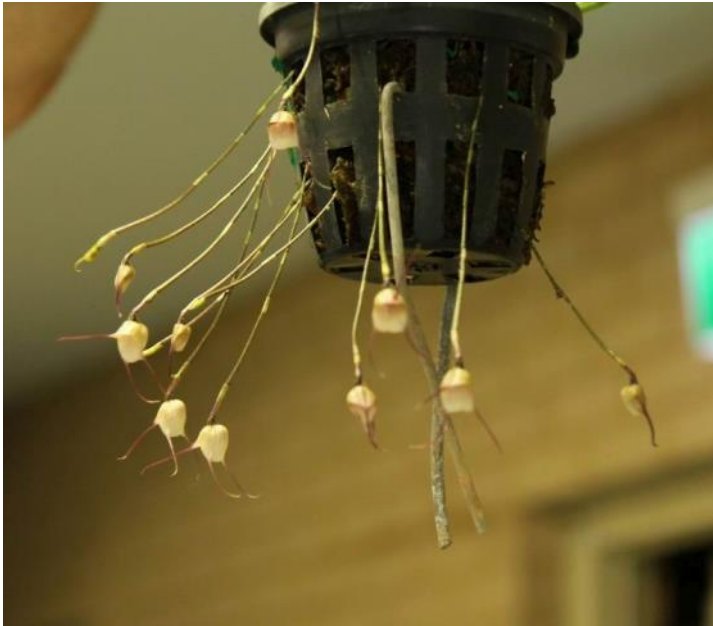


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# NEWSLETTER

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award  
March 2017  
*Dracula felix*  
Maxine

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 11 April**

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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

14 March 2017, 7.46pm

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

**Apologies:** 6 as per register

**Visitors:** Greg

**New members:** Nil.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the February meeting accepted (Ray, Lynne)

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Financial Report::** Charly advised current balance is \$5,355. We also have \$6,000 in a term deposit. (Ian, Mavis)

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

- WAOS 2017 Bulletin #4.
- Native Orchid Society (QLD) for Feb and March.
- Several emails from Ken about the new rules.

**Outwards:**

- E-mails about the new rules.

**General Business:**

- Ken gave us a background to the new rules, a “finished” version of which he hopes to present to the AGM in May. They will be on our website.
- Members need to be financial to vote at the AGM so pay the fees before then.
- Setup for the Gidgegannup show is Sunday morning for the 28th of May – the same day as Maxine’s home visit (about 10 minutes away).
- The WAOS 2017 setup is Friday 4th of August. Ken gave a brief summary of progress. Ken has already received pre-orders for plants from two nurseries that have provided lists which are on

the WAOS website. Ken recommended pre-ordering to make sure you get the flasks/plants that you want. E-mail him with orders.

- Kirsty was one of ten selected for the LAUNCH fresh produce seminar.
- Thanks to the Tony & Sandy for the last home visit. The next one is at Chris’s home on 26th March).
- The next plant inspection has been booked for next Tuesday, and over 300 plants put up for inspection and release.
- The meeting resolved that our Society sponsor the Best Species Orchid prize at WAOS for the amount of \$150.
- The president called for nominations for life membership and the Quiet Achiever .
- The committee will discuss our participation in the Cymbidium Club Show at the end of August. The meeting showed considerable interest.

**Anne O’Callaghan Cultural Award:**

Awarded to Maxine for a well grown and free flowering *Dracula felix*.

**Raffle:** Pat, John, Caterina and Ian.

**Name Badge:** John.

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The draft rules are now available on the website. It is proposed to adopt these new rules at the AGM in May, and accordingly, we ask that you review them so that you are generally aware of the changes required to conform to the Incorporated Associations Act. 2015. If you have any questions, or wish to make any suggestions, please contact Ken Jones on 9296 1765 or e-mail [kcjones@tpg.com.au](mailto:kcjones@tpg.com.au).
- Flyers advertising WAOS are now available from the Secretary.
- The Society is preparing a pre-order to Orchid Species Plus for raffle plants. Please see Ken if you wish to pre-order plants from Bill and Jan Miles
- The WAOS display sub-committee is Charly, Chris, Kirsty and Ken. If you would like to be involved, please see Ken.
- A display and plant sales activity with Northern Districts Orchid Society will take place at the Small Farm Field Day at Gidgegannup , Showground, 9.00 - 5.00 on Sunday, 28 May 2017. Please see Ken if you wish to participate

### Quiet Achievers

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2015	Margaret
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Maxine

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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.

- \* 30 April - Judith & Aiden, Mt Pleasant
- \* 28 May - Maxine, Parkerville

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## FOR SALE/WANTED

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### Imported plant news

449 plants from Taiwan and 19 from previous shipments were released on 21 March 2017. We are now working on getting as many plants released as we can before 30 June when we will close our quarantine facility.. Any plants remaining at that time will be moved to an alternative facility subject to the owners being prepared to meet the cost , or will have to be placed in the quarantine bin for deep burial.

