropped from the mailing list soon.

Special raffle for bringers of donations for supper

We all appreciate having a biscuit or a piece of cake or some other delicacy to go with our tea or coffee at the end of a meeting. As a small "thank you" to the kind folk who selflessly give of their time and resources to supply such delicacies at our meetings, we will be having an additional raffle exclusively the bringers of snacks each month. If you bring a plate to share for supper, make yourself known to Harry or Lina to receive your free ticket for this special raffle. Thank you!

No more \$1 entry fee at meetings

OSWA pays an annual fee that gives us access to the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, and on top of that annual fee OSWA pays \$1 per attendee at every meeting we have at the Centre. The Committee has agreed that OSWA will absorb the cost of members' attendance at meetings, so members will no longer have to pay the \$1 entry fee. More money to spend on raffle tickets?

New Members

Welcome to Daniel and Christie-Lee Arnold (Butler). We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

New relaxed meetings

As agreed by members at our December 2023 meeting, we will be trying to remove some of the drudgery from monthly meetings. Please have a think about what sorts of activities you would like added to or removed from the monthly meeting format and pass your thoughts on to a committee member.

Quality Plant Auctions

At the time of printing, no plants had been offered for auction this month, but it is not too late to bring a plant for auction! The "rules" for these auctions: quality plants, preferably large specimens, no commissions taken by OSWA, payment arranged directly between the buyer and the vendor. Please advise Harry before the start of the meeting if you will offer a plant for auction. In auctions at the November and December meetings, Harry offered *Cymbidium* Australian Midnight 'Tinonee' and *Cattleya purpurata*, which were won by Merrill (\$60) and Alan R (\$40) respectively. Kaye B offered *Cymbidium madidum*, which was snapped up by Annette G for \$30, and Ray T offered two specimens of *Cymbidium* Star Falls (Sarah Jean x *madidum*), which were won by Arnold (for \$35) and Murray (for \$30).

Orchids and Orchids Australia magazines

Two of the best reads in the OSWA library are *Orchids*, the monthly magazine from the American Orchid Society, and *Orchids Australia*, the every-second-monthly magazine from the Australian Orchid Council. Both magazines have a good variety of articles ranging from detailed accounts of species and field trips to discussions of pests and diseases and how to treat them, and general interest articles about things like orchids on postage stamps and the history of the vanilla orchid industry. Of course, these magazines can be borrowed by members. See John to borrow a magazine or a book to read.

GENERAL ORCHID CULTURE NOTES FOR BUNURU (APPROX FEBRUARY/MARCH)

The Orchid Society of Western Australia would like to acknowledge that our meetings are held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. Unlike the European calendar, the Noongar people describe the climate of Western Australia's south west as having six seasons guided by what is happening and changing around us, rather than specific 'dates' on a calendar. This approach to describing Perth's climate is helpful for guiding our orchid related jobs for the year. Bunuru (approx. February/March) is the hottest time of the year, although those of us who live near the coast may benefit from afternoon sea breezes.

- ✓ Repotting should be complete by this time of year. Unless emergency circumstances require it, any further repotting should be delayed until late March when we are confident the worst of the hot

weather has past. If 'emergency surgery' is required, try to avoid disturbing the root system as much as possible. Plants in older mix that probably should have been repotted sooner will benefit from application of dolomite lime to help balance the pH and prevent the decomposing media from becoming too acidic.

- ✓ With increasing temperatures, extra shade cloth may need to be applied. Be guided by the colour of your orchids leaves—plants in ideal light will have light green leaves. Leaves that turn yellow or red are receiving too much light, and plants with dark green leaves are producing more chlorophyll to compensate for insufficient light. Ensure any holes/gaps in shade cloth are addressed or plants are likely to be burnt.
- ✓ Most orchids will have new growths well under way by now, so keeping up the fertilizer regime is important. The 'weakly, weekly' approach is a good guide for liquid fertilizer, where 'weakly' usually means quarter to half strength. Slow release pellets can also be used, but some pellets release their contents in a temperature dependent manner and can 'dump' large amounts of fertilizer on hot days. For this reason, it's best not to just apply pellets to the surface of the mix where they receive sunlight, but tap the pot so they settle into the mix a little, and avoid placing them where they have the potential to burn a flush of new root tips. Avoid applying fertilizer during heatwaves as many orchids cannot use the nutrients in heat stress conditions.
- ✓ Remember that fertilizer application needs to go hand in hand with increased watering, especially for newly repotted orchids in a fresh, free draining mix that doesn't hold as much moisture as older mix. Remember to water orchids heavily—water should run through the bottom of the pot to flush out any excess salts. Try to grow plants like bromeliads and groundcovers under the orchids—these will absorb any excess fertilizer runoff, help create a frog friendly environment (insect patrol) and improve humidity in the growing space. Spraying under benches can also help raise humidity in the growing environment.
- ✓ If you have a variety of pot sizes, you will need to ensure that the smaller pots do not dry out too quickly. A simple solution is to double pot, so the final size pots 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 arrangement keeps the smaller pot (and the root system of the plant) cool, and slows the rate at which it dries out.
- ✓ With 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, rather than let them multiply, which makes the task harder. Cockroaches, grasshoppers and caterpillars can also be a problem.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES FOR BUNURU (APPROX FEBRUARY/MARCH)

