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NEWSLETTER



Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award
August 2016
Dendrochilum wenzelli
Maxine

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 13 September

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

9 August 2016, 7.50pm

Present: 30 present as per the register

Apologies: 10 as per register

Visitors: Lyn

New members: Caterina

Minutes: Minutes of the July meeting accepted (Chris, Mavis)

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Charly advised current balance is \$4,466.91. We also have \$6,000 in a term deposit. (Tony, Margaret)

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- GCA (AGM), WAOS 2017, ISODW and the Toowoomba newsletter.

Outwards:

- Nil

General Business:

- Les is very ill and we send our best wishes to him and Val.
- We send condolences to Lee for Don's passing away. The funeral is at Karrakatta on the 11th at 10.00am.
- The President had lots of kind words about the Busselton ISODW.
- The Cymbidium Show is on the 27th and 28th of August with the "set up" from 1.00pm to 6.00pm on Friday the 26th. Courtney explained the "mechanics" of the show. He also outlined the rules for the Photography competition.
- Ken said that the sales plants need to be clean and will sell better if in flower. He will reject messy plants. Let him know what you wish to sell as he will

then be able to send you correct labels. Ken also needs to know which plants are available for the display. Our set up will start at 1.00pm aiming to be finished by 4.00pm.

Members were asked to fill in the roster for attendance at the show. On Saturday night there will be a "bring and share" meal at the show. The show will be closed at 3.00pm on Sunday.

- Ken praised the Singapore Flower Show but was scathing about some suppliers.
- There will be a final import of plants in November from Taiwan.
- The President thanked Gerda and Charly especially for setting up the Busselton show and dismantling it. He also thanked all the members who assisted.
- The President also thanked Ken and Chris for their efforts with the imports and for the last home visit and asked who would be able to visit Tony's place on the 28th of August.
- There will be an orchid auction in Kingsley on the 21st of August at 10am with inspections from 9:30am. Tony will email interested people the address the day before the auction.
- ANOIS is having a bush orchid hunt on Johnson Rd (off the Forrest Highway towards Waroona) about 500m in at the pine plantation.

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Awarded to Maxine for a magnificent specimen of *Dendrochilum wenzelli* (Red) with too many flowers to count

Raffle: Caterina, Tom & Pat, Brenda, Chris

Name Badge: Courtney

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The display at the Cymbidium Orchid Club show was well received by orchid growers and general public alike. The inclement weather in Saturday meant that attendance was well below that of past years, however members of the Species Society and the Paphiopedilum Study Group sold nearly \$2,100 worth of plants - a very good result.
- Thanks to all the members that provided plants for the display and helped out at the event. Your assistance in helping us to take advantage of this promotional opportunity is sincerely appreciated.
- The Species Society will be assuming the roles of Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer of WAROO in October. These roles are filled by societies on a rotational basis. Tony will chair meetings, and Ken will act as Secretary/Treasurer.

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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.

* 25 September - Margaret, Erskine

* 30 October - John, Bicton

FOR SALE/WANTED

Kirsty wishes to purchase the following if you have any for sale:

Phragmipedium caudatum (or primary hybrid), *Paphiopedilum praestans*, or primary hybrid, *Bulbophyllum picturatum*, *Bulbophyllum gracillimum*, *Bulbophyllum roxburghii* (*sikkimense*), *Bulbophyllum annamense*, *Bulbophyllum corolliferum*, *Bulbophyllum taeniophyllum*, *Bulbophyllum venulosum*, and *Bulbophyllum*. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'

If you have any of these to spare, please call Kirsty on 0413 599 998

Imported plant news

We are seeking orders for our final shipment from Taiwan. I will need your orders by the end of September to confirm availability with Ten Shin Gardens. Plants will be shipped in November.

There are three lists from Ten Shin Gardens on the website. The *Cymbidium* list is priced in New Taiwan \$ per growth, the wholesale and retail lists in US\$. While the wholesale list prices are much more attractive, we need to order at least 10 plants of any one species to get this price. I will consolidate orders to get this price as often as possible, and to this end, you might think about ordering two rather than one of each plant you want as this will help get us to 10 of each - if this doesn't work out, you can reduce your order to one plant. *Ken & Chris*

MONTHLY PLANT

Paphiopedilum delenatii

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

Description: Small-sized slipper orchid, with attractive pink and white flowers

Difficulty: Comparatively easy to grow species.

