General Business
1. The next meeting is the 20th anniversary of our first Annual General Meeting and is NOT on the last Thursday - it is on the 4th Thursday.
2. Lee has restructured the Treasurer’s job to make it a little less onerous for the new treasurer. She is resigning as Treasurer. There were calls for nominations from the members for a new Treasurer.
3. The president acknowledged Neville’s early departure and wished him well.
4. The president welcomed new member Kelvin and his wife Lynette to the meeting.
5. Adrian gave a "want" list for the WAOS exhibit and outlined progress.
6. Ken presented a new catalogue for orchids from Thailand and it is planned to use the Watkinson’s trip in the middle of the year to import plants. Thus orders should be in by the next meeting but June will be the absolute cut off date. Ken also mentioned that he is in dialogue with Hans Hermans about the “lost” plants and, although there is no exact replacement it seems that progress is being made.
7. Ken also gave a progress report on the last importation and has noted that the plants grown on plastic mesh are progressing very well. He produced an experiment he is trying with gutter guard for the meeting to observe. He is also suggesting to our suppliers in Asia that they grow ordered plants this way for us.

Horticultural Award:

Tom and Pat for a superbly grown specimen of Cattleya skinnerii
Financial Report: was tabled by Lee, $1706.01 with $1802.31 in the "Melville" account. (Barry, Gordon)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

"Our Annual General Meeting and election of Office Bearers takes place in May. As Trevor mentioned at the last meeting, after many years of tireless service as Treasurer, Lee has decided that she would like to step down. The restructuring of this role now makes it much less onerous, and we hope that a member will nominate for this important job at this month's AGM. There will also be other vacancies on the Committee - please give them some thought.
"Subscriptions are due at the next meeting - please pay the Treasurer.
"At the next meeting, because its our Annual General meeting and we do not want to finish too late, please choose only 3-4 plants to describe. 
"Remember the parking - please ensure that you park your car in the bitumen parking area whenever possible as it will avoid a fine!
"We are still looking for items that might have been found in an early orchid collector's camp in the rain forest. If you have items that you would be prepared to loan us, please see Adrian, Sharon or Ken

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD

24/4/2008, 8.00pm
Present: 33
Apologies: 6
Visitors: Lynette
New members: Kelvin
Minutes: Minutes as circulated accepted (John, Mavis)
Business Arising: Nil.

Raffle: Chris, Ken and Tom
Name Badge: Trevor

Future Home Visits
Our next Home Visit will be at:
May: John S's

Correspondence:
Inwards:
Scott and Broad - Insurance and Currency Certificate.
WAOS - April newsletter.
Down Under Orchid Catalogue.
Tulip Time in Bowral

Outwards: Letters of thanks to Kevin Butler and to Mike Kelly
Business Arising: Nil
Laelia purpurata Sanguine Mentzii $7.00

Laelia purpurata is the National Flower of Brazil, and has literally hundreds of named horticultural variants. It is most abundant in southern Brazil, particularly in Santa Catarina. There is considerable debate about the South American Laelia species with many considering that they are in fact Cattleya species. (see http://www.chadwickorchids.com/Cattleya/laeliapurpurata2.htm)

These plants were purchased from Tinonee Orchids and have been grown on by Sharon.

Laelia purpurata is a large plant, with pseudobulbs up to 50cm tall topped by up to 30 cm hard leathery leaves. The flowers are equally large at 15-18 cm, in a variety of colours. This species is expected to be relatively easy to grow in WA and should be suitable for shade-house culture once established. Pine bark is a suitable media, although I suspect that it would also grow well on a slab mount in the right conditions.

Arthur Chadwick advises Laelia purpurata has the same cultural requirements as the other large-flowered Cattleya species. It benefits from lots of sun and moving air and a temperature between 58-60 F (14.5-15.5 C) at night and 80-85 F (26.5-29.5 C) during the day. It usually begins sending up new growths in late summer and early autumn in the United States. These growths will be completed by mid-January or early February and buds will begin to form in the sheath after a short rest period. The plants will flower from late May into June, depending on the clone. Give L. purpurata a few weeks' rest after it flowers by minimizing the watering, but do not let the pseudobulbs shrivel too much. Once the plant begins to grow, it requires lots of water, particularly as the growth elongates beyond 6 inches (15 cm). Laelia purpurata can develop some really large pseudobulbs, often exceeding 20 inches (50 cm) from the base of the pseudobulb to the tip of the leaf, if grown well.

For many photos of the variants of this species, see http://www.orquidariocarlosgomes.com/textos/L_purpurata_Classificacao.htm

IMPOR TED PLANT NEWS

I have not heard lately from Hans Herman, although he contacted in response to my e-mail that AQIS have approved the quarantine of Vanda species and hybrids. Hans offered to replace the Vandaceous hybrids that had died with similar plants from his nursery. I am awaiting his advice on a shipping date.

