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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the  
Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
2011,  
commencing at **8.00 p.m**

**PATRON: Mr Roy Brown**

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:  
WOC REPORT & AUCTION**

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**DECEMBER MEETING DATES:**

Judging Panel	7.30 pm Monday 5th
OSWA Committee	7.30 pm Friday 2nd
General Meeting	8.00 pm Friday 16th

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**Birthdays: November: 10<sup>th</sup>** – George Price **18<sup>th</sup>** – Trevor Burnett **December: 6<sup>th</sup>** – Val Seaman

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. To any member on the sick list, may you soon be well.

**New Members:** Thomas Tan (Thornlie), Paul Atherton and Sue Banks (Bullsbrook), Val Cooper (Melville) and Gloria Talbot (Melville)

Welcome to the Society, we hope you enjoy a long & happy membership.

The **OSWA Bulletin** (and other information) is now available at [www.orchidsocietywa.net.au](http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au)

### **General News**

- **Christmas Dinner:** at the RAAF Association, Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011, 6:30 pm for a 7:00 pm start. Pay as you go for drinks. The menu is a 3-course Christmas Dinner: soup, roast turkey & ham, with fresh seasonal vegetables, Plum Pudding & custard, tea & coffee. The cost is \$32.00 per head. Everyone please bring a gift (not necessarily a plant) to be placed on a table. On arrival each attendee will be issued with a ticket, to be drawn during the evening, so that everyone will receive a gift. It is not a raffle, more like a Secret Santa. Register your intention to attend and pay at the November General Meeting.
- **The November meeting** will be a plant auction (preferably orchids!!). This will be a good chance to enlarge your collection with some quality plants, or sell some of your divisions and make space for some more plants. The society's digital camera will also be up for auction: Panasonic Lumix DMC-FZ50, with instructions, battery and charger, SD card, USB cable, tripod, carry-case. This is a full featured digital camera, up to 10 megapixels, 12X optical zoom, in mint condition. Comes with software for Windows, (may not be necessary for latest versions of Windows) interfaces seamlessly with iPhoto on Mac. The camera is about 5 years old. For more information about the camera, contact Murray.
- **Trophies:** Please bring in all perpetual trophies to the November General Meeting so they can be engraved for the next winners. They will be presented at the December meeting.
- **Membership Fees:** Membership fees for 2012 are now due. These can be paid in person at a meeting or you can send a cheque payable to the Orchid Society of WA, to I. Duncan, 5 Salen Ct., Ardross, 6153. A single membership is \$21.00, a double membership is \$26.00.
- **Apology:** Members should know that the "Susan Bantis" mentioned in the October Bulletin is really Susan Banks. The Secretary apologises for this error.
- **The January General Meeting:** Due to the Collins Street Hall being re-floored in January, instead of the usual monthly meeting there will be a BBQ at the home of Kaye & Jim Baylis, 18 Wheyland St., Willagee on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012 from 7:00 pm. BYO meat and drinks, and bring a salad or dessert to share and chairs. There will be a door prize but no plant display (unless someone has something especially special to show off). No cover charge.
- **Auction of Bill Robinson's orchids:** Bill is a member of Mandurah & Districts Orchid Society. He is moving to smaller premises and so is selling about 400 orchids, mostly Vandas, Brassias & Angraecums, all in good condition. OSWA members are welcome to join in the auction which will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, from 10:00 am at 1B Eacott St. Mandurah. There are some beautiful plants available. For more information contact John Walton at the November meeting or afterwards at ph. 9419 6253.

RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (October 2011)**Open Class:**

Class 1A (5)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Epi. parkinsonianum</i>
	2. Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Brassavola nodosa</i> var. <i>grandiflora</i>
	3. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Epi. elongatum</i>
Class 1C (1)	1. Gillian Marsh	Dial. Snowflake x Lc. Angel Heart
Class 1F (2)	1. Jim & Kaye Baylis	<i>Epi. veroscriptum</i> x <i>Enc. barbeyanum</i>
	2. Murray & Arni Baker	Epi. Unknown
Class 2C (1)	1. Gillian Marsh	Cym. Beacon Fire x <i>Cym. canaliculatum</i>
Class 3A (1)	1. Fred Herbert	<i>Paph. lowii</i> 'Taylor'
Class 4C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Chai 'Oka'
Class 5A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phal. parishii</i>
Class 6E (1)	1. Murray & Arni Baker	Brassia Rex 'Choice'
Class 7A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Angraecum viguieri</i>
	2. Gillian Marsh	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>
Class 8A (2)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Den. tetragonum</i> var. <i>giganteum</i>
	2. Ian Duncan	<i>Den. prenticei</i>
Class 8B (3)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	Sarc. Unknown
	2. Ian Duncan	Den. Gloucester Sands
	3. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	Sarc. Hot Ice 'Rich Port' x Heart Light x Fitzhart 'Red
Class 10B (3)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Chysis bractescens</i>
	2. Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Bifrenaria harrisoniae</i>
	3. NAS	
Class 11B (1)	1. Gillian Marsh	Masd. Bella Donna 'Prima'
Class 12(1)	1. Gillian Marsh	Masd. Bella Donna 'Prima'