Cost: \$6.00

Paphiopedilum delenatii Guillaumin 1924 SUBGENUS *Parvisepalum* Karasawa & Saito 1982 is named after M Delenat, a French orchid enthusiast. who was the first to flower it in European cultivation. Until recently, most of the plants in cultivation were the result of selfing the original plant in the collection of Vacherot & Lecoufle. Its rediscovery in the early 90s near Nha Trang led to the removal of vast numbers of plants from the wild that were exported to Taiwan, Japan, Europe and the U.S.A. The further populations of *Paphiopedilum delenatii* discovered in the mountains of southern Vietnam from Dalat to Nha Trang have now been decimated.

This species grows on the eastern and south-eastern slopes at 1,100-1,200 m, although has been found down to 800 m and up to 1,500 m. It is reported that the climatic conditions on the east-facing slopes are more similar to those in the coastal strip than those in the more



Photo source: https://c2.staticflickr.com/4/3780/12187921753_d5782f5c8e_b.jpg

mountainous Dalat area.

Paphiopedilum delenatii grows in acidic soils that have developed from the granite substrate, and are generally found in rock depressions or ledges on steep granite slopes with a southern exposure. They can also be found granite cliff crevices in moss beds and leaf litter.

These plants were produced, deflasked and grown by Trevor, and have been grown cold in his shadehouse. Until the overnight/ early morning temperatures are less severe, and the plant matures, it would be prudent to protect them from cold and wet conditions. This species requires a well-drained potting medium -pine bark, perlite and charcoal are suitable. Break -down of media leads to root loss and death soon follows. 70% shade, good air circulation and humidity are important during warmer months, but pots should be allowed to nearly dry before re-watering. Reduce watering in winter

Graham & Margaret Bowden

Caladenia arenicola
Caladenia discoidea
Caladenia macrostylis
Caladenia xantha

Courtney Rogasch

Paphiopedilum spicerianum

Maxine Godbeer

Amesiella monticola
Angraecum equitans
Dendrochilum wenzelli

Tom & Pat Jackson

Paphiopedilum insigne 'Harefield Hall'

Ken & Chris Jones

Brasiliorchis schunkeana

Bulbophyllum ambrosia
Bulbophyllum lasiochilum
Dendrochilum tongianum
Dendrochilum wenzelli
Jumellea spp
Laelia anceps var. *veitchiana*
Lepanthes calodictyon
Lepanthes telipogoniflora
Mediocalcar decoratum
Octomeria concolor
Paphiopedilum villosum
Restrepia contorta
Restrepia cymbula

Tony & Mavis Watkinson

Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi fma. *chattaladae*

PLANTS DISPLAYED August 2016



Brasiliorchis schunkeana
Ken & Chris Jones



Lepanthes telipogoniflora
Ken & Chris Jones



Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi fma chattaladae
Tony & Mavis Watkinson

PLANTS DISPLAYED August 2016



Restrepia cymbula
Ken & Chris Jones



Lepanthes calodictyon
Ken & Chris Jones

Photography by Tony

W.A. Orchid Spectacular Conference & Show **Rendezvous Hotel, West Coast Highway, Scarborough,** **Western Australia** **September Update**

GOOD NEWS regarding the **W.A. Orchid Spectacular Conference & Show** in 2017

Planning is moving apace with a number of world renowned orchid identities already accepting our invitation to present lectures for the Conference Registrants. All our overseas speakers will give two talks and bring orchid flasks for sale at the event. Pre orders will be taken for these. This is an opportunity not to be missed!! Further info as it comes to hand.

In keeping with our efforts to bring the best to WA, we offer the following speakers for your enjoyment.

Holger Perner is recognised as a world authority on Chinese Paphiopedilums and has lived and worked in China for the last 15 years, researching Paphiopedilum and Cypripedium orchids through his and his wife's own orchid nursery Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology. Holger will give two talks at the W.A. Orchid Spectacular Conference & Show in 2017, and this will be a 'must' for all Paph lovers. For more, visit <http://hengduanbiotech.com/>

Marni Turkel is a hobby grower who has been growing orchids since 1980 at her home in Santa Rosa, California, and now has three greenhouses for orchids of differing climates. Marni has been flasking her own seedlings since 2009. Her lab is brimming over with flasks of vigorous seedlings of rare and choice species not available anywhere else. Many of the species she is propagating for sale have never been offered before. For more, visit <http://marniturkel.com/>

Bill Thoms is 'The' world authority on Bulbophyllums, (the largest genus in the orchid world!) their culture, and hybridizing. Bill and his wife, Doris, have been growing orchids around Central Florida for almost 45 years and have received almost every award granted by the AOS as well as more Awards for Culture than anyone else in the world, (83 in over 26 genera, including 36 in the Bulbophyllum alliance (capped off with a 96 pt. Certificate of Cultural Excellence for Bulb. Frank Smith 'The King').

