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Anne O'Callaghan Award May 2022
Dendrobium bigibbum
Harry

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 14 June

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

10 May 2022 8.10pm

Present: 23 members as per register.

Apologies: 4 as per register.

Visitors: Nil

New members: Nil

Minutes: Acceptance of minutes from April meeting moved Ray, seconded Charly. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Treasurer's report presented by Adrian. Account balance is \$6,466.40. Acceptance moved Ian, seconded Ray. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Graham – Promotional material for Orchids of the World, Paris late August 2022
- Busselton Orchid Society – 2022 ISODW, ISODW display theme, dinner arrangements
- WJOS/NDOS – show dates and venues
- 2021/22 financial statement confirmation from reviewer.
- City of Canning – COVID 19 update
- GCA correspondence, insurance invoice, Form 4

Outwards:

- Paul/Adrian – draft financial statement.
- City of Canning – April COVID-19 contact register sheet
- Committee - draft GM minutes, draft 2021 AGM minutes, Committee meeting agenda and draft minutes, ISODW arrangements, City of Canning

vaccination compliance and changes to Government COVID-19 restrictions.

- Busselton Orchid Society – ISODW registration, dinner arrangements

Acceptance of correspondence report moved Arnold, seconded Peter. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

- COVID-19 discussion

- Following the withdrawal of State Government COVID-19 mandates, the City of Canning no longer requires proof of vaccination and masks to attend meetings at the Wilson Community Hall. However, it is understood that some members are elderly or immune-compromised and/or managing health issues and may therefore prefer to continue to wear a mask and maintain social distance, particularly given the substantial increase in reported cases in the past week.

- Adrian opened discussion with members about whether it would be safe to resume serving supper at the conclusion of our monthly meetings.

Graham suggested that members need to carefully consider this step as it does introduce a risk of inadvertent COVID-19 transmission. Graham did not offer an alternative, rather asked members at the meeting to further discuss it. He and more importantly, Margaret, both feel that the suppers should resume as long as mask mandates remain in abeyance.

- While members were generally

supportive of resuming supper as it provided the opportunity for fellowship at the end of the meeting, it was agreed that that committee consider this taking into account the level of community transmission and make a decision at their May committee meeting.

- Silent Auction

- The annual silent auction will be conducted on Tuesday 12 July at the general meeting. Adrian asked members to donate some orchids (species and hybrids) plus other orchid items for this event which is our major fundraiser for the year. Recognising that not all members have spare species orchids, extra plants from the Society's plant inventory will be included. He thanked the members that have offered to conduct this event.

- Book sale

- The unsold books donated to the Species Society by Phil Cabassi can be purchased for a donation. Phil found several more books which are for sale tonight. If you are interested, please see Margaret. While we have suggested a donation value, any reasonable offer will be accepted as we just want to find these books a new home.

- ISODW 2022

- Paul and Adrian met to design the display, however the theme "Orchid Challenges 1987 to Now" is difficult to embody in a display. Members suggested that as the annual trophy to the club winning the event has been a car hubcap, that perhaps we could see how many hubcaps we could collect and include them in the display.

- Plants for the display will be needed from members for this event. Members were requested to advise Ken by the end of July of the names of plants that might be in flower so that he can prepare name tags. If members are not able to attend, but can provide plants, please let Adrian or Ken know so that arrangements to get them to Busselton can be made.

- For those attending ISODW and wish to join with other orchid society members at the dinner on Saturday 6 August, the cost is \$40 per head. The final menu is included in this newsletter. Busselton have requested societies collect the dinner cost from members and send with a list of names to them by 1 July 2022.

- Membership Dues

- The Society's financial year ended 28 February. You can pay the Treasurer or by EFT to the Society's bank account (details included in each newsletter).

-Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Awarded to Harry for a very impressive line bred *Dendrobium bigibbum*.

Raffle: Peter, Lina, Harry (twice), Tony

Badge Prize: Lynn

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 Jun Lynn, Belmont
- * 31 Jul Ken & Chris, The Vines
- * 28 Aug Rod, Woodvale

MARKETPLACE - FOR SALE/WANTED

Karl would like to purchase a plant of *Ceratocentron fessellii*. If you have a plant for sale, please contact Karl on 0432 956 885 or e-mail karl.khlee@gmail.com.