With regard to our upcoming order from Sakdisri, while I have heard from many of you, but if you want to participate, please let me know as soon as possible. I have arranged with the nursery to transfer genera such as Bulbophyllum and its allies, Phalaenopsis, and small vandaceous orchids to plastic mesh and have sent Bob an e-mail confirming the pre-order on these genera. I will need payment before Tony and Mavis leave in early July as they will bring the plants back, making considerable savings on freight and other charges. At his stage, I estimate the additional charges at $5.00 per plant, but will invoice for these costs once they are known.

Ken
Adrian’s Orchids

Sophronitis cernua

Restrepia trichoglossa

Ornithophora radicans

Dendrobium bigibbum
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The Lecture Program
The Lecture Program is now On Line at http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/WAOS_Lecture_Program.htm You will also find a map to the well appointed Lecture Room which has been kindly offered to WAOS by the City of Belmont. There is a possibility that Arthur Chadwick will be well enough to travel by September, if so, he will be with us thus solving our Cattleya speaker problem. We have our fingers crossed!!

Too many of our speakers are coming down with medical problems. The latest to be forced out due to ill health is Glen Barfield of Hawaii. He will be sadly missed. The other bad news is that Manolo Aria of Peru cannot make it either. They will be missing a great WA Orchid Spectacular 2008.

Set Up Day, Thursday 25th September
The Display areas in the Main Hall, will be marked out between 6 & 9am. Display Set-up in the Main Hall will begin at 9am or earlier if it is feasible. Tables will be Set-up in the Small Hall in preparation for judging from 9 to 10am

Exhibitors Plant Entry for judging (Small Hall) will be between 10am & Noon. Each Exhibitor will be issued with a number which they must place on their entry card instead of their name. This also applies to Clubs that are entering their Displays for judging. WAOS Stewards will place your exhibits in their classes on the Show Bench.
Judges Lunch and Briefing will be between Noon and 1.30pm.
Judging the Orchids will begin at 1.30pm and (hopefully) will be finished by 4pm. Only the 1st prize winners will be retained for further judging (In Show & Awards). As the judges eliminate orchids, they will be made available by the Stewards to be moved to the main hall for placement in their respective Displays. As trestles are freed of their orchids, they will be set up in the sales area of the Small Hall.
Award Judging from 4 to 5pm.

Opening Ceremony will start at 6.30pm so you should aim to be out of the hall be 5ish

Display & Floral Art Judging will take place from 8am Friday 26th.

Please understand that these times are not set in concrete as there are so many unknown factors that can affect the time line. Some things will not take as long as expected and others will take longer. Thursday will be a very busy day for us all and patience will be the watchword.

Floral Art
There are ten classes for floral art with the overall winner taking home the $100 prize plus a sash. Entry Forms will be made available through your Orchid Society or the WAOS Show Committee in due course.

VOLUNTEERS FOR WAOS 2008
The Committee has now reached the phase of planning that requires the volunteer workforce be identified and appropriate rostering be organised. Many of you will remember the need is considerable. It is anticipated that the volunteers will be paid an hourly rate (yet to be decided) that will go to whichever club they nominate. This is a great way of financially helping your Club.

The volunteers we seek do not include those who will be manning their own clubs sales areas/displays. The people we require must be free to do whatever roster they nominate for (not double booked). The people volunteering for the WAOS rostering will have a drink station available for their use (no charge) and will be required to book in and book out.
Forms will be sent to each Orchid Society in due course, showing the Day, Job Description, Time of Shift, Club you Nominate, Volunteers (The number required), Phone Number (In case I needed to contact you for whatever reason).

If your club has not been nominated for a job, please go to the pool positions in each area and put your club name next to the position, likewise if your club's spots are filled and you would like to help in that area please use the pool section. Any excess people nominating to help will be listed so we can call on them in the event of sickness etc. (To include your phone number is extremely important.)

Following your July monthly meeting I will contact your Secretary to check on the availability of people for rostering.

When all clubs have returned their forms to me I will then collate the participation of each club, and return a list to your Secretary for dispersal to members. The list will show the volunteers and their rosters etc.. The previous WAOS was a rip-roaring success; this was due to the fabulous participation of all the volunteer force. We hope you will support us again.

Lee, Volunteer Co-ordinator
Phone: 9444 6526

**Orchid Tours!!**
The One Day Orchid Tour!! Due to cancellations, we have **TWO SPARE SEATS** on this tour. First in, best dressed! At $50, it's a bargain. Be quick this will not last. Contact TONY or by phone on 9342 3799

The WAOS Four Day Orchid Tour is all sold out too. - BUT! A new Wildflower and Orchid Four Day Spectacular Tour has been organised for those who missed out. Being run by 'Country Escapes in Western Australia Tours,' this new tour will cover some of the same ground as the first. More information can be found here:-
http://members.iinet.net.au/%7Eemntee/Second_Orchid_Tour.htm

**AND THERE ARE STILL VACANCIES WITH THIS TOUR so email SYLVIA**

**Vendors**
The first of our Vendors Catalogues for pre ordering is now on the WAOS Web Site at ....... http://members.iinet.net.au/%7Eemntee/WAOS_Catalogue_Page.htm where it can be downloaded as a Word File or a PDF.

