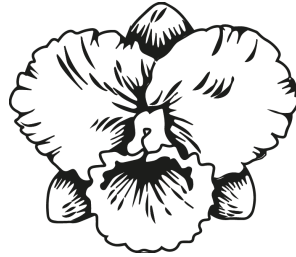


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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

MALCOLM DAVIS

I DO IT MY WAY –

PHALAENOPSIS ORCHIDS

APRIL MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 5th

General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 26th

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Vale George Price

George Price, a long-time member of OSWA, passed away on 11 March, aged 83.

George was a member of OSWA for many years. He was an expert grower of orchids, very knowledgeable, and a man you could approach for help if you had some orchid-related problem. He was active in the orchid community not just as a grower but also as an orchid judge. He qualified as a judge back in 1998, and until very recently he would attend monthly meetings and shows for clubs all over Perth to do judging. He was a strong contributor at OSWA shows, supplying numerous quality orchids for the sales table and entering many plants in the competitions. Judges aren't allowed to judge their own plants. At shows, towards the end of judging, George would often be seen lurking at the back, a few metres away from where the judging was going on, while one or other of his plants was under consideration. Over the last few years George's show successes included best Cymbidium (twice), best any other genera (with Phragmipediums, twice), best Oncidinae (twice), and best Paphiopedilum. His Degarmoara Winter Wonderland won grand champion in OSWA's Autumn show 2015, and his most recent success was with Cymbidium Morialta, which won best cymbidium at our Autumn show last year.



Cymbidium Memoria Dora Price 'Rosalie'
(Photo from www.valleyorchids.com.au)

George was devoted to his wife Dora, who passed away in 2002, and named three orchids in her memory: Lycamerlycaste Memoria Dora Price, Cymbidium Memoria Dora Price, and Paphiopedilum Memoria Dora Price. Flasks of Cymbidium Memoria Dora Price 'Rosalie' have been sold by Valley Orchids.

We will miss George, his cheerful nature, his dry wit, his unintelligible Merseyside Liverpoolian accent, and his wonderful orchids.

Rest in peace George.

Birthdays

March: 11th Merylyn Brechin, 19th John Walton, 24th Raye McIntosh, 25th Lorna Dodd,
26th Kaye Baylis, Peggy Stacy

April: 7th Rosemary McGrath, 10th Bernadette Campbell, 12th Karen Carless, 17th Mike Burgess,
29th Ian Duncan.

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.

Tropical Colours Orchid Nursery Visit + Bus Trip – Saturday 6 April

The nursery is at 558 Gossage Road, Oldbury. Our visit is on **Saturday 6 April**, starting at around 10 am. We have organised a free bus, which will leave from Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre at 9:30 am. There will not be a trailer this time, so we might have to show some restraint with our purchases, but there will still be space in the bus to bring orchids home. Places on the bus are limited — to book a seat, call Rosemary on 0401 508 667 or add your name to the list at the March general meeting, otherwise you can drive or car pool and meet at the Nursery at 10 am.

Shed Cleanup and BBQ – Saturday 27th April

It's that time of year again when we need to start preparing for shows, and the first step is to clean up the shed. Our annual shed clean up day will be on Saturday 27th April, at Neil McDougal Park, Como, starting at 10am, to be followed by a sausage sizzle supplied by the Society. The park provides a pleasant environment for a BBQ so this will be a nice social activity. Access to the shed is via Clydesdale Street (down a driveway off Clydesdale Street, opposite number 27).

Perth Garden Festival – Setup 10 April, open to public 11-14 April

We will have a stall at Perth Garden Festival again this year. The Festival will be held at McCallum Park, which is on the Swan River southern foreshore, just south of the Causeway. See perthgardenfestival.com.

We need helpers to set up on Wednesday 10 April, and look after the stall from Thursday 11 April - Sunday 14 April 2019. We also need plants in flower for a display. Donations of plants for a raffle will also be much appreciated.

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 to see and do (and buy) at the festival. Orchidup Nursery (www.orchidup.com.au) will be selling orchids at the festival.

Helpers who do a shift of a few hours at the OSWA stall will have free entry to the Festival. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March general meeting.

New Members

Welcome to Bob and Noelene Duncan (Geraldton) and Aishya Ghose (Ardross). We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

Membership Subscriptions for 2019 are now grossly 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
- (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.

If you have not paid your 2019 subscription, you should not have received this bulletin by post or email. If you were sent the bulletin by mistake, please stop reading it now and do not look at it again until you have paid your subscription.

