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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 22nd February, commencing at 7:30 pm.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AND

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

MARCH MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7 pm Friday 1st

General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 22nd

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Birthdays

February: 7th Jim Baylis; 11th Nancie Jones.

March: 11th Merrilyn Brechin; John Walton; 24th Raye McIntosh; 25th Lorna Dodd;
26th Kaye Baylis, Peggy Stacey.

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.

February's monthly meeting includes OSWA's 2019 AGM

Please consider nominating for committee or some other role to help OSWA this year. If you would like to nominate but have not lodged a nomination form, do not fret! Nominations can be made from the floor at the AGM if insufficient nominations have been received for a particular position. Nominees are required by WA state law to sign a declaration (included with in the January bulletin).

As well as the AGM, we will have the usual general meeting activities (monthly plant competition, raffles and such) and wine and cheese at the end of the night.

Thank you to ...

Thank you to Trevor and Barbara Burnett for opening up their home for a BBQ for OSWA's January General meeting. All who attended enjoyed good company and fine food in the ambience of Trevor and Barbara's new outdoor entertainment area, and got to peek at Trevor's orchid collection. Thanks also to Pasquale Ottobriano who kindly donated (and cooked!) sausages for the BBQ.

Membership Subscriptions for 2019 are now overdue.

\$26 double, \$21 single. For your convenience OSWA can accept payment by three methods:

- (a) directly to Kirsty Bayliss at a general 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.

Bank - Westpac Bank, Booragoon, WA

BSB - 036069 Account Number - 457265

Reference - please use your name, to help us identify your payment.

Unfortunately, we cannot carry un-financial members. ***If you have not paid your subscription for 2019, this is the last bulletin that you will receive.***

Lynn Brooks Home Open.

Sunday 17 March, 10 am - 2 pm. Unit 1, 72 Hardey Road, Belmont. Please bring a plate to share (cold meat, salad, sandwiches, sweets, etc., Note: no BBQ) and a chair. If you've been paying attention at meetings, you will know that Lynn has some excellent orchids and is managing to grow them successfully in a relatively small area, so this should be an interesting home visit for members with limited space for their plants.

Neutrog Bulk Order. Order forms due at this Friday's meeting, 22 February.

An order form accompanies this bulletin. Orders are due at Friday's meeting, for collection on 17 March, from Rosemary McGrath, 2 Morrish Place, Como, after 2:30 pm (so you can pick it up on your way home from Lynn's home open).

If you paid for Who Flung Dung at our last bulk order, it will come with this delivery. If you were at our meeting for Brian Klepzig's talk last August and signed the attendance book, your complimentary bale of Who Flung Dung will also come with this delivery. Of course, you are free to order more.

The liquid fertilisers, including Strike Back for Orchids Liquid, are now available in 5 litre containers, which are more economical than the 1 litre sizes. If you go through litres and litres of liquid fertiliser, the Neutrog liquids are also available in 20 litre containers, for \$125. This large size is not on the price list. If you want the large size, write something like "1 x 20 L" (or whatever number you want) in the "Number of items" column, and put the appropriate amount in the "Total" column (\$125 x the number of 20 L containers you want) and we will arrange for your purchase.

The Inaugural OSWA Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

We will have a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Cannington, on Sunday 10 March 2019, from 7 am until 4 pm. Judging by experiences at other clubs, this will be an excellent fundraising event for OSWA. We will need several members to be on duty at the sausage sizzle at all times, so if you can assist for even just an hour or two during the day, that would be great. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February general meeting, and free hot dogs and drinks to helpers on the day.

Perth Garden Festival.

We will have a stall at Perth Garden Festival again this year. Setup Wednesday 10 April, open to the public Thursday 11 April - Sunday 14 April 2019. Those of you who were involved last year will remember what a successful and enjoyable activity this was, with lots of interest from the public and lots of stuff for members to see and do at the festival. Again, we will need members to help set up and maintain our stall during the Festival. Helpers who do a shift of a few hours at the OSWA stall will have free entry to the Festival. See perthgardenfestival.com. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February general meeting.

