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Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award  
May 2016  
*Oncidium pulvinatum*  
Peter

# NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 14 June

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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

10 May 2016, 7.50pm

**Present:** 31 present as per the register

**Apologies:** 4 as per register

**Visitors:** Lynn

**New members:** Nil

**Minutes:** Minutes of the October meeting accepted (Paul, Kirsty)

**Business Arising:**

**Financial Report:** Tabled by Charly.

Current balance is \$2,982.34. We also have \$6,000 in a term deposit. (Paul, Noel)

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

- Newsletters and magazines

**Outwards:**

- Courtney about the Cymbidium Orchid Club show in August.

**General Business:**

- It was suggested that we invite Robyn and Gordon to the Intersociety dinner in Busselton in August. Chris will investigate this.
- A list of people who wanted to buy the Names abbreviation list was circulated.
- Ken spoke about the quarantine problems and there was a suggestion that, with assistance we might be able to have it operating for one more year.
- Ken informed the members of the changes to the Associations Incorporation laws from a seminar he attended.

**Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:**

Awarded to Peter for his *Oncidium pulvinatum*.

**Raffle:** Bruce, Tom, Noel, Bruce and Dee.

**Name Badge:** Maxine.

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Welcome to the two newly elected members of Committee, Peter and Siva. We look forward to your ideas and input to what we do. Thank you for accepting nomination and your commitment to the Society
- A subcommittee has been formed to plan the society's displays at the Inter Society Orchid Display and Workshop and Cymbidium Orchid Club show. If you would like to be involved please contact Ken on 9296 1765.

If you are planning to attend the ISODW in Busselton and wish to attend the dinner, please let the Secretary know at the next meeting as places are filling fast. We have also been given information about accommodation in Busselton that will be available at the general meeting for perusal.

In July, we will ask for details of plants that you might have in flower for both

these events. If you are not able to bring your plants to these displays, please let us know as we will arrange drop-off points north and south of the river.

- The July general meeting will be our fundraising annual Silent Auction. Please put some divisions aside for this fun event. For our newer members, come along prepared to acquire some bargains to expand your collection.
- Annual memberships are now due. There has been no change in the annual membership fee - please pay the Treasurer at the next meeting.
- We are always looking for monthly plants. If you have 20-25 plants of a species that might be of interest to our members, please let a committee member know as we prefer to acquire plants locally whenever we can.

### Quiet Achievers

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2014	Chris
2015	Margaret
2016	Tom & Pat

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### Committee:

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Maxine Siva

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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)

# 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 June - Paul & Andrea, Gidgegannup
- \* 31 July - Ken & Chris, Henley Brook.
- \* 28 August - Tony, Bassendean

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## FOR SALE/WANTED

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### Imported plant news

A personal thank you to those members who have generously provided additional financial resources to allow us to renew the quarantine glasshouse registration for 2016/17.

The plants from Thailand (including those from Ecuador and China) that came into Australia in March are showing new leaf and root growth and were inspected on 31 May. 90 of the Ecuador plants imported in December that were slow to show new growth were released. As noted in the minutes of the General meeting, the Malaysian order has been deferred until August. An import from Taiwan is being planned for September and lists will be placed on the website in due course.

*Ken & Chris*

# MONTHLY PLANT

## *Epidendrum calanthum*

Country of origin: Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador

Description: Moderate size, reed-stem free flowering *Epidendrum* species

Difficulty: Easy to grow shadehouse species.

Cost: \$5.00

*Epidendrum calanthum* Rchb. f. & Warsz. 1854 is a medium to large-sized, hot to cold growing, reed stem terrestrial or epiphyte found in montane forests at 200 to 2200 m elevation. A widespread species, it is found in a wide variety of habitats and is very adaptable to local conditions.

It has many synonyms including *Epidendrum cauae*, *Epidendrum chrysostomum*, *Epidendrum decipiens*, *Epidendrum filomenoi*, *Epidendrum huanucoense*, *Epidendrum ibaguense* var. *confluens*, *Epidendrum laetum*, *Epidendrum paytense*, *Epidendrum pristis* and *Epidendrum schomburgkii* var. *confluens*.

It is easy to cultivate provided reasonably high humidity and ample water with bright light can be given during summer. Pot culture in coarse, free-draining growing media is the simplest way to grow this species. It should also grow on a hardwood slab, although maintaining the high



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humidity required for vigorous growth in summer can be a challenge.

