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**CULTURAL AWARD,
March 2011**
Aerangis platyphylla
Peter & Shirley

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 12 APRIL

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

8 March 2011, 7.50 pm

Present: 36

Apologies: Lee, Jack, Neville, Jeanine

Visitors: Nil

New members: Brian, Jeanine

Minutes: Minutes as circulated accepted
(Mavis, Trevor)

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: The Financial Report was tabled by Sandra, and the current balance is \$3,126.15 #2 A/c \$1,811.09.
(Anne, Graham)

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- New members (Brian & Jeanine)
- Mandurah Orchid Club - advising of Office Bearers for 2011
- Garden Clubs of Australia - Autumn Magazine
- Various Club Newsletters

Outwards:

- Nil

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

- Geoff Stocker is arriving in WA late March and will bring plants owed to us in lieu of discount from the last order. These plants plus any member donations will be auctioned in lots of 3 or 4 over the next few months to raise funds for the Society.
- Ken reports losses of at least 25-30% of plants from the Thai/Panama order. This is, in part, due to poor quality plants and extra gassing due to

livestock being found in the shipment. The loss of power and water due to the recent storm didn't help the situation either.

- Peter will donate three of his plants tonight for auction and donate 50% of the proceeds to the society. Thank you Peter.
- Approximately 30 of Noel's plants will be auctioned at the next Home Visit. Thank you to Tom who has volunteered to be the auctioneer.
- Adrian & Deanna will provide a sausage sizzle at their home visit on 27th March. Members are requested to bring a salad or sweet.
- Ian reported that the Grand Champion at the recent Japan Grand Prix was a huge specimen of *Coelogyne cristata*.

Cultural Award: A large and vigorous plant of *Aerangis platyphylla* exhibited by Peter

Raffle: Noel (twice), Chris

Name Badge: Gordon

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- A limited amount of a popular and effective orchid fertilizer, plus plant conditioner has been donated to the club. They have been repackaged into approx. 500gm lots and will sell at a very attractive price (significantly less than retail) All proceeds from the sale will go to help offset the club's increased cost of hall hire etc.
These products will be available from the club sales table, while stocks last – but at these prices that probably won't be very long.
- The Committee has purchased a selection of species orchids from Barry Gardner's collection to be used in special raffles. Barry had some very desirable species and we thought that is probably what he would have wanted done with them if his family didn't want to continue growing orchids.
- Thanks to Tony and Mavis, Tom, Lee, Chris, Maxine and other helpers at the auction of Barry's orchids. It is pleasing to note that Barry's orchids have gone to good homes.
- If you haven't ordered your new badge yet, please see Mich. The cost for badges with a magnetic clip is \$13.50, and with pin is \$11.50.
- 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!

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Barry Gardner (dec'd)

Gordon

Joan & Ted (dec'd),

Neville

Noel & Eva

NOTICEBOARD

FORTH- COMING EVENTS

Home visits:

At 10am on the Sunday after the fourth Thursday of each month. Please bring chairs and a plate of food to share.

1 May - Margaret, Erskine

29 May - Noel and Eva, Wanneroo

FOR SALE/WANTED

Oliphant, model CWS 900 laminar flow clean air work station of flasking. Barry Gardner's laminar flow is for sale, priced to sell at \$1,500 ONO (new price \$4,500). While it has not been used for some time, it was in good working order when last used and was tested some years back. An autoclave for preparing media is also available. Contact Tony on 9342 3799.



Imported plant news

I have now sent out details of orders and costs to each member that participated in the recent Panama and Thailand shipment. As previously advised, the losses from this shipment are very disappointing - at this stage they are in excess of 30% and I expect will go higher. We have been using a range of hormone, kelp and other products to stimulate growth with some results but in other cases the plants are just dying. I expect the first releases to take place in late April along with a few more plants from the 2010 Thailand trip.