Should you have problems downloading either of these, please contact TONY

Orchid FLASKS and PLANTS can be ordered by contacting NEVILLE

Ecuagenera Orchids from Ecuador and Nicky's Slippers from South Australia are the first to take advantage of our pre ordering service. A number of our Vendors have indicated that they will be sending their Catalogues so keep returning to this page for further updates.

**The SCHEDULE ......is on schedule**
And can now be downloaded as a PDF or Word File at....
http://members.iinet.net.au/%7Eemntee/Schedule_WAOS_2008.doc
Or you can peruse it at....
http://members.iinet.net.au/%7Eemntee/WAOS_SCHEDULE.htm
This page also has a link to the Conditions of Entry and the Judging Rules

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To be included on our emailing list for further Bulletins, please contact TONY

Tony Watkinson
Publicity
WAOS 2008
Last month I commenced publishing this series of articles that I wrote several years ago. I started out with simple pronunciation rules because that’s what was causing difficulty to some of the group in Thailand.

To step back a bit however, consider the following species orchid names *Acanthephippium sylhetense*, *Euothonaea oppositifolia*, *Hymenorchis javerii*, *Orchidofunckia pallidiflora*, *Pleurothallis hoffmannseggiana*, *Vrydagzynea argyrotaenia*. I didn’t set out to chose the most difficult, obscure or complex, I just picked a few examples at random.

To be fair however, these species are not common and I will endeavour to use more common names throughout this series of articles, if only because they’re easier to spell. However how many of us have often thought “why don’t they chose easier names for orchids?” We have all heard the more experienced, or more adventurous orchid growers (and the less experienced) trying to get their tongues round names such as these. As you belong to a Species Orchid Society, there’s a whole new world out there to be mastered.

While this series of articles is focused on ‘species’ orchids, the rules apply equally to hybrids. So why are orchid names the way they are? What do those weird names mean, or do they have no meaning at all? Or is it just that botanists want to make life difficult for all us non-botanists? To answer these sorts of questions, I needed to undertake some research which showed me that in its own way, it does all make some kind of sense.

To start, we need to understand something about the family of plants called orchids. Depending on whose book you read, there are estimated to be 17,000 - 35,000 species in some 1200-1300 genera. So the first question is “what do the words ‘species’ and ‘genera’ mean?”

Species in Latin means ‘kind’ and the ‘kinds of organisms’ are known as species. The generic name (genera) identifies the genus to which the plant has been assigned by the botanist, eg *Cymbidium*, *Dendrobium*, *Vanda* and so on. The full plant name is formed from at least two words, the generic name and the specific epithet (an epithet is a word implying a quality attached to a person or thing), eg *Dendrobium kingianum* named after Capt. P P King, a friend of the botanist JC Bidwell who first described the species.

By now you will have noticed that the way species orchid names are written is different to the rest of the text (and to the way hybrid orchid names are written). The generic name starts with a capital letter, the species name is all lowercase, and both are in italics. This convention is respected by all serious publishers, although where italics are not available, underlining will suffice.

Furthermore, you will have noticed that both the generic name and the specific name are singular. When you see them written in the plural form it is either incorrect, or being used as a common name in which case it would not be italicised. It is also quite incorrect to use the species name on its own.

A botanical name (genus plus species epithet) may also have one or two other words added to it, for example *Dendrobium kingianum album* or *Dendrobium kingianum var. pulcherrimum*. In the first example, the second epithet describes a particular feature of the plant, namely that its flower is white or nearly white. The second example indicates that this is a particular variety (abbreviation var.) of *Dendrobium kingianum*. The second epithet in this instance is the Latin for ‘very beautiful’, so this epithet describes, in the botanist’s opinion, a particular quality associated with the plant. To illustrate another use of the additional epithet, *Phalaenopsis fimbriata* occurs in many parts of South East Asia, and one particular variety is known as *Phalaenopsis fimbriata var. sumatrana* as it comes from Sumatra. Another example is the former species *Phalaenopsis violacea* which has a number of different colour forms dependent on its place of origin, ie. *Phalaenopsis violacea var. malaya*, borneo or sumatra.
Maxine’s Orchids

Aerangis macrocentra

Bulbophyllum deareii

Phalaenopsis mariae

Restrepia trichoglossa
Maxine’s Orchids (cont)

Miltonia clowesii

Barkeria lindleyana alba

Psymorchis pusilla
Ken & Chris’s Orchids (cont)

Christensonia vietnamica

Neobathia filicornu
Noel & Eva’s Orchids

Encyclia ciliare

Doritis pulcherrima

Prosthechea cochleata alba

Angraceum commorensis

Stenoglottis longifolia
Gordon's Orchid

Oncidium barbatum

Hannah's Orchid

Gomesa crispa

Frank's Orchids

Phalaenopsis cornu cervi alba

Doritis pulcherrima
Tony & Mavis’s Orchids

Phalaenopsis venosa

Phalaenopsis bellina

Phalaenopsis cornu cervi

Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica

Laelia anceps
Peter & Shirley’s Orchids

Aerangis platyphylla

Phalaenopsis equestris

Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica

Stenoglottis longifolia