Neutrog Bulk Order.

The Neutrog products, including the complimentary bales of WhoFlungDung from last August's presentation by Brian Klepzig, have been delivered. If you have not done so already, please collect your order from Rosemary's place, 2 Morrish Drive Como, as soon as possible. Any complimentary bales of WhoFlungDung remaining after 17 April will be raffled or auctioned off to allow Rosemary to reclaim her garage. Unfortunately the 5 L sizes for liquid products were not included in the delivery, but will be available soon.

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.

Hygienic Practices to help keep your orchids free of diseases.

Ken Jones, a very knowledgeable West Australian orchid grower, has written an informative article about plant hygiene. It includes illustrations of lots of plant problems, discussion of treatments and recommendations for practices to help avoid pests and diseases in your orchid collection. See: http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/Hygienic_Practice.htm Thank you to Ray Taylor for drawing this article to our attention.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2019) based on notes from Roy Brown

This is the time of the year when the young flower spikes are starting to develop, and so a drop in the temperature during the evening is a vital part of the successful flowering of Cymbidiums. Turning on the overhead sprinklers in the early evening will drop the temperature by quite a few degrees, creating the ideal conditions necessary for the growing and flowering of our plants. Always have a good check of your pots regularly to make sure the drainage is not blocked. Water should pass through the compost freely, not just seep away. Keep the regular fertilizer programme going, as the new seasons growths need to be kept growing at a fast rate, so they will develop sufficiently to produce their flowers when the time comes. If you should be poking about in your plants looking for these early flower spikes during March, do be very careful, they are very easily broken or damaged. Should you have to move a plant that has definite signs of flower spikes showing, be very careful to replace it in the exact same position with the flower spike facing the same direction as before. This will minimise chances of the flower spike and buds twisting as they look for the sun. With the advent of flower spikes showing, it might be a good idea to give the shade house a general clean up, getting rid of all dead leaves, weeds and anything else that might harbour pests. Now is the time to also check that you have a good supply of pots and potting mix ready for those repotting jobs next month.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2019) based on notes from Henry Eaton

Although March is technically the first month of autumn, we can still expect days when the temperature goes quite high and there is little, if any, rain around to increase the humidity. The light may be decreasing slightly, but the heat still requires that you maintain shading as for the summer months. Watering and fertilizing your plants will still follow a summer pattern, unless there is rain, when you can miss a watering if necessary. Cattleyas are plants that revel in a wet/dry cycle, where they like to dry out nearly fully before being watered again. You can gauge this by lifting up the pot after watering when it should feel heavy. The pot loses weight when drying out giving you the signal to re-water. At this time of the year, due to the cooler nights, check your plants after watering to make sure that no water has collected in between the upper leaves. This is essential, as at this time many plants will be producing flowering sheaths and buds and any water retained around them could cause rotting. If water has collected dry it up with a tissue. While attending to your plants also stake the pseudo bulb bearing the buds or sheaths erect, so that when the flowers emerge they will be pointing towards you and not any which way. If you move a plant to a flowering house out of the rain etc., make sure to leave the plant pointing in the same direction in which it was grown, otherwise the buds may open in an unsightly fashion.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2019) by Trevor Burnett

Even though summer has officially finished, the summer pattern is still with us. We may still have some hot days over 34 °C to come, so we need to be mindful of this and adjust our watering accordingly. At this time of the year I water three times a week early in the morning with overhead sprinklers, so the plants are well saturated. This will allow time for the plant to dry out before the sun gets too high and will prevent any possibility of water burns. It will also ensure the plants are dry by nightfall. 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 is retained. As the plants are still in active growth, keep a weak fertilizer program going (at ¼ to ½ strength) on a weekly or fortnightly basis, depending on your time restraints. Ensure that you flush the mix with water between fertilising. In the glasshouse, the use of misting sprays under the benches will be beneficial by increasing the humidity levels on very hot days. It is equally important that plenty of fresh air, which is essential for the plants health, is available in the glasshouse. At this time of the year the paphiopedilum will have some leaves that have died over the summer months and these should be removed in preparation for the forthcoming flowering season, to prevent any unwanted vermin having an ideal hiding place. I would repot any small plants that are not expected to flower during this period, to ensure they have a nice clean mix before going into winter.

**The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)
Minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday 22 February 2019**

Welcome: Mr Courtney Rogasch opened the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Apologies: As per register.

