



CULTURAL AWARD, June 2013

Laelia gouldiana
Sharon

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 9 July

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

11 June 2013, 7.50 pm

Present: 33

Apologies: John, Neville, Maxine, Jeanette, Lee, Les & Val, Jim & Jeanine, Tom & Pat.

Visitors: Lucy

New members: Nil

Minutes: Minutes as circulated accepted. (Mavis, Charly

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: The financial report was presented by Sandra and the current balance is \$9,569.51. (Ian, Gordon).

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Brian Renewal and badge
- Orchid Digest and other magazines/ newsletters.
- Two touring brochures
- Various club newsletters

Outwards:

- Invitations to Life members for the 16th June Lunch.
- Sympathy card to the Gorey family.
- GCA with registration renewal and updated executive information.

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

- Ten Shin gardens orders – Ken.
- 25th Anniversary payments to Sandra.
- Home Visit at Tony's place on the 30th June – chairs and sweets.
- Thanks to Chris for the home visit at his place last month.
- Bring DRY plants to the July meeting Silent Auction.
- Fiona Stanley Hospital re-planting of

orchids will begin on the 23rd of June.

- Mich says she will reorganize the library book catalogue.
- Mich has taken the PA system to have it repaired.
- Mich is having the floral emblem scanned so that it can be embroidered.

Cultural Award: Sharon for a well grown plant of *Laelia gouldiana* .

Raffle: Ken, Courtney, Marg, Mavis and Adrian.

Name Badge: Peter was drawn first but did not have his badge so Noel won

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Membership fees were due in May. Please ensure that you pay your fees at the next General Meeting, or if you're unable to attend, as soon as convenient.
- The annual Silent Auction will be held at the next meeting. Please bring along any plants (they don't have to be species orchids, or orchids at all) or anything else that might be of value to someone. Please do not water your plants on the meeting day as the bids are placed under the pot, and if the paper gets wet, it is often hard to read.

For our new members, the silent auction involves organising the donated plants and other items into lots which are numbered. Once this has been completed, you are able to place a bid on any lots that you fancy by writing your name on a small piece of paper (we provide them) and the amount that you are prepared to bid. Place your bid (name and price hidden) under an item in the lot. The highest bid wins. Where bids are equal, a quick auction will be conducted to determine the winner.

This is a great opportunity to start building your species orchid collection at bargain basement prices. Be sure to bring some boxes with you and some money to pay for your bargains.

- Thanks to those members that attended our 25th Anniversary Dinner on Sunday 16 June 2013. The weather was perfect and the Mallard Duck Café provided fine food and wine. Three of our life members attended with their partners.

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Life Members

Barry (dec'd)
Gordon
Joan (dec'd) & Ted (dec'd)
Neville
Noel & Eva
Barry

NOTICEBOARD

FORTH-COMING EVENTS

Home visits:

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

* 28 Jul - Ken & Chris, Henley Brook

* 25 August - Graham & Margaret, Hamersley

FOR SALE/WANTED

- 3m x 2.5m treated pine frame greenhouse with double plastic cover (inside and out) available. As Ken wants it removed, he is not asking for payment but suggests that you make a donation to the Species Orchid Society . It has been dismantled. Fans, hotbed and controllers also available - make an offer. Contact Ken 9309 3361.
- One of our new members, Paul wishes to purchase divisions of *Cattleya harrisoniae* and *Encyclia cordigera* . Please contact Paul on 0419 964 240

Imported plant news

The order from Ten Shin Gardens has been delayed until November as I gave a commitment earlier this year to Kevin Butler (Ezi Gro Orchids) to quarantine flasks if required. Kevin had a number of flasks ordered into observed growth in quarantine, and as our order is now in excess of 600 plants, I will need to ensure that all plants presently in quarantine, and Kevin's compots are released before the next shipment arrives. I have confirmed this timing with Matt at Ten Shin Gardens. Kevin's participation in this order will assist us in ordering 10 or more of many species so that we can benefit from the wholesale price. For those species where we do not have an order for at least 10, Matt will give us 25% discount on the retail price.

Vale Joan



Joan was a person who believed in helping others in any way that she could. I remember many pleasant visits to their home near the Dianella shopping centre, and Joan would always have something for afternoon tea and welcome us to her home. While Ted was primarily the orchid grower (a passion that he passed on to Bruce), I always had the feeling that Joan called the shots. Together, they played a major part in the development of SOSWA as well as Northern Districts Orchid Society and Wanneroo Orchid Society, and were personally responsible for introducing many West Australians to the world of orchids. They could always be found at a shopping centre show, Ted cheekily cajoling shoppers into buying raffle tickets with outrageous promises that they would win and he would deliver the plants to them, and Joan selling plants for members and looking after the money.

