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Peterskorner

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).

Check out our catalogue at www.peterskorner.com, phone Peter on the number shown, or e-mail peterskorner@iinet.net.au.



CULTURAL AWARD, June 2014
Brassia gireoudiana
Graham & Margaret

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 8 July

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NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

10 June 2014, 7.55pm

Present: 31

Apologies: Lee, Trevor, Chris, Andrea, Maxine, Deanne, Jeanette, Mich.

Visitors: Nil

New members: Nil

Minutes: Published minutes accepted (Mavis, Paul)

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Tabled by Charly. Current balance of \$9,781.46. (Ian, Sharon)

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Various emails from WAROO and AOC and the Inter-Society Challenge;
- Various newsletters; Mandurah District OS, new secretary with her address, and Lee.
- GCA with AGM notification.

Outwards:

- AOC affiliation has been sent off and will be from the 1st of July 2014.

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

- Inter Society Challenge has Gerda as the leader. At this stage she needs some small ferns, and for members to indicate both potted and mounted plants which may be in flower then. A budget of up to \$250 has been allocated. Plants can be left at tTony's before the Challenge for the registrar (Chris to decide which may be put in the completion – I have the plant nomi-

nation cards. If you can't do this plants can be left at the Josés' home visit on the 27th of July.

- Silent Auction next meeting (8th July). Don't water them that day.
- Quite a few members will be in SE Asia from the 21st of June to the 7th of July. Joneses will be away from 18 June to 21 August.
- The President thanked the helpers at the Masters' auction with particular praise to the efforts of Tom .
- We are to buy extra plants from Rosella and from Tinonee. Please confirm personal orders to Mich (ph 92521668 e-mail mich@goatpix.com).
- Thanks to Paul for volunteering for the newsletter whilst Ken is away.
- The meeting endorsed the nomination of Mavis as delegate to the WAROO. We currently have 62 members.
- As a result of the AGM elections Ken Jones (President), Graham Bowden (secretary) and Charly (Treasurer) are the new signatories to the account with the Bendigo Bank. Maxine and Sandra are no longer signatories.

The flowering plant auction conducted by Tom was again productive with winning bidders: *Laelia anceps* \$23 (Judith) and *Coelogyne speciosa* \$30 (Adrian).

Cultural Award: Presented to Graham & Margaret for a well grown *Brassia gireoudiana*.

Raffle: Jim, Lynne, Carolyn and Ian

Name Badge: Charly & Gerda

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.

0-500m as a small sized, hot growing



Microcoelia stolzii (Schltr.) Summerh is found in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe in evergreen forests and high rainfall woodlands at elevations of 800-2,450m as a small sized, hot to cool growing epiphyte, Generally it grows along the margins of riverine and evergreen forests. It is similar to *Microcoelia exilis*, but can be distinguished by the slightly larger flowers and unbranched roots. As the in-situ photo shows, this species flowers sparsely in the wild, although in cultivation, it can be much more floriferous.

epiphyte or occasional lithophyte.

Source:<http://www.lonisorchideenforum.de/t66f4-Afrikanische-Monopods-Aerangis-Angraecum-und-Co.html>

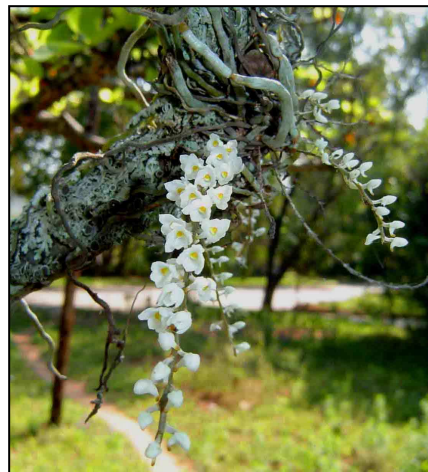
It grows as an epiphyte on Didieraceae. As the photo lower left page demonstrates, while this species has fewer flowers than

Source: http://www.zimbabweflora.co.zw/speciesdataspecies.phpspecies_id=118900

Contd next month



some other members of the genus, the flowers have an attractive crystalline appearance, and the short spur is prominent.



NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Your annual membership was due for renewal at the May meeting. Please pay the Treasurer at the next meeting or as soon as possible thereafter.
- As discussed in June, the Silent Auction will be held at the July general meeting. Come along with your donated plants and be prepared to bid for some of the lots available. Please refrain from watering your plants that day as it makes the bids very difficult to read if they are wet!
- The Society is entering a display into the Inter Society Challenge to be held at Morley on 2-3 August 2014. Gerda Hartman is designing and coordinating the display with Mich. Gerda needs small foliage plants (eg ferns) for the display.

If you are able to provide flowering species orchids and foliage plants, and will be at the July home visit at Jose's on 27 July you can take your plants there. After 10.00am on Friday 1 August, Tony & Mavis and Chris Cabassi will be determining which plants to enter for judging (maximum 2 per class) at Koon-doola, ph 9342 3799

The Inter Society Challenge includes speakers and a marketplace, plus a dinner on Saturday night. Information - contact Steve Bowman on sbowman@ercm.org.au Please give Gerda and the Society your support in this venture .

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 - Tony & Mavis
 - Barry

NOTICEBOARD

FORTH-COMING EVENTS

Home visits:

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

- * Jul - Adrian & Deane, Safety Bay
- * Aug - Paul & Andrea, Gidgegannup, WA
- * Sept - Judith & Aiden, Mt Pleasant

FOR SALE/WANTED



Imported plant news

To date, we have had no success in tracking down Taiwanese suppliers able to fill our order, although I am still waiting for responses to e-mails. I will also endeavour to make contact with suppliers while in Johannesburg to submit our WOC bid.

Ken & Chris Jones

through curtain of living *Tillandsia usneoides*. It gets watered daily year-round. And high humidity (85% or higher) is maintained year round accompanied by good air movement.

Microcoelia caespitosa (Rolfe) Summerh Found in Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Gulf of Guinea Is., Ivory Coast, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zaire at elevations of 50 – 1,000m in rainforests on understorey branches often near water-courses, as a small sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte with a long branching, loosely attached pendulous roots attached to a short stout, central stem that blooms in the spring through fall.

Source: http://www.orchid-africa.net/espece_detail.asp?espPK=13754



Microcoelia konduensis (De Wild.) Summerh Benin, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo,

Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Togo, Nigeria, Zaire and Uganda in rainforests, plantations and secondary forests on finer twigs and branches at elevations of 50 – 500m as a small sized, hot growing epiphyte with a short stem carrying many, slender, densely crowded, many branched smooth

roots attached to the substrate that blooms in the spring through fall. As the photo shows, this species often has only a few roots attached to the substrate

Source: http://www.orchid-africa.net/espece_detail.asp?espPK=13758

Microcoelia macrantha (H.Perrier) Summerh. Found in Madagascar in coastal rainforests and humid evergreen forests, often near streams at elevations to 1,000



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meters on branches as a small sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte with cylindrical roots blooming on up to 5 to 8, simultaneous, very short, rigid, upright to

spreading, 3 to 8 flowered inflorescence. This species is reported to be adaptable to high and low light environments.

Source: http://www.pflanzen-im-web.de/files/Orchideen/pflanzen-im-web-de-Microcoelia-macrantha-Syn-Gussonea-macrantha-Orchidee-image_galerie_gross.jpg

Microcoelia perrieri (Finet) Summerh is found in west and northwest Madagascar in woodlands and dry bush areas from

Leafless Orchids *Continued from May 2014*

Microcoelia cornuta (Ridl.) Carlsward is found in the Comoros and northwestern Madagascar as an epiphyte in dry semi-deciduous forests and as a lithophyte on partially exposed calcareous rocks and sand at sea-level to 300m. Formerly *Solenangis cornuta*, it was this species grown by Tony that led to this article, and the following photo is of his plant. For many of you, this was also your



introduction to cultivating leafless orchids and what a great introduction it proved to be as it is very vigorous.

