

Monthly Newsletter of the
The Species Orchid Society of WA (Inc)

Web page <http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/index.html>

Vol 19 No 4
September 2007



Diuris longifolia

President

Trevor

Vice President

Maxine

Secretary

Graham

8 Bedelia Way, Hamersley 6022, Ph/fax
9447 4528

Treasurer

Lee

Editor

Ken

e-mail: kcjones@tpgi.com.au

Committee

Chris

Barry

Pat

Adrian

Sharon

Anne

Mavis

Tony

Life Members

Gordon

Joan & Ted

Neville

Noel & Eva

Monthly meetings held on the 4th Thursday each month (exc Dec) at Forster Park Hall,
cnr of Abernethy Road and Keane Street, Cloverdale commencing
7.45pm.

Visitors always welcome



Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings commence at 7.45pm. Usually, the short formal meeting is followed by plant descriptions given by members. Supper follows to allow members time to socialise and discuss orchids.

Monthly Plant Display

Given that the prime objective of the Society is to promote the cultivation of species orchids, only species or natural hybrids are acceptable for display. Since we all may be uncertain about the identification of a plant from time to time, we encourage members to bring plants along about which they are unsure since someone may be able to identify them. There is no competition nor restriction on flower count, quality or length of ownership. We want members to be able to see species plants in flower. So even if your flowers are a bit past their best, bring them in as others may not have seen that species in flower.

Plant Sales

The Society provides an opportunity table for members to sell surplus plants and equipment, and for the society to sell product from time to time. A commission of 10% is charged on all sales.

Plant Purchases

The Society endeavours to obtain a different species seedling for sale at each meeting, usually costing between \$6.00 and \$12.00. The Society makes a small profit on these sales which is invested in benefits to members. As it is always difficult to get new or different species, should members have 20 or more plants of one species which they feel might be suitable as a monthly plant, please contact a committee member.

Raffle

The Society conducts a raffle each meeting and at home visits as a means of raising funds.

Home Visit

During the weekend following the monthly meeting (generally on the Sunday morning), a home visit is held at a member's home. This gives members an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship that our mutual interest provides, and to see how others go about growing their orchids.

Plant Imports

The Society is able to use quarantine facilities provided by Ken & Chris Jones to co-operatively import species orchids.

Management

In accordance with the Constitution, the Annual General meeting is held in May each year at which time the office-bearers and committee are elected. The majority of Committee members serve two year terms.

Membership Fees

<i>Family (1st year @ 2 badges)</i>	<i>\$31.00</i>	<i>renewal \$15.00</i>
<i>Single (1st year @ 1 badge)</i>	<i>\$18.00</i>	<i>renewal \$10.00</i>

New members who don't live in Perth will not require name badges, therefore their membership will be at the renewal fee only.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD 23/8/2007, 8.00 pm

Present: 31

Apologies: 4

Visitors: Nil

New members: Nil

Minutes: Minutes as circulated accepted

Financial Report: Tabled by Lee Current balance is \$2,141.86
(Neville, Gordon)

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Associated societies' newsletters
- GCA magazine, Bulletin and notice of a garden fair to be held in Cannington in Feb 2008.
- Horticultural Society of WA about affiliation.
- Eden Springs Herbs in Bridgetown

Outwards:

- A copy of the Heberle book to Ken Stead .

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

1. A reminder of the meeting in South Perth tomorrow night.
2. Trevor asked members to start thinking of when they could help out at WAOS and presented a list for members to indicate their availability.
3. There is some concern about the organisation of the Jones' quarantine house due to their imminent travel and then the closeness of the Thailand trip. Ken suggested that perhaps some other members may be interested in becoming (thru the internet) accreditation to run a quarantine house as without this they are not allowed into the restricted area.
4. Ken outlined some caution and onus that importers of flasks need to be aware of (go to ICON on the AQIS website). There is a "weed" list for WA available from the WA Agriculture Department web site..
5. On the 9th Of September the WOS has organized a bus trip to out past York to see Native Orchids in flower. John would be the traveling expert. Bring a picnic lunch. Cost only \$6.50. Contact Lee for further details

Raffle: Gordon, Trevor, Margaret & Carolyn

Name Badge: Ian

Horticultural Award: The August horticultural award went to a well-grown specimen of *Dendrobium speciosum* with many flowers grown by Adrian and Deanne

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Unfortunately, if you have not yet renewed your membership, this will be the last newsletter that we are able to send out. If you are not able to attend meetings but wish to retain your membership, please send your cheque to the Secretary at the address shown on the front cover.
- Please support the Society's annual Silent Auction that will take place in October. By now, many members will have set aside a few divisions to be donated for this event. Please remember not to water your donated plants on the day of the meeting so that we don't have wet tables and bids that are illegible because they're wet.

