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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 November**, **2019**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

**PATRON: Mr. Trevor Burnett** 

THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

# **PRESIDENT**

Courtney Rogasch Ph. 0407 049 717 ORCHIDS ON MOUNTS

ADRIAN JOSÉ

# **SECRETARY**

Murray Baker Ph. 9310 2800

# **DECEMBER MEETING DATES:**

TREASURER

Kirsty Bayliss Ph. 0413 599 998 OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 6th

General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 13th (NOTE: The Second Friday!)

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#### **Birthdays**

November: 2nd, Aishya Ghose, 13th Rosalie McCallum, 18th Trevor Burnett

**December:** 4th Donna Drew, 5th Pauline Chia, Kristyn O'Brien, 6th Val Seaman, 17th, Bridget Seaman, 23rd Cheryl Compagnone, 31st Peter Blackley, Yvonne King, 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.

#### **December Meeting - Secret Santa!**

The December meeting, our Christmas and Trophy Presentation meeting, will be held on the SECOND Friday (13th 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 President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Committee Members should be placed by 28 January 2020 (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 Rosa Stonier, Sandy McEntee, Eva Gani, and Julia Haldoupis. We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

#### Membership Subscriptions were due on 1 November 2019.

\$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

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

#### Thank you!

Thank you to Courtney and Val Rogasch for hosting a home visit last Sunday, and to Malcolm Davis for his mastery of the barbeque. As well as being able to see Courtney's fastidiously organised collection of fine orchids, members were treated to a sausage sizzle, a display of some impressive late-flowering cymbidiums and a deflasking demonstration.



Discussing the finer points of cymbidium culture.



Chef Malcolm. (Photos by Ann Davis)

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### CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019) - based on notes from Henry Eaton.

Although this year has seen a mild spring and cooler temperatures well into November, the heat arrived with a vengeance last weekend and the weather is now warmer a little more consistently. 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 liquid 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 2019) 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 2019) - based on notes from Roy Brown

Most of the dividing and repotting of our Cymbidiums should be completed by now because as we reach the end 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.

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# Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 25 October 2019

Welcome: 7.35 pm. Apologies: As per Register

Birthdays: October: 4th, Kristene Northover, 9th Tara Peeters, 11th Enid Chelva, 14<sup>th</sup> Eric Bateman, 16th

Barbara Burnett. November: 2nd, Aishya Ghose, 18th Trevor Burnett

New Member: Bill Davidson (Jandakot)

**Meeting Item:** Paul Armstrong – Orchids in Ellis Brook. Many thanks to Paul for being prepared for his talk but due to technical difficulties his presentation had to be deferred for another meeting.

- Show and Tell Lynn Brooks showed a watercolour she'd bought in Borneo of a Phal bellina which is the national flower of Sarawak. Lynn encouraged members to bring along items of interest to the General Meetings for Show & Tell.
- **Certificate** was awarded to Kirsty Bayliss for WA Species Orchid of the Year 2018, for Phalaenopsis gigantea 'Dinah' AM Congratulations Kirsty from all at OSWA.

Minutes: Moved L Brooks, seconded R Gordon, that the Minutes of the September GM be accepted. Carried.

Correspondence: on Noticeboard

- From Garden Clubs Australia, ideas on how to gain and keep members, and results of club survey
- From Ken Jones (OrchidsWA) on happenings in OWA management and invoice for OSWA's OWA membership fee (\$50)
- From Steve Bowman (OrchidsWA), agenda of next meeting and minutes of past meeting
- Invoice for advertising from Have-a-go News
- · Invoice for bark order from Garden City Plastics
- · Email exchange with CopyWorld re photocopier copy count and replacement of part.
- Neutrog re latest bulk order delays in arrival
- Rick Winch, re plant auction at Bunbury Orchid Show (3 November)
- · Charly Hartmann, re his talk at OSWA and write-up in bulletin
- Adrian José re his talk at OSWA (November)

**Financial Report** presented by Kirsty Bayliss Report on the Noticeboard **Reports:** 

• **Potting Workshop:** Very successful Busier In the morning than the afternoon. Thanks to all who assisted on the day especially the Potters – Lina Pacca, Peter Kissell & Len who divided some really difficult overgrown plants. Suggestion to advertise on Social Media but this had already been done.