Ken & Chris Jones

MONTHLY PLANT

Coelogyne ovalis

Country of origin: Mainland SE Asia from India to China

Description: Moderate sized,

Difficulty: Generally easy to grow

Cost: \$10



This month's plant has been provided by Stocker's Orchids as part of the recent order arranged by Mich (please note that many of the plants are in bud). These have been supplied bare root and members will need pot or slab-mount them.

Coelogyne ovalis Lindl 1838 is named for the oval shape of the mid-lobe of the labellum and occurs throughout mainland SE Asia, from northern India, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam to southern China. It is found growing both epiphytically and lithophytically at moderate to high altitude, and accordingly, it is able to tolerate substantial temperature variations. This species rapidly forms large mats in its natural habitat. .

Spring flowering, *Coelogyne ovalis* is suitable for shadehouse culture, providing it can be kept moist when actively growing in the warmer months, and drier in the

cool, wet winter months. In collections, provided conditions are favourable, it will flower more than once a year. This species can be grown in any of the standard orchid media including pine bark. If you choose to slab mount this species, you will need to be able to provide higher humidity in summer to maintain good condition

Coelogyne species are generally fairly resistant to many of the common insect pests and plant pathogens provided they are grown in environments with good air movement. Regular fertiliser when in active growth promotes vigorous healthy plants and flowering.

Murray & Arni

Dendrobium bracteosum

Gordon

Seraphyta diffusa

Maxine

Bulbophyllum dearei

Encyclia nematocaulon

Haraella retrocalla

Neobenthamia gracilis

Ken and Chris

Aerangis biloba

Cattleya guatemalensis

Peter & Shirley

Aerangis platyphylla

Christensonia vietnamica

Doritis pulcherrima

Doritis pulcherrima 'Alba'

Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana

Phalaenopsis tetraspis 'Alba'

Renanthera matutina

Tony & Mavis

Dendrobium bigibbum

Kingidium delicosum

Miltonia spectabilis

Miltonia spectabilis var. *moreliana*

Paphiopedilum concolor

Phalaenopsis tetraspis

Taeniophyllum obtusum

PLANTS DISPLAY



Dendrobium bracteosum
Murray & Arni

Haraella retrocalla
Maxine



VED MARCH 2011

Encyclia nematocaulon
Maxine



Paphiopedilum concolor
Tony & Mavis

Photography by Tony

Vale Barry Gardner

Barry Gardner, one of our life members died on 14 March 2011 after a brief illness. For many years Barry was a both a member of the Committee and a regular and active member of the Society, always happy to provide advice about orchids.



Those of us at his remembrance service heard of Barry's single-minded commitment to everything that he did, whether it was his family, his work, his birds, or most recently, his orchids. We know him as a discerning enthusiast whose interest in *Catasetum* and related genera led him to build a large collection of this genus (both species and hybrids) which he grew very well. Barry also took on the challenge of growing orchids from seed and for several years, was happy to flask seed that he was given or swapped

with other orchid growers, local, interstate and overseas. Since Barry ceased flasking, there have been few local options other than to send seed to the Eastern States or overseas. Hopefully someone will step up to take his place.

Many of us have benefited from Barry's knowledge about these plants that he loved, and enjoyed his friendship. Over the last 18 months, Barry did not enjoy good health and was unable to attend meetings, but as Pauline says, did not lose enthusiasm for his orchids.

Our thoughts are with Pauline, his children Jenny and Craig and his beloved grandchildren. He joins many of our orchid friends in heaven looking after all the plants that we have sent there!

19th Australian Orchid Conference Bulletin

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Dear Orchid Aficionado

Once again we hard workers at the 19th AOC Conference Committee have more good news!!

But first!! The incorrect date for the 19th AOC Conference has been reported in some magazines and some on-line publications. Please take note that the correct dates are the 11th to 16th September 2012.

And now the good news! The list of world class orchid experts for our lecture program, is coming together rather well, and I am sure that you will be pleasantly surprised by the depth and quality of their expertise.

We are still in the process of confirming further lecturers and the list below is far from finalised. So watch out for more to come.