Microcoelia gilpinae (Rchb. f. & S. Moore) Summerh. Found in eastern Madagascar in mossy rainforests on twigs and small

branches at elevations of 100 - 1,800m as a small sized, hot to cool growing epiphyte. This species is uncommon in cultivation. In Madagascar, it is endemic in dense, humid, evergreen forests and secondary/regrowth forests and understory. It has been recorded from Antananarivo, Antsiranana, Fianarasntsoa, Mahajanga, Toamasina and Toliara provinces. Source: <http://>



www.orchidphotography.com/resources/Microcoelia%20gilpinae%20flower.jpg

A twig epiphyte, *Microcoelia gilpinae* is often attached by one or a few roots only to small branches. It was named after Helen Gilpin, a British missionary who collected Herbarium specimens for Kew in the late nineteenth century. Another closely related orange, leafless *Microcoelia* species named *Microcoelia elloitii* has nectary spurs that are curved rather than *Microcoelia gilpinae*'s straight spurs. The text with the preceding photos says that it is in a private collection grown under intermediate conditions with average summer daytime temperature of 26-28°C, and an average year-round night temperature of 13°C with bright light in winter 2000fc and bright shade in summer 1000fc. Its roots grow

20th Australian Orchid Conference

“Orchids in Paradise”

Friday 18th - Wednesday 23rd September 2015

The Mackay and District Orchid Society invite you to the 20th Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show incorporating the 50th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and Show Mackay 2015

Where:

Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre (MECC), Alfred Street, Mackay, Queensland.

What's happening:

Friday 18th Sept 2015

- * Judging
- * Opening Mayoral Reception

Saturday 19th - Tuesday 22nd Sept 2015:

- * “Orchids in Paradise” Conference & Show
- * International & Australian Speakers
- * International & Australian Vendors

Saturday 19th Sept 2015:

- * Awards Dinner at the Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre

Monday 21st September 2015:

- * Social BBQ & Orchid Auction at The Bluewater Lagoon, River Street

Wednesday 23rd Sept 2015:

- * Post-Conference tour to Eungella National Park

MORE INFORMATION

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Graham & Margaret

- Brassia gireoudiana*
- Leporella fimbriata*
- Pterostylis abrupta*
- Pterostylis hamiltonii*
- Pterostylis nana complex (2)*
- Pterostylis vittata (2)*

Chris

- Paphiopedilum gratixianum*
- Paphiopedilum insigne var sanderae*
- Vanda lamellata*
- Zelenkoa onusta*

Ken & Chris

- Bulbophyllum corolliferum*
- Bulbophyllum rufinum*
- Comparettia speciosa*
- Paphiopedilum spicerianum*
- Paphiopedilum wardii*
- Renanthera philippinensis*

Vanda sanderiana

Peter & Shirley

- Aerangis biloba*
- Cattleya percivaliana*
- Laelia anceps Medenhall*
- Laelia labiata 'Tito'*
- Laelia praestans*
- Paphiopedilum insigne var sanderae*
- Paphiopedilum spicerianum*
- Sophronitis brevipedunculata*

Tony & Mavis

- Brassavola cucullata*
- Dendrobium delacourii*
- Neobenthamia gracilis*
- Tolumnia variegata*



Pterostylis abrupta
Graham & Margaret



Leporella fimbriata
Graham & Margaret

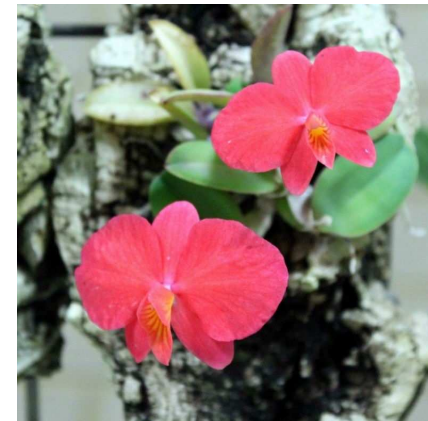
PLANTS DISPLAYED June 2014

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Neobenthamia gracilis
Tony & Mavis

Laelia anceps Medenhall
Peter & Shirley



Sophronitis brevipedunculata
Peter & Shirley

Renanthera philippinensis
Ken & Chris



Photography by Tony