

# THE SPECIES ORCHID SOCIETY OF WA ( INC )

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**CULTURAL AWARD, September 2014**

*Dendrobium lindleyii*

Tony & Mavis

# NEWSLETTER

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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

9 September 2014, 7:55pm

**Present:** 27

**Apologies:** 11 as per register

**Visitors:** Neville & Val Bone

**New members:**

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting:

(Chris, Paul).

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Financial Report:** Tabled by Charly.

Current balance of \$9,984.33.

(Mavis, Ian).

Charly is in the process of setting up a term deposit.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

- GCA Bulletin See Charly if you want to order GCA calendars.
- Various Emails from our president in Jo'burg at the World Orchid Conference

**Outwards:**

- Nil

**General Business:**

- The bus trip is to leave 21 Gibson Ave at 8am and then the Corner of Lloyd St and the Great Eastern Hwy at 9am.
- Mich has put plaques on the Venezuelan Orchid books donated by Noel and Eva.
- Mich has volunteered to organize plant orders for members. Please use her offer as the society profits from this.
- Mavis only has February and June 2015 Home Visit vacancies.

**Cultural Award:**

Presented to Tony & Mavis for a well

grown *Dendrobium lindleyi*

**Raffle:** Norm, Patricia, Mich, Sharon, Jeanine, Tony, Tony, Paul, and Jim.

**Name Badge:** Charly

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- There will be a Special Raffle with two flowering size orchids, and an auction of two orchids at October general meeting.
- The WAROO bid for the 2020 World Orchid Conference was not successful and it was awarded to Taiwan. The major hurdle that we could not overcome was the requirement for commercial growers to be able to simply and economically bring orchids in flower to the event for sale. Australia's current biosecurity regulations require internationally sourced plant material to be held in quarantine for a minimum of three months disease-free growth. This was seen to be a significant barrier to commercial participation in the event.
- Other societies were so impressed with our display at the Inter Society Challenge this year, we have been invited by Bruce, President NDOS to provide a display at their 2015 Spring Show at Coventry Markets. This will be an opportunity to use the Display Boards prepared for the 19th AOC.
- A number of South African Orchid Societies have expressed interest in exchanging newsletters. We will include them in our e-mail advice to members.

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Paul

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Tony

Mavis

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Barry (dec'd)

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Joan (dec'd) & Ted (dec'd)

Trevor

Neville

Noel & Eva

Tony & Mavis

Barry (dec'd)

# 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.

- \* Oct - Murray & Arni, Leeming
- \* Nov - Ken & Chris, Henley Brook
- \* Jan - Ezi-Gro Orchids, Evandale St, Lansdale (note this will be on Saturday 24 January)

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## FOR SALE/WANTED

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### Imported plant news

Bruce, Kevin and I met with Matt from Ten Shin Gardens in Johannesburg, and renegotiated the arrangements for the shipment that was previously cancelled. I have received the CITES Certificates from Matt and will apply for a permit from Canberra with a view to shipping the plants mid-November. I also met with Ben Ooi from Ooi Leng Sun Orchids (Malaysia), Nollie Cillers of Plantae Orchids (South Africa), and Magali Portilla of Mundiflora (Ecuador), and sighted their plants. All are keen to export to us.

*Ken & Chris*

## MONTHLY PLANT

### *Prosthechea (Anacheilium) radiata* 'Ray'

**Country of origin:** Central America and northern South America..

**Description:** Small-moderate sized 'cockleshell' orchid.

**Difficulty:** Very easy to grow

**Cost:** \$6.00

*Prosthechea radiata* (Lindl.) Pabst, Moutinho & A.V. Pinto 1981 comes from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia and Venezuela. It is found in tropical evergreen, mixed pine and oak forests at 150-2,000 m. It is also described as *Anacheilium radiatum*, and is often confused with other species in the genus. These plants were purchased from Tinonee Orchids and have been grown on by Adrian.

This is one of the 'cockleshell' Encyclias with non-resupinate (upside down) long-lasting flowers that are fragrant and heavy textured. A medium sized, warm to cool growing species, it flowers in autumn through spring and is very easy to grow in a shadehouse, and can be grown indoors provided enough light is available. However, the fragrance is heavy and may be somewhat overpowering indoors.

These plants are actively growing and will



Source: <http://www.orchidarium.pl/AdoZ/obrazy/Encyclia%20radiata.jpg>

need to be potted up or mounted so that they can grow vigorously over the upcoming warmer weather. This species does well mounted on wood or tree fern, or in a wire basket with pine bark or wood chips, or may be potted in a conventional plastic pot with a standard epiphyte media.

While some authors suggest that it be kept drier during winter, I have found this species to be very forgiving and provided it is not left cold and wet for an extended period of time, can cope with short periods where it is wet during winter. It does not appear to be attractive to many of the insect pests that cause us concern and like most orchids, enjoys plenty of air movement.