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. 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 Neutrog's Strike Back for Orchids liquid fertilizer. If you don't have time to apply weak fertilizer frequently, consider using some slow release fertilizer, such as the pellet form of Strike Back. 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 to flower 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.

Summer is also the time when Red Spider Mite and Two Spotted Mite will pose a threat to cymbidiums—they love hot dry conditions with little air movement. 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.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES FOR BUNURU (APPROX FEBRUARY/MARCH)

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.

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. A fertilizer programme will also be needed to provide sufficient nitrogen (N) for growth as well as potassium (K) for maturing those growths. Strike Back for Orchids liquid is a good all-round fertiliser to meet these requirements. 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, also start to look for flowering sheaths or buds appearing on mature, new growths. When spotted, move them into an area free of pests and away from water dripping on them. If moved, make sure the buds point in the same direction they were in before you moved them. Many autumn flowering plants will now be showing buds and sheaths so be on the lookout for them.

http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au/OSWA/Growing_Orchids_files/new%20Cattleya%20Culture%20Notes%20July%202022_1.pdf

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES FOR BUNURU (APPROX FEBRUARY/MARCH)

These are the months when the weather can usually be expected to have some excessively hot days. At this time of the year I water 3 times a week, early in the morning, but may increase in heatwave conditions. 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 has been retained. The mix should be just moist throughout the bottom half of the pot. Some growers may recommend watering on hot evenings, but I avoid this for paphiopedilum orchids. Water left in the axil of the leaves at night only encourages rot and water borne disease. I find if the plants are watered heavily the next morning, they seem to thrive on the fact they have been forced to dry out somewhat overnight.

As the plants are still in active growth, keep a weak fertilizing programme going on a weekly or fortnightly basis, depending on your time constraints, with a 1/4 to 1/2 strength high nitrogen based fertilizer. This is in order to maximize the new growths before the flowering season. Ensure that you flush the mix with water between fertilizing, which will flush out any excess salts. It is equally important that plenty of fresh air, which is essential for the plants' health, is available in the glasshouse. Do not remove any extra shade that you may have installed over the summer months.

http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au/OSWA/Growing_Orchids_files/New%20Paph%20culture%20notes%200July%202022_1.pdf

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Orchid Society of WA (Inc), to be held in the Manning Activity Centre, Manning, on 24th February 2023

The President Lina Pacca declared the meeting open at 7:35 pm, welcoming members & visitors present.

Acceptance of the previous AGM Minutes: Moved Enid C, seconded Allan R that the 2022 minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil.

President's Report: Presented by Lina Pacca

Financial Statement: Financial Statements for the year ended 31st October 2022 were presented by Sheelagh Harman. Moved Sheelagh Harman, seconded Ray Taylor that the Financial Statement be accepted. Carried.

Election of Office Holders: Trevor Burnett appointed as Returning Officer.

President: One nomination received for Lina Pacca.

It was noted that our rules stipulate that a president cannot serve more than 3 consecutive terms, however, part 7 of the Department of Mines Industrial Relations Act 2015 (which regulates incorporated organisations) in respect to COVID 19 advice provides flexibility in the 2020/2021 period due to COVID 19. These years are not required to be considered consecutive terms due to COVID 19 disruption of normal activity (ie. they consider the 3 year terms being broken due to COVID 19). The consecutive terms can therefore be considered 21/22, 22/23, and 23/24.

Nominated by Murray Baker, seconded by Barbara Burnett. Elected unopposed.

Secretary: One nomination received for Harry Ashton

Nominated by Nantha Lingham, seconded by Murray Baker. Elected unopposed.