*Ken & Chris*

# MONTHLY PLANT

## *Dockrillia striolata* alba 'Packers'

Country of origin: Australia

**Description:** Pendulous, terete leaved species that grows into a large clump.

**Difficulty:** Relatively easy species to grow in a Shadehouse.

**Cost:** \$5.00

This month's plants was supplied by Tinonee Orchids and has been grown on by Adrian.

*Dockrillia striolata* (syn *Dendrobium striolatum*) is a lithophytic, Australian species found in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania on cliff faces and granite boulders up to 1000m. Generally growing in exposed locations, it is a mini-miniature sized, warm to cold growing lithophyte with sympodial, pendulous stems. The non-resupinate flowers generally appear in spring.

This species is most suited to long term slab mounting and the avoid having to remount, it is preferable to use well-weathered hardwood or a product such as natural cork.

As indicated by the pendulous terete leaves, this is high light species that requires good air movement year round to ensure vigorous growth and free flowering.



Photo source: <https://get.google.com/albumarchive/111565844854752638532/album/AF1QipPcYJQXnKjIN4IEFRLJlxNL4V6bGBt5PJd0>

This alba form 'Packers' is said to be a green-apple colour rather than white with a white, fringed labellum.

Generally, these plants are less attractive to insect pest and pathogens, although lack of air movement and being constantly wet during winter can weaken the plant and make it susceptible to disease

**Graham & Margaret**

*Brassia gireoudiana*  
*Oncidium strictum*

**Tony & Sandy**

*Cattleya mossiae*  
*Brassia verrucosa* var. *gigantea*

**Maxine**

*Aerangis fuscata* (syn. *curnowiana*)  
*Aeranthes imerinensis*  
*Cattleya harrisoniana*  
*Dracula felix*  
*Neobenthamia gracilis*

**Charly & Gerda**

*Bulbophyllum fritillariflorum*

**Ken & Chris**

*Brassia maculata*  
*Cattleya bicolor*  
*Cattleya loddigesii*  
*Cattleya maxima*  
*Coeloglyne tomentosa*  
*Dendrochilum latifolium* var. *macranthum*  
*Paphiopedilum concolor*  
*Paphiopedilum godefroyae*  
*Phalaenopsis pulchra*  
*Schoenorchis* spp

**Mich**

*Aeranthes grandiflora*  
*Brassia maculata*  
*Cattleya gaskelliana* var. *alba*

**PLANTS DISPLAYED March 2017**



*Encyclia randii*  
Graham & Margaret



*Aerangis fuscata*  
Maxine

**Peter**

*Cattleya mossiae* 'Gordon'  
*Cochlioda rosea*  
*Dendrochilum cobbianum*  
*Doritis pulcherrima* 'Chumpornensis'  
*Podangis dactyloceras*

**Tara**

*Gongora galatea*  
*Phalaenopsis x intermedia*

**Siva**

*Oncidium incurvum*  
*Jumellea walleri* (syn. *filicornoides*)

**Tony & Mavis**

*Catasetum fimbriatum*  
*Miltonia x binotii*  
*Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi* 'red'  
*Phalaenopsis pulchra*  
*Zelenkoa onusta*

**PLANTS DISPLAYED March 2017**



*Jumellea walleri*  
Siva



*Podangis dactyloceras*  
Peter

Photography by Tony

## Summary of WAOS 2017 Bulletin #4

The WA Orchid Spectacular is only a short 5 months away!

The latest speakers to join our Lecture Program are David Woolf of Woolf Orchid Culture and Ray Clement of Tinonee Orchids. They will be joining Mark Brundrett, Bill Thoms and Marni Turkel of the USA, and Holger Perner from China whose work researching *Paphiopedilum* and other Chinese species from Hengduan Shan mountains region in Sichuan province is well regarded. This area is a recognised biodiversity hotspot and is best known for being the home of the Giant Panda. Many of the orchids from this area are endemic and come from small, highly localized populations

Access to this excellent lecture program is a very reasonable \$100 for the first registrant and \$75 for an accompanying registrant. This small fee gets you 3 days of WAOS Conference fun, daily admission to Conference Venue, all lectures, welcome ceremony and orchid show preview, early entry for photography, pre-purchasing opportunities. See <http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Registration.htm> A special room rate at the Rendezvous Hotel is available for registrants - see <http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Accommodation.htm>

The public orchid show will be the major attraction for the general public. It is a great opportunity from clubs and members to display orchids and compete for substantial cash prizes for the champion and 'best of' awards. We want to put on a great display of flowering orchids for the public. Please bring as many plants in flower as you can, even if they are not needed for your club's display - we will have another area to display them.

