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Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award October 2017
Paphiopedilum philippinense fma. roebelinii
Howard

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 5 December

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

14 November 2017, 7.45 pm

Present: 33 present as per the register

Apologies: 9 as per register

Visitors:

New members:

Minutes: Minutes of the September meeting accepted (Lynn, Paul)

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Charly provided the financial report. Current balance is \$3,266.41 plus \$6,000 in a term deposit. (Ray, Judith)

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- .GCA – Re-affiliation (\$70 on the 31st of Dec), Photo Competition, Magazine.
- Morley Rec Centre – August 2018 Booking.
- Email – 2023 World OC.

Outwards:

- Mrs. Barnard – Hall booking for 2018 (a receipt has been given for this).

General Business:

- The Hall hire had actually risen to \$21 phr so we paid an extra \$36 for 2018.
- WAROO was awarded the 2023 World Orchid Conference.
- Mich was thanked for researching the PA (She duly instructed members on its correct usage).
- A bag of potting mix collected last month is yet to be paid for.
- Ray gave the meeting details of the NDOS auction for Monday the 27th of November. He encouraged members to submit species plants for auction. His

phone is 0415 772 369).

- A reminder of the society Christmas Party for the General Meeting on the 5th December. Bring a plant or something to swap. There will be a hamper for the first ticket drawn.
- Ray had a list of plants from Tinonee.
- Lina won the orchid auctioned (\$50 to be split 50/50 with the owner).

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Awarded to Howard for a well grown *Paphiopedilum philippinense* var. *roebbelenii*.

Raffle: Peter, Chris, Paul, Tara, Courtney, Murray and Lynne.

Name Badge: Ian

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- At the November meeting, Ray sold several bags of Orchid bark for the Paphiopedilum Study Group. Unfortunately, it seems that one bag was taken without payment to Ray. If you have a bag, but forgot to pay for it, could you please pay Ray at the December meeting.
- Please bring a plant for our Christmas free raffle. For our newer members that do not have surplus plants, it does not have to be a species orchid, or for that matter, even an orchid!

- As most of you know by now, the WA Regional Orchid Organization was successful in its bid to host the World Orchid Conference in Perth in 2023. This is recognition by the world orchid body of the skills, experience and dedication of WA orchid growers to planning and delivering world-class orchid events, the extraordinarily beautiful Western Australia terrestrial orchids, and the relaxed outdoor WA lifestyle and hospitality.

While we know that there will be many challenges along the way, we are confident that the result in the end will be worth all of the effort. Many WOC 22 Ecuador registrants, judges, vendors and international visitors have already indicated their intention to come to WA to enjoy our hospitality, attend our event, see our extraordinary terrestrial orchids and to be part of something exciting.

We know that many of you will want to be part of the team that helps plan and deliver this prestigious event. We look forward to working with you over the next 6 years.

Quiet Achievers

- 2013 Ian
- 2014 Chris
- 2015 Margaret
- 2016 Tom & Pat
- 2017 Charly & Gerda

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- Barry (dec'd)
- Gordon
- Maxine
- Ken
- Joan (dec'd) & Ted (dec'd)
- 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.

- * 26 November - Charly & Gerda, Sinagra
- * 27 January - Ezi Gro Orchids, Evandale St, Lansdale (Saturday)
- * 25 February - TBA
- * 25 March - TBA
- 29 April - Peter, Armadale
- * 27th May - John, Bicton

FOR SALE/WANTED

- The Species Society has a spare copy of Dr Henry Oakeley's book, *Lycaste, Ida and Anguloa* that is for sale. Dr Oakeley is presently selling the remaining copies of this excellent publication for £60 including postage to Australia (this is approximately \$100). If you are interested in acquiring this book, please see Mich or one of the committee members. All reasonable offers will be considered.

Species Society Program 2018

General Meetings

Home visits

9 th Jan 2018	GM
13 th Feb 2018	GM
13 th March 2018	GM
10 th April 2018	GM
8 th May 2018	AGM & GM
12 th June 2018	GM & Auction
10 th July 2018	GM
14 th Aug 2018	GM
11 th Sept 2018	GM
9 th Oct 2018	GM
13 th Nov 2018	GM
4 th Dec 2018	GM & Christmas Party

27 th Jan (SAT) 2018
25 th Feb 2018
25 th March 2018
29 th April 2018
27 th May 2018
1 st July 2018
29 th July 2018
26 th Aug 2018
30 th Sept 2018
28 th Oct 2018
25 th Nov 2018

Graham & Margaret

Dendrobium discolor var. 'Bloomfield'