These are the confirmed speakers so far

- *Terry Root* of the Orchid Zone, USA (Paphs)
- *Xavier Garreau de Loubresse*, Director of Select Orchids, Vietnam (Paphs)
- *Roy Tokunaga* of H&R Orchids, Hawaii, USA
- *Johan Hermans*, co-author of

"Angraecoid Orchids" with the late Joyce Stewart

- *Robert Fuchs* and *Mike Coronado* of R.F Orchids, Florida, USA
- *Dr Henry Oakeley*, UK, author of *"Lycaste, Ida and Anguloa. The Essential Guide"*
- *Ivan Portilla* of Ecuagenera Orchids, Ecuador.
- *Greg Bryant* of Bryants Orchids, NSW
- *Andrew Brown*, Threatened Flora Coordinator at the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation.
- *Fred Clarke*, Sunset Valley Orchids, Vista, California

The Conference Show Schedule is slowly coming together and should be approved by the Western Australian Judges Panel and the AOC shortly.

The Early Bird Registration details are being put together as I write and will be circulated via these Bulletins, and posted on the 19th AOC Conference web site by June this year.

Look for our promotion booth and display at the 20th WOC in Singapore which will be manned by members of the 19th AOC Conference Committee. Come and have a chat.

Further information regarding all our latest happenings can be accessed on the 19th AOC Conference web site at http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm

We urge all orchid societies to feel free to reprint this Bulletin, and anything else from our web site, in your club newsletters. Should you have any queries or questions regarding the 19th AOC Conference, feel free to contact the Chairman bruce@pegasusconsulting.org, the Secretary aocconference@dodo.com.au or the Webmaster at waos@iinet.net.au

I have selected two biographies for two of the speakers that have not previously been to WAOS that are published on the Conference website.

Xavier Garreau de Loubresse

Xavier has been involved with orchids since a very young age; he started to grow orchids at 10 years old. At the present time, Xavier is the Managing Director of [Select Orchids](#), selecting, breeding and propagating extremely rare plants and forms in Vietnam.

For the past 8 years he has only been growing unique specimens and hybrids with a specific breeding program. Xavier produces high quality, specific plants for the hobby market as well as some specialised/ expert cloning of varieties that are not available elsewhere. He has his own tissue culture laboratory where various forms of research and develop-

ment are carried out.

Xavier is involved in various consulting and research activities including research and development for potting mixes, additives, pesticides and planting materials.

Johan Hermans

Johan Hermans has been growing and studying orchids for over 25 years, he has written and lectured extensively on a variety of orchid-related subjects including: the genus *Dracula*, *Pleurothallidinae*, the History of the RHS Orchid Committee, but his real passion is Madagascar and its orchids. He has travelled, lectured and judged widely making valuable contacts in the worldwide orchid community.

He is chairman of the Royal Horticultural Society Orchid Committee, Chairman of the RHS Advisory sub-committee on Orchid Hybrid Registration, member of the RHS Awards Committee, a Trustee of the World Orchid Conference Trust, chairman of the International Orchid Committee, a board member of the European Orchid Council, a Fellow of the Linnean Society and an Honorary Research Associate of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

This should be a great event and one that all WA orchid enthusiasts can be truly proud of.

ABOUT US

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (exc January at Forster Park Hall, cnr of Abernethy Road and Keane Street, Cloverdale commencing 7.45 pm. Usually, the short formal meeting is followed by plant descriptions given by members. Supper follows to allow members time to socialise and discuss orchids.

All visitors are very welcome

Membership Fees

Family (1st year @ 2 badges) \$52.00
renewal \$30.00 (Badges with magnet fastening additional \$4.00)

Single (1st year @ 1 badge) \$31.50
Renewal \$20.00. (Badge with magnet fastening additional \$2.00)

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

Monthly Home Visit

On the weekend following the fourth Thursday of each month (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.

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.

Plant Imports

The Society is able to use quarantine facilities provided by Ken & Chris 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.

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