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CULTURAL AWARD, June 2015

Jumellea spp x Tampolo

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 14 July

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

9 June 2015, 7.50pm

Present: 29 present as per the register.

Apologies: Mich, John, Neville, Patricia, Courtney, Bruce, Chris.

Visitors: Caleb and Sam

New members: Nil

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting: (Adrian, Chris)

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Tabled by Charly
Current balance is \$1,617.96. We also have \$6,000 in a term deposit. (Lee Ann, Mavis)

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Email about the Bunbury September Show – we will be unable to participate because too many of us will be “over east” for the Mackay Conference.
- Native Orchid News and The Orchid Digest.

Outwards:

- Nil

General Business:

- Reminder of the silent auction during the next (July) general meeting.
- The Thai plants will be inspected on the 11th of June.
- We need to know which plants will be in flower, at the next Meeting, for the Inter Society Workshop and Show on the first weekend in August. Gerda and Charly gave a brief progress report on the stand. Members going to the dinner on this weekend need to pay Charly their \$50.

- Yearly subscriptions are now due.
- Lyn has volunteered her home for the November home visit.
- Tom auctioned eight plants for the society and they sold for a total of nearly \$180.
- Members were informed that Neville will be unable to attend meetings due to ill health.
- Those present were asked to check their name and address details for accuracy on the Secretary’s list.

Cultural Award:

Presented to Graham & Margaret for *Jumellea spp* (from Tampolo) which was a monthly plant distributed in October 2011. This species resembles *Jumellea fragrans*.

Raffle: Chris, Norm, Andrea, Jim and Caleb.

Name Badge: Siva

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The next meeting is our fund-raising, and generally have a great time, **silent auction**. Please bring along spare species or hybrid orchids that you might have, other plants likely to be of interest to members and orchid paraphernalia such as books etc.

Please refrain from watering plants donated on the day of the auction as the bids are impossible to read if they are wet. Donated items will be placed into groups and members will be invited to make the bids on slips that are placed under the lot. Once all the bids are lodged, they will be sorted with the highest bidder winning the lot. This is a great opportunity for new members to expand their collections.

- WAROO is staging a display at the 20th AOC in Mackay in September. Cut flowers will be needed, especially WA terrestrials. Further information will be provided at the July general meeting
- The display for the Inter Society Display and Workshop is well under way thanks to Gerda and Charly. As we did last year, those of you likely to be able to provide plants please let Ken know what might be in flower so that he can prepare tags. If possible, plants for display should be taken to Chris' home in Sorrento after 10.00am on Friday 31 July so that Chris and Tony can determine what plants are to be entered for judging.
- Your annual membership is now due. Please pay the Treasurer at the next meeting. Should you see any members who may not regularly attend meetings, you might mention it to them.

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Life Members

Barry (dec'd)

Gordon

Maxine

Ken

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

Trevor

Neville

Noel & Eva

Tony & Mavis

Barry (dec'd)

Quiet Achievers

2013 Ian

2014 Chris

2015 Margaret

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.

- * 26 July - Ken & Chris, Henley Brook
- * 30 August - Graham & Margaret, Hamersley
- * 27 September - Maxine, Parkerville

FOR SALE/WANTED

Kevin Butler at Ezi-Gro Orchids was a participant in the Taiwan order, and now has a wide range of species plants that he has for sale. The genera include *Aerangis*, *Angraecum*, *Bulbophyllum*, *Cymbidium*, *Encyclia*, *Paphiopedilum*, *Renanthera*, *Rhyncholaelia*, and *Sobennikoffia*. Kevin's participation in this shipment helped to spread the fixed costs and enabled us to purchase plants at wholesale prices. Many of these are not readily available, so contact Kevin or his staff.



Imported plant news

The next quarantine inspection will be scheduled for mid-August to allow plants to make more growth, and for those plants released, hopefully to have warmer weather than mid-winter for their owners when they receive them..

Ken & Chris Jones

2015 Quiet Achiever – Margaret



Marg, our 2015 Quiet Achiever comes from the same mould as two previous recipients. She too is someone who never fails to put her hand up to help out whenever needed.