Be a Guest Speaker

A few times a year, community groups, Bunnings, etc., ask us for someone to give a talk about orchids to their particular group. These talks do not require great skill or knowledge about orchids, just enthusiasm and the ability to chat, and maybe a few plants or potting tricks to show off. Talks are also an opportunity to meet new people and promote interest in orchids and OSWA. Anyone interested in giving a talk, please let Murray know and he will add you to the list of possible speakers.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (FEB-MAR 2019) based on notes from Roy Brown

These are usually very hot months, with the temperatures in the high 30s or low 40s, so regular use of the sprinklers is an absolute must. Create as much humidity as possible, keeping the pots and the area around your plants as damp as possible. It's my opinion the next month or two are the most important ones for the successful flowering of cymbidiums. **THE NEW GROWTHS MUST BE KEPT GROWING, SO THEY WILL BULB UP IN TIME TO PRODUCE THEIR FLOWER SPIKES.** To do this they will need as much light as they can take without actual burning of the leaves, and plenty of fertilizer and water. For those who grow their plants under 50% shade cloth, you will find the plant's leaves have become a yellowy-green colour. This is mainly because of the bright light we experience here in WA, the skies being cloudless during the summer months. Provided the bulbs are nice and plump and the plants are healthy, this yellowing is a good sign that the plants should flower this season. A plant grown under too heavy shade conditions will have dark green, lush foliage and will not produce as many spikes of flowers as one that has been grown under bright sunlight. If you find your plants are troubled with red spider mite, thrips, scale etc. then give them a spray with insecticide. It's during the next couple of months that the flower spikes are produced, and it is a good idea to have the plants free from all insect pests well in advance, so no harm will come to the young flower spikes when they emerge.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (FEB-MAR 2019) based on notes from Henry Eaton

February and March are usually the hottest months in the year for us in the West. This means keeping up with the cultural practices employed in the summer, mainly shading the plants and providing sufficient moisture and fertilizer to them. Beware though, that Cattleyas, by and large, benefit from alternating dry and wet periods. This means not watering them unless loss of weight of the potted plant indicates that water is needed. I was reminded of this when, recently, I had to repot a plant that was growing out of the pot in many spots. Although previously potted in bark of a large size, the mix was wet through and through from the watering I had from the day before. When a plant is growing over the edge of the pot, another technique to use is to place another pot full of mix under the overgrowth, so that roots can establish before repotting in autumn or spring. 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.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (FEB-MAR 2019) by Trevor Burnett

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 with overhead sprinklers, so the plants are well saturated. This will allow time for the plants to dry out before the sun gets too high and will prevent any possibility of water burn. This will also ensure the plants are dry before nightfall. Some growers may be tempted to water on hot evenings but I, personally, avoid this at all cost. Water left in the axis 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. If excessive heat is forecast over consecutive days, you will need to watch plants in small pots and increase the watering as necessary. 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. 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 ¼ to ½ 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. In the glasshouse on very hot days, the use of misting sprays under the benches will be beneficial by increasing the humidity levels. 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.

What's happening around OSWA this year?***Nursery Visits***

Tropical Colours Nursery Visit - Saturday 6th April

Floraplant Nursery Visit - Saturday 8th June

Shows

Autumn Show (Riverton) - set up 7th May, Show 8th - 11th May

Combined Cymidium Club Display & OSWA Winter Show - Saturday 13th July (at Manning)

Inter Society Display & Workshop (Albany) - Saturday 3rd August - Sunday 4th August

Spring Show (Kardinya) - set up 27th August, show 28th - 31st August

Neutrog

Neutrog Order (Autumn) - Members order by 22nd February for delivery Sunday 17th March

Neutrog Order (Spring) - more info later.

Special Events

Bunnings Cannington Sausage Sizzle - Sunday 10th March

Garden Festival - Set up 10th April, Display & Information 11th - 14th April 9 am - 4 pm

Shed Clean-up and Sausage Sizzle - Saturday 27th April

Potting Workshop - Sunday 20th October

Home Opens

Lynn Brooks - Sunday 17th March, 10 am - 2 pm

Courtney Rogasch - November (dated to be confirmed later)

...and more is planned...see future Bulletins...

THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WA (INC) AGM
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Orchid Society of WA (Inc), held in the
Manning Activity Centre, Manning, on 23rd February 2018.

The President Mr Courtney Rogasch declared the meeting open at 7:36 pm, welcoming all present.

Acceptance of the 2017 AGM Minutes: Moved L Brooks, seconded K Bayliss that the 2017 AGM Minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes: It was noted that 31 new members joined in 2017.

President's Report: Presented by Courtney Rogasch.

Financial Statement: Presented by Kirsty Bayliss. The Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st October 2017 were complete. Moved K Bayliss, seconded H Tan that the Audited Financial Statement be accepted. Carried.

Election of Office Bearers: Trevor Burnett was appointed as Returning Officer.

Patron: (Appointment) Trevor Burnett

President: Courtney Rogasch (nominated by Kaye Baylis, seconded by Jim Baylis, elected unopposed).

First Vice President: (1 year term) Jim Baylis (nominated by Rosemary McGrath seconded by Lorna Dodd, elected unopposed. Replacing Murray Baker, who resigned 1 year into his 2 year term, to become Secretary).

Second Vice President: (2 year term) Rosemary McGrath (nominated by Lorna Dodd seconded by Ian Duncan, elected unopposed).

Secretary: Murray Baker (nominated by Kirsty Bayliss seconded by Ian Duncan elected unopposed).

Treasurer: Kirsty Bayliss (nominated by Kaye Baylis seconded by Jim Baylis elected unopposed).

Immediate Past President: Mrs Kaye Baylis.

Committee:

- Elected unopposed for a period of 2 years:
 - Harry Ashton (Nominated by Courtney Rogasch seconded by Kaye Baylis)
 - Lynn Brooks (Nominated by Jacqui Bateman seconded by Kirsty Bayliss)
 - Ian Duncan (Nominated by Lynn Brooks seconded by Jacqui Bateman)
 - Jenny McLean (Nominated by Courtney Rogasch seconded by Rosemary McGrath)
- Elected unopposed for a period of 1 year (replacing J Baylis, who resigned to become Vice President):
 - Lina Pacca (Nominated by Lynn Brooks seconded by Jacqui Bateman)
- To continue, completing 2nd year of 2 year term: Jack Krishnan, Lorna Dodd, Jacqui Bateman.

Positions for which formal nomination not required:

OSWA Registrar: Ian Duncan (Harry Ashton to assist.)
Opportunity Table: Rosemary McGrath, Caterina Ottobriano
Show Secretary: Rosemary McGrath, Merrill Brechin
Show Sales: I Duncan, R McGrath, I Duncan
Webmaster: Murray Baker
Show Committee: Committee Members plus Merrill Brechin

Show Marshall: Kaye Baylis
Librarian: Kaye Baylis
Bulletin Editor: Murray Baker
Orchids Australia: Harry Ashton
Facebook: Kirsty Bayliss
Auditor: Harry Viner

General Business:

Notification of the following Special Resolutions was sent to members one month prior to the AGM (emailed 23 Jan 2018, sent by post earlier). They refer to the document of draft "Rules of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.);" that was sent with the notification of Special Resolutions.

- Special Resolution 1 – It is proposed to change the name of the Society from "The Orchid Society of Western Australia" to "The Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc)", to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015. Moved K Bayliss, seconded R Taylor. Carried (approved by all present).
- Special Resolution 2 – It is proposed to update the Objects of the Society, as written in the attached document. Moved K Bayliss, seconded by P Kissell. Carried (approved by all present).
- Special Resolution 3 – It is proposed to replace the existing Constitution of the Society, with the new Rules of The Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.), to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.
 Moved K Bayliss, seconded L Brooks. Carried (approved by all present).

Any Other Business: Nil.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8:16 pm

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