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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 28th 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 6th

General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 27th

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## Birthdays

February: 7th Jim Baylis, 11th Nancie Jones

March: 4th, Angeline Ngooi, 11th Merrill Brechin, 19th John Walton, 24th Raye McIntosh, 25th Lorna Dodd, 26th Kaye Baylis, 26th Peggy Stacy

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 2020 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. 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!"

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.

## Perth Gardening and Outdoor Living Festival (formerly Perth Garden Festival)

The Garden Festival will run from 30 April - 3 May this year (just before our autumn show) and OSWA will be there again. This event is a great opportunity for us to show the public what OSWA is all about, and see what other gardening clubs and vendors are up to. Look in the March bulletin for more info about the Garden Festival and other OSWA activities planned for this year.

## Membership Subscriptions were due on 1 November 2019.

\$26 double, \$21 single. For your convenience OSWA accepts payment by direct deposit (preferred method), cheque, or cash (paid at a general meeting). Direct deposit can be made via electronic banking or at any Westpac branch. If possible, please use direct deposit or cheque, to lessen stress and chaos at the general meetings.

### For 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 payment by cheque:

Make cheques payable to The Orchid Society of WA Inc. and bring them to a general meeting or post them to OSWA, 58 Gladstone Rd, Leeming 6149.

Printing and posting the bulletin is expensive. **If you have not paid your membership subscription and you receive the bulletin by post, this bulletin may be your last!**

## New Members

Welcome to Jason Thomas. We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

## Neutrog Bulk Order. Order forms due at this Friday's meeting, 28 February.

An order form accompanies this bulletin. Orders are due at Friday's meeting, for collection on Sunday 26 April, from Rosemary McGrath, 2 Morrish Place, Como, after 1 pm (so you can pick it up on your way home from the annual **Shed Cleanup Day**, which is planned for 26 April). There have been hiccups with getting the last couple of Neutrog deliveries on time, so we have allowed a longer than usual time between the order date and the pickup date. If the products are available for collection earlier than 26 April, we will let you know.

**Thank you to ...**

Thank you to Trevor and Barbara Burnett for opening up their home for OSWA's traditional January General Meeting/BBQ. This year the event had an Australia Day theme. 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. Thank you also to Caterina and Pasquale Ottobriano who insisted on donating (and cooking!) gourmet sausages and other meats for the BBQ.

**Congratulations to our 50 year members!**

Last year (2019) marked 50 years of OSWA membership for Jim Baylis, Kaye Baylis and Trevor Burnett. Jim, Kaye and Trevor have been stalwarts of OSWA throughout that half-century, always helping at shows and in numerous behind-the-scenes activities. To mark the occasion, OSWA approached Kevin Butler (owner of Ezi-Gro Orchids) to name and register three new hybrid orchids, one each for Jim, Kay, and Trevor.

Trevor, Kaye, and Jim received their orchids and certificates of recognition at the January General Meeting/BBQ. It was noted that Ray Taylor actually joined OSWA *before* Kaye, Jim, and Trevor, but Ray was not a member for a few years, so he will have to wait a bit longer before his 50 years are up.

Photos, clockwise from the top: OSWA President Courtney Rogasch presenting Kaye Baylis, Jim Baylis, and Trevor Burnett with their certificates and the orchids named in their honour. Jim received a Cattleya, Kay and Trevor received paphs.



**CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (FEB-MAR 2020) 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 2020) 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 2020) 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.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Orchid Society of WA (Inc), held in the Manning Activity Centre, Manning, on 22nd February 2019.**

The President Mr Courtney Rogasch declared the meeting open at 7:45 pm, welcoming members & visitors present.

**Acceptance of the 2018 AGM Minutes:** Moved R Taylor, seconded E Bateman that the 2018 Minutes be accepted. Carried.

**Business arising from the Minutes:** Nil

**President's Report:** Mr Courtney Rogasch presented his report.

**Financial Statement:** Financial Statement for the year ended 31st October 2018 presented by K Bayliss. Moved K Bayliss, seconded R Taylor that the Financial Statement be accepted. Carried.

**Election of Office Holders:** Trevor Burnett appointed as Returning Officer.

**President:** Courtney Rogasch (Nominated by M Baker, seconded by K Bayliss.) Elected unopposed.

**Vice President:** Rosemary McGrath (*Has one year of two-year term to complete. Jim Baylis completed his term of Vice President and there is no provision for a second Vice President in the New Rules.*)

**Secretary:** No nominations were received. To be considered at committee. M Baker to temporarily continue as acting secretary.

