Horticultural Award:
Anne and Geoff for a magnificent third of Schomburgkia superbiens.

Remember -

No General Meeting on
Thursday 25 September 2008

Orchid Spectacular Official Opening Ceremony
Financial Report:
Was tabled by Sandra Donovan current balance is $2,332.46 with $1,807.28 in the “Melville” account. (Barry, Ken).

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD 28 August 2008, 7.55pm

Present: 29  
Apologies: 3  
Visitors: Nil  
New members: Glenys  
Minutes: Minutes as circulated accepted (Ian Lee)  
Business Arising: Nil.

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

" Please bring any orchid species that you have in flower to the Spectacular on Thursday 25 September. We will be erecting the magnificent display constructed by Adrian in the morning, and putting the plants in position once that is completed. Given the strange season, many of us have found that plants we expected to be in flower are not and vice versa. We will be able to print and laminate display cards on site thanks to Geoff.  
" Please be prepared to help out by manning our display if you aren't otherwise occupied - I expect that given the range of orchids on display, visitors might have many questions.  
" Remember to mark your pots with your Species Society number - it makes the process of taking down the display and ensuring plants get back to their rightful owner much simpler, and give the leaves a clean and trim - while we want to create a jungle setting, clean plants are essential.  
" When repotting, please remember to set aside some divisions for our silent auction in October - this is our major fundraiser and enables us to keep our membership fees low.  
" Your annual subscriptions were due at the May meeting. If you haven't paid yet, this will be your last newsletter.  
" Don't forget the parking - please ensure that you park your car in the bitumen parking area whenever possible as it will avoid a fine!

Correspondence:
Inwards: Newsletters including Mandurah and Districts, Native Orchid News, Orchids Species (NSW) Inc., News, Orchid Species Bulletin and the magazine The orchid Review.  
New member Glenys  
Russell Job.  
Email of "plant" numbers from WAOS (N Martin).  
WAOS about prizes and BBQ for show volunteers.  
Circular re Workshop at King's Park on Madagascan orchids.  

Outwards: Book to Russell Job and an Email to Norm Martin with the "plant" numbers (This was circulated during the meeting.  
Business Arising: Nil
Maxine’s Orchids

**Eria javanica**

**Pleione formosa**

**Dendrochilum wenzellii**

**Cattleya intermedia Var amethystina**

**Maxillara porphyrostele**

**Cattleya loddigesii Martinique**

**Cochleanthes discolor**

**Phalaenopsis equestris**
Graham & Margaret’s Orchids

Diuris magnifica

Cynorchis compacta

Cyanicula sericea

Caladenia arenicola
Nearly There!!

It is now only a matter of days until the WA Orchid Spectacular & Conference 2008 and the tempo is increasing with every passing day!! (hour?) A HUGE thanks to all who have helped to get the Spectacular this far. Monumental problems have been overcome by the WAOS Committee and we expect that more problems will go the same way as we approach the dreaded day!! Orchid Society Newsletters have been just great in picking up much of the info that we have attempted to get across to you and we owe the Editors another big THANKS for their efforts in keeping you informed.

What's Happening on Set Up Day, Thursday 25th September

1. The Display areas in the Main Hall will be marked out between 6 & 9am.
2. Display Set-up in the Main Hall will begin at 9am or earlier if it is feasible.
3. Tables will be Set-up in the Small Hall in preparation for judging from 9 to 10am
4. Exhibitors Plant Entry for judging (Small Hall) will be between 10am & Noon. Each Exhibitor will be issued with a number which corresponds to their Orchid Society Display. They must place this number 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.
5. Judges Lunch and Briefing will be between Noon and 1.30pm.
6. 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.
7. Award Judging from 4 to 5pm.
8. Opening Ceremony will start at 6.30pm so you should aim to be out of the hall by 5'ish
9. Channel9 will telecast their Weather Report from the Main Hall at 6.25pm
10. 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.

Registrants Desk

This will be in the front/centre of the Grandstand and will be the place to come for your Registrants Package, plus Orchid Tour Info, Conference Dinner & Opening Ceremony Invitations. The Treasurer will also be in attendance there. All those who are going on one of the WAOS Organised Orchid Tours are required to report here.

Lecture Room

The Lectures will be held in the Belmont City Council offices which are fully equipped and ready to go. This is a short walk across the gardens but the walk will be worth it.

http://members.iinet.net.au/%7Eemntee/WAOS_Lecture_Program.htm
Orchid Tours!!