This genus is relatively unaffected by the majority of insect pests and fungal/bacterial pathogens that so often attack our orchids, and therefore is a suitable species for novice species growers.

The flowering size plants (many have already flowered) are the rose coloured form, although there are many different colours including albanistic forms.

**Graham & Margaret**

*Dendrobium speciosum*  
*Pterostylis abrupta*  
*Pterostylis hamiltonii*  
*Pterostylis vittata*

**Maxine**

*Bulbophyllum hirundinis*  
*Dendrochilum cobbianum*  
*Trichoglottis brachiata* (now *atropurpurea*)

**Ken & Chris**

*Aerangis biloba*  
*Laelia anceps*  
*Microsaccus griffithii*  
*Paphiopedilum spicerianum*  
*Stenoglottis longifolia*

**Adrian & Deanne**

*Laelia rubescens*

**Peter**

*Dendrobium convolutum*  
*Oncidium pulvinatum*  
*Paphiopedilum spicerianum*  
*Phalaenopsis amabilis*  
*Sophronitis brevipedunculata*

**John**

*Cattleya labiata* var. 'Tipo'

**Norm**

*Dendrobium gibbbum*

**Tony & Mavis**

*Epidendrum nanegalense*  
*Miltonia x bluntii*

## PLANTS DISPLAYED May 2016



*Bulbophyllum hirundinis*  
Maxine



*Pterostylis abrupta*  
Graham & Margaret

*Oncidium hyphaematicum*  
*Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica*  
*Stenoglottis longifolia*

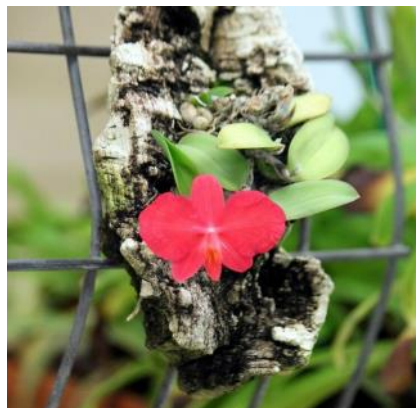


*Oncidium hyphaematicum*  
Tony & Mavis

## PLANTS DISPLAYED May 2016



*Laelia rubescens*  
Adrian & Dee



*Sophronitis brevipedunculata*  
Peter

Photography by Tony

## Our 2016 Quiet Achievers—Tom & Pat

Tom & Pat joined the Species Society in 2004, and immediately got involved in the society's activities. Pat has for many years been our auditor and successive treasurers, Sandra and Charly have enjoyed working with her to produce the audited annual financial report. While Pat sets high standards for them to follow, her business experience helps her understand that we don't live in a perfect world and from time, financial transactions that occur in the life of a group such as our orchid society may not be clear as would be required for a commercial business. When necessary, Pat advises on appropriate wording for explanations to members.

Tom is always ready to apply his skills as an auctioneer to extract money from our members when we auction plants in flower at our meetings. He does this with humour and often convinces members to bid that extra dollar. In fact, he has managed to persuade members who have downsized their orchid collections to bid on, and win the bid on plants. Tom has been auctioneer for many member's auctions, and most often obtains prices for plants well beyond what the owner expected. His participation in this service offered by the Society has enabled several aging members forced to downsize through ill-health or inability to care for their orchids to receive fair value for their collection, and has allowed other members to acquire plants that might otherwise have died or passed to others who did not know or appreciate the history of the particular orchids.

Tom and Pat have also participated in several trips arranged by Tony and Mavis and the photo above is from one of those trips. Tom's experience in Asian business has often proved valuable. Both Tom and Pat made it to treetop walk at Poring Hot Springs in Sabah, a climb that taxed many of us younger members. This was a clear demonstration of their commitment and "can do" approach to life and it is with considerable pleasure that members of the Species Society recognised their contribution to us with this award.





## STANHOPEAS

*Continued from May 2016*

The species *Stanhopea dodsoniana* is named for taxonomist Calaway H. Dodson, who specialises in the orchids of Ecuador. It is often confused with *Stanhopea oculata*. In the flower of *Stanhopea dodsoniana*, the angle difference on the dorsal side of the hypochile and mesochile is  $45^\circ$ , while *Stanhopea oculata* is more obtuse.