For new members who have not participated in a silent auction, an explanation will be provided on the night. Paper and pens will be provided to enable you to bid on the many bargains that are always present. You might want to bring a small notebook to keep a record of the bids that you make to help manage the surprise at the end when you need to settle up on your successful bids. This is a fun event.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Home visits

Sept Maxine

Oct Adrian & Deanna

Plants Displayed August 2007

Ian

Angraceum eburnum
Caladenia arenicola
Den speciosum var pedunculatum
Diuris magnifica

Graham & Margaret

Caladenia denticulata
Caladenia filimentosa
Caladenia saccharate
Cynorchis compacta
Cynorchis compacta
Den speciosum curvicaule
Diuris magnifica

Chris

Caladenia arenicola
Caladenia filimentosa
Caladenia flava
Caladenia latifolia
Caladenia longicaudia
Cattleya aurantiaca
Cattleya
Cattleya intermedia alba
Diuris magnifica
Paphiopedilum lowii
Paphiopedilum primulinum var flava
Phalaenopsis amabilis
Phalaenopsis aphrodite

Gordon

Cattleya aurantiaca
Oncidium splendidum
Paphiopedilum victoria-regina
Paphiopedilum villosum

Bill & Sandra

Pterostylis nana

Maxine

Aerangis hyaloides
Barkeria melanocaulon
Dendrobium aemulum
Dendrobium kingianum
Den speciosum var pedunculatum
Den speciosum var speciosum
Dendrochilum glumaceum
Maxillara porphyrostele

Tom & Pat

Angraceum eburnum ssp giryamae
Maxillara porphyrostele

Ken & Chris

Dendrobium amethystaglossa
Dendrobium speciosum
Dendrobium sanderae major
Dendrochilum latifolium
Phalaenopsis lobbii
Prosthechea fragrans

Adrian & Deanne Jose

Caladenia arenicola
Caladenia georgei
Dendrobium speciosum
Encyclia cochleata
Pterostylis pedunculata

Peter

Dendrobium antennatum
Epidendrum elongatum
Phalaenopsis aphrodite

Neville

Phalaenopsis x intermedia

Cont overleaf

Ray & Nancy

Angraceum sesquipidale
Caladenia arenicola
Dendrobium gracilicaule
Dendrobium secundum alba
Dendrobium unicum
Maxillara porphyrostele
Paphiopedilum villosum
Pterostylis curta

Trevor

Caladenia georgei
Diuris magnifica
Serapais lingua

Noel & Eva

Bletilla striata
Dendrobium gracilicaule
Dendrobium nobile
Epidendrum elongata
Maxillara porphyrostele
Pterostylis curta



Monthly Plant
***Psychopsis papilio* \$10.00**

Monthly Plant *Psychopsis papilio* \$10.00

As I recall, it has been many years since we had *Psychopsis papilio* as a monthly plant - a quick search of my records did not help to improve my memory. This month's plant has been provided by Peter Masters. It is relatively common on our display benches as it continues to flower progressively on the same raceme for many months (and in some specimens, years).

Psychopsis papilio (the "Butterfly orchid") is one of 5 in the genus that were originally *Oncidium*s, and is the most common member of the genus in cultivation. Found in the West Indies, Guyana, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru and Brazil, this striking species has large, heavily mottled brown-orange, frilled ventral sepals, with narrow, elongate reddish brown dorsal sepal and petals. The large frilled labellum is predominantly yellow, edged with orange. The flowers are large (up to 15cm) and are borne progressively on a tall, wiry raceme that can be active for several years. The leaves are hard and leathery, mottled green and are borne on flattened oval compressed pseudobulbs.

While in its natural habitat, *Psychopsis papilio* grows epiphytically in wet forests up to 1000m, this species can be grown either potted or mounted. I have had most success growing them in pots using pine bark as medium, although if you can maintain high humidity through summer, I imagine that mounting would be equally successful.

