Anne O’Callaghan Award February 2018
Tony & Mavis - Brassavola nodosa

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 13 March

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

13 February 2018 7.50pm

Present: 43 present as per the register
Apologies: 5 as per register
Visitors: Renee.
New members: Harry (#13), Helen (#26) and Lauren (#28).
Minutes: Minutes November meeting accepted (Kirsty, Ray )
Business Arising: Nil
Financial Report: Charly provided the financial report. Current balance is $3,319.26 plus $6,000 in a term deposit. (Ken, Ray )
Correspondence:

Inwards:
- City of Canning about the hall keys.
- WOC 24 from Tony with the logo.
- WOC 24 Open Day and Workshop (3rd March) and reminder.
- WAROO AGM report (Mavis).
- Intersociety Orchid Display and Workshop
- WAROO AGM & Constitution material and agenda for meeting 20th Jan 2018.
- SOSWA’s 30th Anniversary and the Garden Clubs of Australia.
- Notice of the SEOS August Show.
- Gary Backhouse’s new Caladenia e-book.

Outwards:
- Nil.

Graham, the secretary, was nominated to be in charge of the keys to the hall.

General Business:
- 32 People indicated that they would be interested in a social event to commemorate our 30 year anniversary in May. Adrian will discuss with Jacqui possible GCA representation.
- Ken outlined some of the challenges with plant importation for WOC24 to be addressed during event planning.
- Investigations are in train about the replacement of the Society’s printer.
- The members were requested to volunteer to help in the running of the August Inter Society Display and Workshop.
- The Joint Spring Show (involving 6 clubs) for the middle of September could involve joint displays as will be necessary at WOC24.
- Ken gave a brief update of WAROO news including a possible name change and new rules.
- The AGM is in May, and Charly will not be seeking re-election as Treasurer.
- An outline of our recent sourcing of raffle plants was given. There has been an attempt to improve the quality of the plants and extra participation indicates that the strategy is working well.

Anne O’Callaghan Cultural Award: Awarded to Tony & Mavis for a well grown specimen of Brassavola nodosa.
Raffle: Clive, Gerda, Chris, Tom, Helen and Tony.
Name Badge: John.
NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- The Species Society is the host for the 2018 Intersociety Orchid Display and Workshop to be held at Morley Recreation Centre on 3-5 August 2018. If you are willing to help us plan and stage this event, please let Adrian, Tony or Ken know as we wish to have a sub-committee to plan the Society’s display.

- The proposed Joint Spring show is likely to be held on the weekend 15-16 Sept., (set up on Fri 14th evening). The venue is yet to be finalised. A meeting of interested Societies will be held on 28 Feb. More details at the next general meeting.

- As advised at the February meeting, we will need a Treasurer for 2018 as Charly has reluctantly advised that he is not able to continue. However, he is happy to assist the member who takes on this responsibility to come to grips with the position. Please give this some thought.

- Some members have raised concerns about members standing just outside the main entry door to the hall when smoking a cigarette. Please be considerate of other members. If you need to smoke, please move away from the entry, and downwind.

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Quiet Achievers
2013 Ian
2014 Chris
2015 Margaret
2016 Tom & Pat
2017 Charly & Gerda
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.
* 18 March - Bruce & Kaye, Dianella (note this is a week earlier than usual)
* 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 (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.
Stanhopea martiana

Country of origin: Mexico

Description: Showy species seldom seen in collections.

Difficulty: Cool-intermediate culture as for other Stanhopea species.

Cost: $15.00

*Stanhopea martiana* Bateman ex Lindl. 1940 is commonly known as the seaside Stanhopea. Found only on the Pacific slopes in Mexico, this species is generally found growing as a lithophyte on rocks at 1,400-2,000 m) in shaded deciduous forest, and occasionally in oak or oak-pine forests. These plants were purchased from Orchid Species Plus at WAOS in August 2017, and are ready to be repotted.

The waxy large white, red-spotted flowers are pleasantly fragrant, but like others in the genera, are not long lived. The flower racemes that emerge in late Spring to early Summer are pendulous, and generally grow down from the base of the pseudobulbs. Therefore, basket or similar culture is necessary to allow the developing flower raceme to make its way through the media to flower.

For vigour, this genus needs good air movement and humidity all year round, abundant and regular water while in active growth, and relatively high light, although if light exposure is too high, the leaves will burn. Members of this genus need protection from cold, wet weather in winter.