The Marketplace will allow you to acquire those orchids that you have always wanted. The first two pre-order catalogues are now up on the WAOS website. We have a flask list from Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology which includes some very desirable and seldom obtainable Chinese and other species and hybrids. The prices shown are in A\$, and include the import costs. Pre-ordering is the best way to ensure that you get the flasks that you particularly want. You can order direct from Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology, or send your order to [kcjones@tpg.com.au](mailto:kcjones@tpg.com.au)

We also have a list from Orchid Species Plus in Victoria on the WAOS website. Orchid Species Plus is one of the major species suppliers in Australia and their list has many hard to acquire species, both flowering size plants and seedlings. They will be attending several Eastern States orchid fairs over the next 5 months selling the plants off this list, so if you want to ensure that you get that species that you have always wanted, pre-ordering is recommend. The list prices include all costs incurred in bringing plants to WA. Bill and Jan Miles also advised that they do have smaller numbers of some species that are not shown in their list, so if there is a species that you have wanted but not been able to find, please contact them with your wish list. You can pre-order direct from Orchid Species Plus or send your order to [kcjones@tpg.com.au](mailto:kcjones@tpg.com.au). Their website address is <http://www.orchidspeciesplus.com.au/> and has a photo gallery of species orchid



flowers.

The public workshops on Saturday and Sunday the marketplace area by experienced local orchid growers will be part of a continuous program designed to cover commonly grown orchids, provide answers to questions often asked at public displays about growing and flowering orchids and dealing with common pest and disease problems. Workshop attendance is included in the Show entry fee.

An open photo competition provides opportunity for the community and orchid enthusiasts to enter photos of orchids. See [http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Photo\\_Compensation.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Photo_Compensation.htm)

The WAOS four day tours are two identical trips for up to 20 people. The first departs from Perth on Monday 7 August and will be led by Andrew Brown author of 'Orchids of Western Australia' and 'Field Guide to the Orchids of Western Australia', and second, on Tuesday 8 August led by Garry Brockman co-author of 'Field Guide to the Orchids of Western Australia'. The first tour is already fully booked, so make sure that you book now at [http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Conference\\_Tours.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Conference_Tours.htm)

For further news and information, see [http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/WAOS\\_2017.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/WAOS_2017.htm)

## STANHOPEAS

*Contd from March*

*Stanhopea reichenbachiana* Roezl ex Rchb.f. 1879 is found in Colombia and Ecuador. In Colombia, the species has been collected from Western Cordillera in the Rio Cauca basin. In this habitat, *Stanhopea reichenbachiana* is epiphytic, lithophytic, or semi-terrestrial in warm, wet rainforests, often in inaccessible locations and on deforested cliffs and banks at 500-1,000m. This warm-growing species with ivory/white waxy flowers is often mistaken for *Stanhopea candida*, *Stanhopea grandiflora*, or *Stanhopea inodora*. The large porcelain ivory/white flowers have a spicy sweet smell.

The species was originally described by the younger Reichenbach and renamed by Benedikt Roezl. Synonyms include:

*Stanhopea amesiana* Hort, *Stanhopea lowii* Rolfe, and possibly *Stanhopea suavis* Ospina. *Stanhopea reichenbachiana* is not considered to be one of the 'primitive *Stanhopea*', but it has very abbreviated horns. Based on the open lip morphology that does not restrict the size or shape of pollinators, it is likely that there are natural hybrids.



Photo source: [http://bluenanta.com/natural/196155/species\\_detail/](http://bluenanta.com/natural/196155/species_detail/)

*Stanhopea ruckeri* Lindley 1843 is reported from Mexico and Nicaragua, where it can be found as an epiphyte in wet mountain forests at 450-1,400m. Other authors report that it can be found in Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, although here are no reported collections from these countries. Kennedy (1975) reported that in Mexico plants apparently grow in Veracruz near Fortin de Las Flores, but the published literature including Kennedy (1975) and Williams (1951) has no instances where the author has actually sighted material collected in Mexico.

This is another *Stanhopea* species shrouded in mystery and in 1963, Calaway Dodson suggested in the article "The Mexican Stanhopeas" that *Stanhopea ruckeri* is in fact a natural hybrid of *Stanhopea oculata* and *Stanhopea wardii*. He writes that the specimen at the British Museum, labelled *Stanhopea ruckeri* by Lindley contains two inflorescences, one of *Stanhopea oculata* and one of an intermediate between *Stanhopea wardii* and *Stanhopea oculata*. This appears to leave a group of variable hybrids between *Stanhopea oculata* and *Stanhopea wardii*. As there is no name to apply to them, it might be a reasonable approach to apply the name "*Stanhopea x ruckeri*" to the whole group. Roger Kramer writing in *Orchids Australia*, Volume 12, No. 4, August 2000 says "This species is only relatively new in cultivation even though it was described in 1843. However, there seems to be some confusion as to what is and what is not *Stanhopea ruckeri*."



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

*Stanhopea ruckeri*, like many of the members of the genus, is quite variable. Some forms are more or less spotted, while there are also alba forms that have no red colouration in the flower, while others are more ivory – yellow. Its fragrance is a light cinnamon scent, consistent with the fragrance study done that includes the pheromones trans-cinnamaldehyde, cinnamyl-alcohol, and cinnamyl-acetate. These provide a fragrance that is similar to a candy known in the USA as "Hot Tamales", and the flowers have a similar fragrance to the candy.

*Contd next month*

## ABOUT US

### Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month 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 member's 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 generating 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 11 April**