



CULTURAL AWARD, March 2012

*Aerangis ellisii*  
Peter & Shirley

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 10 April

AT BELMONT SPORT AND RECREATION CLUB

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NEWSLETTER



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

13 March 2012, 7.45 pm

**Present:** 36

**Apologies:** Lee, Gillian, Phil, Trevor

**Visitors:** Nil

**New members:** Jo & Sue

**Minutes:** Minutes as circulated accepted (Mavis, Gordon)

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Financial Report:** The Financial Report was tabled by Sandra. Current balance is \$3048.01. #2 A/c \$1812.00 (John )

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

- Neutrog – hardcopy newsletter only once per year.
- GCA – advising of new insurance charges
- Merle Arrah – thank you for sponsorship of prize at AOC Conference
- Merle Arrah – invoice for sponsorship
- AOF – info. Re Seed Bank, books, Essay competition, donation form etc.
- AOC Conference Volunteer tasks & forms
- Dept. of Commerce – info re “Associations on Line”
- Various club newsletters

**Outwards:**

- Email to Merle Arrah re sponsorship
- Email to Wally advising he is an Hon. Member
- Reply to Bill re monthly plant sale availability

**Business Arising:** Nil

**General Business:**

- Moved Graham, seconded Tony that the species Orchid society of WA make the usual \$50 donation to the Australian Orchid Foundation. Carried.
- Mavis gave an explanation of the volunteer tasks list which will be added to the website. The Lecture Programme timetable is to be discussed at the next AOC Conf. Committee Meeting.
- The sub-committee for the display at the AOC Conf. had their initial meeting, the second being held 15th March.
- The Belmont Sport & Recreation Centre – main issue at the present is storage but this may be resolved. Will be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting
- The Home Visit in February at Bill & Sandra’s was enjoyed by all who attended.
- The next Home visit is at Kaye & Bruce’s, please bring a plate & chair.
- Peter has again donated two plants, *L. anceps* ‘Cherry’ & *C. gaskelliana*, for auction. Thank you Peter. The lucky bidders were :- Bruce (*L. anceps* \$30) and Anne (*C. gaskelliana* \$30)

**Cultural Award:** *Aerangis ellisii* grown by Peter & Shirley Masters

**Raffle:** Jim

**Name Badge:** Courtney

**Special Raffle:** Nil

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

### Please Note

- Your committee discussed the benefits and disadvantages of moving to the Belmont Sport and Recreation Centre immediately opposite the present venue in Abernethy Road. It was decided that the best means to assess its suitability would be to hold a meeting there so that members could make an informed judgement. We were subsequently advised by the City of Belmont that the car park is being renovated, and therefore will not be able to be used at the next meeting.

Accordingly, we have arranged to hold the April general meeting in the Belmont Sport and Recreation Centre.

Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding, we will be in a smaller room than planned. As there will be limited space for the plant display, please bring only two or three plants for the display bench.

- As advised last month, the Club's AGM is in May. Please give some thought to joining the Committee - it isn't an onerous task, and your Society benefits from your ideas and suggestions.
- 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.

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### Committee:

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Michele  
Lee  
Sharon  
Trevor  
Tony  
Mavis

### Life Members

Barry (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 of food to share.

- \* April - Maxine
- \* May - John

### FOR SALE/WANTED

Murray is interested in buying some virus test kits from the following supplier: [https://orders.agdia.com/InventoryD.asp?loc=IN&collection=ISK%2013301&attribute\\_Size=25](https://orders.agdia.com/InventoryD.asp?loc=IN&collection=ISK%2013301&attribute_Size=25)

With freight costs they work out at about \$11.50 each for the minimum order, but he is hoping that cost will come down a bit for larger orders. If you are interested in sharing costs for some test kits, please contact Murray on 9310 2800.

**Imported plant news**

## MONTHLY PLANT

### *Cattleya gaskelliana alba*

**Country of origin:** Southern Africa

**Description:** Compact growing epiphyte or occasional lithophyte

**Difficulty:** Requires some warmth and drier conditions in winter

**Cost:** \$10.00

This month's plant has been generously donated by Peter and Shirley Masters. *Cattleya gaskelliana* Rchb.f 1883 comes from Colombia and Venezuela at low to moderate altitude where conditions range from tropical, humid cloud forests to somewhat drier areas where it is forced to grow on rocks in nearly full sun (the alba clones have been widely used in white *Cattleya* breeding). Good light and air movement are essential for this species.