Treasurer: One nomination received for Sheelagh Harman

Nominated by Lina Pacca, seconded by Kaye Baylis. Elected unopposed.

Vice President: Lynn Brooks continuing as Vice President (1 year remaining on term)

Past President: Courtney Rogasch remains on committee as the past President ex-officio with the same rights as the elected members, no nomination required

Ordinary Committee Members: *(Elected for two-year terms. Management committee determines size of committee; currently no limit on size of committee. Nominees needed to sign declarations as stipulated by the Act.)*

Committee Members Continuing (with 1 year remaining on term, nomination not required)

- Maggie Reisenberger
- Nantha Lingham
- Jacqui Bateman
- Murray Baker

Committee Members Continuing (expiring term, for re-nomination).

- Nomination received for Kaye Baylis Nominated by Lina Pacca, seconded by Enid Chelva. Elected unopposed.

Committee Members newly appointed

- Call for nominations from the floor.
 - Lydia Brazzale nominated by Enid Chelva seconded Ray Taylor, elected unopposed
 - Annette Gelfi nominated by Tara Peeters seconded by Ray Taylor, elected unopposed

The election being concluded, the President returned to the Chair.

Positions for which formal nomination not required:

Patron: Trevor Burnett

OSWA Registrar team: Mal Davis, Enid Chelva and Alan Rowe

Show Marshall: Lynn Brooks

Librarian: John Cain

Sales Table: Jenny M, Betty S, Michelle H

Bulletin Editor: Murray Baker

Social media: Kirsty Bayliss

Auditor: Optional under new rules. To be determined by committee (if needed).

Show committee: Lynn, Keng, Helen; Maxine and Trevor to assist with selecting plants at the ISDW.

Kitchen: Helen to coordinate roster for the kitchen cleanup.

Show Secretary: Merrill Brechin

Raffle/door: Anne, Charmaine

Webpage: Murray Baker

AOC delegate: Trevor Burnett

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8:07pm.

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday November 24th 2023

Welcome: 7:34 **Attendance and Apologies:** as per register

Minutes: Moved Keng L seconded Jacqui B that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Carried.

Presentations/demos: Orchids of Singapore, by Maggie

New member introductions: Keith and Diane, Janet and Renfry, Andrea

Correspondence: Multiple re: Bunnings; Multiple re: Late Flowering Orchid Display; 6/11, to/from Colberne re: rosette order; 9/11, from GCP re: Warehouse Management system; 6/11, from Bentley Pines re: dinner number adjustment; 20/11, from Ken Jones re: confirming attendees of ISODW; 24/11, from GCA Bulletin for 2023.

Business arising from correspondence: Nil

Moved Harry A seconded Alan R that the business arising from correspondence be accepted. Carried.

Reports: Late Flowering Orchid Display

Financial report: Presented by Sheelagh. Moved Sheelagh, seconded Glynn that the financial report be accepted. Carried

General Business:

- **Bunnings-** we will be doing some Garden Club talks at Bunnings Stores!
- **December meeting:** Will be early! December 8th, Loud shirts, Bring a plate, Will have a special club plant
- **Ray Taylor home visit** – Please remember the January meeting is NOT at the Manning hall- it's a home visit at the residence of Ray Taylor who has generously offered to host us.
- **Meeting processes:** Murray raised that it is not a requirement of our rules to have general meetings, and that many of the items do not need to be discussed at general meetings. General membership was in favour of this proceeding with this plan, with no concerns raised. If anyone would like to review correspondence or finance reports in full please let us know as this information will be available.
- **Garden City Plastics:** Murray is placing an order from Garden City Plastics- if anyone would like to participate in this order, please let Murray know.
- **Quality Plant Auctions** – See above in this Bulletin for info.

Raffle: John, Courtney, Katia, Murray, Lisa, James, Glynn, James, Merrill

Door Prize: Lina P

Open popular vote: Merrill Brechin with *Brassia* Eternal Wing 'Summer's Dream' – Merrill got this plant from OSWA about 4 years ago. Merrill says most years it only has 1 spike but this year it has 3, with some buds yet to open. Merrill waters early in the morning on alternate days. It grows under 2 layers of shadecloth and receives Strike Back for Orchid pellets.

Novice popular vote: Linda G with a lovely phalaenopsis hybrid- Linda grows this outside on her patio under polycarbonate sheeting.

