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Anne O'Callaghan Cultural
Award
April 2017
Bulbophyllum longissimum
Charly & Gerda

NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

11 April 2017, 7.50pm

Present: 32 present as per the register

Apologies: 11 as per register

Visitors: Nil

New members: Nil.

Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting accepted (Lynne, Chris)

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Report not available. Current balance is \$5,355. We also have \$6,000 in a term deposit.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- AOF newsletter and general information.
- Cymbidium Orchid Club.
- GCA (insurance).
- WAOS and WAROO reports.

Outwards:

- Nil.

General Business:

- The new rules are now on our website. Please give any feedback to the committee. The rules will be put to the AGM in May for approval.
- Next month the GM will precede the AGM.
- Award nominations were again called for.
- An effort is being made to improve the quality of our raffle plants.
- The Orchid Species Plus catalogue is on our website. Orders to go through Ken.
- Guy Cantor is willing to bid for plants offered in the Sydney auctions for us.
- Tony spoke about the tours associated

with WAOS 2017,

- encouraged members to register and take advantage of the opportunity available to view terrestrial species orchids with a very experienced guide.
- Mavis presented a report on the recent (26th March) WAROO meeting.
- WAROO has been asked to prepare a bid for the 2023 World Orchid Conference for WA. Ken provided some further background on the bid process and issues to be addressed.
- There was a discussion about the Show in Giddegannup on 28 May.
- Courtney updated arrangements for the Cymbidium Club's Show at the end of August.

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Awarded to Charly and Gerda Hartmann for a well grown *Bulbophyllum longissimum* with 36cm long sepals.

Raffle: Brenda, Ian, Ian, Norm, Tony.

Name Badge: Ken & Chris.

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The May meeting is Annual General Meeting (AGM). As per the notice issued with the last newsletter, in addition to the normal business of the AGM, the draft rules available on the website will be proposed for adoption.
- There will be one vacancy on the committee. Please consider whether you would like to join the committee. If you are prepared to seek election, you will be asked to sign a declaration in compliance with the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*. This requirement will be explained during consideration of the new rules.
- The Society has lodged a pre-order with 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 of Charly, Chris, Kirsty, Ken & Chris met on 25 April and designed the layout for the SOSWA display. If you would like to be involved, please see Ken.
- The 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.

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Neville

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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.

- * 28 May - Maxine, Parkerville
- * 25 June - Ray & Peta, Bullsbrook

FOR SALE/WANTED



Imported plant news

I will book another plant inspection for mid-May to get further plants released. Once we have had the next release, I will then see what I think can be inspected and released before 30 June when the facility will close.

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

WAOS VENDOR UPDATE

We now have another four vendor lists on the WAOS website http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/WAOS_Vendors.htm

Bill Thoms - USA

Bill Thoms is widely regarded as one of the very best (and most successful) *Bulbophyllum* species and hybrid growers in the world today. The author of [Bulbophyllums The Incomplete Guide from A to Why](#), Bill is much in demand as a speaker who brings a somewhat irreverent approach to his fascination with this genus. Bill's presentations at WAOS are not to be missed, and for those lucky enough to purchase some of his carefully bred flask material for sale, their plants can be expected to be exceptional and potentially show winners.

Bill's breeding program is carefully managed to produce the very best *Bulbophyllum* species and hybrids. To do this, he frequently uses colchicine to induce polyploidy. His objective is to produce larger flowers with more intense colour and heavier substance. As he remarks, "the only way to acquire these improved species and hybrids is to buy them in flask". Once they have been flowered (and often for seedlings he breeds, awarded) they are generally much more expensive.

Bill regularly posts videos and photos on his Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/bill.thoms.54> including walks around his orchid collection showing his plants and demonstrating his culture as well as video from the homes/gardens of

other collectors he visits from time-to-time.

David Woolf – Woolf Orchidculture

David is a partner in Woolf Orchids with his parents, John and Jeannie. Woolf Orchidculture is among the largest orchid nurseries in Australia and produces a wide range of artificially propagated Australian and exotic species and hybrids.

