Anne O’Callaghan Cultural Award September 2017

*Ansellia africana var. gigantean*

Noël and Eva

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 10 October

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
12 September 2017, pm

Present: 36 present as per the register
Apologies: 7 as per register
Visitors:
New members: Paul
Minutes: Minutes of the September meeting accepted (Ray, Jacqui)
Business Arising: Nil
Financial Report: Charly provided the financial report. Current balance is $4,021.61 plus $6,000 in a term deposit. (Lynne, Kirsty)

Correspondence:

Inwards:
• GCA (AGM Date)
• 2018 Home Visit Roster
• WAOS 2017 expenses
• WAROO minutes from 09/09/2017

Outwards:
• Nil.

General Business:
• Jacqui informed us that GCA President is visiting WA from the 16/10/2017 and there is a morning tea at Zamia Café in Kings Park at 10:30am on the 23/10/2017
• The Spring Show at Cannington was a financial success for the Society. Ken thanked all that helped
• Ken thanked all the people that helped make WAOS 2017 a success
• The Committee will look into the future of our printer as it may need replacing
• Ray is looking at placing an order for Orchiata Bark, if you would like some contact Ray.

Anne O’Callaghan Cultural Award: Awarded to Noel for plant of *Ansellia africana*

Raffle: Maxine, Eva, Lina & Ken

Name Badge: Adrian & Dee
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Quiet Achievers
2013  Ian
2014  Chris
2015  Margaret
2016  Tom & Pat
2017  Charly & Gerda

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NOTICEBOARD

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Home visits:
At 10 am on the Sunday after the fourth Thursday of each month. Please bring chairs and food to share.
* 29 October - Lynne, Eden Hill
* 26 November - Charly & Gerda, Sinagra

FOR SALE/WANTED

Imported plant news
The monthly plant for October has been supplied by Tony. They have been grown on from divisions of a plant that he acquired several years ago that is often seen on our display bench.

*Tolumnia variegata* (Sw.) Braem 1986 is found on the islands of Hispanola and Cuba. It is one of the parents of the many equitant Oncidium hybrids now being sold. W.W. Goodale Moir started breeding these hybrids some 60 years ago and they are now sold worldwide as colourful, compact and free flowering orchids.

Their natural habitat is dry scrub, woodlands and often fence posts at sea level to 700m. The distinct, serrulate (triquetrous) leaves are very distinctive. This species flowers on erect, simple or branched multi-flowered inflorescences up to 80cm tall. It will also flower again on the same inflorescence, so do not cut it once flowering has finished. This species blooms from Spring to Autumn, with long-lasting, pleasantly fragrant flowers.

For best results, this species should be mounted. Well weathered timber, natural cork, plastic mesh, pond filter mesh or terra cotta pots/slabs are all suitable mounts, with the choice determined by your cultural conditions. This species requires medium light (what you would provide for Cattleya species) and plenty of air movement. In situ, moisture is provided by high humidity, daily rain showers or heavy dews, but due to constant air movement, plants never remain wet for long periods.

This species is particularly susceptible to cotton scale and hard scale. Inadequate air movement accentuates this problem.
Graham & Margaret
Caladenia arenicola
Caladenia catenata
Caladenia chapmanii
Caladenia nobilis
Caladenia polychrome

Maxine
Bulbophyllum nymphopolitanum
Bulbophyllum wendlandianum
Cattleya amethystaglossa
Cattleya intermedia
Lycaste aromatic
Promenea ovatiflora
Rhyncolaelia glauca

Ken & Chris
Angraecum eburneum
Coelogyne flaccida
Dendrobium farmeri
Dendrobium latifolium

Paphiopedilum primulinum var.
Purpurascens

Adrian & Dee
Dendrobium gracilicaule
Dendrobium x gracilimum

Bruce
Brassavola glauca

Courtney
Dendrochilum cobbianum
Zygopetalum crinitum

Paul & Andrea
Caladenia arenicola
Dendrochilum glumaceum
Maxillaria variabilis “Chocolat”

Norm
Dendrobium kingianum
Dendrobium speciosum var. curvicaule

Caladenia catenata
Graham & Margaret

Pterostylis baptistii
Norm
Pterostylis baptistii

Siva
Cattleya forbii
Cattleya intermedia
Dendrobium tetragonum
Sarcochilus falcatus

Ray
Dendrobium polyanthum

Noel & Eva
Angracum eburneum
Ansellia Africana var. gigantean
Calanthe vestita
Dendrobium jonesii