Judges Choice: Helen Stretch with *Cattleya purpurata* 'Yugarama Red' 75 points

Best Cymbidium: Alan Rowe with *Cymbidium* Son of Midnight 72 points **Meeting Closed** at 9:24

Notes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday December 7th 2023

Presentations/demos: Christmas Party!

New member introductions: Daniel and Christie-Lee

Reports: Nil

General Business:

- **Ray Taylor home visit** – Please remember the January meeting is NOT at the Manning hall- it's a home visit at the residence of Ray Taylor who has generously offered to host us.

Arrive from 4pm- bring swimming gear (the pool is warm!) Bring a salad or sweet and a chair

- **OSWA Accounts:** OSWA is doing well financially. Here are some ways we are investing in the club:

- 1) There are now DOUBLE the number of raffle prizes at monthly meetings!
- 2) We will be having a special raffle ticket drawn for people who bring food donations/supper.
- 3) The \$1 entry at meetings will be covered by the club.

- **Quality Plant Auctions** – See above in this Bulletin for info.

• **Presentations**

- **Judges Choice at monthly meetings:** **Helen Stretch** December; **Courtney Rogasch** March, April, July; **Ray Taylor** May; **Harry Ashton** February, June, September, November; **Marion McFetridge** October.
- **Roy Brown Trophy** for the highest points across the 11 Judges Choices: **Ray Taylor**.
- **Tom Dixon Trophy** for most points for a *Cymbidium* in the year: **Harry Ashton**.
- **Vera Kennedy Trophy** for most points through benching in the NOVICE division: **Enid Chelva**.
- **George Marshall Trophy** for most points through benching in the OPEN division: **Ray Taylor**.
- In recognitions of contributions to OSWA, **Certificates of Appreciation** were presented to **Brianna Gelfi**, **Jenny McLean**, **Betty Saul**, and **Alan Rowe**, and **Badges of Special Recognition** were presented to **Enid Chelva** and **Sheelagh Harman**. (Details later in this Bulletin.)

Open popular vote: Harry Ashton with *Cattleya purpurata*, a lovely species from Brazil

Novice popular vote: Betty Saul with *Encyclia* Bee's Knees. Betty grows this on a table on her patio under alsinite sheeting. She fertilizes with Strike Back pellets and liquid. Murray appreciated the shininess of the bulbs, but Lynn advised that this just means the plant is hydrated (unlike Murrays?) **Door Prize:** Eric Bateman

Raffle: Kaye B, Annette G, John, Courtney, Arni, Samandika, Annette G, Glynn F, Dawn F, Alan R, Linda

Judges Choice: Harry Ashton with *Cattleya purpurata* semi alba 77 points

Best Cymbidium: Murray B with *Cymbidium* Kuranda 68 points

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (November, 2023)

OPEN

1A	(3)	1	Helen Stretch	<i>Cattleya purpurata</i> 'Yugarama Red'
		2	Harry Ashton	<i>Cattleya purpurata</i> ('Harlequin' x 'Johnny V Good')
		3	Harry Ashton	<i>Cattleya lobate</i> 'Jeni' AM AOS
6B	(1)	1	Merril Brechin	<i>Brassia</i> Eternal Wind 'Summer's Dream'
8A	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Sarcochilus ceciliae</i>
10	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Restrepia trichoglossa</i>

NOVICE

15E	(2)	1	Enid & Laura Chelva	<i>Epidendrum</i> unknown
15F	(2)	1	Enid & Laura Chelva	<i>Cattleya</i> Dellensis 'Violet Eloquence' var. <i>Shostinaria</i>
		2	Dawn Fathers	<i>Encyclia</i> Bees' Knees
16E	(2)	1	Alan Rowe	<i>Cymbidium</i> Son of Midnight
		2	Arnold Davies	<i>Cymbidium</i> Son of Australian Midnight
19B	(1)	1	Keng Leow	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
19D	(1)	1	Keng Leow	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
19E	(1)	2	Linda Gooding	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid
20D	(1)	1	Katia Stefanova	<i>Oncidesa</i> Hwuluduen Chameleon
22A	(1)	1	Arnold Davies	<i>Cymbidium</i> Helen Bannerman

FLORAL ART - no entries

Judges' choice (Roy Brown Trophy)

Cattleya purpurata 'Yugarama Red'
grown by Helen Stretch, 75 Points.

Best cymbidium (Tom Dixon Trophy)

Cymbidium Son of Midnight
grown by Alan Rowe, 72 Points.