Ted and Joan were founding members of the Species Orchid Society of WA, and along with a few others were instrumental in getting it off the ground. Joan was elected inaugural Treasurer, while Ted was Vice President.

Joan served as Treasurer for thirteen years until May 2001. Both she and Ted were made life members in July 2000 in recognition of their meritorious service to the Society. Ted in his inimitable style ensured among other roles that we had a cup of tea or coffee at the end of the general meetings. Joan kept us on track financially. Deservedly, they were our first life members.

Ted's death some years back left the WA orchid world a worse place and Joan's passing has left us with fond memories of a generous, warm, friend who loved people and always made them feel comfortable and appreciated. I was delighted to have spent a little time with Joan at the 19th AOC.

Graham & Margaret

Cattleya jenmanii
Pterostylis hamiltonii
Pterostylis nana
Pterostylis vittata

Gordon

Dendrobium bigibbum
Laelia anceps
Paphiopedilum insigne var. *sanderiae*
Phalaenopsis pulcherrima

Ken & Chris

Bulbophyllum flabellum-veneris
Dendrochilum cobbianum
Euanthe sanderiana
Laelia anceps var. *chamberlainianum*
Lycaste cruenta
Lycaste depeii
Restrepia escobariana
Rodriguezia decora

Sophranitella violacea

Sharon

Cattleya percivaliana
Coeloglyne fimbriata var. *alba*
Cymbidium erythrostylum
Laelia gouldiana
Maxillaria lehmanii

Peter and Shirley

Cattleya intermedia var. *alba* 'Breckinridge Snow'
Cattleya percivaliana
Dendrochilum glumaceum
Laelia anceps 'Pure alba x var. *lineata* 'Eleanor'
Mastigion ornatissimum
Oncidium pulvinatum
Paphiopedilum insigne var. *sanderiae*
Paphiopedilum wardii

PLANTS DISPLAYED JUNE 2013



Paphiopedilum wardii
Peter & Shirley

Pterostylis hamiltonii
Graham & Margaret



Noel & Eva
Laelia anceps

Tony & Mavis
Dendrobium strianopsis var. *alba*
Tolumnia variegata



Cattleya percivaliana
Sharon
Peter & Shirley

PLANTS DISPLAYED JUNE 2013



Maxillaria lehmanii
Sharon

Coelogyne fimbriata var. *alba*
Sharon



Photography by Tony

Barry - our newest Life Member

Barry & Lesley joined the Species Orchid Society of WA in October 1995, and Barry was elected Vice President in May 1997 and President in May 1999. After serving for a year, Barry stood down as President as he was still finding it difficult to get used to being in a wheelchair. He was then elected Vice President in 2000. Both he and Lesley served on the committee for several years,

Barry brought to the Society a wealth of knowledge about growing orchids, with his particular love of species orchids - a few genera that I remember are *Aerangis*, *Paphiopedilum*, *Phragmipedium* and special species including *Aerangis luteo-alba*, *Cuitzlauzina pendula*, *Paphiopedilum roebellenii*, *Phragmipedium schlimii* and *Plectralmenthis caudatus*. Barry has an eclectic approach to tropical plants and their former home was a virtual tropical garden filled with rare and unusual palms, cycads, anthuriums, aroids, aloccasias, ferns, platyceriums etc. Barry's interest in orchids arose out of this fascination with tropical and sub-tropical plants, and he is always happy to pass on his extensive knowledge about how to grow almost any tropical plant in Perth.

He and Lesley joined the Species Society because he embraced the values of appreciating and encouraging propagation of species orchids, and most importantly, making the process as simple as possible and available to everyone. Barry believes in freely sharing his knowledge and experience, often to the chagrin of others

