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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the home of Trevor and Barbara Burnett, 33 Salisbury Road Beechboro, on Friday 25 January, 2019. Arrive from 5:30 pm for a 6 pm start.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

BBQ AT THE HOME OF
TREVOR AND BARBARA BURNETT
SAUSAGES, RAFFLE, AND MORE!

FEBRUARY MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7 pm Friday 1st

General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 22nd

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Birthdays

January: 17th Ann Lam; 25th Margaret Rathbone; 31st John Carless.

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

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.

January Meeting - BBQ! Sausages! Everyone-gets-a-plant Raffle! And more!

OSWA's January meeting will be a BBQ at the home of Trevor & Barbara Burnett, 33 Salisbury Road, Beechboro 6063. Arrive from 5:30 pm onwards for 6 pm start.

- Bring a plant for the raffle. If everyone brings a plant, everyone will take a plant home.
- Bring your own drinks.
- Bring a salad or sweets to share.
- Caterina and Pasquale have kindly donated 40 sausages for the BBQ. Bring your own meat if you are feeling extra hungry.
- If coming from south along Tonkin Highway, take the Morley Drive exit and then proceed up Beechboro Road. There are roadworks that prevent access from Tonkin Highway via Benara Road. If you get lost, call Trevor or Barbara on 9377 6781.

There won't be a monthly 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.

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 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 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.

The AGM is approaching...

Our AGM is in February. Please consider nominating for a position. Nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Committee Members should reach the secretary (Murray) by Friday 8 February 2019 (which is 14 days prior to the AGM). Nominations for the position of secretary will be especially joyfully received. Nomination forms are included at the end of this bulletin and will be available at the January general meeting. Being involved in the Committee is a great way to help OSWA and get to know more about OSWA and the WA orchid community. In the words of Tom Dixon, "You've got to be involved!"

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.

Do you have orchids to sell or give away?

Occasionally we receive requests from members of the public who are looking to buy particular orchids that they can't find at the usual vendors. If you have orchids to sell and would like your contact details to be provided when we receive such requests, please let Murray know. An email address or phone number would be sufficient.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JAN-FEB 2019)

— based on notes from Courtney Rogasch and Roy Brown

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 starchy 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, and during heat waves, twice a day. My retic is set for 10 minutes per station starting at 6:00 am. 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 enter the flowering process 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.

Make sure there are no holes or tears in your shade cloth. Your plants will quickly suffer sunburn on the leaves if exposed to direct sunlight at this time of the year. Once sunburnt, the leaves become discolored and unsightly.

Summer is also the time when Red Spider Mite and Two Spotted Mite will pose a threat. 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.

These mites love hot dry conditions especially if there is little or no air movement, typical of Perth summer days, so you may have to repeat actions to control them, several times during the summer and autumn months. About every 5-6 weeks is recommended.

It's too late in the year now for dividing and repotting: any plants that were not attended to will be better left until autumn. However, in an emergency, it is always better to repot at any time of the year, rather than risk losing the plant because of sour or rotten compost.

Always keep a neat and tidy shade house, free from weeds and dead vegetation, and you should have a house free from insect pests.

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

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.

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 of the year, look out for the appearance of cockroaches, grasshoppers, scale insects and other pests and deal with them promptly. Snails and slugs are ever present, but not as many as when the ground is wet in the wintery months.

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

The hot weather will be in full swing during these months, but I still only water 3 times a week. If the forecast is for very hot weather over four days, I will increase the watering to every second day but always in the morning.

Keep your additional shade in place if the plants are showing signs of yellowing, as they are receiving more light than is required. If plants show any signs of burning, add some extra shade for the next few months. Any burning will cause a setback at this stage which will definitely effect our flowering season. If you have a variety of pot sizes, you will need to ensure that the smaller pots do not dry out completely between waterings. A simple solution to prevent some pots drying out quicker is to double pot, so the final size pots in the house 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 way all the pots end up drying at the same rate. Paphiopedilum growths should be promoted, so keep the regular fertilizer programme in place to ensure the growths mature ready for the flowering season ahead.

