Anne O’Callaghan Cultural Award October 2017

*Leptotes bicolor*

Maxine Godbeer

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 14 November
Present: 37 present as per the register
Apologies: 7 as per register
Visitors:
New members:
Minutes: Minutes of the September meeting accepted (Lynn Brooks, Maxine Godbeer)
Business Arising: Nil
Financial Report: Charly Hartmann provided the financial report. Current balance is $4,280.80 plus $6,000 in a term deposit. (Ian Bailey, Lina Pacca)
Correspondence:
Inwards:
- Mrs Barnard about the hire of the hall for 2018
- Lina Tilley from Morley Sport & Recreation Centre about the hire of the hall for the Inter Society Display & Workshop in August 2018.
Outwards:
- Nil.
General Business:
- A form was distributed so members could update their contact details
- Courtney informed us that a meeting will be held on the 25th October to determine the future of the Spring Show.
- The Inter Society Display & Workshop will be held on the 4th & 5th August 2018 at the Morley Sport & Recreation Centre.

Anne O’Callaghan Cultural Award: Awarded to Maxine Godbeer for her plant of Leptotes bicolor.
Raffle: Bruce Larson, Lynn Brooks, Chris Cabassi and Norm Stockton.
Name Badge: Courtney Rogasch
NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Northern Districts Orchid Society is holding an Auction on Monday the 27th November at 7:30pm at Alf Faulkner Hall which is at the corner of Ivanhoe Street & Mary Street Eden Hill.

President: Adrian Jose
Vice President: Paul Somers
Secretary: Graham Bowden
Treasurer: Charly Hartmann
Editor: Ken Jones

Committee:
Kirsty Bayliss
Chris Cabassi
Maxine Godbeer
Michele Lee
Sharon Lyster
Peter Masters
Tony Watkinson
Mavis Watkinson

Life Members
Barry Gardner (dec'd)
Gordon Doherty
Maxine Godbeer
Ken Jones
Joan (dec'd) & Ted (dec'd) Larson
Trevor Pratt
Neville Risbey
Noel & Eva Verweirder
Tony & Mavis Watkinson
Barry Winter (dec'd)

Quiet Achievers
2013 Ian Bailey
2014 Chris Cabassi
2015 Margaret Bowden
2016 Tom & Pat Jackson
2017 Charly & Gerda Hartmann
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.
* 26 November - Charly & Gerda Hartmann,
  15 San Teodoro Avenue Sinagra

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday the 4th December.
Please bring a plate to share and a gift plant to swap.

NOTICE

Northern Districts Orchid Society is holding an Auction on Monday the 27th November at 7:30pm at Alf Faulkner Hall which is at the corner of Ivanhoe Street & Mary Street Eden Hill.

If you would like to sell plants you will need to supply a list of your plants with your reserved price and bring it on the night.

Northern Districts will take a 10% commission on the sale price.

All enquiries to Ray Taylor on 0415 772 369 (pm only)

Imported plant news
MONTHLY PLANT

Paphiopedilum gratrixianum

Country of origin: Laos & Northern Vietnam

Description: Small sized, warm to cool growing Slipper Orchid

Difficulty: Relatively easy to grow.

Cost: $5.00


Ken & Chris Jones have grown these plants on for us.

Found in highland cloud forests 900 to 1220 meters with no dry period and a lot of constant humidity in silicate soil pockets or on granite cliffs.

They are clump forming and have a single 8cm flower on a 25cm erect stem.

These plants have been grown cold in Ken & Chris’ 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 the media leads to root loss, so regular re-potting is required. 70% shade, good air circulation and humidity are important during warmer months, but pots should be allowed to nearly dry out before re-watering. Reduce watering in winter.

Photo source: http://www.orchidspecies.com/orphotdir/paphdaoense.jpg
Ian Bailey
Cattleya amethystaglossa ‘Jaguar’

Graham & Margaret Bowden
Dendrobium striolata var. alba ‘Packers’
Pterostylis picta
Pterostylis spathulata

Chris Cabassi
Brassia gireoudiana
Coilostylis falcata
Dendrobium kingianum var. alba
Dendrobium nobile var. nobilis
Guarianthe aurantiaca
Guarianthe skinneri

Maxine Godbeer
Bulbophyllum nymphopolitanum
Leptotes bicolor
Phalaenopsis mannii
Promenea ovatiloba

Charly & Gerda Hartmann
Bulbophyllum lepidum
Bulbophyllum lobbii
Bulbophyllum makoyanum

Adrian & Dee Jose
Cattleya intermedia var. ornata
Dendrobium striolata
Leptotes bicolor
Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Stelis rodrigoi

Peter Masters
Angraecum leonis
Cattleya intermedia ‘Amethystina’
Cattleya intermedia var. orlata ‘Crown Fox’
Dendrobium farmeri
Dendrochilum tenellum
Osmoglossum pulchellum
Phalaenopsis equestris ‘Orange’