There have been four cancellations for the One Day Orchid Tour with Andrew Brown on Saturday 27th Sept. If you would like to take one or more of these places, email Tony or contact the Registration Desk at the Spectacular

A new Wildflower & Orchid Four Day Spectacular Tour has been organised, run by ‘Country Escapes in Western Australia Tours’

Wildflowers of Western Australia. The Southwest Australia Eco Region is of Global and National Significance and is globally recognised as one of the planet’s major biodiversity hotspots. The south-western part of Western Australia is known as a biosphere for wildflowers, with over 12,000 species in a huge diversity of regional colours and displays. Western Australia seems an unlikely place for wildflowers as much of the state is harsh and dry with very low nutrient soils. Yet that is one of the very reason the flowers here are among the most colourful and abundant in the world. The Wildflower season begins in June, and lasts until December with the best viewing time being in August, September and October. Viewing wildflowers is as easy as walking into the bush from the road to find and see an abundance of big, small, colourful, dainty flowers, including many orchids. Some of the most famous of the wildflower are the Banksias, Pin Cushion Hakea, Wreath Leschenaultia, Blue Leschenaultia, everlasting daisies, Queen of Sheba orchid, spider orchid and a host of other orchid species. Our Wildflower & Orchid Four Day Spectacular Tour 1st to 4th Oct. 2008 will be touring in the southern part of Western Australia where we will see this diversity of wildflowers and orchids species. THERE ARE STILL VACANCIES

WITH THIS TOUR so email Sylvia at countryescapes@iinet.net.au
More information can be found at http://members.iinet.net.au/%7Eemntee/Second_Orchid_Tour.htm or - Mobile 0429 385 642 - Phone: 08 9385 6422 - Fax: 08 9385 6433 www.easorchids.com
For any queries or questions, please write to, the Secretary, PO Box 4076, Alexander Heights, WA 6064, or email teenanm@iinet.net.au. To be included on our emailing list for further Bulletins, please contact Tony at waos@iinet.net.au

Tony Publicity
WAOS 2008

WANTED/FOR SALE

Michael Zink is seeking Aerangis verdickii pollen as he has been unable to self-pollinate his plant over several years (the seed capsules are empty). If pollination is successful, he will send you a flask. Please contact Michael on (07) 46354939 or by e-mail zinkwithak@optusnet.com.au.

IMPORTED PLANT NEWS

An inspection will take place later this week to release as many of Mr Wu’s Phalaenopsis as possible for sale at the Spectacular, and for any of the Thailand trip plants that are ready to be released. I expect that a reasonable number of the July Thailand shipment will be able to be released in October. There has been no contact by Hans Hermans in relation to the outstanding orchids from the 2006 trip.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Home visits:
Sept: Maxine’s
Peter & Shirley’s Orchids

**Phalaenopsis aphrodite**

**Phalaenopsis amabilis**

**Dendrobium kingianum**

**Bletilla striata**
General Business:

"Thanks to Hannah for the work on sales plant roster. This was circulated to the meeting.
"Maxine informed members how to label plants for the sales table.
"Ken needs exhibition plant lists.
"Murray Shergold is after flowering sized Angraceum sesquipidale.
"Sunday the 14th of September is to be a dry run for our exhibition at the José's.
"Maxine and Ken have about finished mounting the Sakdisri order plants. Ken hopes to be able to distribute most of them in October.
"Geoff's volunteering of computer access for us at the WAOS was very much accepted and appreciated.
"The WAOS committee will signpost the nearby Eftpos outlets to visitors to the WAOS.

Adrian’s Orchids

Pterostylis nana

Caladenia arenicola

Diuris magnifica
Ian's Orchids

Dendrobium aemulum

Oncidium ornithorhynchum

Thelymitra macrophylla

Epidendrum calanthum

Caladenia arenicola (2)

Ansellia africana
Calanthe vestita Var rubro occulata

Phalaenopsis amabilis

Sophronitis coccinea

Ansellia africana
Tony & Mavis's Orchids

Dendrobium aff erosum

Phalaenopsis schilleriana

Osmoglossum pulchellum

Dendrobium glomeratum

Thelymitra macrophylla

Dendrobium speciosum
Gordon's Orchids

Pterostylis nana

Dendrobium teretefolium

Dendrobium speciosum