They specialise in Australian Native Dendrobiums and Sarcocochilus, Oncidium Alliance, Promenaea and Zygopetalum species and hybrids from their extensive Stud Collection. Their breeding program is designed to produce award winning mericlones and seedlings, and is largely based on making flasks to order.

David has available for sale only one of each flask on the two lists on the WAOS website. So, if you want one or more of the flasks listed, you should pre-order (pre-orders will be taken in order received – if additional flasks are pre-ordered, I will contact them to ascertain whether additional flasks are available).

Woolf Orchidculture are also arranging to send a small number of plants to Perth – if you are interested in purchasing plants from their list at <https://www.woolforchidculture.com/>, you should contact them direct on (07)46301788.

Graham & Margaret

Brassia gireoudiana
Miltonia clowesii
Pterostylis laxa

Tony & Sandy

Brassavola nodosa
Dendrochilum latifolium var. *macranthum*
Miltonia moreliana
Paphiopedilum vejvarutianum

Maxine

Bulbophyllum dearie
Bulbophyllum macranthoides
Restrepia trichoglossa

Charly & Gerda

Bulbophyllum lasiochilum
Bulbophyllum lepidum

Bulbophyllum longissimum

Ken & Chris

Aerangis biloba
Christensonia vietnamica
Dendrochilum latifolium var. *macranthum*
Dendrochilum spp
Epidendrum diffusum
Paphiopedilum godefroyae
Trichopilia turialvae

Peter

Miltonia moreliana
Phalaenopsis lindenii
Phalaenopsis tetraspis 'alba'
Psychopsis papilio

Tara

Rossioglossum grande

PLANTS DISPLAYED April 2017



Miltonia clowesii
Graham & Margaret



Paphiopedilum vejvarutianum
Tony & Sandy

Courtney

Miltonia x bluntii

John

Guarianthe bowringiana

Norm

Anacheilium sceptra

Cattleya labiata

Cattleya lueddemanniana

Dendrochilum latifolium var. *macranthum*



Tony & Mavis

Dendrobium bigibbum 'Blue'

Dendrochilum cobbianum

Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi 'red'

Tolumnia variegata

Zelenkoa onusta

Trichopilia turalvae

Ken & Chris

PLANTS DISPLAYED April 2017



Anacheilium sceptra

Norm



Bulbophyllum macranthoides

Maxine

Photography by Tony

STANHOPEAS

Cont. from April

Stanhopea schilleriana Rchb.f. 1870 from Antioquia Colombia at 2,200 meters is generally found growing on wet rocks. The actual location has not been published which is somewhat surprising given this species was first identified nearly 150 years ago. It is a medium sized, cold growing lithophyte with ovate, strongly ribbed and furrowed pseudobulbs. The single apical, erect leathery leaf narrows to channelled petiolate base. Consistent with most of the genus, blooming occurs on a basal, pendent, to 25 cm loosely bunched 6 - 10 flowered inflorescence with large broadly triangular, acute floral bracts. Flowers are pleasantly fragrant. Information about this species is at best sparse.



Photo source: http://stanhopea.autrevie.com/Stan_schillerianaKB8.jpg

Stanhopea x thienii Dodson 1980 is thought to be a natural hybrid of *Stanhopea impressa* and *Stanhopea annulata*. The natural hybrid was discovered by Calway Dodson and Dr. Leonard B. Thien in wet cloud forest in western Colombian in 1962. While the natural hybrid has only been

reported from Ecuador, both parents also grow in Colombia (*Stanhopea x thienii* is the only known natural hybrid involving *Stanhopea impressa*). Calaway Dodson (1975) wrote that both *Stanhopea impressa* and *Stanhopea annulata* are pollinated by the same bee, *Euglossa grantii*.

Stanhopea tigrina Bateman ex Lindley 1838, a cool to warm growing Mexican species is the subject of continuing and often robust debate between taxonomists.

