MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING 28th June 2007

Opened By: Trevor at 8:00pm
Next Gen. Meeting: Date 26th July 2007 Time 7:45pm
Next Com: Date: 10th July 2007 at Trevors… Time 7:30
Last Home Visit: Les & Vals home.
Next Home Visit: Maxine place in September.
Members Present 32 as per the register.
New Member: None.
Visitors: Louise and Brian
Apologies: Terry and Sandra.

General Business:
Thanks to Les and Val on a great visit to the place.
Ken brought in some samples (the biggest and the smallest) of the club plant bought with Melville money that had just been released from quarantine (17 survived).
There is now a six week process where Ken has to disinfect their quarantine house.
The secretary will not be at the next GM and the August Committee Meeting.
Jack donated pots on hangers to the club @ $1.
Steve brought in his copy of Bob Liddlelow’s book on WA terrestrials in which he gives “mud map” locations.
Congratulations to Tony on his new gallery on Caladenia filifera.

Horticultural Award:
Maxine, for a magnificent Jumellea majus
Financial Report: was tabled by Lee and the current balance is $1833.66. Moved: Gordon, Seconded: Margaret

Graham & Margaret’s Orchids

Thelymitra antennifera

Pterostylis nana

Pterostylis hamiltonii

Cattleya maxima

Laelia anceps veitchii

Cymbidium hookerianum

Isabela pulchella

IMPORTED PLANT NEWS

Thailand Update:

We are presently most of the way through disinfecting the quarantine glasshouse with one more bleach surface spray to go. Following that, I will seek approval from AQIS to re-commission the glasshouse. We will contact Hans Hermans again early next month to ascertain whether we can make arrangements to import the plants from Chiang Mai before we go overseas in late September, although our preference is December-January so that they are ready for release when we return from Thailand/Vietnam. This will require me to obtain a new import permit from Environment Australia, and possibly from AQIS.

Ken
Raffle Winners: Margaret, Anne and Peter
Badge Prize winner: Ina

Correspondence:

Inwards:
Michael Zink about flasks.
Peter and Shirley
GCA about the AGM and the meeting to be held in Perth in July.

Outwards:
To Peter and Shirley

Tom & Pat’s Orchids

Paphiopedilum insigne

Cymbidium tracyanum

Laelia anceps

Maxine’s Orchids

Phalaenopsis equestris
Scaphyglottis livida
Dendrochilum tenellum
Catasetum laminatum
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting
Tony has developed a MS Powerpoint presentation on Orchids of the South West and will show it to us at the July General Meeting. This presentation includes some of the superb photos taken by Ron Heberle that are on our web page.

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.

Home visits
Sept Maxine
Oct Adrian & Deanna

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

As advised last month, your annual 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.

The Society’s annual Silent Auction takes place in October. When you repot plants in Spring, you might want to set aside spare divisions than can be donated for this event. For new members, this is an excellent way to get your collection started. However, it is not only orchids that are for sale - other companion plants, books, pots, air coolers, gardening equipment etc can all be put on the table for sale.

Gordon's Orchids

Paphiopedilum gratrixianum

Paphiopedilum insigne Sanderae

Paphiopedilum insigne
Australian Orchid Foundation Awareness Campaign

Fungal Disease Control - Robert Willmott

Most orchid growers traditionally depend upon disease control chemicals as the primary, if not sole means of eliminating disease, often overlooking the simple reasons why diseases become established, why they continue to develop and what might be done to control them.

As growers, we should develop a philosophy to disease control that employs all possible components found in cultural, chemical and biological control methods.

Many of the fungal diseases we encounter are water borne and the following factors should be considered:
Grow under permanent structures so that the amount of water the plant receives can be controlled;
Water when good drying conditions exist - normally neither too early or too late in the day;
Employ fans, when needed, to move drier air into a greenhouse and around the plants to promote foliar drying;
Water only when needed and then thoroughly; and do not overcrowd plants as this promotes poor drying and extends wet periods by increasing humidity around the plants. This leads to condensation on plant surfaces. Crowding also increases tissue senescence which makes plants more susceptible to fungi such as Botrytis.

While all of this is something to think about, I am sure that last point resonates with many of us (Ed)
Ken & Chris’s Orchids

Aerangis peyrotii

Euanthe sanderiana

Epidendrum elongatum

Oncidium onustum

Jumellea sp

Dendrochilum sp

Oncidium incurvum
The ovate-oblong, compressed, yellowy pseudobulbs carry leaves, often yellowish in colour. This species often blooms in late autumn-early winter, but can flower more than once a year when well grown. The flowers are spectacular being large (up to 10cm) and intense purple, borne one or two (or occasionally three) on a short upright raceme. The white anther cap is a striking contrast to the purple petals and sepals. The flowers are long lasting (up to six weeks).

