Anne O'Callaghan Award March 2018

*Dendrobium linguella*

Maxine

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 10 April**

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Present: 43 present as per the register
Apologies: 5 as per register
Visitors: 4.
New members: Nil
Minutes: Minutes November meeting accepted (Ken, Paul)
Business Arising: Nil
Financial Report: Charly provided the financial report. Current balance is $3,807.28 plus $6,000 in a term deposit. (Jacqui, Mavis)
Correspondence:
Inwards:
- SEOS Show,
- WJOS – Garden and Orchid Fair in July,
- Reminder of 3rd March WOC meeting,
- City of Canning – Storage at Wilson Hall,
- WAROO – Registration for AOC in NSW in July,
- Koi Society Show,
- OSWA and a Neutrog order.
Outwards:
- Nil.
General Business:
- Reminder of the AGM in May and the need for a new Treasurer.
- The Society’s 30th Anniversary will be held at the Black Swan on the 17th of June 2018. Peter is making the final arrangements as about 30 people indicated that they would like to participate.
- ISODW in August has a committee of Adrian, Charly, Paul and Mich. They will need help. Also Ken would like an idea of plants which may be in flower at that time (early August).
- Smokers were asked to move further from the door when smoking.
- The joint Spring Show will be held on the 15th and 16th of September at Aranmore College. Expenses (and possible profits) will be shared between the four bigger societies. There will be a common sales area with the 10% commission helping with expenses.
- The committee is awaiting the City’s response to the storage survey.
- It was moved by Ray and seconded by Jacqui, that our delegate to the WAROO (Mavis) approve the reimbursement of registration costs ($300 each) for Bruce and Tony to the AOC in NSW in July. This was carried.
- Ken updated members on the progress of plant orders from the east.

Anne O’Callaghan Cultural Award:
Awarded to Maxine for *Dendrobium linguella*, an uncommon species in cultivation in WA.

Raffle: Helen, Maxine, Lauren, Victor, Tony and Jacqui.
Name Badge: Ian.
NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- As advised at the February general 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.
- The Silent Auction will be held at our June General Meeting. If you are presently repotting, please set aside some divisions for our annual fundraiser.
- 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. We will need the help of all members over the weekend to stage this event. A roster sheet will be at the next meeting for you to indicate when you are available and what you are able to help us do on the Saturday and/or Sunday.
- One of the significant contributors to the profitability of ISODW is the raffle. Donations of orchids and other items would be appreciated.
- The proposed Joint Spring show is likely to be held on the weekend 15-16 Sept., (set up on Fri 14th evening) at Aranmore college in Leederville.

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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 April - Peter, Armadale
* 27th May - John, Bicton
* 1st July - Catarina, Brentwood
* 29th July - Chris & Ken, Henley Brook.

FOR SALE/WANTED

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As a high canopy orchid, Cattleya tigrina is a bright light orchid, although the alba form which is likely to be green rather than white will need a little more shading in summer. Good air movement year round, with high humidity in summer, and regular fertiliser when in active growth will encourage flowering in autumn at about the same time as Cattleya purpurata (formerly Laelia purpurata). With up to 8 smallish flowers, normally in a cluster form, this species is relatively easy to grow, and is suitable for shadehouse culture. Albinistic species are less common that the normal coloured forms, but well worth growing. In common with other Cattleya species, this plant should be repotted before the media becomes soggy using medium size pine-bark or similar media, with terra cotta pots preferred once the plant is mature and 30cm in height. These plants will need repotting.

Cost: $10.00

Photo source: http://bluenanta.com/static/utils/images/species/spc_000004015_000005626.jpg

MONTHLY PLANT

Cattleya tigrina alba

Country of origin: Coastal Brazil

Description: A medium size Cattleya intermediate to warm growing species.

Difficulty: Similar to other Cattleya species, this is suitable for shadehouse.

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For those members who have not had the opportunity to visit a World Orchid Conference Show, or a similar large event in Europe, Asia or USA. I thought that it might be interesting and informative for me to write about some aspects of the event, and include some pictures of the displays and layout.