The best known variety is *Stanhopea tigrina* var. *nigroviolacea*, although commonly it is now treated as a species in its own right (see earlier discussion in this series). The RHS accepts only *Stanhopea tigrina* and *Stanhopea tigrina* var. *nigroviolacea*. The latter is one of the most common *Stanhopea* in cultivation while *Stanhopea tigrina* is now rarely seen. Accordingly, I have attempted to find reliable photos of the lesser known forms rather than the well-known ox-blood *Stanhopea tigrina* var. *nigroviolacea*. The original illustration by Bateman was of a 'tiger-stripe' flower distinctly different to the much later described *Stanhopea tigrina* var. *nigroviolacea* (1854). The following photos show other forms where the yellow petals and sepals with some red blotching are dominant, the second photo an albinistic form, and the third image shows the 'tiger stripes' referred to by early taxonomists.



Photo source: <https://www.orchidsforum.com/threads/stanhopea-tigrina.6390/>

watered, thick forests of the eastern slope of the Mexican Plateau at 600 to 1,700m. It has ovoid, slightly compressed, dark green pseudobulbs carrying a single apical dark green leaf, and blooms on a pendulous, 2 to 8 flowered, 15 cm inflorescences that are subtended by large, chartaceous bracts. The flowers are large, pleasantly fragrant and are borne in summer and autumn.

Stanhopea tigrina var. *nigroviolacea* and its many cultivars most often photographed have exceptionally dark colouring and unusual petal and sepal shapes.



Photo source: http://bluenanta.com/static/utills/images/species/spc_000022225_000003645.jpg

Stanhopea tricornis Lindley 1849 is found in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru in tropical wet and wet montane lowland cloud forests on the western slopes of the Andes at sea level to 1,200m. It is a small to medium sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte or terrestrial generally growing on steep embankments. It has ovate, ribbed, dark green pseudobulbs carrying a single apical leaf. Blooming in winter through to summer, flowers are carried on a short 15 cm racemose, 2-3 flowered inflorescences arising from mature pseudobulbs and enveloped by large chartaceous bracts. It is a very distinctive *Stanhopea*, and therefore easily identified. The white to cream fragrant flowers have pale to bright yellow markings on the end of the lip, sepals, and petals. The petals clasp the column and lip and the lip has three horns (giving rise to the name).



Photo source: http://digilander.iol.it/uparis/mostre/roma2003/stanhopea_tigrina_3.jpg

Stanhopea tigrina is a medium sized, epiphytic species on oak trees in the well-

Experienced growers warn that this species requires heavy shade, good air circulation and a hot, moist tropical environment to survive. The flowers have heavy, waxy substance, and sepals will snap off if you attempt to fully open the flower.

Stanhopea tricornis subsp. *stenochila* is a recognised subspecies that has small magenta spots or speckles on the base (bottom) of the lip (hypochile), and sometimes at the base of petals and sepals.



Photo source (both): http://stanhopea.autrevie.com/stanhopea_tricornis.html

There is a school of thought that *Stanhopea tricornis* may be a hybrid between a species of *Sievekingia* and *Stanhopea* (Curry et al. 1991) but this view is not widely accepted.

Stanhopea wardii Lodd. ex Lindley 1838 variously reported to be from Mexico, Belize, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica,

Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru is one of the most common members of the genus in collections. However, there is substantial disagreement between authors about the northern extent of habitat range. Current opinion is that this species is only found south of Honduras.

First collected near Caracas, Venezuela and then elsewhere including the National Park in the District of Aragua at 800-1,800m. In Colombia, the species is found in the north at 1,800-2,500m, while in Costa Rica, it occurs on the Costa Rican Meseta Central, east and southeast of Cartago and the adjacent Reventazon area at 1,350 m) where it grows on old trees covered with Spanish moss and masses of *Bromeliad*, particularly *Tillandsia*. In Panama, this species is common in the intermediate highlands on the Pacific slope of Coclé and Chiriquí Provinces at 550-1,220 m). Plants collected in El Salvador near Boquerón and in the Cerro Grande de Apaneca at 1,500m) were originally identified as *Stanhopea wardii* by Hamer (1964), but later in 1970, he advised that they were actually *Stanhopea graveolens*.



Photo source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/58718092@N07/10171418365>

Cont. 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 (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 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 9 May