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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 23rd November, 2018**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

GROWING CYMBIDIUMS
NADO LENKIC (SPRINGFIELD ORCHIDS)

DECEMBER MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 7th
General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 14th
(NOTE: The Second Friday!)

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Vale Fred Herbert

Aged 92, passed away 17th October 2018.

Fred was a Life Member of the Orchid Society of W.A. (Inc.) since 2001.

Fred and his wife Jean joined OSWA in March 1983. Both were great assets to our Society. Fred and Jean at one stage belonged to five Societies. They travelled to Orchid Conferences even though Fred didn't like the travel. But once bitten by the Orchid bug it is hard not to follow the Conferences and Shows.

Fred was always first in line to help at any function. After Jean (who was also a Life Member) passed away in 2010, Fred would still help out and attend functions whenever he could.

Fred was a great Cymbidium grower and also fully supported his wife, Jean with her passion with her love of Paphiopedilums.

Freddie (my pet name for Fred) was a great help, and support, in the times that I was President and in between. Thank you Freddie.

Now Fred is growing all those orchids that we send to Orchid Heaven, with his wife Jean and a lot of our Orchid friends. We have to keep them all busy.

Fred you will be sadly missed by all your family, friends and the Orchid fraternity.

Our loss is heaven's gain. A fine gentleman at rest and re-united with his beloved Jean.

Kaye Baylis

Birthdays

November: 10th George Price, 13th Rosalie McCallum, 18th Trevor Burnett.

December: 5th Pauline Chia, 6th Val Seaman, 27th 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.

Flasks from Itsara

Members fortunate enough to attend the Christmas Dinner at Itsara Restaurant will have seen the flasks for sale there. These flasks were produced by Akin Orchids (a local orchid culture lab) and contained three or so quite large and healthy plants. OSWA has purchased a number of flasks; the plants will be deflasked and made available to members in due course. For anyone interested in buying their own flasks, Akin Orchids sells on eBay:

https://www.ebay.com.au/usr/akinorchids?_trksid=p2047675.l2559

Flasks currently available are mostly vandaceous (including several differently-coloured varieties of *Rhynchostylis gigantea* and some very showy hybrid vandas) and a few dendrobiums.



December Meeting - Secret Santa!

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 (< \$20) for the Secret Santa table. If everyone brings a gift, everyone will have something to take home.

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 22 January 2019 (one month before 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.

New Members

Welcome to Keng Leow, Yen Tran, Hue Binh, Joanne Hill, and Kristene Northover. We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

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.

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.

For Sale: Eucalyptus oil @ \$8.00 per 100 mL.

Courtney recommends a spray made from 10 mL eucalyptus oil + 500 mL water + 500 mL methylated spirits to control mealy bug and scale. Contact Courtney on 0407 049 717 prior to a meeting to arrange purchase

This Month's Visiting Speaker: Nado Lenkic (Springfield Orchids)

Nado will be our guest speaker at the November general meeting. He specialises in Cymbidiums, does his own breeding, and has had much success using coco peat as a potting medium in Anova pots.

For the OSWA meeting, Nado will bring along some 5 kg Coco Peat blocks @ \$15 each, 12 month slow release Nutricote fertiliser @ \$8, and 200mm (8") water saving Anova pots @ \$1.50. He will only bring plants if members request them. What's available can be found on Nado's website: www.springfieldorchids.com.au. Members can ring Nado on 9293 3196 for any orders.

At the meeting, we will also be drawing the raffle for the plant *Cymbidium* Hit the Spot that Nado donated to OSWA during our club visit to his nursery in October.