The 22nd World Orchid Conference and Show was held in Guayaquil, Ecuador from Monday xx October to Sunday xx October. The Show was officially opened on the Wednesday evening, and registrants, exhibitors and official guests were able to inspect the displays and make early purchases from the large range of flowering orchids for sale.

We were at our promotional booth and started giving away small Perth koalas to people as they passed by, including Convention Centre staff, local security and even the police. Over the four days from Wednesday evening to Saturday evening, we distributed 5,000 koalas promoting Perth.

Once again, this was a most successful promotion, and many locals as well as visitors were wearing the small clip-on souvenirs. The Show and lectures were held in the Convention Centre which was formerly the International Air Terminal building, so offered large display spaces with lecture rooms on the first floor.
As the following photos will show, there were thousands of flowering orchids on display, more than enough to look at over the 5 days.

The display area was dominated by a few very large displays, particularly Ecuagenera’s prize winning display and a massive display from Thailand, both with a few thousand orchids, a large display from Gardens by the Bay in Singapore and Mundiflora and several smaller displays. As there was no overall theme, display entrants chose their own theme.

Ecuagenera displayed many of their high altitude plants in Wardian Cases to maintain high humidity.
Graham & Margaret
Trichoglossis atropurpurea

Tony & Sandy
Brassavola nodosa

Maxine
Bulbophyllum emiliorum
Dendrobium linguella
Dendrochilum macranthum
Dracula felix
Phalaenopsis bellina
Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi fma. flavia
Phalaenopsis fasciata
Phalaenopsis floresensis

Ken & Chris
Cattleya bicolor
Dendrochilum latifolium var. macranthum
Dendrochilum spp
Dendrochilum uncatum

Epidendrum diffusum
Paphiopedilum thaianum

Mich
Aeranthes grandiflora

Peter
Cattleya intermedia alba
Dendrochilum latifolium var. macranthum
Oncidium hyphaematicum
Phalaenopsis violacea fma. coerulea
Psychopsis krameriana
Psychopsis papilio
Stanhopea graveolens

Victor
Aeranthes grandiflora

PLANTS DISPLAYED March 2018
Norm
Dendrobium macrophyllum
Dendrochilum latifolium var. macranthum
Maxillaria cucullata
Miltonia regnellii
Prosthechea pamplonensis
Prosthechea sceptre’

Siva
Aeranthes grandiflora
Epidendrum porpax
Thecostele alata
Vanda roeblingiana

Tony & Mavis
Miltonia x binotti
Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi
Vanda tessellata

PLANTS DISPLAYED March 2018

Maxillaria cucullata
Norm

Dendrobium macrophyllum
Norm

Photography by Tony
Their display was very large and was surrounded by walling with plants on the inside and outside. Ecuagenera also included in their display a demonstration of their orchid propagation activities.

The massed display of _Phragmipedium warszewiczianum var wallisii_ on the outside of their exhibit was most impressive.

Gardens by the Bay from Singapore brought in a large display that included polystyrene rocks and back wall that was most impressive. Their staff manning the display replaced flowers daily so that the exhibit was always fresh.
The Thailand Commercial Orchid Growers always stage a large and impressive display that includes hundreds, perhaps thousands of flowering plants. In Ecuador, as in previous WOC shows, their display included a large waterfall.

The creative use of landscaping materials including live grass, a very large dead tree festooned with orchids, Spanish moss (*Tillandsia*) and colour matched orchids made their display one of the most attractive.
Part of a very large display of hybrid Phalaenopsis from Taiwan. This display demonstrates the effective use of colour-matching to create a strong visual impact.
Quito Botanic Gardens also had a large and impressive walk-through display of native Ecuador species orchids. The clever use of printed forest background enhanced the visual impact of their design.
The WA Regional Orchid Organization booth situated in the Marketplace.

Opening night crowd.

Another view of part of the Marketplace.

Cont. 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.

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 April