Marg and Graham joined the Society in November 1994, and have been active members ever since. Her skills have been put to use in many ways in helping the Society pursue its objectives of encouraging the culture and propagation of species orchids. Marg and Mich were jointly

responsible for planning and designing the Society's display for the 19th Australian Orchid Conference held in Perth in 2012. This display highlighted WA terrestrial orchids and included many of the photos from the late Ron Heberle collection. Marg spent many hours scanning/copying Ron's photos to Mich's exacting standards, and then helping assemble the final display. In fact, while she, Judith and Mich were working on the display, Graham who was out rescuing terrestrial orchids had a stroke and was taken to hospital. Marg first learned of this when she got home after 6pm to be told that he was in hospital!

Marg is always one of the first to offer to help out, whether it be making arrangements for the Christmas party including purchasing food and refreshments, with Ian providing tea and coffee after our meetings, assisting Graham rescuing and replanting species orchids (including those rescued and replanted at Fiona Stanley Hospital), and being a generous and charming host at home visits. Marg regularly assists with members' auctions conducted by the Society, often taking responsibility for collecting money from purchasers. Her organisational skills and attention to detail make it so much simpler for the other members involved. Marg is also interested in bonsai and has an active role in the Bonsai Workshop (Inc). Marg's bonsai plants compete for space in their garden with their exotic and terrestrial orchids and other plants.

We are truly fortunate to have members like Margaret who give so much to the society and its members and it is a pleasure to recognise her contribution in this way.

Graham & Margaret

Jumellea spp (from Tampolo)
Pterostylis hamiltonii
Pterostylis aff nana
Pterostylis vittata

Chris

Cattleya gaskelliana 'alba'
Cattleya percivaliana
Paphiopedilum gratixianum
Paphiopedilum insigne var. *sanderæ*
Vanda lamellata

Maxine

Aerangis biloba
Cattleya percivaliana
Laelia anceps var. *chamberlainianum*

Ken & Chris

Anacheilium fragrans
Bulbophyllum biflorum
Dendrochilum cobbianum

Laelia anceps var. *chamberlainianum*
Paphiopedilum spicerianum
Vanda sanderiana

Peter

Bulbophyllum sanguineopunctatum
Paphiopedilum insigne
Paphiopedilum insigne var. *sanderæ*

Siva

Bulbophyllum burfordiense

Tony & Mavis

Dendrobium bigibbum
Compantia speciosa
Laelia anceps var. *chamberlainianum*

PLANTS DISPLAYED June 2015



Vanda lamellata
Chris

Bulbophyllum burfordiense
Siva





Laelia autumnalis



Laelia anceps
var. *chamberlainianum*
Maxine
Ken & Chris
Tony & Mavis

PLANTS DISPLAYED June 2015



Cattleya gaskelliana alba
Chris

Paphiopedilum spicerianum
Ken & Chris



Photography by Tony

2015 Life Member - Maxine

Maxine and her late husband, John joined the Species Orchid Society at the AGM in



May 1993. At the time, they lived on a large block in East Cannington that provided plenty of room for orchid hot-houses and shadehouses. Both were members of several orchid societies and were members of the judging panel. In the fine tradition of "if you need job done, give it to a busy person as they will find time to do it", At the AGM in May 1999, Maxine was elected Vice President for two years, and then as President in May 2000 serving two years to May 2002. Maxine

served another term as President from May 2008 to May 2010 following which she was elected and served as Secretary for four years until May 2014. Maxine also served as our Librarian between her two terms as President. Following her recent appointment as Registrar of the State Judging Panel and the responsibilities that this position entails, Maxine has still found time to continue to serve as a committee member. Following John's passing in 2002, Maxine moved to a new home in Parkerville in 2003 on acreage that she shares with her daughter and son-in-law and their children where she built new orchid houses, and where she regularly hosts Species Society committee meetings and home visits.

Maxine and John were dedicated orchid growers, and active show competitors and judges and won many awards for their hybrids, and later, for their well-grown species plants. I remember seeing many ribbons and award certificates on display at their home during home visits. For example, Maxine's *Aerangis citrata* 'Michelle' was awarded an AM (81.2 points) by the Australian Orchid Council in 2008.

Maxine has always been willing to grow on orchids for the Society's members, and given her skills, often takes those that are known to be more difficult to grow such as *Bulbophyllum* species. Her skills in this area are no better demonstrated than when she brings beautifully flowering, hard to grow species to monthly meetings and to displays. In this context, Maxine grows several South American species that almost no-one else in the society tackles as they are known to be hard to grow and shy to flower, but she often succeeds where others fail.