Cymbidium Hit the Spot

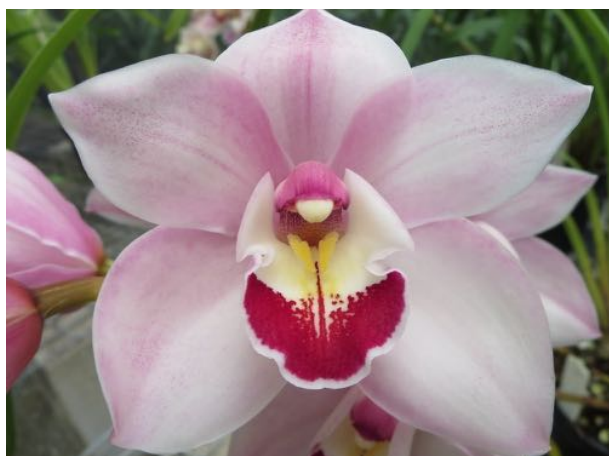


Cymbidium (Khan Flame x Butterfly Magic) 4n seedling



Cymbidium Coastline 4n seedling

More of Nado's Cymbidiums



Cymbidium Desirable 4n seedling



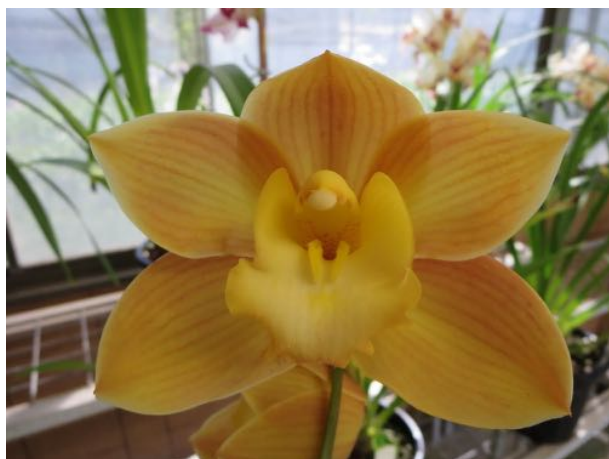
Cymbidium Star Falls 4n seedling



Cymbidium Toltrice 4n seedling



Cymbidium Toltrice 4n seedling #2



Cymbidium West Coast 4n seedling



Cymbidium Willunga Regal 4n seedling

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018) - based on notes from Henry Eaton.

Although this year has seen a mild spring 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 2018) by Trevor Burnett

The Paphiopedilum growing season will now be fully in progress. The plants should be producing new roots that 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 2018) - based on notes from 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.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 26 October 2018

Welcome: 7:35 pm (K Baylis chairing in absence of C Rogasch).

Apologies: As per Register

Minute's Silence — Fred Herbert

Birthdays: **October:** 16th Barbara Burnett. **November:** 10th George Price, 18th Trevor Burnett.

Meeting Item: Slipper Orchids (Trevor Burnett). Trevor kindly donated 18 paphs of his own breeding, which were raffled (free tickets, one per person, each winner received a plant for \$2)

Break for popular vote

Minutes: Moved R McGrath seconded L Brooks that the Minutes of the September General Meeting be accepted. Carried.

Business arising: Nil.

Correspondence:

- To Coralie Hills, re directors' liability insurance
- Kaye Baylis contacted Faye from "Let's talk Gardening" (Curtin Radio) to arrange promotion of potting workshop on the preceding Saturday.
- Brian Klepzig re WhoFlungDung (baling problem, product should be available again late November or December) and pricing for 20 L drums of Strike Back Liquid (\$125 including GST).
- Garden Clubs: Annual Report.
- Email exchange with Main Roads, re some social media posts (resolved: was nothing to do with OSWA)
- From Garden City Plastics, advising 3.5% price rise on orders due for delivery from 15 October. All products excluding plant protection chemicals and fertilisers
- From Ken Jones, info about special general meeting of OWA to discuss draft rules (see attachments), and later email indicating revised agenda for OWA AGM that is in accord with current rules and does not include adoption of new rules.
- Email Exchange with The West re advertising for Potting Workshop (Lina).
- Email/phone exchange with Tim, re donation to OSWA (Kirsty)

Confirmation: Moved R Taylor seconded M Rathbone that Correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Financial Statement: Prepared and presented by K Bayliss. A generous donation from Biodiversity Protection WA Inc was noted.

Confirmation: Moved Ray seconded Lynn, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment be endorsed. Carried.

New Members: Five applications have been received and will be confirmed at the next committee meeting. Yen Tran was welcomed.

Reports:

- **Springfield Orchids Visit:** Nado donated a plant of his own breeding, Cymbidium Hit the Spot. 4N plant, registered, to be raffled to OSWA members. The eventual owner will be able to give it a clonal name. Raffle tickets \$1.
- **Carless home visit:** The weather was lousy but it the Carlesses were great hosts and it was a great day for members who braved the weather to attend.
- **Potting Workshop:** Another great event. Thank you to all helpers/potters/speakers. The quality and variety of plants on the sales table was fantastic. The ad in The West was excellent (Lina) and other advertising was on Curtin Radio (Kaye), The Little Aussie Directory (Rosemary), and Facebook (Kirsty).
- **Image wear:** Possible OSWA jackets and polo shirts were shown. Members voted for light blue as the third colour option (along with standard choices of black or white). Prices: fleecy jacket with zip pockets \$40; vest with zip pockets \$36; hoodie \$36; polo shirt \$30; polo shirt with pocket \$35. Members were advised that at shows etc, members should wear badges and/or OSWA image wear as a security measure, to lessen the likelihood of a member of the public wandering off with a plant or two when displays are being packed up.

General Business:

- **Christmas Dinner at Itsara** — sign-up sheet circulated.
- **Plant descriptions:** Brief plant descriptions presented by Ray, Tara, Harry, Jenny.

Raffle: Y Tran, M Rathbone, T Burnett, L Pacca, B Saul, L Waters, H Stretch. Thank you to J Baylis and C Ottobriano for donation of extra raffle plants and R Taylor for donation of magazines for raffle.