**Novice Class:**

Class 15B(1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Bc. Carol Brown
Class 15E (1)	1. N/A	
Class 18D (1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Den. fortune "June" x Den. Merlin Flare Casino
Class 19B (2)	1. N/A	
	2. N/A	
Class 19E (1)	1. Sue Banks	Phal. unknown
Class 22A (1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	<i>Den. monophyllum</i>
Class 27A (2)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Phal. Diamond Beauty x ? <i>stuartiana</i>
	2. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Phal. Tarde White x Floride show

Schokman Trophy Points: Dial Snowflake x Lc. Angel Heart (70 pts) – Gillian Marsh

POPULAR VOTE: Open: Dial. Snowflake x Lc. Angel Heart – Gillian Marsh

Novice: Den. Fortune 'June' x Den. Merlin Flare Casino– Ann & Malcolm Davis

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011) by Roy Brown

Most of the dividing and re-potting of our Cymbidiums should be completed by now because once we reach the middle of November, the weather pattern will have changed from warm Spring days to hot, dry days with easterly winds, and these conditions of course are not suited to dividing & 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, of course, the start of the summer culture, and this means adding fertilizer, once a week or each fortnight as you prefer. If you are not too certain as to just how much fertilizer to 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, and then another good, heavy watering several days later.

In the meantime, of course, if you have fine misting overhead then use these to keep the plant leaves, benches and surrounding area nice and damp.

During November and December the sun's rays are increasing and shining more directly overhead each day. If it should shine directly through a break in the overhead material of your Sarlon shade house, then the plants beneath could suffer with badly sunburnt leaves and this will affect the efficiency of the plant in producing the necessary plant sugars. Once plant leaves are sunburnt they do not repair themselves and the scar will stay until the leaf eventually dies.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011) by Henry Eaton

November, so far, has been cool and unexpectedly quite wet. We should therefore, be even more awake to the onset of real hot summer weather in the next few weeks.

With Cattleyas, remember they like to dry out after being well watered, before they receive their next drink. The important fact to remember is that you adjust the frequency of watering to suit the density of the mix you use, and growing good roots that can breathe freely will ensure that the green parts of the plants above ground will develop well very successfully.

One might have to increase shading if temperatures soar too high (over 35C or so). A misting system beneath the benches will also help, as well as fans blowing cool air over the plants. Keep the ground beneath the benches damp to increase humidity.

Fertilise regularly to attain maximum growth but perhaps go lightly once temperatures reach 35C or more.

Begin to look out now for the appearance of flowering sheaths on some of the maturing growths. If any are seen, try to position them so that water will not be retained in the axil of the leaf and any flowering sheath. Make sure also that you straighten out the bulbs so that they remain erect and will display the flowers as well as possible.

As the temperatures increase, so do the insects and pests. Keep a lookout for caterpillars, scale and mealy bug which multiply very quickly in these conditions. Treat them as soon as they are identified as causing trouble.

Hand watering your plants gives an excellent opportunity to observe their leaf colour – too dark a green will indicate that not enough light is reaching your plant, too reddish indicates too much light and the need for extra shading). You may also spot other potential problems such as insect damage or ants making home in the pots. Treat any problems promptly with the appropriate products.

Thank you to John Walton, who has volunteered to carry on the work started by Henry many years ago, by providing the Cattleya Cultural Notes each month, beginning in December.

**The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth,**  
**on Friday 23 September 2011**

**Welcome:** The President opened the meeting at 8.02pm and welcomed those present and guests Merle Arrah and Bruce Larson.