Let's get back to looking after our plants after our Christmas break by:

- checking to ensure good air movement
- misting to assist with maintaining humidity, especially in the glasshouse
- weekly fertilizing with Strike Back for Orchids liquid
- checking to ensure plants are not overcrowded
- checking for pests and treating if necessary
- keeping the area clean of dying leaves or other material
- increasing watering to 3 times a week or more often if plants have dried out
- checking all plants to see if there are any signs of stress
- watering in the early morning before the sun is too high
- watching and control your shading.

How do you pronounce *Laeliinae*?

As orchid enthusiasts, we are all familiar with the terms "genus" and "species". A "tribe" is a taxonomic rank above genus. Sometimes, tribes are divided into "subtribes". *Laeliinae* is the name of a subtribe of orchids that contains about 40 genera, including *Brassavola*, *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, and *Epidendrum*. These are the orchids that make up the "Laeliinae Alliance", which appears at the top of our monthly meeting judging schedule. The names of these genera are quite familiar to us, and they are not too difficult to pronounce, but how do you pronounce "*Laeliinae*"? I have never pronounced this word correctly, but didn't realise my mistake until I checked the spelling while proofreading a bulletin one evening. *Laeliinae* is not a word that rolls off the tongue nicely, so I had to look it up.

In case you are interested, The American Orchid Society publishes pronunciation guides and definitions of orchid-related terms in *Orchids* magazine each month. OSWA maintains a subscription, so members can borrow copies of *Orchids* from the OSWA library. The AOS webpage has a section that includes hints on pronunciation of the names of orchid genera, with audio files so that you can actually hear someone speak the term of interest (with an American accent of course, but that's OK).

See: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z.aspx>

The AOS webpage doesn't seem to have information about how to pronounce species names. Fortunately, the Vallarta Orchid Society (based in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico) has collected the information from *Orchids* magazine into a single database database that includes pronunciation of genus and species names.

See: <http://www.pvorchids.com/Pronunciation Guide.htm>

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)
Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on 14 December 2018

Welcome: Mr Courtney Rogasch opened the meeting at 7:32 pm welcoming visitors, members.

Birthdays: December: 5th Pauline; 6th Val; 27th Maxine. January: 17th Ann; 25th Margaret; 31st John.

Apologies: As per register.

Minutes: Moved L Brooks, seconded M Rathbone that the Minutes of the November General meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business arising: Nil.

Financial Statement: prepared by K Bayliss.

Moved R Taylor, seconded J Baylis that the Treasurer be authorised to arrange payment of accounts that fall due prior to the February committee meeting. **Carried.**

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

General Business:

- Nominations for positions on the Management Committee were called for, especially Secretary. C Rogasch urged members to nominate.
- The January meeting will be a BBQ at the home of Trevor & Barbara Burnett, 33 Salisbury Road, Beechboro 6063, ph 9377 6781, on Friday 25th January, from 6.00 pm. BYO 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 and a plant for the raffle. Extra chairs would also help.
- Members were reminded that membership subscriptions are now due.

Presentation of Trophies

- Trophies were presented. It was noted with pleasure that Meg Donald won the Tom Dixon Memorial Trophy for Best Cymbidium Seedling with one of Tom's seedlings.

Secret Santa During the course of the meeting (free) raffle tickets were drawn for the Secret Santa.

Supper, Popular Vote, Socialising (1 hour)

Raffle: Winners: Caterina, Wanda, Merrill, Nancie, Lynn. Lynn kindly donated her raffle prize to a visitor. Geoff and Pauline kindly donated belladonna and jonquil bulbs for the raffle.

Special Raffles (Hams, Vanda Seedlings)

- Hams: Nancie, Ian, Ellen, Val, Pauline. Thank you to Caterina and Pasquale for kindly donating the hams.
- Vanda seedlings: Tom, Courtney, Anna. Additional seedlings were sold for \$5 each. These were seedlings from flasks purchased at Itsara. Thank you to Harry and others for deflasking these seedlings and growing them on.

Popular Vote:

Open: *Oncidium* Kilauea 'Karma', owner M Brechin.

Novice: *Dendrobium polyanthum*, owner L Pacca.

Door Prize: Barbara and Courtney were not wearing their badges. Malcolm was the eventual winner.

Concluding remarks from the President: Judging by the good attendance at OSWA functions, it has been a successful year for OSWA. Thank you to members for their support and attendance. Thank you to members who donated food, raffle prizes, and their time. Special thanks to Kevin for donating extra plants and Caterina and Pasquale for donating many Christmas hams.