Bill says of his flasking..." I want you to be happy. If you are not happy

with anything for any reason (other than my humour), I will make it right. I will treat you just like I would like to be treated. This isn't just the old run-around. I promise." For more, visit <https://www.facebook.com/bill.thoms.54>

Mark Brundrett is a Senior Scientist at the Department of Environment and Conservation in Swan Region and an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Western Australia. He has also provided botanical expertise to the Environmental Protection Agency for environmental impact assessment and policy development. His orchid research focused on the conservation of WA orchids in a 4 year project which helped conserve critically endangered orchids in the Western Australian Wheatbelt by obtaining knowledge required for sustainable management and directly contributing to recovery actions. For more information, visit https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Mark_Brundrett

All this (and more) for the WAOS Registrants in August 2017, for a very reasonable \$100 for the 1st Registrant and \$75 for an accompanying Registrant which includes the Opening Ceremony

<http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Registration.htm>

The WAOS Conference web site is now on line and will be updated from time to time as we have further news and information for you. http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/WAOS_2017.htm

It is planned to have the show set up and judging completed on Friday the 4th August, and open to the public on both Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th August with the lecture program and public workshops on both days.

Planning for the 5 day Orchid Tour of the Midwest of Western Australia for Registrants, will be a major attraction for many interstate lovers of Australian native orchids. Places on the tour led by Andrew Brown will be extremely limited, so do get in fast if you do not want to miss out. You can register your interest on our '**Expressions of Interest**' page on the Conference web site. http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/WAOS_2017.htm

STANHOPEAS

Contd from July

Stanhopea greerii Jenny 2000 is a recently named species from Moyombamba in the San Marcos region of Peru. It is named after Barney Greer, an enthusiastic Australian collector and hybridiser of Stanhopea orchids, and published author of on this genus. This species has been the subject of considerable controversy (for a more fulsome explanation, see Nina Rach's republication of an article by Rudolph Jenny published in Orchids Australia in 2000 at http://stanhopea.autrevie.com/stanhopea_greerii.html).

In summary, it appears that published reports had for many years suggested that *Stanhopea wardii* also occurred in Peru despite the fact that it had never been collected in either Southern Colombia or Ecuador. Rudolph Jenny received material and slides of an unknown plant collected in Peru from Roger Kramer in Australia. While the flower was very similar to *Stanhopea wardii*, careful examination revealed major differences from the known clonal variations of that species. While reluctant to describe a new species based on a single specimen, Jenny felt that given prior published material about a seemingly different form of *Stanhopea wardii* from Moyombamba, the differences were significant enough to publish it as a new species.

Whether it is a new species, or is an old segregate from *Stanhopea wardii* that has disappeared in Ecuador and Southern Colombia is unknown. Jenny agrees that *Stanhopea greerii* is very closely allied to *Stanhopea wardii* and *Stanhopea inodora*.



Photo source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Dick_Hartley_DSCN1964_-_Stanhopea_greerii.jpg

This species is epiphytic in primary forest at 1,100m. The creeping rhizome and clustered growths have oval pseudobulbs that are strongly ribbed when aged and furrowed. The pseudobulbs are 4-6cm high and 3-4cm wide and always unifoliate. The leaves are coarse and leathery, petiolate, lanceolate, plicate and acute, 30-40cm long and 12-15 cm wide, petiole round and one-sided notched, 10-12cm long. Consistent with other species in this genus, the inflorescence grows downwards from the base of the bulb, up to 15cm long and with 2-5 loosely arranged, pleasantly scented flowers. The inflorescence is covered by large, spread out broadly triangular and acute bracts. Flowers are 6-7cm in size with sepals and petals yellow to golden yellow with fine red dots.

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.

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 13 September