Open popular vote

Brassia Eternal Wind 'Summer's Dream'
grown by Merril Brechin

**Novice popular vote**

Phalaenopsis unknown
grown by Linda Gooding

**MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (December, 2023)****OPEN**

1A	(6)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Cattleya purpurata</i> var. (<i>roxo-violeta</i> x <i>werkhauseri</i>)
		1	Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Encyclia hanburyi</i>
		2	Harry Ashton	<i>Cattleya grandis</i>
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Laelia purpurata</i> var. <i>alba</i> 'Beauty x Bride'
		3	Tara Peeters	<i>Laelia tenebrosa</i>
		3	Tara Peeters	<i>Laelia purpurata</i>
1F	(3)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Encyclia</i> Bees' Knees x <i>Encyclia venosum</i>
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Epidendrum</i> ((Pacific Artist x Pacific Sunsplash) x Topaz Special 'Red')
		3	Tara Peeters	<i>Encyclia</i> Bees' Knees
3A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum victoria-regina</i>
3B	(2)	2	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum liemianum</i> x <i>Paphiopedilum hangianum</i>
		3	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum godefroyae album</i> x <i>Paphiopedilum niveum album</i>
3C	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Yi-Ying Morning Sun
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Hsinying Cyber Leopard x Hsinying Book)
4D	(1)	1	Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Dendrobium</i> unknown
6D	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Wilsonara</i> Pacific Passage 'Peach Cobbler'
		2	Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Brassia</i> Rex 'Choice'
7A	(1)	1	Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Renanthera monachica</i>
8A	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Sarcochilus ceciliae</i>
8B	(1)	1	Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Cymbidium</i> Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson'
10B	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Bulbophyllum kubahense</i> 'Georgie'
11B	(2)	1	Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Freestyle Meadows
		2	Harry Ashton	<i>Lycaste</i> x <i>groganii</i>
12	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Epidendrum</i> (Pacific Artist x Pacific Sunsplash) x <i>Epidendrum</i> Topaz Special 'Peachy'

NOVICE

15F	(3)	1	Betty Saul	<i>Encyclia</i> Bees' Knees
		2	Enid & Laura Chelva	<i>Encyclia</i> Bees' Knees
		3	Dawn Fathers	<i>Encyclia</i> Bees' Knees
17B	(1)	1	Jacqui Bateman	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Berenice (<i>philippinense</i> x <i>lowii</i>)
19B	(1)	2	Annette Gelfi	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
19C	(1)	2	Nantha Lingam	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
19D	(1)	1	Alan Rowe	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
20A	(1)	1	Keng Leow	<i>Oncidium</i> <i>sphacelatum</i>
20D	(2)	1	Enid & Laura Chelva	<i>Oncidium</i> unknown
		2	Enid & Laura Chelva	<i>Oncidium</i> unknown
20C	(1)	3	Marian McFetridge	<i>Oncidium</i> Jimbo 'Swarm'
24B	(1)	1	Nantha Lingam	<i>Neobenthamia</i> <i>gracilis</i>

Judges' choice (Roy Brown Trophy): *Cattleya purpurata* var. (*roxo-violeta* x *werkhauseri*),
grown by Harry Ashton, 77 Points

Best cymbidium (Tom Dixon Trophy): *Cymbidium* Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson',
grown by Murray & Arni Baker, 68 Points

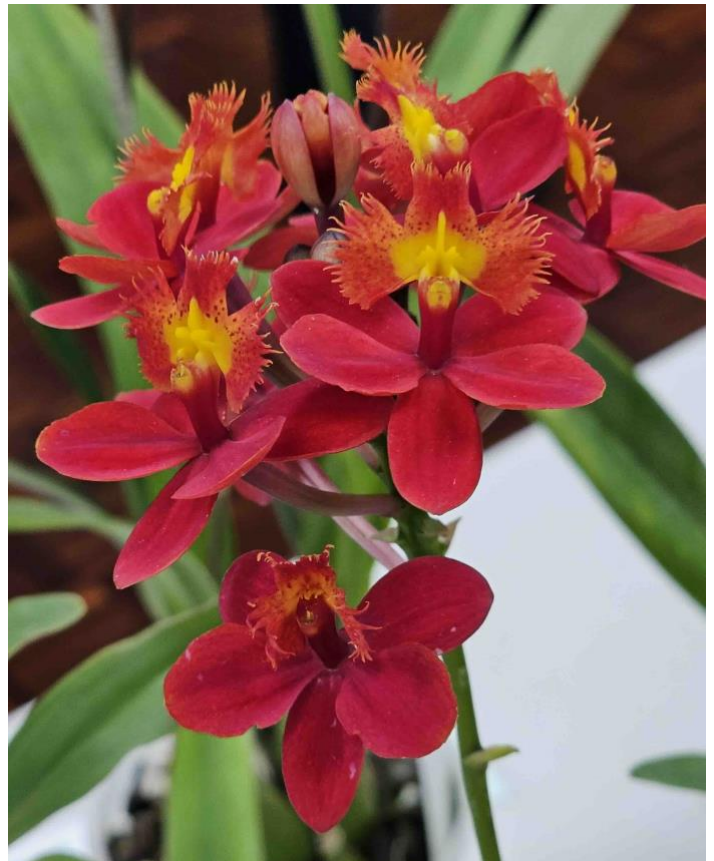
Open popular vote: *Cattleya purpurata* *semi alba*, grown by Harry Ashton