# PLANTS DISPLAYED SEPTEMBER 2014

## Ian

*Diuris magnifica*  
*Elythranthera brunonis*

## Graham & Margaret

*Bletilla striata*  
*Dendrobium x gracillimum*  
*Diuris amplissima*  
*Diuris longifolia*  
*Diuris magnifica*  
*Pterygodium catholica*  
*Serapias lingua*  
*Serapias neglecta*  
*Serapias vomeracea*

## Chris

*Cattleya amethystoglossa* 'Jaguar'  
*Lycaste lassioglossa*  
*Paphiopedilum villosum* var. *annamense*  
*Phalaenopsis aphrodite*  
*Phalaenopsis amabilis* x sibling



*Dendrobium x gracillimum*  
Graham & Margaret

*Phalaenopsis amabilis* var. *formosum*

## Adrian & Dee

*Caladenia barbarossa*  
*Coelogyne speciosa*  
*Dendrobium gracilicaule* (x2)  
*Dendrobium lichenastrum*  
*Dendrobium tetragonum*  
*Rhynchostylis gigantea*  
*Scaphyglottis livida*  
*Vanda lamellata*

## Courtney & Val

*Brassavola nodosa* var. *grandiflora*  
*Zygopetalum crinitum*

## Tony & Mavis

*Dendrobium lindleyi*  
*Ionopsis utricularioides*  
*Phalaenopsis amabilis*  
*Phalaenopsis equestris*

*Serapias lingua*  
Graham & Margaret



*Phalaenopsis stuartiana* (x2)  
*Trichocentrum ascendens*



*Elythranthera brunosis*  
Ian



*Diuris longifolia*  
Graham & Margaret

## PLANTS DISPLAYED SEPTEMBER 2014



*Cattleya amethystoglossa* Jaguar  
Chris

*Dendrobium tetragonum*  
Adrian & Dee



Photography by Tony

# 21st World Orchid Conference and Show

## Johannesburg, 10-14 Sept 2014

As many of you are aware, I attended the 21st World Orchid Conference and Show in Johannesburg from 9-14 September with Bruce (Chair of WA Regional Orchid Organisation), and Jocelyn Skeggs from Perth Convention Bureau. Bruce, Tony and I were on a WA Regional Orchid Organisation (WAROO) Committee making a bid to hold the 23rd World Orchid Conference in Perth in 2020.

Unfortunately, our bid was not successful and Taiwan will host this event. Several members of the panel spoke with Bruce and I after the decision was announced and advised us that the major constraint to our bid was the difficulty faced by commercial vendors in bringing flowering orchid plants for sale at the event due to Australia's restrictive biosecurity controls.

Australian Biosecurity regulations mandate a period of not less than three months observed growth in a registered facility as part of the import process for live orchid plants. Further, they must either be bare-root, or in/on an approved inorganic media. With the exception of New Zealand, it appears that most other countries that would be interested in holding this event allow the importation of live orchid plants in media provided they are fungicide and pesticide treated prior to packing. A phytosanitary certificate advising that the plants have been inspected and found to be free of any disease or insect pests, and CITES documentation are the other requirements.

On this basis, Australia cannot compete to host this event on equal footing with the rest of the world. While we understood that preference would be given to bids from orchid societies, the winning bid in this instance was from the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association, a professional marketing body representing commercial growers.

However, there is always an upside to the tough things in life. Firstly, Bruce and I made some valuable connections with members of South Africa orchid societies who are interested in exploring the concept of an exchange between the countries, perhaps in the form of an event in Australia one year and in South Africa in another. Secondly, I started to develop relationships with some potential live plant./flask suppliers from South Africa, Malaysia and Ecuador.

While there were many aspects of the event which were less than optimum, some of the displays staged were of excellent quality and were truly worthy of acknowledgement.

Our display and specifically the Western Australian terrestrial species and Ezi-Gro's pendulous Cymbidiums attracted enormous attention with many registrants and show visitors commending us for bringing the terrestrials for everyone to see. There is no doubt that had we won the bid, a massed display of WA terrestrial species would have to have been the centrepiece of our



show. The senior judge that judged our display (Dr Patricia Harding) recommended a special award for the terrestrial orchid display, and was disappointed that the organisers decided against her panels' recommendation.



We won second place in our section. Our display featured polished aluminium cones suggested by Kevin Butler, designed by Bruce and manufactured by Tony's son in law.



Thanks to Kevin Butler and Rosa from Ezi Gro for the flowers and taking charge of the packing, Graham & Margaret, Chris, Trevor & Barbara and Keith & Judy for the flowers for the display. Congratulations to Trevor & Barbara for the WOC Silver Medal awarded to their complex hybrid *Paphiopedilum TB Snerta 'Julie'* We also had a promotional booth, seen in

the picture below in which we displayed photos of terrestrial orchids, books on WA terrestrial orchids and WA generally, and an endless loop of photos by Mark Brundrett.



For me, the display from Ecuador was outstanding as it included many of the tropical species of which we see pictures and hear about, but seldom see live. The species amongst those on display



included *Ada*, *Dracula*, *Masdevallia*, *Pleurothallis*, *Poroglossum*, *Stellis*, *Telipogon* and *Trichoceras* to list just a few. While not the overall winner, this display attracted my attention over and over again as I marvelled at the plants on display. The following photo of *Masdevallia superbiens* shows just how exotic these species are, and it was a privilege to have seen many of them for the first time.



took many workers with a truck and hiab crane more than two days to construct.



The Grand Champion orchid was *Angulocaste Olympus* shown by a delighted local grower who purchased the plant some 18 months earlier.

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The Reserve Champion Display was a very effective display of the species *Ansellia africana* coordinated by Anthony Grohovaz (also the Show Chairman).



The Grand Champion Display was a very large display from Thailand (see picture next column when under construction). I estimate that there were at least 5,000 live orchid plants in this display judging by the number of boxes unpacked. The display



# 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 (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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