Maxine's commitment to understanding and growing orchids, and to encouraging and assisting new growers is one of her strengths that has been of benefit to members of the Species Society and other general orchid societies, and the award of life membership is mark of respect for what she has done for us over the past twenty two years.

2015 Life Member - Ken



The Species Orchid Society has been Ken's passion since it formed in 1988. Prior to his involvement in the Species Society Ken was on the Northern Districts Orchid Society committee and its President in 1991 when the AOC was held in Perth.

Ken & Chris started growing orchids in the early 80's after travelling to Singapore, seeing tropical hybrid and species orchids growing with apparent ease and meeting members of the Orchid Society of South East Asia. They soon found out that it wasn't so easy in Western Australia. While the lessons learned were

tough and many orchids went to 'orchid heaven', being an avid collector of 'things' and pursuing somewhat expensive hobbies, Ken was well and truly hooked. While he and Chris started out as many others do growing Cymbidiums, pretty soon a shadehouse was constructed, followed by a glasshouse and then a second glasshouse. Although on a steep learning curve, Ken & Chris started to have some success and gradually become more competent at growing tropical and sub-tropical hybrids, and over time, exotic species.

In March 1990, Ken & Chris moved to their present home in Henley Brook, and while the orchid collection suffered for some months (during the first winter many of the exotic orchids in their collection lived on the floor in the family room), until a large tunnel house was erected and the plants were moved into more suitable accommodation. Over the years, the tunnel house was replaced by a heated glasshouse (disassembled and moved from their previous Morley home) and large shadehouse. During the 90's, Ken & Chris travelled to Asia and rather than pay the quarantine fees charged, by the WA Department of Agriculture, Ken applied for and was granted a licence to construct a quarantine glasshouse. Since 1996, this facility has been used by members of the Species Society and others to import orchids from mainland and island Asia, India, South America and Madagascar.

Ken Joined the Species Orchid Society committee in the early 90's and has been a member since, serving three terms as President and since the mid 90's, as Newsletter Editor. Writing articles on interesting orchids has provided intellectual stimulation for many years, even more so since Ken retired in 2012. Ken was a member of the 19th AOC committee and was responsible for assisting international and interstate vendors to bring flasks and plants into WA for sale, registrants to bring cut flowers for display; and conference registrants to obtain the documentation required to export plants and flasks. Ken was also a member of a committee established to develop the unsuccessful bid for the 2020 World Orchid Conference. Ken is presently working with Bruce and Tony planning a major orchid event for WA in 2017.

Hygiene tips to keep your orchids disease free.

Cercospora, *Septoria*, *Guignardia* and *Phyllosticta* are four types of fungal infections that are commonly referred to as leaf spots. However, as you will see from the following, it can be difficult to identify precisely which of these pathogens are infecting your orchid as the presentation can vary and can also resemble other bacterial and fungal pathogens. Accurate identification requires more specialised skills and techniques than the average orchid hobbyist would have at their disposal, however, there are common remedies for this group that can be used.

Firstly, as a simple means of reducing spread of the disease, the leaves which become infected should be removed using sterilized equipment and properly disposed. Following removal of damaged leaves and application of treatment, the infected orchid plant leaves should be kept dry and water should not be allowed to accumulate and remain on the leaves. To minimise the opportunity for these unsightly diseases to infect all the plants in your collection, particularly if some plants have become infected it is prudent to use good quality protectant (egg Mancozeb®, Coppox WG®, Amgrow Copper Oxychloride®, Bordeaux, Kocide Blue) and systemic fungicide (egg Fongarid®, alternately. Sometimes, these fungal diseases become a recurring problem which is why it's best to use a fungicide spray on a monthly basis in order to reduce the risk of recurring fungal infections.

A *Cercospora* infection at first appears as a yellow spot on the underside of the leaf. Soon after infection occurs, a yellow-green area may be noted on the top surface of the leaf. As the spots enlarge in irregular patterns, they become slightly sunken and necrotic and turn purplish-brown to purplish-black in colour. These spots continue to enlarge in either circular or irregular patterns and may eventually cover the entire leaf. The active infection margins continue to be yellowish in colour, and eventually, the most heavily infected leaves will fall off the plant especially those where the infection started near the base of the leaf.



Cercospora on orchid leaf



Cercospora on *Oncidium*

Photo source: <http://staugorchidsociety.org/culturepests-diseases.htm>

Contd next month

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.

If unclaimed, return to
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Next meeting Tuesday 14 July 2015