Novice popular vote: *Encyclia* Bees' Knees, grown by Betty Saul

Floral popular vote: No entries.

Novice popular vote
Encyclia Bees' Knees
grown by Betty Saul

Epidendrum (Pacific Artist x Pacific Sunsplash) x
Epidendrum Topaz Special 'Peachy'
grown by Ray Taylor



From the December Meeting – Presentations

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to...

Annette (pictured below with Lina) and **Brianna Gelfi**, the Chief Engineers of the Rocket in OSWA's Display at the ISODW. NASA would be impressed!

Alan Rowe, for his innovative approach to helping with the registrar role (including taking photos of the benched plants for the Bulletin).



Jenny McLean (below left) and **Betty Saul** (below right), for consistently helping out with our monthly sales tables and at events. The sales table we love so much would not be possible without their hard work.



Badges of Special Recognition were presented to Enid and Sheelagh.

Enid Chelva (pictured at right, with Lina) has been our registrar for the last year. This important role involves helping people bench plants in the right classes, recording how many points people accumulate throughout the year, and helping Murray document the benched plants for publication in our bulletin. We're very grateful for Enid's support. Enid also won the **Vera Kennedy Trophy**, for the OSWA member who accumulates the most points through benching in the Novice division. Thank you you and congratulations **Enid!**



Sheelagh Harman has quietly and tirelessly helped out at most (all?) OSWA functions since she joined the Society. Since early 2022, Sheelagh has also served as our Treasurer, carefully managing the monies at all of our shows and other events and keeping our accounts in order.



Trophies and certificates...

Ray Taylor won the **Roy Brown Trophy**, for the grower who achieves the highest Judges Choice score for the year (essentially the OSWA Orchid of the Year) for his *Fredclarkera* After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids'. Ray also won the **George Marshall Trophy**, for the OSWA member who accumulates the most points through benching in the Open division, and the Judges Choice for May. Congratulations Ray!

Harry Ashton won the **Tom Dixon Trophy**, for the grower of the highest points cymbidium in the year, for his *Cymbidium* Kuranda 'Chu Ka Wai'. Harry also won the Judges Choice for February, June, September and November. Congratulations Harry!



Courtney Rogasch won the Judges Choice for March, April, and July. Congratulations Courtney!



Marian McFetridge won the Judges Choice for October. Congratulations Marian!



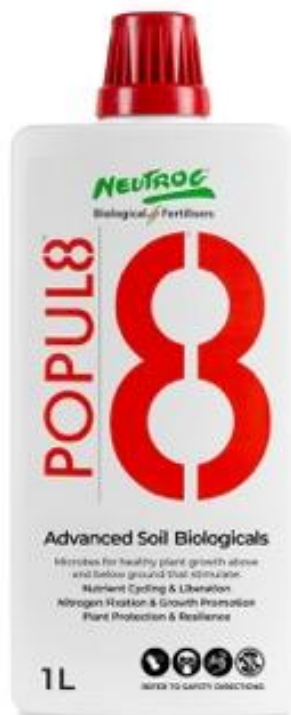
Helen Stretch won the Judges Choice for December. Congratulations Helen!



If there was a certificate for the loudest appearance at the Christmas Party it would have gone to Maggie, pictured here with Tara and Nantha while contemplating popular votes.



Santa (a.k.a Eric, pictured here with Lynn and a rather surprised Enid in the background) made a special appearance at our Christmas party to help with the Secret Santa raffle.



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