PLANTS DISPLAYED October 2017

Bulbophyllum lepidum
Charly & Gerda Hartmann

Guarianthe aurantiaca
Chris Cabassi
Phalaenopsis stuartiana ‘Larkin Valley x Mindoe’
Phalaenopsis stuartiana ‘Punctatissima’
Courtney Rogasch
Dendrobium x suffusum (natural hybrid
Den. kingianum x gracilicaule)
Sarcochilus hartmannii
Tara Peeters
Coelogyne flaccida
Sarcochilus falcatus
Serapis olbia
Serapis sp.
Norm Stockton
Encyclia patens
Siva Subramaniam
Epidendrum floribundum
Guarianthe aurantiaca

PLANTS DISPLAYED October 2017

Guarianthe skinneri
Chris Cabassi

Photography by Peter & Mich

Coilostylis falcata
Chris Cabassi

Stelis rodrigoi
Adrian & Dee Jose
WA terrestrial orchids in situ – a four-day field trip to the Mid-west

After a delicious breakfast and collecting our lunch, day two saw us set off at about 8.30 am heading north. Our first stop was at Oakajee where we saw 8 species in flower, *Caladenia flava* subsp. *maculata*, *Caladenia footiana*, *Caladenia nobilis*, *Diuris carecta*, *Diuris recurva*, *Pheladenia deformis*, *Pterostylis sanguinea* and *Thelymitra antennifera* [closed due to weather].

Once again after about 45 minutes, we reboarded the bus and drove along Yerrina Springs Road where we made two stops. At the first of these, we saw only one species in flower, *Diuris recurva*. However, our second stop was much more productive and we saw 9 species in flower, *Caladenia flava* subsp. *maculata*, *Caladenia elegans*, *Caladenia vulgata*, *Caladenia elegans* × *vulgata*, *Caladenia* [?] *hoffmanii* × *vulgata*, *Diuris recurva*, *Praesophyllum gracile*, *Pterostylis sinuata*, and *Pterostylis spp* inland snail orchid.

*Pterostylis sinuata* in flower. It appears that this species is known in only a limited number of locations, one of which we were fortunate to find. We saw some 8-10 plants, with two or three in flower – a rare treat!

Garry explained that the posts alongside the road generally indicate that an threatened species grows in the immediate vicinity. Unfortunately, it does not prevent farmers spraying for weeds or slashing the roadside verges to removing vegetation.

We then travelled to Binnu West Road where the impact of poor winter rainfall was very evident in struggling crops and the scarcity of flowering orchids and wildflowers generally. At this stop, we saw only one orchid in flower, the ubiquitous *Pheladenia deformis*. Our final stop for the day was Mushroom Rock just outside Kalbarri. Here we saw the recently described *Diuris oraria* in flower. A few of the orchids that we saw on day 2 were:

![Pterostylis sinuata](image)

*Pterostylis sinuata*

The highlight of this stop was sighting

![Caladenia elegans](image)

*Caladenia elegans*
We also surprised a local inhabitant who wasn’t that keen to have us around and decided that the safest option was to bury itself with only the first line of defence showing.

Our overnight stay at the Kalbarri Palms resort was pleasant, despite a recent and unexpected change in management that resulted in the closure of their restaurant. We were accommodated at another restaurant nearby for dinner, and next door for breakfast in the morning. After breakfast and collecting our lunches, we set out at about 8.45 heading south. Our first stop was the Junga Dam Gravel Pit where we saw 5 species in flower, *Caladenia flava subsp. maculata*, *Caladenia pachychila*, *Diuris carecta*, *Pheladenia deformis* and *Pterostylis spp.* inland snail orchid. These orchids were all observed in a fairly limited area, so after 30 or so minutes, we all boarded the bus and travelled to Wells Siding Road. Here, we saw 6 species in flower, *Caladenia flava subsp maculata*, *Caladenia hirta subsp rosea*, *Caladenia nobilis*, *Diuris refractor*, *Pheladenia deformis* and *Pterostylis spp* inland snail. Each of our stops on day three produced a good range of orchids in flower, and as always, many more in leaf or in bud. Stop number three was along the East Dongara
Tabletop Road where we saw 7 species in flower, *Caladenia flava subsp. maculata*, *Caladenia footiana*, *Pheladenia deformis*, *Pterostylis* spp Inland snail, *Pterostylis orbicularis*, *Pterostylis scabra* and *Pterostylis vittata*. The final stop for the day was along Yandanooka West Road where we saw another 6 species in flower, *Caladenia nobilis* [midwest form], *Diuris hazeliae*, *Diuris refractor*, *Diuris hazeliae x Diuris refractor*, *Pterostylis* spp inland snail and *Pterostylis scabra*. A few of the orchids we saw on day 3 were:

*Diuris carecta*  

*Caladenia hirta ssp. rosea*  

*Pheladenia deformis*  

*Pheladenia deformis* was certainly the most widespread and commonly occurring orchid that we saw in flower, and the colour varied from a quite intense blue to a much more washed out bluish/white on flowers that had been out for some time.

Contd. next month
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 14 November