Meeting Closed at 9:36 pm

Next Meeting: General Friday 25 Jan 2019 (BBQ at the Burnett's). Committee Friday 1 Feb 2019.



Merrill explaining how she grew her specimen of *Oncidium* Kilauea 'Karma', winner of the Open Popular Vote in December.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (December 2018)

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

OPEN

1A	(2)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Cattleya purpurata</i> 'Yaguarum Red'
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Cattleya purpurata</i> 'Equilab' x 'Treasure Carpentaria'
1E	(1)	1	Ian Duncan	<i>Encyclia</i> Bee's Knees
1F	(2)	1	Merril Brechin	<i>Cattleya Dellensis</i> 'Violet Eloquence' x <i>Cattleya purpurata</i> 'Schusteriana'
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Cattleya lobata alba</i> x <i>Cattleya purpurata alba</i> 'White'
5B	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Happy Days
6A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Oncidium hyphaematicum</i>
6D	(3)	1	Merril Brechin	<i>Oncidium</i> Kilauea 'Karma'
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> unknown
		3	Tara Peters	<i>Brassia</i> Edvah Loo
7A	(1)	1	Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Renanthera monachica</i>
10B	(3)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Coelogyne pandurata</i>
		1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Eria floribunda</i>
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulbophyllum bicolor</i>
11A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Don Wimber 'P.T'
12	(1)	1	Tara Peters	<i>Laelia lobata</i> x <i>laelia purpurata</i>

NOVICE

15F	(1)	1	Lynn Brooks	<i>Encyclia</i> Bee's Knees
18A	(1)	1	Lina Pacca	<i>Dendrobium polyanthum</i>
19A	(1)	1	Lynn Brooks	<i>Phalaenopsis pulcherrima</i>
19B	(1)	1	Jenny McLean	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
19D	(1)	1	Jenny McLean	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
20A	(1)	1	Jenny McLean	<i>Oncidium sphacelatum</i>
20C	(2)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Tolumnia</i> 169
		2	Harry Ashton	<i>Tolumnia</i> unknown
20D	(1)	1	Jenny McLean	<i>Oncidium</i> Space Race 'I & N'

POPULAR VOTE

OPEN	Merril Brechin	<i>Oncidium</i> Kilauea 'Karma'
NOVICE	Lina Pacca	<i>Dendrobium polyanthum</i>
SCHOKMAN TROPHY (Laeliinae)	Merril Brechin	<i>Cattleya Dellensis</i> 'Violet Eloquence' x <i>Cattleya purpurata</i> 'Schusteriana' 72 points
JIM GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY (Phragmipedium)	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Don Wimber 'P.T.' 72 points

THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WA TROPHY WINNERS LIST 2018

TROPHY	WINNER
The Lester Schokman Memorial Trophy (Cattleya - most points awarded - throughout year)	R Taylor
Harold Hill Memorial Trophy (Best Phalaenopsis - Spring Show)	-
Cypripedium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Paphiopedilum - Winter Show)	H Tan
Vera Kennedy Perpetual Trophy (Novice - Aggregate Points)	H Ashton
Vicki Browne Perpetual Trophy (Champion Native or Hybrid Terrestrial - Spring Show)	-
Cymbidium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Champion Cymbidium - Spring Show)	C Rogasch
J & C Sullivan Trophy (Best Specimen Plant Australian Native Hybrid or Species – Spring Show)	C Rogasch
George Marshall Trophy (Open - Aggregate Points)	R Taylor
W & L Janney Perpetual Trophy (Best pure colour cymbidium - Spring Show)	C Rogasch
Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy (Best Phragmipedium of the Year)	H Tan
Richard Nichols Memorial Trophy (Best Lycaste of the year)	T Burnett
C & L Friar Perpetual Trophy (Best Aust. Native Hybrid Seedling - Spring Show)	-
Roy Brown Perpetual Trophy (Best Novice Cymbidium – Spring Show)	-
Tom Dixon Memorial Trophy (Best Cymbidium Seedling – Spring Show)	M Donald
Judge's Choice Certificate - Best at General Meeting for the year.	M Godbeer



Meg Donald with the Tom Dixon Memorial Trophy. Meg won this trophy with one of Tom Dixon's seedlings.