Chris

Dendrobium anosmum

Encyclia hanburyi

Encyclia seidelii

Laelia purpurata var. *russelliana*

Maxine

Aerangis fuscata

Bulbophyllum basisetum

Bulbophyllum echinolabium

Cattleya mendelii

Cattleya mossiae

Dendrobium chrysotoxum

Gongora gratulabunda

Trichocentrum stramineum

Adrian & Dee

Dendrobium faciferum

Dendrobium pierardii

Dendrobium trigonopus

Ornithocephalus manabina var. *bicornis*

Peter

Ansellia africana

Dendrobium atrovioleaceum

Dendrobium goldschmidtianum

Oeoniella polystachys

Tara

Phalaenopsis intermedia

Phalaenopsis japonica

Clive

Diuris drummondii

Courtney

Cymbidium bicolor subsp. *obtusum*

Cymbidium canaliculatum fma. *viridiflorum*

PLANTS DISPLAYED November 2017



Dendrobium trigonopus
Adrian & Dee



Dendrobium atrovioleaceum
Peter

Norm

- Cymbidium canaliculatum* var. *sparkesii*
- Cattleya mossiae*
- Encyclia bractescens*
- Encyclia cordigera*

Siva

- Brassavola tuberculata*
- Cattleya mossiae* var. *coerulea*
- Cochleanthes discolor*
- Dendrobium pierardii*

Howard

- Paphiopedilum delenatii*
- Paphiopedilum hangianum*
- Paphiopedilum philippinense* var. *roebelinii*
- Paphiopedilum primulinum*



Cymbidium canaliculatum fma. *viridiflorum*
Courtney

PLANTS DISPLAYED November 2017



Aerangis fuscata
Maxine



Cochleanthes discolor
Siva

Photography by Mich and Peter

WA terrestrial orchids in situ – a four-day field trip to the Mid-west

Cont. from November

Once again, our overnight accommodation at Dongara Motel was excellent, with great meals and comfortable rooms. After breakfast and a slightly earlier start to our final day, we set off with high expectations that we would be able to see the flowering plant of *Thelymitra pulcherrima* that had been sighted by the Tour 1 group the previous day. As the weather was fine and warmer than the previous day (although somewhat overcast), Garry thought that we had an excellent opportunity to see this species in flower. Our first three stops for the day were along Coolimba Road, Eneabba. While we sighted a few orchids in flower, they were somewhat scarce. With the majority in bud or just leaves, there were not as many as the previous day, however we did see *Cyrtostylis huegelii*, *Caladenia crebra* and *Pterostylis microglossa* in flower. Garry showed us that *Caladenia crebra* is generally found growing in thickets of *Eucalyptus erythrocorys*.



Caladenia crebra



Pterostylis microglossa



Cyrtostylis huegelii,



Eucalyptus erythrocorys woodland

Our second last stop for the tour was Cockleshell Gully Road where we saw *Caladenia longicauda* subsp. *borealis*, *Caladenia occidentalis*, more of the very common *Pheladenia deformis* and *Pterostylis platypetala*.



Caladenia longicauda subsp. *borealis*



Caladenia occidentalis

Our final stop was along the Brand Highway near Waddi Road. As we had hoped, we saw *Thelymitra pulcherrima* in flower. Thanks to one eagle-eyed members of our group, we sighted not one, but two plants of *Thelymitra pulcherrima*. We also

saw a few plants of *Caladenia flava* subsp. *flava* and *Pterostylis dilatata*.



Thelymitra pulcherrima (photo Manee Poffley).



Thelymitra pulcherrima



Thelymitra pulcherrima habitat



Looking for the Queen of Sheba

Despite concerns prior to the WAOS that the lack of June rain would substantially reduce the number of orchids that we would be able to show our participants, thanks to Andrew and Garry's careful planning and reconnaissance the week before the show, a good number of orchids in flower were sighted and tour members were well pleased with the experience.

Following our success in Ecuador in being selected as the host for the 2023 World Orchid Conference in Perth, we plan to

schedule this international event in mid-September 2023.

This timing will enable us to offer both pre and post conference tours to the South West where participants are most likely to see larger numbers of Western Australian terrestrial orchids in flower. The timing will also allow us to stage a massed display of terrestrial orchids.

To facilitate the massed display, Professor Kingsley Dixon, who many of you will know from his time at Kings Park Botanical Gardens and as much published author is a member of the successful bid committee. He and some of his research assistants at Curtin University will now accelerate the flasking of WA terrestrial orchids to be made available to orchid society members to grow on and flower for the massed centrepiece display at the WOC in September 2023.

If you are able to assist with this initiative, or need more information and advice about being part of it, please let us know. We anticipate being able to make plants available in 2019-2020. Similarly, if you have seed pods on your terrestrial orchids that you are prepared to donate, please let us know as they can be germinated for this purpose.

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 5 December
(First Tuesday in December)**