Popular Vote: **Open,** *Lycaste lasioglossa*, owner Trevor. **Novice,** *Cymbidium* Cricket, owner Jacqui.

Badge Prize: Silvana

Next Committee: Friday 2 November **Next General Meeting:** Friday 23 November

Meeting closed at 9:28 pm

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (October 2018)

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

OPEN

2B	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Cymbidium</i> Pee Wee (<i>pumilum</i> x <i>madidum</i>)
3A	(1)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>delenatii</i>
3B	(2)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Fumi Delight (<i>micranthum</i> x <i>armeniacum</i>)
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Wossner Vollmond (<i>armeniacum</i> x <i>niveum</i>)
3C	(3)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hsinying Art Pie x Laserlight 'Keely'
		2	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Prime Child x <i>armeniacum</i>
		3	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Gold Dollar 'Tetraria' x Verde Oro
4E	(2)	1	Trevor Burnett	<i>Dendrobium</i> Pink Doll
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium</i> Mild Yumi Lotus x self
5C	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> OX Happy Girl
6D	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Aliceara</i> Snowblind 'Sweet Spots'
7A	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Aerangis</i> <i>fuscata</i>
8A	(1)	2	Ray Taylor	<i>Sarcochilus</i> <i>hartmanii</i> 'Gold Drop' x <i>hartmanii</i> 'Gold Spot'
8B	(3)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Maria
		2	Helen Stretch	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Kulnura Festival 'Flash' x Kulnura Spice 'Blood'
		3	Ray Taylor	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Kulnura Festival x Bunyip
10B	(1)	1	Trevor Burnett	<i>Lycase</i> <i>lasioglossa</i>
11A	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Don Wimber 4N
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> <i>dalessandroi</i> 'Orange Glow' x <i>longifolium</i> 'Black as night'
12	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Bonanza 'BP' x Sweetheart 'Speckles'

NOVICE

15A	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Guarianthe</i> <i>aurantiaca</i> 'SVO Spots' x Mishima Spots'
15B	(1)	1	Valerie Cooper	<i>Brassolaeliacattleya</i> Donde Michaels x Peggy Hoffman
15F	(3)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Epidendrum</i> Comet Valley 'Yellow Star'
		2	Harry Ashton	<i>Epidendrum</i> unknown
		3	Margaret Rathbone	<i>Laelia</i> unknown
16E	(1)	1	Jacqui Bateman	<i>Cymbidium</i> Cricket
17E	(1)	1	Kirsty Bayliss	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Puppentanz (<i>haynaldianum</i> x <i>kolopakingii</i>)
18E	(1)	1	Graham Esmond	<i>Dendrobium</i> Lady Colman x Queen of Gatton 'Gertrude Fiedler'
19C	(1)	2	Margaret Rathbone	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
19E	(2)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
		2	Margaret Rathbone	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
20D	(2)	1	Jenny McLean	<i>Ionmesa</i> Popcorn
		2	Jenny McLean	<i>Degarmoara</i> White Wonderland 'White Fairy'
21B	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Vanda</i> unknown
22B	(2)	1	Jenny McLean	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Sunray 'Palest Apricot' x Kulnara 'Golden Eye'
		2	Jenny McLean	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Sparkles 'Sparkles'

- 24B (1) 1 Lynn Brooks *Ansellia africana*
 25B (1) 1 Jenny McLean *Zygopetalum* Volcano Queen 'Tropic House'

POPULAR VOTE

- | | | |
|--|----------------|---|
| OPEN | Trevor Burnett | <i>Lycaste lasioglossa</i> |
| NOVICE | Jacqui Bateman | <i>Cymbidium</i> Cricket |
| SCHOKMAN TROPHY
(Laeliinae) | Harry Ashton | <i>Guarianthe aurantiaca</i> (71 points) |
| JIM GRANTHAM
MEMORIAL TROPHY
(Phragmipedium) | Ray Taylor | <i>Phragmipedium</i> Don Wimber (74 points) |
| RICHARD NICHOLS
TROPHY (Lycaste) | Trevor Burnett | <i>Lycaste lasioglossa</i> (73 points) |

Notable exhibits at our October meeting...



Tara spoke about the variety of *Sarcochilus* orchids



Lycaste lasioglossa (Trevor Burnett)



Phragmipedium Don Wimber
(Ray Taylor)



Cymbidium Cricket
(Jacqui Bateman)



Guarianthe aurantiaca
(Harry Ashton)

And some notable exhibits at our September meeting...



Pleione Versailles Buckleberry (Lynn Brooks)
This plant was display-only.



Fredclarkeara After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' FCC (Ian Duncan).
It's not just a bad photo, the flower is *really* dark.

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
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