MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  July 26th 2007

Opened by:  Trevor at 7.50 pm on July 26th 2007

Next Committee Meeting:  At Adrian’s residence.  Date: 11th September 2007

Last Home Visit:  Nil

Next Home Visit:  Nil

Members Present: as per register

New Members:  Nil

Visitors:  Louise  & Friend

Apologies: as per register.

General Business:

1. The AOF have published a compilation of selected sheets from the Awareness Campaign. The book is called Common Cultural Problems & their Solutions and is available from the Australian Orchid Foundation at $10.00. We will probably ask for names of those interested in purchasing one, at the next meeting, and order them in one lot.  Trevor has kindly donated one copy for the Library.

2. Ken reports that the cleansing of his quarantine house is almost completed and that it can then be recommissioned. He has also sent letters to Aaron Maxwell, Colleen and AQIS to express his appreciation of the support received over the last twelve months.

3. Tony gave a Power Point presentation of some photos taken at the rescue digs at Joondalup, and some photos of what the area looks like now that the Freeway extension work has commenced. He also included many photos of orchids that he and Graham have found in the South West on various road trips they have taken.

Deanne has kindly offered to fill Margaret’s shoes in the kitchen while she is away.

Horticultural Award:

Given to Anne for her plant of Ang. eburneum var. superbum.
Financial Report: was tabled by Lee - the current balance is $2263.16 (#1 A/c) & $1631.50 (#2 A/c)
Acceptance moved: Anne, Seconded: Gordon

The Webmaster is off to Thailand on a visit with his family this month. You will notice that the Newsletter does not contain the usual information, and this is the reason. I have included all the pictures taken at the July meeting, and I hope you all enjoy them.
Normal service will be resumed in September. Tony

Maxine’s Orchids

Barkeria melamocaulon

Cattleya jenmanii

Epidendrum pseudoepidendrum

Diuris magnifica
Raffle Winners: Ian and John S
Badge Prize winner: Peter

Correspondence:
Inwards: Nil
Outwards: Nil
Business Arising: Nil

Peters Orchids

Tom & Pat’s Orchid

Psychopsis kramerianum

Aerangis pumilio
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’s
Oct  Adrian & Deanna’s
This orchid has the name Dendrochilum javieri on the label, but the general opinion was that it is misnamed. Any ideas?
Ken & Chris’s Orchids

Epidendrum calanthum

Dendrobium convallariiforme

Dendrobium secundum

Laelia anceps
The unknown *Gongora*. Identification anyone?
**Monthly Plant**

*Renanthera philippinensis*

@ $10 each

A medium sized, hot growing epiphyte that can get some full sun and is endemic to the Philippines in mangrove swamps at lower elevations with an erect to semi-pendulous stem carrying leathery, unqually bilobed apically leaves that blooms at any time of the year on a branching, many flowered inflorescence.

These plants were imported from Thailand by the Society during a visit there in 2006. They are large plants and should be flowering very soon.

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**Oncidium oliganthum**

(Displayed at the July Meeting but we are not sure who this one belonged to.)

**Lee’s Orchid**

**Jumellea neglecta**
Tony & Mavis's Orchids

Phalaenopsis equestris

Dendrobium glomeratum

Caladenia reptans

Cadetia taylori

Bulbophyllum vaginatum
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**Sponsorship**
Discussions are still ongoing with Lotterywest and Tourism Western Australia regarding their potential involvement in WAOS 2008. These discussions are at a delicate stage, but are very promising so far. There is a strong possibility that Tourism Western Australia’s advertising will link WAOS 2008 with the Kings Park Wildflower Festival which, in future, will run for the whole of September. Stay tuned for further good news!!

**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. (IS YOUR SOCIETY MENTIONED HERE?)

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, Peel Region, Orchid Society of WA.

Don’t miss out…….Get your orchid group involved NOW!!!
Book your Display or Sales Area NOW! By contacting Ben via email

**Publicity**
Getting the good news to as many potential orchid folk as possible across the world is vital for the eventual success of WAOS 2008. To this end, the WAOS Bulletin is being sent to over 1200 email addresses in countries all over the world. Advertising space is being booked in orchid magazines in many countries including the USA, UK, and NZ, plus we have been lucky to get free plugs in many other magazines and web sites world wide. There have already been many positive responses to our efforts, with a number of overseas orchid lovers indicating that they will be with us in September 2008. Please make them welcome!!

**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/%7Emntee/WAOS.html

A HUGE ’thank you’ to all the Orchid Societies that have included a copy of the Registration form with their publications

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.

Orchid Tours
We have finally put together the Orchid Tours in conjunction with the WA Orchid Spectacular & Conference 2008. Tour leader will be Andrew Brown, Coordinator, (Threatened Flora) WA Threatened Species and Communities Unit, Dept. of Conservation & Environment, co-author of Orchids of South-West Australia and Western Australia’s Threatened Flora. The Tour is designed to be an informal affair, so please feel free to ask Andrew questions at any time.

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The Four Day Orchid Tour of the Southwest will leave from the Belmont venue at 8am on Wednesday the 1st Oct 2008 and return by 5pm on Saturday the 4th Oct.
The post Conference Orchid Tour has been designed to introduce you to the unique and diverse orchid flora of southwest Western Australia. Some 60-100 species will be seen over 4 days in a range of habitats and geographical regions in both high and low rainfall areas. The 2008 Tour will be similar to the previous 2005 Orchid Tour, but will visit different areas.
Tour costs per person; Twin Share $550
Single supplement $165
Cost includes:-
All accommodation, lunch & dinner on day 1, breakfast, a packed lunch & dinner on days 2 & 3, breakfast & lunch on the 4th day. A seat on the bus, (naturally) and our resident expert Andrew Brown, will provide his usual scintillating commentary, guidance and information throughout the tour.
As places are extremely limited we have decided that a deposit of A$100 per person will be required to confirm your reservation for the Four Day Orchid Tour. Seats will be reserved on a 'first come, first served' basis, so please act now. And are you willing to share a room? Hotel space will be at a premium during this time and sharing with a friend will mean that there will be more rooms available to all.

Please confirm your reservation with TONY
Please make all cheques payable to:- WAROO Conference 2008
And send your deposit to:-
Secretary,
PO Box 4076,
Alexander Heights,
Western Australia 6064
More information can be found on the WEB SITE
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The One Day Orchid Tour will be run on either Saturday 27th or Sunday 28th Sept to see native Orchids growing in situ at various locations around the Perth metro area. A packed lunch is included.
The day is designed to be an informal affair, so please feel free to ask Andrew questions at any time.
Please note; the itinerary has been developed so that we can view a range of habitats and orchid species. It is likely that we will visit most locations, depending on climatic and other factors, orchids do not flower as well in the same locations every year and, if this is the case this year, alternative locations will be selected prior to the day.
Tour costs per person; A$50
No deposit is necessary for the One Day Orchid Tour at this time, but please confirm your reservation with Tony at:- waos@iinet.net.au

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
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