- Unfinancial members were reminded that they would have no voting rights in the AGM and that they would be removed from the Bulletin mailing list until 2019 subscriptions were paid.
- Sign-up sheets for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and Perth Garden Festival were circulated.

Meeting adjourned for AGM at 7:45 pm, reconvened 8:33 pm.

Birthdays: January: 17th Ann Lam; 25th Margaret Rathbone; 31st John Carless
February: 7th Jim Baylis; 11th Nancie Jones.

- Break for popular vote + Wine and Cheese
- Courtney welcomed new member Aisha and recently joined member Joanne who was attending her first meeting.

Minutes: Moved M Rathbone, seconded L Brooks, that the Minutes of the December General Meeting be accepted. Carried.

Business arising: Nil.

Correspondence:

- From Libby Hocking (Albany) re ISODW (3-4 August), including accommodation etc.
- Email exchange with Bunnings re sausage sizzle
- Email exchange with Bunnings re visiting speaker at Melville (Lynn + Jenny followed up)
- Email exchange with Lorraine Oakes (Nedlands Community Centre) re speaker (Lynn followed up)
- From Jacqui Bateman (Garden Clubs) re Friendship Gathering (Falls Farm Lesmurdie, 17 April)
- Email exchange with Neutrog re next bulk order
- To Maxine Godbeer, re dates we need judges. (Rosemary McGrath)
- Email exchange with Anne Le Fevre (Peel) re Neutrog bulk order
- Email exchange with Brian Newnham re Perth Garden Festival
- Garden Clubs (invoices for insurance, annual dues, etc)
- From Ken Jones, via OrchidsWA, re OrchidsWA draft new rules and related matters
- From OrchidsWA, materials for AGM, draft rules, invoice for membership dues, request for show dates, info about Spring Orchid Fair.
- Responses to general email and Facebook enquiries from members of the public.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Confirmation: Moved R Taylor, seconded J Baylis that Correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Financial Statements: December 2018 and January 2019 financial reports presented by Kirsty Bayliss.

Confirmation: Moved K Bayliss seconded M Brechin, that the Financial Statements be endorsed. Carried.

New Members: Nil

Reports:

- **BBQ at the Burnett's place.** C Rogasch thanked the Burnetts for hosting us for a wonderful evening, and thanked Pasquale Ottobriano for the sausages, cooking, and entertainment.

General Business:

- **Winter Display.** C Rogasch advised that the status of the Winter Display is uncertain due to the Cym Club not being able to participate this year and many OSWA members being away at that time. A good number of members indicated they would be available to assist with the Winter Display should it proceed. To be considered further at committee.
- **Possible November Show.** C Rogasch advised that there is the possibility of another show, in November, and involving OSWA with three other clubs. Members were asked to discuss with Courtney if interested in this possible event.
- **New delegate for OWA.** Jenny McLean agreed to serve as delegate for the 3 March meeting while Harry is away.
- **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.** Arrangements briefly discussed, sign-up sheet circulated. Only a couple of spots remain to be filled.
- **Lynn Brooks Home Open.** Arrangements briefly discussed, bring chair and a plate to share.
- **Neutrog order.** To be collected 17 March after Lynn's home visit. Will include WFD from last August.
- **Perth Garden Festival.** Sign up sheet circulated. To be discussed at next GM.

Raffle: R McGrath, N Kulchytska (x2), B Saul, M Donald. Nataliya kindly passed her second winning ticket to Enid Chelva, who in turn kindly donated her prize to Aisha.

Popular Vote:

Open: *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Crispin Rosales 'Lai', owner P Kissell.

Novice: *Phalaenopsis* unknown, owner N Kulchytska. (Nataliya kindly declined her prize.)

Badge Prize: N Kulchytska

Next Committee: Friday 1 March

Next General Meeting: Friday 22 March

Meeting closed at: 9:43 pm.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (Feb 2019)

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

OPEN

1B	(1)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Crispin Rosales 'Lai'
3B	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Wossner Vollmond (<i>armeniicum</i> x <i>niveum</i>)
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Guacamole (<i>malipoense</i> x <i>glaucophyllum</i>)
3C	(1)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Dominic Calueli
5A	(2)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> <i>lueddemanniana</i>
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> <i>cornu-cervi</i> var. <i>flava</i>
6D	(3)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Oncostele</i> Wildcat 'Bobcat'
		2	Peter Kissell	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby
		3	Peter Kissell	<i>Oncidium</i> Jimbo
10A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> <i>longifolium</i>
10B	(1)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> <i>pecten-veneris</i>
11A	(2)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Mem. Dick Clements
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phragmipedium</i> China Dragon
11B	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Galeopetalum</i> (Giant x Artur Elle) 'Old Port'