This species is easy to grow and quite happy with the cool, wet (sometimes?) winters provided it is kept in an open, well drained medium. If you are planning to grow in sphagnum moss, I recommend that it be kept drier during winter to avoid root loss. This species can be susceptible to damping off and other soft rots - once these pathogens attack the plant, it can quite quickly perish. I use a prophylactic treatment of Bordeaux, Mancozeb, Copper Oxychloride or Wettable Sulphur from time-to-time (generally around season changes) with all our orchids and find that this keeps most pathogens under check.

We grow this species in the shadehouse, that has a fibreglass roof to keep plants drier during winter, although they withstand occasional frosts. Many authors say that this species should be grown warm, but many growers have good success in the shadehouse (especially those closer to the coast where the winter/spring minimum temperatures are milder than Swan Valley).

Some good photos and basic information can be found at [http://www.orchidspeciessoc.org/Miltonia%20moreliana.htm](http://www.orchidspeciessoc.org/Miltonia%20moreliana.htm)

Graham & Margaret’s *Isabelia pulchella*
Tony & Mavis's Orchids

*Phalaenopsis amabilis*

*Cadetia taylori*

*Oncidium tigrinum*

*Cattleya percivaliana*

*Phalaenopsis amboinensis*

*Rhynchostylis gigantea*
LOCAL INVOLVEMENT

These Orchid Societies/Clubs/Groups have already indicated that they will be presenting an Orchid Display at WAOS 2008
- Wanneroo Orchid Society
- Northern Districts Orchid Society
- Bunbury Orchid Society
- Species Orchid Society of WA
- Cymbidium Club of WA
- Mandurah and Districts Orchid Club
- WA Native Orchid Study & Conservation Group

These Orchid Societies/Clubs/Groups have already indicated that they will have a Sales Area at WAOS 2008
- Orchid Society of WA
- Wanneroo Orchid Society
- Northern Districts Orchid Society
- Species Orchid Society of WA
- Cymbidium Club of WA

The 2008 WAOS will be the best thing since????… Since?. . ….. Sliced bread?? …….. Whatever! …….. Don’t miss out……..Get your orchid group involved NOW!!!

Book your Display and Sales Area now by contacting Ben via email at neddbennie@westnet.com.au

NEWS FLASH!!

Our Sponsorship Co-ordinator, Bruce Larson, is in discussions with Lotterywest and Tourism Western Australia regarding their potential involvement in WAOS 2008.

Stay tuned for further good news!!

Publicity

We are indebted to both Australasian Native Orchid Society Council and the New Zealand Native Orchid Group for their great support. The ANOS Council has agreed to run advertisements for WAOS 2008 in their wonderful publication, “The Orchadian”. Similarly, the NZNOG has agreed to do the same in their “NZNOG Journal”. Our undying thanks to both groups and we look forward to giving their members a hearty welcome at the WA Orchid Spectacular 2008.

Seeing WA’s native orchids at their blooming best is a huge incentive to visit Perth during September in any year, but 2008 has the added advantage of not only WAOS but the Kings Park Wildflower Festival which will now be a MONTH LONG event right through September.

Another News Flash!!!

More good reasons to come to WAOS 2008!! The Australasian Native Orchid Society Council has decided to present a display which will be a welcome addition to the growing list of Orchid groups getting involved in WAOS 2008

REGISTRATION  Don’t Forget!!

Early Bird Registration Expires in Jan 2008

The Full Details of WAOS 2008 Registrations are now available as a printable form through the WAOS Web Site at; http://members.iinet.net.au/%7EEmntee/WAOS.html

We urge all Orchid Societies to make copies of the Registration Form for members who are not yet computer literate.

Refund Policy

The WAOS Committee has introduced a Refund Policy for Registrants who find themselves unable to attend the Conference after paying the Registration. From the moment a Registration is received the organising committee begins to incur costs, your refund therefore up to 1 June 2005 will be less about 5% after that Catering payments will have been made name tickets printed etc and your refund will become substantially less.

Yet Another News Flash!! (Whew!! These news flashes are coming thick and fast!!)

Orchidaceous Books will join us again in 2008 with the best orchid books available anywhere in the country. Contact Grahame through their web site at….. http://www.orchidaceousbooks.com.au/
Many Thanks to Kevin Butler of Ezi-Gro Orchids for spreading the good news about the WA Orchid Spectacular & Conference in Queensland and NSW on his recent trips. Kevin has been a strong supporter of WAOS over the years, for which we are extremely grateful. Ezi-Gro Orchids is the largest Orchid Nursery in the State and the WAOS Committee urges all Orchid Society Members to support Kevin as he supports us.

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 for further Bulletins, 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 Watkinson
Publicity
WAOS 2008

[Image of orchid flowers]