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

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 5 December
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 Orchiata 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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- Trevor
- Neville
- Noel & Eva
- Tony & Mavis
- Barry (dec'd)
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, 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.
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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
Ornithocepalus manabina var. bicorns

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 atroviolaceum
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

PLANTS DISPLAYED November 2017

Photography by Mich and Peter

Cymbidium canaliculatum fma. viridiflorum
Courtney

Cochleanthes discolor
Siva

Aerangis fuscata
Maxine

Photography by Mich and Peter
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*.
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 platypetalata*.

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*.

*Caladenia longicauda* subsp. *borealis*

*Caladenia occidentalis*

*Thelymitra pulcherrima* (photo Manee Poffley).

*Thelymitra pulcherrima*
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 tour 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.
Next meeting Tuesday 5 December
(First Tuesday in December)