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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING 24/452007, 8.20 pm

Present: 26 members

Apologies: 6

Visitors: Arni

New members: David G,
Melissa and
Alasdair

Minutes: Minutes as
circulated
accepted
(Pat, Ken)

Business Arising: Nil

Horticultural Award: To
Tom & Pat for a well grown
Paphiopedilum insigne

General Business: Thanks to Pat and Tom for the last home visit.

16 indicated they will go to Les & Val's on Sunday.

Thanks to Sharon for arranging the last three monthly plants.

Tony Spoke about the plants he and Barry have purchased from Kevin for future monthly plants. They are to be looked after by several members. The plants include *Podangis dactyloceras* (Peter) *Aerangis biloba* (Maxine), *Den amabile* and *Den sanderrae* Var *luzonicum* (Ken), *Tricoglottis rosea* Var *breviracema* (Tony) and Barry will look after *Cynoches barthi-orum*. They are in compots and cost \$4 per plant for a total somewhat over \$500.

Ken has bagged up the Vandas for AQIS (with much regret) and is awaiting Aaron's instructions (Monday next?) about the Renatheras. He has heard nothing from Hans in Thailand.

Financial Report: was tabled by Lee with a current balance of \$2 365.46 and in the second account there is \$1 631.50.

Moved: Neville Seconded: Murray

Graham & Margaret's Orchids



Pterostylis vittata



Pterostylis hamiltonii



Dendrobium bigibbum



Habeneria tridactyle

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Mike Griffin for a Heberle book and a letter of thanks.

R F Williams about Ron's change of address and contact details.

GCA invitation to a Perth Meeting (if interested in attending contact the secretary).

AOF form Gerald Mc Craith with a list of Awareness papers.

News, Mandurah and Districts Newsletter and Orchid Species Bulletin.

Outwards: Nil

To Mike Griffin with a Heberle book.

Business Arising: Nil

Raffle Winners: Phillip and Chris C.
Badge Prize winner: Carolyn
Home Visit Raffle: Adrian
Raffle Winners: Frank , Ina and Margaret



Angraecum eburnum superbum



Neobathia filicornu



Sophronitis cernua

Maxine's Orchids



Cymbidium erythrostylum



Sophronitis cernua v miniera

Home Visit

The May home visit was at Les and Val's home. On a cool and sometimes rainy Sunday morning, we were treated to generous hospitality and a small but select orchid collection. Probably, at some future time, all of us will be forced to reduce our collections when we move to a smaller property, and our disposable income diminishes (Ed: this is something to think about, although in the meantime, I am still in expansion mode!).

Thanks Les and Val.

Ian's Orchids



Dendrobium goldschmidtianum



Dendrobium rigidum

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Home visits No home visits are scheduled for June-August - if you are able to host a home visit during these months, please let Trevor or Graham know. Alternatively, if you have any other ideas that we might explore, please contact a member of the Committee.

Sept Maxine
Oct Adrian & Deanna

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Membership fees are now overdue. The cost is small and we keep it down with special raffles and our silent auction, but we do need your membership to maintain the website, and meet our other operating expenses. Please pay your membership to the Treasurer.

Please let the Editor know if you are happy to download your newsletter from the web page rather than receive a paper copy and I will cease sending the hard copy.

Tony has been working on the web pages, and has made several enhancements including a gallery dedicated to *Caladenia filifera* - have a look at <http://members.iinet.net.au/%7Eemntee/Caladenia394.htm>

The Society will have a display @ the 2008 WAOS and a sales table in conjunction with Wanneroo Orchid Society

Barry W has donated some flasks of *Cuitlauzina pendula* to the Society. Barry G will replant them for future use as a club plant. Many thanks to both.



Paphiopedilum insigne

Tom & Pat's Orchids



Cymbidium iridoides

IMPORTED PLANT NEWS

Thailand Update:

All the Vanda species and hybrids have now been destroyed, however we have received approval to release the other vandaceous species, eg *Ascocentrum curvifolium*, *Renanthera philippinensis*, *Rhynchostylis gigantea* etc. I have requested an inspection prior to the next meeting, and will bring along those plants released. This means that the *Renanthera philippinense* purchased for the Society with the Melville funds have been saved from destruction and will be released as a monthly plant in Spring.

To date there has been no further action on bringing in the plants that are still in Thailand. I have been in contact with Hans Hermans and his associate in the Eastern States, Alan Eggins (Rosella Orchids) who has offered to quarantine plants for us. It appears from his e-mail that he will not be in a position to quarantine plants until late 2007 as he is moving from Clunes (Victoria) to South Grafton (Northern NSW) and has yet to build and license a new quarantine glasshouse. However, as both Allan and Hans observed, it is not good practice to bring tropical orchids into an Australian winter. I will keep you informed on further steps in this regard once we have finished the disinfection of the quarantine glasshouse (probably 2 months)..

Ken



Paphiopedilum villosum

**John S's
Orchids**



Paphiopedilum insigne sanderae

Paphiopedilum spicerianum



Ken & Chris's Orchids



Laelia anceps



Oncidium tigrinum



Oncidium ornithorhynchum



Dendrochilum sp



Gongora nigrescens??