**Attendance & Apologies:** as per register

**Minutes:** Moved J. Walton, seconded B Rensen that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

**Business arising:** Nil

**Correspondence Inward:**

- L. Valmadre (email request re info for growing orchids)
- IGA Perth Royal Show: Certificate of Participation and thank you letter for Royal Show display
- Thank you note from Myrna Eaton
- AOC AGM Agenda etc and Orchids Australia renewal form
- Tony Watkinson re new AQIS import regulations
- Society Newsletters

**Correspondence Outward:**

- Derryn Thorpe and Bob Longmore (from K. Baylis, thanking for advertising Potting Workshop in Habitat and Curtin Radio)
- Card to B. Rensen
- City of south Perth: application for booking of Scout Hall and Collins St. Hall for 2012 (R. McGrath).
- Royal Agricultural Society: re Royal Show display (R. McGrath).
- Kardinya S/C: invoice for Spring Show Display (R. McGrath)
- Email to AQIS enquiring about new import regulations
- Email to Val Yates (OSWA info)
- Email to Thomas Tan (re application for membership)

**Business arising:** Nil

**Confirmation:** Moved M. Donald seconded J. Walton, that Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

**Financial Statement:** the President presented the financial Statement (Treasurer was otherwise occupied)

**New Members:** Officially approved: Mr Thomas Tan, Paul Atherton & Sue Banks (received free plant), val cooper, Gloria Talbot (received free plant)

**Reports:**

- **Royal Show** (K. Baylis): the royal Show display was a great success, Royal Show staff were very happy and lots of interest from the public. Members who assisted by bringing in plants or setting up, manning, and packing up the display were thanked, esp. Ian and Rosemary who were there every day. It was noted that we need more volunteers to help with the Show in future: this time many members were away or unwell and so not able to assist.

- **Potting Workshop:** was a big success this year. K. Baylis thanked Edna, John, Roy and Malcolm for doing talks on the day.
- **Henry's plant auction:** Thank you to Ian for doing the auctioneering, Trevor and Murray for doing the recording, and Kaye for distributing the plants on the day. There are still about 100 plants remaining and these will be sold at the Sales Table at Monthly meetings or at the November Auction. All proceeds go to work on Parkinson's Disease.

### General Business:

- Members asked to please bring back **perpetual trophies** if they have not already done so. Trophies will be presented at the December meeting (not November as previously advised)
- **Christmas dinner:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Air Force Association, 6.30 for 7.00 pm. Cost to be advised
- **Next meeting: Auction of plants** (prefer orchids) + OSWA digital camera
- **Name badges:** can be ordered for \$15.50 from I. Duncan. Members should wear badges at shows and displays, especially at pack-up time, so they are easily recognized when collecting plants, (lessens the likelihood of members of the public helping themselves to plants at pack-up time).
- **Open day:** at the home of J&D Walton 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Popular vote:** Open – Dial. Snowflake x Lc. Angel Heart, owner G. Marsh.

Novice: Den. Fortune 'June' x Merlin flake Casino 'Yellow Tree', owner M&A Davis

**Raffle:** E. Burgess, M. Arrah (plants to be collected next month)

**Door Prize:** A. Davis (plant to be collected next month)

### Evening's programme:

**AOC Conference:** Merle Arrah & Bruce Larson gave an update on preparations for the AOC Conference and request for flowers for the AOC display at the WOC.

**Plant descriptions:** there was an amazing range of unusual plants this month, including: Masd. Bella Donna 'Prima' (owner G. Marsh – not very common in WA), and this one is interesting because it flourishes (lots of big white flowers) under the eaves on the south side of the house where it never receives any direct or even filtered sunlight: Phal. seedlings (owner M. Davis) – seedlings that came out of the same flask (less than 2 years ago) are flowering already & have quite different flowers to each other: Chysis bractescens (owners A & G O'Callaghan) – native to Mexico & Peru, this specimen had a cluster of white flowers with yellow & brownish highlights on the labellum: Angraecum viguieri (owner M. Godbeer) – native to Madagascar and grown in the hothouse, this specimen carried 2 orange flowers with darker centre & cream labellum) at the end of the 60 cm or so growth, which hangs downwards from the mount: Epi. Parkinsonianum (owners A&G O'Callaghan) – a striking plant with large fleshy, downward-hanging leaves and numerous large yellow & white flowers.

**Meeting closed at 9:31 pm.**