NOVICE

15C	(1)	1	Jacqui Bateman	<i>Cattleytonia</i> Koolau Sunset 'Hawaii'
15F	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Proctovola</i> Golden Peacock
18D	(1)	1	Jacqui Bateman	<i>Dendrobium</i> unknown
19B	(1)	1	Nataliya Kulchytska	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
20D	(1)	1	Lynn Brooks	<i>Oncidium</i> Ruth's Rainbow 'Over the Rainbow'
21B	(2)	1	Jacqui Bateman	<i>Vanda</i> unknown
		2	Harry Ashton	<i>Vanda</i> unknown

POPULAR VOTE

OPEN Peter Kissell *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Crispin Rosales 'Lai'

NOVICE Nataliya Kulchytska *Phalaenopsis* unknown

SCHOKMAN TROPHY Jacqui Bateman *Cattleytonia* Koolau Sunset 'Hawaii' (70 points)
(Laeliinae)

**JIM GRANTHAM
MEMORIAL TROPHY** Maxine Godbeer *Phragmipedium* Mem. Dick Clements (70 points)
(Phragmipedium)

Popular vote winners from our February meeting ...

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Crispin Rosales 'Lai', grown by Peter Kissell. Peter has owned this plant for 15-20 years, and recently nursed it back to health after it had a near-death experience. He waters with bore water every 4 days and fertilises with Strike Back pellets once a month. The plant grows under 75% shadecloth and a polycarbonate roof.



Phalaenopsis unknown, grown by Nataliya Kulchytska. Nataliya rescued this plant when it was near death in a friend's office three years ago, and nursed it back to health after repotting. She waters it well once every week or two, fertilises it with slow release pellets and occasional dilute liquid fertiliser, and grows in indoors near a window.

Intersociety Orchid Display and Workshop (ISODW) – Albany, 3-4 August.

The 29th annual Inter-Society Orchid Display and Workshop is being held on the 3rd and 4th August 2019 at St Joseph's College Gymnasium, Martin Road, Albany. The Albany Orchid Society is hosting this event.

The program includes floor displays, benching and a floral arrangement competition. The organisers are also intending to have a highly credentialed interstate orchid grower and speaker to attend and run workshops and lectures for club/society members and members of the public during the weekend, along with highly regarded growers and speakers from Perth and locally. A feature of the program will be a bus field trip on Sunday morning to view wildflowers and native orchids in their natural environment lead by local guide David Belfield. The cost of the field trip is \$25, numbers are very limited.

Saturday 3rd August is set aside primarily for setting up displays and orchid judging, but there will also be lectures and workshops for club/society members to attend. On Sunday the event is open to the public from 9am to 4pm. There will be a \$5 entry fee for adults with children entering free. Members of clubs/societies who stage a display will gain free entry to all aspects of the event. Participating clubs' members need to wear their badges to gain free entry.

Sunday will provide an opportunity for all participating clubs/societies to sell plants and seek new members. All sales plants will be subject to a 10% sales commission to The Albany Orchid Society to assist with the costs of staging the event.

The annual dinner will be held at Le Grande Motel 479 Albany Highway, Albany at 7pm on Saturday evening. The cost of the 3 course set menu is \$49.50, further details regarding the dinner will be advised closer to the event and bookings will need to be finalised by 30 May.

The Albany Orchid Society has an agreement with Motel Le Grand for special nightly rates for guests involved with the ISODW: Standard Room - queen size bed with ensuite, \$105; Deluxe Room - queen size bed with ensuite, \$118; Twin Room - queen size and single bed with ensuite, \$125; Two Bedroom Unit - queen size bed and two single beds, \$ 148 (2 pax)/\$168 (4 pax); Executive Two Bedroom Suite with separate lounge, \$158 (2 pax)/\$178 (4 pax); Three Bedroom Apartment \$244 (6 pax). Bookings can be made on (08) 9841 3600. Note that if you book via the website, you might not get these special rates.

Apparently there is a lot going on in Albany on the weekend of the ISODW, so if you plan to go, book early. Setup will start early on the Saturday morning, so it would be good to travel down on Friday 2 August and settle in overnight.

The booking form for the dinner + bus trip is available at orchidsocietywa.net.au/OSWA/Info_for_Members.html. Look there for further information too (it will be uploaded as it becomes available), or ask Murray.