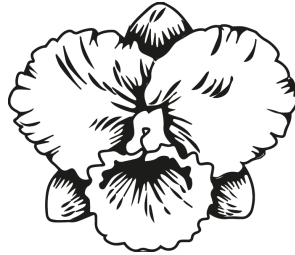


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**NEXT MEETING** of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the **Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 15 December 2017 (yes, it's the THIRD FRIDAY this month)**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

TROPHY PRESENTATION AND  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

**JANUARY MEETING DATES:**

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 12th  
(To discuss new rules.)

General Meeting 6 pm Friday 2nd Feb  
(NOTE: BBQ at the Baylis Residence,  
on the first Friday in FEBRUARY)

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

\$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.

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BSB - 036069

Account Number - 457265

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**December Meeting**

The December meeting, our Christmas and Trophy Presentation meeting, will be held on the THIRD Friday (15th December). There will be the usual plant competition, but the sales table will not be open. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Drinks will be provided.

**Birthdays**

**December:** 5th Pauline Chia, 6th Val Seaman, 27th Maxine Godbeer

**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.

**New Members**

Welcome to Helena and Peter Blackley, Scott Darcy, and Bryan Jenkins. We hope you have many rewarding years ahead in our Society.

**There will be a committee meeting on Friday 12th January 2018, from 7:30 pm.**

Normally the committee does not meet in January but this coming January there will be a committee meeting, so discuss the proposed new rules (constitution) for OSWA. The plan is for new rules to be sent to members in late January, for consideration at the AGM in February.

**Setting up and packing up tables at General Meetings**

The beginning and end of general meetings are hectic times. If any members who could assist with setting up tables before the start of the meetings and packing away the tables at the end of the meetings, your efforts would be much appreciated.

**OSWA's January 2018 General Meeting will be held on Friday 2 February 2018.**

OSWA's "January meeting" will be a BBQ at the home of Jim and Kaye Baylis, 18 Wheyland Street (corner with Caple Street) Willagee, on Friday **2 February 2018**, from 6.00 pm. Phone 9337 6210. Bring your own drinks and meat, and bring a salad or sweet to share. There won't be a plant competition but please bring along any unusual plants to show. Extra chairs would also help. This is a wonderful way to start the new year of orchid growing. There will be a raffle, so if you have a spare plant to donate, please bring it along, so that perhaps we can all go home with a new plant.

**The AGM will be held on Friday 23 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 are included at the end of this bulletin and will be available at the December and January general meetings. The nomination forms now include a declaration that nominees must sign, which is required by WA state law.

**Wanted: *Cycnodes* Wine Delight.**

New member Scott Darcy is looking for a decent-sized *Cycnodes* Wine Delight. If anyone has a plant or piece they are willing to sell, please contact Scott (ScottTay\_18@hotmail.com).

**Perlite available.**

Peggy Stacy has perlite to spare. If you would like to buy some, please contact Peggy on 0411427264 or at pstacy575@gmail.com.

**21st AOC Conference, South Windsor NSW, 18-22 July 2018**

Early Bird registration closes on 31st December. Fill in your registration form at:

<http://aocc2018.orchidsocietynew.com.au/registrations.html>, or download the form and post it in.

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**CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (DEC 2017/JAN 2018) - notes of the late 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 2017/JANUARY 2018) 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 (DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018) - notes of the late 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.

**Minutes of the General Meeting of The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.) held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Welcome:** The President, Courtney Rogasch opened the meeting at 7.35pm welcoming visitors, members.

**Apologies:** as per register.

**Birthdays: November:** 10<sup>th</sup> George Price, 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 celebrating birthdays or anniversaries during November & December.

**New Members:** Pauline Chia & Geoff Braid (Kensington), Colleen Cortenbach (Willagee), Jenny McLean (Kensington), Richard Gordon (Hilton)

**Meeting Item:** Oncidinae – Ray Taylor gave various tips on how to grow these orchids successfully. He prefers to not overpot them as they prefer to be restricted in 9-12mm bark. Spray with fungicide every few months (first rains & then again in Spring) & use snail pellets to curb snails & slugs When flowering if the bulbs start to shrivel remove spike immediately. Every member has their own choice of fertilizer & pest repellent. Thanks Ray for talking to us & for bringing along such varied & healthy plants from these genera.

**Cattleya & Dendrobium Deflasked seedlings for sale:** Cattleya Chunyeah x self seedlings \$2 per plant – line up to pay & select a number to choose a plant. Thanks to Lynn for growing these on.