It is reported to be vigorous and unlike many others in the genus, tends to flower as soon as the new growth is mature rather than resting for a few months before flowering. Although not long-lived, the flowers are pleasantly fragrant.

*Cattleya gaskelliana* is described as an easy-to-grow, hot-cool growing orchid with reliable annual (at least) flowering meaning that it should cope well with shadehouse culture in Perth. This is not



Source: [www.orquidariovirtual.com/cgaskelliana-alba-maria-izabel/](http://www.orquidariovirtual.com/cgaskelliana-alba-maria-izabel/)

always the case with alba forms which are often much less robust than the normal coloured forms. While there is some yellow tinging in the labellum, there is a lot less colour than the semi-alba varieties so it is correctly described as alba.

Pine bark or other similar media and pot culture is very effective, although they can be grown on mounts if you are able to maintain humidity during our hot, dry summers. They are resistant to most pests although like other orchids, can be susceptible to cotton scale if there is insufficient air movement. Regular fertilising is extremely beneficial and produces a robust and free-flowering orchid.

These near flowering-size plants are from the same seedlings as the flowering plant auctioned at the last meeting.

### Graham & Margaret

*Cattleya bicolor*  
*Oncidium micropogon*

### Maxine

*Bulbophyllum deareii*  
*Bulbophyllum digoelense*  
*Phalaenopsis fasciata*  
*Phalaenopsis tetraspis alba*

### Ken & Chris

*Brassavola nodosa*  
*Cymbidium dayanum*  
*Dendrochilum cobbianum*  
*Dendrochilum magnum*  
*Miltonia clowesii*  
*Paphiopedilum niveum*  
*Pleurothallis hamosa*

### Peter & Shirley

*Aerangis articulata*  
*Aerangis ellisii*  
*Cattleya gaskelliana alba*  
*Cattleya intermedia alba*  
*Doritis pulcherrima alba*  
*Laelia anceps*  
*Lophiaris lanceanum*  
*Miltonia x leuoglassa*  
*Phalaenopsis amabilis Grandiflora*  
*Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana*  
*Renanthera matutina*  
*Stanhopea indora*

### Anne & Geoff

*Brassavola cucullata*  
*Laelia pumila*  
*Mexipedium xerophyticum*

## PLANTS DISPLAY



*Lophiaris lanceanum*  
Peter & Shirley

*Laelia pumila*  
Anne & Geoff



**Vic**

*Aeranthes grandiflora*

**Noel & Eva**

*Brassavola cucullata*

*Cymbidium aloifolium*

*Encyclia megalantha*

**Tony & Mavis**

*Phalaenopsis bellina*

*Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica*

*Phalaenopsis violacea*



*Aerangis articulata*  
Peter & Shirley

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*Doritis pulcherrima*  
Peter & Shirley



*Phalaenopsis tetraspis alba*  
Maxine

Photography by Tony

## Book Review: *Orchids of Brazil;*

*Baptista D. H., Harding P.A. and Neto A.D ( 2011 )*

Late last year, Mich was in contact with Patricia Harding who is a co-author of the book *Orchids of Brazil*. In the introduction, she advises that it is intended over time to produce a series of books covering all the significant Brazilian orchid genera. I was asked to write a review of this publication

*The first book in the planned series Orchids of Brazil sets out to clarify some of the confusion that has existed in identifying the members of the genus Oncidium. In setting the scene for this publication, the authors refer to the history of deficient species description, questionable location information, problems with existing classification systems and the paucity of published information about the many new species that have been described.*

*The book meets these challenges head on. In the introduction, the authors clearly articulate their philosophical approach to this task. In doing so, they refer to the practice of describing new species on the basis of limited population observation, and their intent over time to use the best available morphological and phylogenetic evidence to provide a key to every Brazilian orchid species. They also comment on the problem of the number of published varieties in the literature while undertaking not to add to these records.*

*For the hobbyist grower, this book both enhances and complicates their knowledge and understanding of the Oncidiinae family. While as hobbyists we know that there are significant physical differences amongst the Oncidium species that we grow, we accepted that they were members of one genus. This made it simple to keep track of them.*