However, this genus resents being disturbed and I have lost apparently healthy plants following repotting. In common with most *Oncidium*s, *Psychopsis papilio* is a bright light orchid, and may be watered freely whilst in active growth, reducing watering during the rest or dormant period (often during our winter when there is less sunlight).

In common with other *Oncidinae*, *Psychopsis papilio* is susceptible to fungus and bacterial pathogens and an apparently healthy plant can languish in a relatively short space of time. I have also found that despite its leathery leaves, the species is targeted by both hard and soft scale. For extensive cultural notes, visit

<http://www.orchidculture.com/COD/FREE/FS248.html>, and photos, <http://www.orchidsonline.com.au/species810.html>

Western Australian Orchid Spectacular 2008 Bulletin No 9 September 2007

Hello again. Only one year to go!!! September 2008 will sneak up on us very quickly, so let's be on the ball and get moving with planning our displays and getting those registrations in.

REGISTRATION Don't Forget!!

Early Bird Registration Expires in **Jan 2008!!** And it is so cheap!! (Sorry, that should read **inexpensive**) A lousy **\$70** gets you into **ALL the lectures!!** 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> or ask your Club Secretary to obtain a copy for you. (Many Orchid Societies have included a WAOS Registration form with their newsletter!! Good for them!!)

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 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.*

Sponsorship

Bruce Larson has been a very busy bee. He has been in discussions with *Lotterywest, Tourism Western Australia & Kings Park*, all of whom are showing **great interest** in WAOS 2008. An **application for a grant** has been lodged with *Lotterywest* and they appear to be *positive* about the outcome. **More about this soon.** (We hope)

LOCAL INVOLVEMENT

Get your orchid Society involved in WAOS 2008. You'll be sorry if you miss out!!

Book your *Display or Sales Area* NOW! By contacting Ben via email at neddbennie@westnet.com.au

Publicity

Ads are being produced for publication in many orchid magazines both local and overseas. Articles on our orchids of the southwest are also being sent to magazines far and wide to get the message out. Our erstwhile Publicity guy (that's me!!) has written a couple of articles on orchids of the southwest for two American orchid magazines. 'Orchids', the magazine of the American Orchid Society and 'The Orchid Digest', another American orchid magazine that is more orientated toward species orchids. I would expect that these articles will appear in some of our local magazines within the next 12 months.

Orchid Tours

*Places for the Four Day Tour are being gobbled up fast. 38 places on the bus are already accounted for. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity to get a guided tour of the Orchids of the Southwest led by Andrew Brown. Andrew is the Guru who knows where the orchids are all hidden. Many **overseas orchid personalities** have already booked for the Four Day Tour. Imagine the opportunities that being on a bus for four days with them will give you!!*

Cost includes:-

All accommodation, lunch & dinner on day1, 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. 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. *And all this for a lousy \$550 Twin Share and Single supplement +\$165*

Please confirm your reservation with **TONY** waos@iinet.net.au and do it quick!!

And send your deposit to:-

Secretary,
PO Box 4076,
Alexander Heights,
Western Australia 6064
More information can be found here:-
<http://members.iinet.net.au/%7Emntee/Orchid%20Tours.htm>

And don't forget **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 (It doesn't come any cheaper (I mean inexpensive) as that!!

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

Moves are afoot to produce Tee shirts with the WAOS logo. Early days yet, but we figure that these will be pre-ordered and pre-paid. More on this in further updates.

The schedule is *almost* ready for public viewing. Stay tuned for more info!!

Donated Prizes

A number of Orchid Clubs and individuals have already donated prizes for the WA Orchid Spectacular 2008. If your Orchid Society would care to become involved as a prize donor, Please let the Secretary know at teenanm@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 Abernethy & 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
Publicity
WAOS 2008

Editor's Note:

Chris and I will be overseas until early December. We wish you all the best for the remainder of the year, and specially thank Tony and Mavis who have agreed to publish the monthly newsletter in our absence. For those of you that we don't catch up with before Christmas, have a safe and happy festive season.

Ken and Chris

IMPORTED PLANT NEWS

Thailand Update:

No further news at this time. We will follow up with Hans Hermans on our return from overseas.

Ken