Tom Stacy received a Certificate of Appreciation, for his help driving the bus on nursery visits.

OSWA Winners 2018 – Points

Most Points in Open Class	1st	Ray Taylor	213 points
	2nd	Maxine Godbeer	53 points
	3rd	Ian Duncan	40 points
Most Points in Novice Class	1st	Harry Ashton	29 points
	2nd	Jenny McLean	18 points
	3rd	Lynn Brooks	12 points

OSWA Winners 2018 – Points (continued)

Schokman Trophy (Cattleya)	1st	Ray Taylor	<i>Cattleya skinneri</i> var. <i>oculata</i> alba 'Dayana'	75 pts
	2nd	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'	74 pts
	3rd	Rosemary McGrath	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Sukurayama 'First Prize'	73.25 pts
Jim Grantham Trophy (Phragmipedium)	1st (eq.)	Howard Tan	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Grande Chinaman	74 pts
	1st (eq.)	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Don Wimbur	74 pts
	3rd (eq.)	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Schroderae 'Pop Butler'	72 pts
	3rd (eq.)	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Nicholle Tower 'Peta'	72 pts
Richard Nichols Trophy (Lycaste)	1st	Trevor Burnett	<i>Lycaste lasioglossa</i>	73 pts
Judges Choice – Monthly	Nov.	Peter Kissell	<i>Oncidium leucochilum</i>	74 pts
	Dec.	Howard Tan	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Grande Chinaman	74 pts
	Feb.	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Papinia</i> Majestic	73 pts
	Mar.	Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium</i> Chela Color's FCA	73 pts
	Apr.	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Aerides quinquevulnera</i>	73 pts
	May	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Laelia anceps</i> var. <i>chamberlainianum</i>	73 pts
	Jun.	Howard Tan	<i>Rhyncholaeliacattleya</i> Drumbeat Triumph	72 pts
	Jul.	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Dendrochilum wenzelii</i>	78 pts
	Aug.	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium</i> Cobber 'Yibbidy Ya Ya'	?
	Sep.	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>	77 pts
Oct.	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Don Wimbur	74 pts	
Overall winner of Plant of the Month		Maxine Godbeer	<i>Dendrochilum wenzelii</i> 'Dayana'	78 pts

Certificates of Appreciation: Tom Stacy, Peter Kissell

Congratulations to all members who won Trophies for their successful presentation of orchid plants both at Shows & at Monthly Meetings. Wishing you all every success with your orchids in 2019



Harry Ashton receiving the Vera Kennedy Perpetual Trophy (novice grower who accumulated the most points during the year). Even the dinosaur on Harry's T-shirt is pleased with the result.



Ray Taylor and Howard Tan tied as winners of the Jim Grantham Trophy for Best Phragmipedium.



Trevor Burnett presented Courtney Rogasch with the J & C Sullivan Trophy (Best Australian Native Specimen).



Ian Duncan won the Judges' Choice in March 2018 for his *Dendrobium Chela Color's* FCA. (Ian won in March 2017 too, with the same plant.)



Courtney Rogasch presented Trevor Burnett with the Richard Nichols Memorial Trophy (Best Lycaste of the year).



Maxine Godbeer won the Judges' Choice four times during 2018, and was the overall winner of the Plant of the Month competition with *Dendrochilum wenzelii* 'Dayana'.

In case you were wondering, according to [http://www.pvorchids.com/Pronunciation Guide.htm](http://www.pvorchids.com/Pronunciation%20Guide.htm), *Laeliinae* is pronounced as "lay-lee-EE-nee". This is especially confusing because the first "ae" is pronounced as "ay" (like in "*Laelia*") but the second "ae" is pronounced as "ee". The diphthong "ae" is confusing in general — chemists (and perhaps pharmacists) would pronounce the "ae" sound in "formulae" as "ay", but the "ae" is pronounced as "ee" in "encyclopaedia". The people who invented Latin have a lot to answer for. To avoid personal internal conflict, I will try to pronounce *Laeliinae* as "lay-lee-EE-nay", but will probably fail and just continue saying "lay-lin-ee-ay" (which is obviously wrong). I will enjoy listening to see how others pronounce *Laeliinae*.

Lina Pacca explaining how she grew her specimen of *Dendrobium polyanthum*, winner of the Novice Popular Vote in December. A close-up of the plant is on the right.



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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