#### **General Business:**

- Neutrog order delivery update Half the order has been delivered, the rest should arrive Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November
   & be ready for pick up on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>
- November Combined Display Plants & helpers are needed throughout the day Members were asked to put advertisements in shopping centres etc. Set up Friday 8<sup>th</sup> from 6.30pm Show Saturday 10am to 3,30pm
- OSWA Christmas Dinner Pines Restaurant in Bentley Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm Tonight last chance for payment
- Courtney & Val Rogasch home visit. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00am. Do not park on verge or drive over kerb. Members to take salad or sweet \$5 for sausage sizzle Bring along own chairs
- · Orchid Flask Harry Ashton to organise raffle at November Orchid Display

Raffle: Wanda Frantom, Ling Zhao

**Popular Vote:** Open: Chysis aurea "Casey Jane" owner Peter Kissell **Novice:** Phalaenopsis schillenana owner Enid Chelva

Badge Prize: Pauline Chia

Plants on Display:

**Den. Lindleyi "Old Aggie"** no water May to September, fertilized with 12/14mth slow release after flowering **Brass. "Daddy Long Legs"** Ray Taylor grows this plant under the same conditions as his Oncidinae under 50% shadecloth with solar weave over the top. Keep moist & likes to be rootbound.

Vuyl. Carnivale "Okika" Ray grows this the same as the Oncidiums

**Paph rothschildianum x Paph anitum "In Charge"** Primary Hybrid. Howard Tan mentioned that these plants were very difficult to obtain. He grows this plant in a hothouse. A beautiful specimen.

C aurantiaca "SVO Spots 2 x Mishima Spot" Custer Cattleya Harry Ashton uses Strikeback for Orchids for fertilizer

Cym Peewee Graham Esmond grows this beautiful orchid in Cocopeat & Perlite 2 lovely racemes Sarc Kulnura Festival "Barrita" x Sarc Bunyip "Barrita" Scott Barry bred Sarc. Deflasked into rockwool & perlite then when arrives in Perth potted into a bark, perlite & gravel mix then fertilized with Neutrog From the original plain colour Sarcs have been bred to display many different shades & now spotted & splash markings on the petals are becoming very popular. These plants flower only after a few months & can grow into large, very spectacular specimens.

Next Committee: Friday 1 Nov Next General Meeting: Friday 22 November Meeting closed at: 9.20pm Many thanks to all those who assisted putting tables, etc away.

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MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (October 2019)
(Note: Plants must have been owned by the grower for at least 6 months prior to entry in Monthly Meetings and Shows)

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1B	(2)	1 2	Howard Tan Howard Tan	Rhyncolaeliocattleya Crispin Rosales Rhyncolaeliocattleya Dream Trader
3A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	Paphiopedilum Tom Sum [sic]
3B	(1)	1	Howard Tan	Paphiopedilum Wossner Blackwing
3C	(3)	1 2 3	Howard Tan Unknown Ray Taylor	Paphiopedilum Translie Unknown Paphiopedilum Gold Dollar 'Tetraria' x Verde Oro
4A	(1)	1	Trevor Burnett	Dendrobium lindleyi
6D	(3)	1 2 3	Ray Taylor Helen Stretch Ray Taylor	Brassia Daddy Long Legs Oncostele Eye Candy 'Penny Candy' Miltonidium Carnivale 'Okika'
8B	(3)	1 2 3	Ray Taylor Tara Peters Tara Peters	Sarcochilus Kulnara Festival Barrita x Bunyip Barrita Sarcochilus 'Hot Ice' x Elegance Sarcochilus unknown
10B	(2)	1 2	Peter Kissell Peter Kissell	Chysis aurea 'Casey Jane' Ansellia africana var gigantea
11A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	Phragmipedium Nicholle Tower 'Delightful'
12	(2)	1 2	Ray Taylor Tara Peters	Sarcochilus unknown Sarcochilus Serenade x Maria

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	15A	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	Guarianthe aurantiaca
	15C	(1)	1	Lynn Brooks	Cattleya unknown
	15F	(3)	1 2 3	Graham Esmond Graham Esmond Harry Ashton	Cattleya Hau Yuan Beauty 'King Jade' x Jilian Dancer #302 Cattleya Hawaiin Wedding Song Brassocattleya Yellow Bird
	16B	(1)	1	Graham Esmond	Cymbidium Pee Wee
	18C	(1)	1	Jenny McLean	Dendrobium Taffeta 'KK'
	19A	(1)	2	Enid Chevla	Phalaenopsis schilleriana
	19B	(1)	1	Enid Chevla	Phalaenopsis unknown
	19C	(1)	1	Lynn Brooks	Phalaenopsis unknown
	20C	(1)	1	Geoff and Pauline	Aspasium Angel Baby 'Sultry'
	22B	(3)	1 2 3	Harry Ashton Harry Ashton Harry Ashton	Sarcochilus unknown Sarcochilus unknown Sarcochilus unknown
	24B	(1)	1	Lynn Brooks	Unknown

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# **POPULAR VOTE**

**OPEN** Peter Kissell *Chysis aurea* 'Casey Jane'

NOVICE Enid Chelva Phalaenopsis schilleriana

**SCHOKMAN TROPHY** 

(Laeliinae)

Harry Ashton Guarianthe aurantiaca

73 points

JIM GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY

(Phragmipedium)

Ray Taylor Phragmipedium Nicholle Tower 'Delightful'

72 points



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Nominator
Seconder
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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