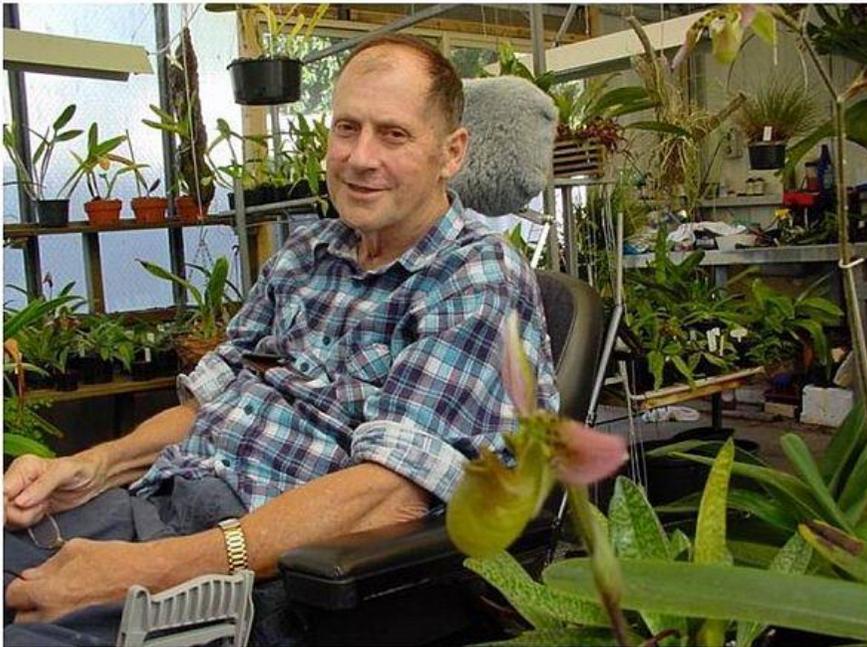
who don't do so, especially if it helps someone else grow their orchids better. Fortunately, this reluctance by successful growers to freely share information has diminished markedly over the last 10-15 years.

Prior to his disability, Barry was boilermaker/welder and rigger, and like many tradesmen, was adept at making things. He recalls making a three wheeler bike with sidecar out of a normal bicycle that his kids used to ride, although it only turned one way because it had only one driving wheel.

Following a blood clot that led to nerve damage in his spine in 2000, Barry has been confined to a wheelchair. While this has severely restricted his ability to care for his orchids, Barry still has a small collection of species and hybrids at their new home in Sinagra.

At his previous home in Balcatta, Barry had a 9m x 8m glasshouse in which he grew a wide variety of species and hybrid orchids. I particularly remember how well his plants grew, and that he told me that part of the secret was to ensure that they were dry by late afternoon, that there was always high air movement, and that watering was always done carefully to ensure that plants weren't overwatered.

I recall talking with Barry about fan misting in the mid 90s when it was not something readily available here, and he suggested a number of ways in which it could be done



quite cheaply. Barry also advocated the regular application of dolomite lime, something that I had forgotten until the recent AOC in Perth where Roy Tokunaga spoke about the benefits of applying dolomite lime to adjust Ph. and provide a ready source of calcium and magnesium.

In talking to Barry while preparing this acknowledgement, I had one of those 'deju vu' moments where I recalled some of the really helpful advice that he gave me when I was having problems that I could not solve with my orchids. Spending time after the 19th AOC with Roy Tokunaga served to reinforce just how thoughtful and knowledgeable Barry is, and how he freely gives of that knowledge to others.

Barry is always prepared to give his opinion and to participate in a robust

debate about orchid plants and their culture. Like many of us, Barry agrees that he learns by challenging the 'taken for granted' assumptions and historical knowledge that was often couched in almost biblical tones about the cultivation of orchids; assumptions that for example, include the notion that there is a 'one best mix' for growing a certain genus. Barry argues that it is much more dependent on the grower's cultural conditions and environment, rather than the media that the grower chooses to use. I remember for example Barry using Sandalwood for his orchids when natural cork was the preferred slab mount as it retained no moisture. In this context, it is fair to say that there are some medias used elsewhere that are less suitable for use in WA given our climate.

Ian - 2013 Quiet Achiever



This award, presented for the first time this year was proposed by our President, Graham Bowden who felt that we needed to have some way of recognising those members who always go the extra mile, and help make the Society a friendly, sociable group that people want to be part of. When members were asked to nominate a recipient for the first award, Ian was the unanimous recommendation.

Ian (and his close friend Trevor) attend every meeting that they can, and for several years, Ian has taken responsibility (ably assisted by Margaret) for getting the supper ready each evening and cleaning up afterwards. Similarly, he willingly helps out at home visits and is always ready to assist with cleaning up and washing dishes. Ian and Trevor willingly assist at major events such as the 19th AOC and 2005 and 2008 WAOS, and are in large part responsible for the substantial payment received from these events in recognition of volunteer hours committed.

Ian is a softly spoken gem, and is the kind of person on whom clubs like ours rely to help out. I know that he was embarrassed to receive this award, but can think of no-one more deserving of this recognition.

Ian joined the Species Orchid Society of WA in March 2002, and quickly became an active and involved member who was always prepared to help out.

ABOUT US

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (exc January) at Wilson Community Hall, Braibrise St, Wilson 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 (1st 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 (1st 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.

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