For Sale

**A Complete Guide to Native Orchids of Australia, David L Jones
\$60.00
(ordered but not collected).
Please contact Graham or Lee .**



**Monthly Plant *Brassia pumila*
\$8.00**

Brassia pumila Lindl. 1854 (commonly known as the 'small brassia') occurs from Peru to Venezuela as a bifoliate, small sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte in wet montane forests at an altitude of 1000 metres. It is also known by its synonym *Brassia lanceana* var. *pumila* and is a member of *Oncidiinae* subtribe. These plants were supplied by Tinonee Orchids and have been grown on by Sharon.

This species has rather small ovate-elliptic, compressed pseudobulbs basally enveloped by several bracts with each having 2 erect leaves. 12 cm flowers are carried on a short, generally upright raceme on maturing pseudobulbs, somewhat shorter than the leaves in autumn-winter. Flowers, in autumn-winter, are typically 'star' shaped, predominantly pale greenish-yellow with brown barring in the centre of the flower on the petals, sepals and labellum.

Brassias are quite at home in our Mediterranean climate, despite their predominantly warm native habitat, provided they are kept drier in winter. This means that if you want to grow this species, you should have some way of keeping the rain off the plants during our cold winter months. I have found Brassias quite susceptible to water moulds (*Phytophthora* spp), bacterial infections (*Ewinea* spp) and root rot (*Rhizoctonia* spp) if they are kept too wet. Mealy bug and hard and soft scale also seem to favour this genus if air movement is not adequate, and the above fungal/bacterial infections move in when the leaves are damaged. However, this said, in good conditions this genus grows rapidly and soon becomes a specimen plant with several flower racemes each flowering, and often, flowering more than once a year. *Brassia pumila* is not a common species in cultivation, and is well worth growing.

Some good photos and basic information can be found at <http://www.orchidspecies.com/brspumila.htm>

Photo and info courtesy of Jay Pfahl's [Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia](#)

Tony & Mavis's Orchids



Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica



Phalaenopsis venosa



Phalaenopsis cornu cervii var flava

Dendrobium venustum



Western Australian Orchid Spectacular & Conference 2008

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Welcome again to another edition of **WAOS The Bulletin**. September is a truly magnificent time to be out and about in Western Australia, the weather is crisp, a little rain but not often, just perfect for sun lovers including our Spring flowering wildflowers, some sites are only minutes from the heart of Perth. Check out Perth's September [weather](#)

Things to see & do in and around Perth

Visitors will be amazed at the diversity of Western Australia from the rugged tropics in our north, to the Mediterranean climate of the southwest and the vastness of WA's desert regions. Find out what's happening in our ['What to see and do'](#) page .

LECTURES:

Our list of prestigious Guest Speakers continues to increase with the addition of **Dr Michael Duncan**, Senior Scientist, Terrestrial Ecology, Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Victoria. Dr. Duncan is intimately involved with Conservation of Australian Native Orchids in Victoria, and has given us a list of great orchid presentations to choose from. We now have a total of 20 World Class Lecturers, 13 of whom will travel from overseas to bring a wealth of diverse orchid knowledge from around the world. See the full, stunning [List of Lecturers](#) on the WAOS Web Site.

VENDORS

The List of vendors committing to WAOS increases every month. The latest addition is **Sun Moon Orchids of Taiwan**. Sun Moon attended the 2005 WAOS, where orchid growers were happy to purchase their wonderful orchid flasks. See a current list of vendors at the [Vendors Page](#) on the WAOS Web Site.

REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration = A\$70.00 expires on 31 Jan 08

Regular Registration = AU\$90.00 from 1st Feb 08 until the 15th August 2008.

Late Registration = A\$120.00 16th August 2008 until the Conference

Registration Includes:

1. Daily admission to Conference Venue, all Lectures
2. Display Preview, Discounts, Pre-purchasing opportunities
3. Registration Satchel.
4. Preferential Photography opportunities

The Full Details of WAOS 2008 Registration are now available as a printable form through the [WAOS Web Site](#)

REFUND POLICY

Did you know that there is now a Refund Policy in place in case you should Register and not be able to attend. From the moment a Registration is received the organising committee begins to incur costs, your refund therefore up to 1 June 2008 will be less about 5% after that, Catering payments will have been made, name tickets printed etc, and your refund will become substantially less.

January 31st 2008 is the deadline for the cheaper Registration, after that Registration Fees will rise by \$20.00. Comparisons show that if you attend 5 lectures over 3 days you will have paid in excess of the Early Bird Registration Fee as well as all the other benefits that go with Registration. Payment by Credit Card is available (on the Registration Form) in addition to cheque and other cash transfers methods.

ACCOMMODATION

You will be spoiled for choice when it comes to accommodation. There are so many places to stay from backpackers to luxury apartments. Check our [Accommodation Page](#) for just some of them. There you will find a wide range of accommodation within a few km of the venue. You should be able to find something here that suits your taste and pocket.

For any queries or questions, please write to, the Secretary, PO Box 4076, Alexander Heights, WA 6064, or email waos@iinet.net.au
To be included on our emailing list, please contact Tony at waos@iinet.net.au

WA Orchid Spectacular 2008

What is it?

A Conference and Showcase for all Western Australian Orchid Societies.

Where is it?

Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre on the corner of Abernathy & Alexander Rd, Belmont, WA.

When is it?

25th and 29th September 2008. (Setup on the 25th, open to the public from 26th to 29th)

Tony

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Phragmipedium pearceii

Ray & Nancy's Orchids

Paphiopedilum spicerianum



Prosthechea fragrans