**Treasurer:** Kirsty Bayliss (Nominated by J Bateman, seconded by J McLean.) Elected unopposed.

**Committee Members Continuing (1 more year to complete term):**

Jenny McLean, Harry Ashton, Ian Duncan, Lynn Brooks

**New Committee Members (these members are elected to committee for a two-year term):**

Jacqui Bateman (Nominated by K Baylis, seconded by J Baylis.) Re-elected.

Lina Pacca (Nominated by K Brooks, seconded by H Ashton.) Re-Elected.

Murray Baker (Nominated by C Rogasch, seconded by H Ashton.) Elected.

Ann Lam (Nominated by L Brooks, seconded by J McLean.) Elected subject to written confirmation of acceptance of nomination. Unfortunately Ann was unable to accept.

**Positions for which formal nomination not required.** The members indicated below agreed to serve in the positions indicated and were approved by those present at the meeting.

**Patron:** Trevor Burnett

**Immediate Past President:** Kaye Baylis.

**OSWA Registrar:** Harry Ashton.

**Assistant Registrar:** Jenny McLean

**Show Marshall:** Kaye Baylis

**Show Secretary:** Rosemary McGrath, Merril Brechin

**Show Committee:** Committee Members plus Merril Brechin

**Show Sales:** Rosemary McGrath, Ian Duncan, Kirsty Bayliss, Lina Pacca, Caterina Ottobrinio, Nataliya Kulchytska

**Librarian:** Kaye Baylis

**Opportunity Table:** Rosalie McCallum, Coral Bielby

**Bulletin Editor & Webpage:** Murray Baker

**Orchids Australia:** Harry Ashton

**Facebook:** Kirsty Bayliss

**Auditor:** Optional under new rules. To be determined by committee (if needed).

**Any Other Business:**

**Vote of thanks:** Rosemary McGrath moved a vote of thanks to Kaye and Jim Baylis (joined OSWA 50 years ago this month, served on committee, judging panels etc for over 45 years), Lorna Dodd (served on the committee for over 40 years), and Jack Krishnan (served on committee for at the last 4 years) and noted that Jim Baylis and Jack Krishnan would be retiring from the committee. Approved by acclamation.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8:33 pm

**MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (December 2019)**

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

**OPEN**

1A	(3)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Cattleya forbesii</i>
		2	Murray and Arni Baker	<i>Encyclia candollei</i>
		3	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Encyclia lancifolia</i>
1F	(3)	1	Merrill Brechin	<i>Encyclia Bee's Knees</i>
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Encyclia Gail Nakagaki</i>
		3	Ray Taylor	<i>Rhyncovola David Sander</i>
3B	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Paphiopedilum Armenii White</i>
4D	(1)	1	Tara Peters	<i>Dendrobium unknown</i>
5A	(3)	1	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis mannii</i>
		2	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana</i>
		3	Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi f. flava</i>
6A	(1)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Oncidium leucochilum</i>
6C	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Tolumnia unknown</i>
6D	(2)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Oncidium Pupukea Sunset x Spacenante</i>
		2	Merrill Brechin	<i>Brassia Eternal Wind 'Summer's Dream'</i>
7A	(1)	1	Murray and Arni Baker	<i>Renanthera monachica</i>
7B	(3)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Aeranthes Grandiose 'Hsinying' x ramosa 'Hsinying'</i>
		2	Tara Peters	<i>Vanda Cherry Blossom</i>
		3	Ray Taylor	<i>Vanda Somsri 'Thai Spots'</i>
10B	(1)	1	Tara Peters	<i>Coelogyne marmorata</i>
12	(1)	1	Tara Peters	<i>Vanda falcata x ampullaceum</i>

**NOVICE**

15F	(3)	1	Enid Chelva	<i>Encyclia Bee's Knees</i>
		2	Harry Ashton	<i>Epicattleya Gerardus Staal</i>
		3	Enid Chelva	<i>Encyclia atropurpureum x meliosma</i>
16B	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Cymbidium Australian Midnight</i>
18A	(1)	1	Lynn Brooks	<i>Dendrobium lindleyi</i>
19C	(1)	1	Enid Chelva	<i>Phalaenopsis unknown</i>
20D	(2)	1	Enid Chelva	<i>Oncidium unknown</i>
		2	Lynn Brooks	<i>Oncidium Catante</i>
21A	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Vanda miniata</i>

**POPULAR VOTE**

**OPEN**                      Ray Taylor                      *Oncidium unknown*

**NOVICE**                      Harry Ashton                      *Vanda miniatum*

**SCHOKMAN TROPHY**      Merrill Brechin                      *Encyclia Bee's Knees*                      (72 points)  
(Laeliinae)

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