*Now, these species are different genera with names that are not familiar to us and often difficult to pronounce. However, this book is aimed at both hobbyists and more serious enthusiasts, and it respects the needs of all readers.*

*As an orchid enthusiast, I want to see photos of orchids and this publication delivers. For many species, there are multiple, close-up photos which clearly show the flower characteristics. As a species enthusiast however, the missing photographic record are in-situ habitat photos and detailed habitat information (for example on what host plants do they grow, local climate, elevation etc) which helps me determine how to successfully grow and flower these species. Although the publication comprehensively addresses and explains covers Brazil's climatic regions in a separate section, I did not find this as helpful as including such detail with each species.*

*The book is attractively priced and over time when the proposed future books in*

the series are published, will fill an important gap in the publication or country-based orchid flora and become a valuable reference work for both hobbyists and serious enthusiasts.

Ken Jones  
Park Orchids, Western Australia

In order to provide a bit more information for Species Orchid society members, I thought that the following might encourage those members that haven't purchased a copy to make use of the one that is in our library.

**Previous name**

*Oncidium barbatum*

*Oncidium bifolia*

*Oncidium chrysoptheranthum*

*Oncidium ciliatum*

*Oncidium colorata*

*Oncidium concolor*

*Oncidium crispum*

*Oncidium croesus*

*Oncidium flexuosa*

*Oncidium forbesii*

*Oncidium gardneri*

*Oncidium gracile*

*Oncidium limminghei*

*Oncidium macropetalum*

*Oncidium micropogon*

*Oncidium paranaense*

As the review notes, the book is easy to read and provides plenty of good quality, close-up photos of *Oncidium* orchids. However, the authors have chosen to classify them under the new genera which can make it more difficult to find what you're looking for.

However, you may choose to leave your name tags with the original description - it is not wrong to do so. I have prepared the following comparison listing for some commonly grown Brazilian species that were previously *Oncidium*.

**Current name**

*Alatiglossum barbatum*

*Coppensia bifolia*

*Alatiglossum chrysoptheranthum*

*Alatiglossum ciliatum*

*Cariella colorata*

*Brasilidium concolor*

*Brasilidium crispum*

*Alatiglossum croesus*

*Coppensia flexuosa*

*Brasilidium forbesii*

*Brasilidium gardneri*

*Nitodocidium gracile*

*Psychopsiella limminghei*

*Alatiglossum macropetalum*

*Alatiglossum micropogon*

*Hardingia paranaensis*

**Previous name**

*Oncidium piranense*

*Oncidium ramosa*

*Oncidium ranifera*

*Oncidium spiloptera*

*Oncidium trulliferum*

*Oncidium varicosa*

*Oncidium warmingii*

**Current name**

*Nohawillamsia piranensis*

*Coppensia ramosa*

*Coppensia ranifera*

*Coppensia spiloptera*

*Campaccia venusta*

*Coppensia varicosa*

*Coppensia warmingii*

It is to be hoped that Harding and her co-authors are able to publish the series to which they refer. As they comment, the taxonomy of Brazilian species is confusing, ambiguous and often incomplete, yet the Amazon rainforest and coastal biomes have an enormous variety of fauna and flora including the orchids.

While man-made boundaries do not limit the spread of fauna and flora (unless there are natural boundaries such as high mountain ranges, deserts etc), the flora of many of the neighbouring countries have been well described and are the subject of well-researched publications targeted to enthusiast and collectors such as the recent series on orchids of Ecuador, although they are often very expensive.

Given the wide variety of Brazilian species that we grow, this sort of information in a very reasonably priced book can only be beneficial.

## 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** \$30 PA + 2 badges (1<sup>st</sup> year only) [Badges come in two versions. Pin fastening (\$11.50) or Magnet fastening (\$13.50) *Please indicate your preference.*]

**Single** \$20.00 PA + 1 badge (1<sup>st</sup> year only) [Pin fastening (\$11.50) or Magnet fastening (\$13.50)]

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

### 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 \$15.00. 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.

If unclaimed, return to  
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## REMEMBER

**Next (April 10th) meeting at Belmont Sport and Recreation Club**

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Peterskorner is now distributing a range of orchid products from Easy Orchids (Murray and Jean Shergold) and we are happy to take orders, and bring them to the Species Society monthly meeting **(please confirm your order the week prior to the meeting).**

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