*Stanhopea embreii* Dodson 1975 is found in Western Ecuador in wet mountain cloud forest in Chimborazo and Cañar Provinces. In Cañar, plants have been collected between Durán and Tambo at 1000 m, and in Chimborazo, along the railroad from Guayaquil to Quito at 600 m.



Photo source: <https://www.pinterest.com/mariazavaczki52/stanhopea-corianthes-huntleya/>

The flowers are average size for the genus with 3-7 blossoms are carried on each pendant inflorescence, and are pale yellow to nearly white with orange on the basal half of the hypochile and the base of the sepals and petals. The petals, lip and column are sparsely flecked and spotted with red. The large fragrant flowers occur in late spring and early summer.

*Stanhopea ecornuta* Lemaire 1846 is found in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. Jenny writing in the 1993 Orchid Digest reported that this species' habitat is from Guatemala to Costa Rica and northern Panama. It has been collected from heavily shaded, very warm and constantly wet lowlands below 250 m. Others writers report that this species can be found throughout the Caribbean watershed in most of Central America, with distribution including Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama, but is uncommon. In Belize, *Stanhopea ecornuta* is found as an epiphyte on trees in the Toledo District in wet broad-leaved forests at about 100 m and in humid mountain forests, while in Guatemala, it is also found as an epiphyte, but at up to 1200 m. Horich (1974) reports that this orchid grows in dark niches or ravines along rivers or creeks in the steaming, hot, lowland, rainforest jungles on the Atlantic side at sea level to rarely more than 500 m, and Mora and Atwood

(1993) report that Costa Rican plants grow in shady lowland tropical evergreen forests at 500-1200 m.

This species was originally described in 1846 by Charles Lemaire, in the first series of *Flore des Serres et des Jardins de l'Europe* ii, t. 181., published in Gand, Belgium by Louis Van Houtte. This is an interesting warm-growing species, and is one of the "primitive" (hornless) Stanhopeas. Flowers are usually borne in twins on short inflorescences, facing each other. Unlike many other members of this genus, the inflorescence crawls across the top of the compost and the flowers open near the base of the plant. Other "primitive" Stanhopeas include: *Stan. annulata*, *Stan. avicula*, *Stan. cirrhata*, and *Stan. pulla*.



Photo source: [http://farm1.static.flickr.com/318/19590768236\\_123fe9f893.jpg](http://farm1.static.flickr.com/318/19590768236_123fe9f893.jpg)

The ovoid, sulcate, slightly compressed pseudobulbs have basal bracts and carry a single apical, ribbed, plicate leaf that narrows into a elongate petiolate base, elliptic, abruptly acute leaf. Flowers are borne on a lateral and then pendant, 4 cm long, few flowered inflorescence arising on a mature pseudobulb, concealed by ovoid, inflated, imbricating, scarious, lepidote sheaths giving rise to 2 to rarely 3, large, fragrant, showy, membranous flowers in summer.

Asociación Costarricense de Orquideología (A.C.O.) has the following note about this species: "*Stanhopea ecornuta* produces two flowers in the base of the pseudobulb, white colour, speckled of brown near the base of labellum; this it seems an end of a slipper without division in the centre. It does not have pieces. In the centre of labellum it has a yellow colour with a solid concentration of spots brown to each side." [Translated from the original Spanish]. Other "primitive Stanhopeas found in Costa Rica include *Stan. cirrhata* and *Stan. pulla*. Natural hybrids include: *Stanhopea x fowlieana* (*Stan. ecornuta x Stan. costaricensis*) and *Stanhopea x horichiana* (*Stan. ecornuta x Stan. Wardii*).

*Stanhopea florida* Rchb.f. 1879 is found in Colombia, Peru and Ecuador on the western and eastern slopes of the Andes at 1000-1800 m). In Ecuador, plants have been collected in Canar Province near Asumción, between Cuenca and Pasaje at 1000 m, in Tungurahua Province at Rio San Francisco 5 km west of Rio Negro between Baños and Puyo at 1500 m, and in Zamora-Chinchipe at km 49 between Loja and Zamora at 1300 m. *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 (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  
The Editor  
204 Park Street, Henley Brook WA 6055

**Next meeting Tuesday 14 June**