Suitable media includes pine bark, sphagnum moss, perlite, coir, and if you can provide year-round humidity, slab mounting is effective. Regular fertiliser application encourages the growth of strong pseudobulbs giving larger and more numerous flowers. Moderate summer and winter temperature in the range 10°-15°C night and 20°-24° day are optimal, although they can withstand higher temperatures provided air movement, humidity and shading are increased. Stanhopeas are susceptible to salt accumulation in the media, so should be heavily watered to wash out retained salts. Root growth is slow and careful management of water and fertiliser is essential for plant vigour.

Photo source: http://www.orchidspecies.com/stanmartiana.htm
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Continued from February 2018

As we were to observe later at the World Orchid Conference, Ecuagenera won the Champion and Reserve Champion awards as well as the Best Display plus many lesser awards. Having visited their facilities, and become aware of the scale and complexity of the enterprise, we were not surprised.

During one of our visits, we watched them loading a large truck with orchids for the WOC display and sales facility. Judging by the number of high quality flowering plants in their display and their sales booth, they made many trips from their facilities at El Pangui, Gualaceo and Guayaquil to the WOC venue.
For the remainder of this article, I will include just a selection of the hundreds of photos we have of flowering species orchids from Ecuagenera, our visit to Cuenca and travel back to Guayaquil.

*Dendrobium parvulum*  
Another plant of this species was Grand Champion of the 22nd WOC for Ecuagenera

*Close up of flowers*
Graham & Margaret  
*Cattleya harrisoniana*  
*Oncidium strictum*

Tony & Sandy  
*Brassavola nodosa*

Charly & Gerda  
*Bulbophyllum amplebracteatum* (syn.  
*Bulbophyllum carunculatum*).  
*Dendrobium delacourii*

Ken & Chris  
*Bulbophyllum amplebracteatum* (syn.  
*Bulbophyllum carunculatum*).  
*Phalaenopsis pulchra*  
*Ryncholaelia digbyana*  
*Vanda denisoniana*

Peter  
*Anacheilium radiatum*

Brassavola nodosa  
*Dendrobium convolutum*  
*Phalaenopsis equestris* ‘Orange’  
*Psychopsis krameriana*  
*Psychopsis papilio*

Norm  
*Encyclia aspera*  
*Lycaste aromatica’*

Siva  
*Catasetum incurvum*  
*Cattleya crispa*  
*Phalaenopsis sanderiana*  
*Phalaenopsis bellina*

Tony & Mavis  
*Brassavola nodosa*  
*Clowesia russelliana*  
*Vanda tessellata*

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**PLANTS DISPLAYED February 2018**

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*Catasetum incurvum*  
Siva

*Phalaenopsis bellina*  
Siva
PLANTS DISPLAYED February 2018

Clowesia russelliana  
Tony & Mavis

Bulbophyllum amplebracteatum  
Charly & Gerda, Ken & Chris

Cattleya crispa  
Siva

Dendrobium convolutum  
Peter

Photography by Tony
Dendrobium cuthbertsonii

Cyrtochilum geniculatum

Epidendrum hugomedinae
Cuitlauzina pendula

Epidendrum marmoratum

Epidendrum wallisii

Masdevallia ignea
Our last night was spent in a comfortable hotel after another meal with other tour groups at Ecuagenera before departing to our accommodation. After a more leisurely start, our itinerary was to spend some time in the major centre, Cuenca.
Day 5 provided several shopping opportunities including a visit to a Panama Hat factory, and time spent at a local park area. Free time to wander, admire the architecture and purchase local handicrafts was followed by lunch and the return trip over the Andes back to Guayaquil. We were delivered back to our Guayaquil hotel at about 5.00pm and settled in for the next part of our adventure.
While the inclusion of orchid photos in this article was random, it does demonstrate the benefit of the inclusion of visits to Ecuagenera’s production nurseries. However appealing it might be to see orchids growing naturally in their wild habitat, unlike our carefully cultivated orchids, they do not always flower when expected, and often when they do flower, the flowers are damaged by insects, inaccessible, or obscured from view. Therefore, a balance between orchids in situ and cultivation is not only desirable, but essential to get the most out of the investment in such a trip. Certainly, those on the 10-day tour had more opportunity to explore habitat and consequently saw more orchids in situ that we did in our 5 days, but for Tony and Mavis and Chris and me, the balance was about right.
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 13 March