**Break for tea and popular vote**

**Minutes:** Moved R McCallum, seconded R Pohl that the Minutes of the October meeting be accepted. Carried.

**Business arising:** None

**Correspondence:**

- Phone call from Betty & Jack Rensen re unable to continue Membership. Betty wished all members a wonderful Christmas & New Year. We wish to thank both Jack & Betty for all the years of service that they have contributed to the success of OSWA. We are sorry to see you leave & will be thinking of you this Christmas.
- Garden from Clubs, calendar for sale, \$10, orders accepted but payment in advance is required.
- Email Meg Donald re thanks to Arnold for driving the bus
- Orchid Auction NDOS 27<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm Alf Faulkner Hall
- Confirmation of participation Perth Garden Festival 12-15 April '18 Open 9am to 4pm. Staff passes are available. Can have a raffle & advertise memberships, not sell plants
- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about where to buy orchids, meeting dates, etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

**Confirmation:** Moved Ray Taylor, seconded Merrill Brechin, that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

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

**Confirmation:** Moved Kirsty Bayliss, seconded Peter Kissell, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

**General Business:**

- Remuneration for services rendered by Treasurer & Secretary – GM decided amount of \$400 to be paid to the Treasurer & Secretary. Moved Ray Taylor, seconded John Walton, Carried
- Christmas Dinner Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6pm \$39 pp at Wings Restaurant RAAF Bullcreek
- Membership Fees were due 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Bus Driver need LR Class Licence 3 Members offered to maybe assist
- Nominations for Patron, President, Secretary, Treasurer & Committee Members. Secretary does not wish to seek re election

**Raffle:** Jack Krishnan, Des de Villiers, Sue Chafer, Bryan Jenkins, Edna Burgess

**Popular Vote: Open:** Beallara Dreamy "Kool n Kinky", owner Peter Kissell

**Novice:** Brassavola David Sandler, owner Harry Ashton

**Badge Prize:** Chris Sloan

**Light bulb snippets & Plant Descriptions:** Samples of leaves with insect damage or possible virus were shown.

**Suggestion Box:** Many thanks to those who left suggestions they will be discussed at the Committee Meeting

**Christmas Dinner:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6pm at the RAAF Wings Restaurant

**Next General Meeting:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas & Trophy Presentation Night – please bring a plate of food to share There will not be a Sales Table operating, but there will be a Plant Competition.

**Meeting Closed** at 9.35 pm

## MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (November 2017)

## OPEN

1C	(1)	1	I Duncan	<i>Rhyncholaelia</i> Haw Yuan Bay "Sunset"
1F	(3)	1	I Duncan	<i>Epidendrum</i> Star Valley "Lakeview"
		2	R Pohl	<i>Epidendrum</i> Comet Valley "Yellow Star"
		3	M & A Baker	<i>Encyclia</i> Green Hornet
5A	(1)	1	M Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis mannii</i>
5B	(2)	1	A & M Davis	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Unknown
		2	R McGrath	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Unknown
5E	(1)	1	A & M Davis	<i>Doritaenopsis</i> Strawberry Gem "Semi Alba" x <i>Doritaenopsis</i> Sogo Vivien
6A	(3)	1	P Kissell	<i>Oncidium leucochilum</i>
		2	M Godbeer	<i>Oncidium stramineum</i>
		3	A & M Daviis	<i>Oncidium robustissimam</i>
6D	(5)	1	P Kissell	<i>Oncidium</i> Pacific
		2	I Duncan	<i>Oncidium</i> Heaven Scent "Redolence"
		3	T Peeters	<i>Oncidium</i> Bittersweet
8A	(1)	1	M Godbeer	<i>Dendrobium wassellii</i>
10B	(4)	1	I Duncan	<i>Ansellia africana</i> "Tinonee" x <i>Ansellia africana</i> "Yondi Giant"
		2	M Godbeer	<i>Bulbophyllum echinolabium</i>
		3	T Peeters	<i>Coelogyne nitida</i>
11A	(1)	1	R Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Schroderae "Pop Butler"
12	(2)	1	R Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium d'alessandroi</i> "Orange Glow" x <i>Phragmipedium longifolium</i> "Black as Night"
		2	T Peeters	<i>Vanda</i> Pink Fairy

## NOVICE

15F	(1)	1	H Ashton	<i>Brassavola</i> David Sandler
19C	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	Phal. Unknown
19E	(1)	1	N Kulchytska	Phal. Unknown
20D	(1)	1	J McLean	Den. Winter Wonderland "White Fairy"

## POPULAR VOTE

OPEN: P Kissell *Beallara* Dreamy "Kool n Kinky"NOVICE: H Ashton *Brassavola* David SandlerSCHOKMAN TROPHY  
(*Laelinae*)I Duncan *Rhyncholaelia* Haw Yuan Bay "Sunset"  
(71 points)JIM GRANTHAM TROPHY  
(*Phragmipedium*)R Taylor *Phrag. (d'alessandroi* "Orange Glow"  
*longifolium* "Black as Night") (71 points)

*A very Happy Festive Season to all members*

*May you all enjoy the Christmas and New Year festivities.*

*Drive safely, remain well, and enjoy 2018.*

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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.....

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