Tony & Mavis
Tolumnia varigata
Trichocentrum stipitatum

Bulboptyllum nymphopolitanum
Maxine

PLANTS DISPLAYED SEPTEMBER 2017

Coelogyne flaccida
Ken & Chris

Zygopetalum crinitum
Courtney

Photography by Tony
One of the major attractions for some of the interstate and overseas registrants for the WA Orchid Spectacular was the opportunity to see West Australian terrestrial orchids in their natural setting. Two four-day field trips to the Mid-west were offered to registrants, and were sold out with the maximum number of 20 persons for each signing up. The tours were led by Andrew and Garry respectively, and left Perth at 8.30 on the Monday and Tuesday mornings after WAOS.

Tour 2 group - Photo Chris

The tours included all transport, accommodation and all meals. The first night was spent in Dongara, the second in Kalbarri and the last night back in Dongara. Each day, the groups made 4 or 5 stops to see WA terrestrial orchids in flower, in bud and some that were leaf only.

Andrew and Garry had visited most of the proposed sites the week prior, and had abandoned some planned stops as there were few or no plants in flower, and even fewer in bud that were advanced enough to be open a week later. However, they managed to find other locations that provided exactly what the tour participants wanted - lots of orchids in flower!

I was fortunate to be on the second tour which benefited from the regular daily communication between Andrew and Garry about what was in flower and where it was. Our group included three New Zealanders and two Queenslanders, two Victorians all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The rest of us came from WA.

Over the 4 days, we saw thirty seven different species and four hybrids in flower, many of these in more than one location. Garry was able to identify the species for us, and after we left each location, would tell us what we saw so that those members who wanted to be able to label their photos could do so. Garry has also provided us with maps showing where we stopped each day, and a list of the orchids that were sighted at each location.

For many of us, this field trip was our first opportunity to see the Queen of Sheba in the flesh rather than in pictures. On the last day, at our last stop, this ambition was realised as we sighted two flowering plants of *Thelymitra pulcherrima*, the Northern Queen of Sheba. We had help from Andrew who marked to location the day before, and a colleague of theirs who sighted the first plant and gave them a GPS location. A member of our group then found another nearby. While it was a quite a walk into the location through soft sand, everyone was
delighted once we got there and found the orchid in flower on a somewhat overcast day.

Andrew’s group the previous day had not been so fortunate with the weather, and it needed a little ‘hot’ Andrew breath for the Northern Queen of Sheba to open up for them. The low scrubby habitat looked most uninviting compared with some areas that we visited, but delivered exactly what we all hoped to see (although there were relatively few plants readily sighted).

**Thelymitra pulcherrima**

So, let’s start from the beginning. We left Scarborough a little after 9.00 as the bus had a flat battery (which had to be changed and did not bother us again) and headed up through Wanneroo to Mogumber where we made our first stop where we sighted 7 species in flower, *Diuris brumalis, Diuris refractor, Diuris brumalis x Diuris refractor, Pheladenia deformis, Pterostylis orbiculatus, Pterostylis platypetala and Pterostylis brevisepala* ms [*Pterostylis spp* short sepals].

After 45 minutes or so, we travelled further north to Bulbarnett Reserve where we also
saw 7 species in flower, *Caladenia dundasiae*, *Caladenia longicauda subsp. (sp Bullbarnett)*, *Diuris refractor*, *Pheladenia deformis*, *Pterostylis orbiculatus*, *Pterostylis platypetala*, and *Pterostylis scabra*. After collecting lunch in Moora, we visited Candy's Reserve where we saw 4 species in flower, *Caladenia exilis subsp. vanleeuwenii*, *Diuris recurva*, *Pterostylis scitula* and *Pterostylis scabra*.

Then back on the bus before stopping briefly at North West Road where we saw only one species in flower, *Diuris tinkerii*. Our last stop for the day was Coomaloo just outside Dongara where we saw 3 species in flower, *Pheladenia deformis*, *Pterostylis dilatata* and *Pterostylis orbiculatus*. Our overnight accommodation at Dongara Motel was excellent, with a great meal and comfortable rooms. A few of the orchids we saw on day 1 were:

*Caladenia dundasiae*

*Massed Pterostylis scabra*

*Caladenia longicauda ssp Bullbarnett*

*Garry advising the orchid hunters*

*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 (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.
Next meeting Tuesday 10 October