Harry would like to buy plants of *Cattleya purpurata* var. *werkhauseri* and *Cattleya neokautskyi*. Contact Harry on 0412 403 696 or harry.ashton@live.com.au.

Lynn would like to purchase *Section Latouria Dendrobium* orchids. Contact Lynn on 0414 922 923 or contrarymiss@hotmail.com.

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Quiet Achievers

2013 Ian
2014 Chris (dec'd)
2015 Margaret

Life Members

Graham & Margaret
Chris (dec'd)
Barry (dec'd)
Gordon (dec'd)
Maxine
Ken & Chris
Adrian & Deanna .
Joan (dec'd) & Ted (dec'd)
Trevor (dec'd)
Neville (dec'd)
Noel (dec'd) & Eva Verweider
Tony & Mavis
Barry (dec'd)

2016 Tom & Pat
2017 Charly & Gerda
2018 Paul
2020 Adrian & Deanna
2021 John

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- **Meetings and Home Visits**

For those members who still feel apprehensive about COVID-19, we encourage you to wear a mask, and maintain social distancing. The home visit program has recommenced following the recent State Government announcement of withdrawal of limits on the number of people able to visit private homes. We will also resume our supper after our meeting in June. Please bring food that can be easily picked up and we will provide disposable plates. Hand sanitizer will be available - please use it before collecting your supper food.

- **Member Survey**

There has been a low response to parts one, two and three of the membership survey conducted by Jane. The links to the three parts of the survey are:

1: <https://forms.gle/rKqvhkS52Du4przW6>

2: <https://forms.gle/cQaZfWtZnLgSdJKNA>

3: <https://forms.gle/aTYiv7iK5b9VNpTYA>

- **Silent Auction**

The annual silent auction will be held at the 12 July general meeting. Orchids, other plants and other items welcome. If you're able to donate plants, please refrain from watering them on the day.

- **ISODW**

The menu for the ISODW dinner on Saturday 20 August is:

Entrée

Cream of vegetable soup finished with cream and fresh bread rolls.

Main Course

Breast of chicken filled with herb mousse, oven baked served thyme and white wine sauce

or

Seasoned roast leg of lamb with rosemary and garlic sauce, gourmet potatoes and medley of fresh vegetables.

Dessert

Chocolate and Cointreau cheesecake with strawberry sauce and whipped cream.

If you wish to attend the dinner, please pay the Treasurer \$40 per head at the June meeting. Please also advise if you have any special dietary requirements so that we can advise Busselton Orchid Society.

- **Annual Membership**

Membership renewals were due at the end of February. You can either pay the Treasurer at the meeting, send payment to the Secretary or alternatively, transfer payment by EFT to the Society's account at Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000, account 122491988 including your surname in the transfer.

MONTHLY PLANT

Laelia furfuracea

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Country of origin: Mexico
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Description: mini-miniature sized epiphyte at 2,100 - 3,000m.
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Difficulty: As a high altitude, cool-cold growing species, summer cooling and humidity is required.
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Cost: \$10.00

Laelia furfuracea Lindl. 1839 Subgenus *Laelia*, Section *Podolaelia* Schlechter comes from the Oaxaca state of Southern Mexico where it grows on the rough bark of scrubby oaks. This very desirable and relatively uncommon species has been grown from flask by Peter, and has been mounted as recommended

This species will grow best on cork or treefern mounts with high year round



Photo source: <http://marniturkel.com/mostlyspecies/>

humidity, and a decided winter rest after the growth has matured with reduced watering and in bright light .

As a relatively small species, it is important to ensure good air movement to minimise the risk of insect or pathogen attack as the species can be quite susceptible.



Photo source: <https://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/141525-Laelia>

The Genus *Coelogyne* (continued from May)

Coelogyne verrucosa S.E.C.Sierra 2000 Section *Verrucosae* Pfitzer This the type species for the section and can be found in Borneo at sea level to 700m where it is a medium sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte that climbs up its hosts (has a tree-climbing habit) or occasional terrestrial with 3/4" to 2" [1.8 to 5 cm] between each flattened, ovate pseudobulb enveloped by a few bracts and carrying 2, apical, lanceolate, plicate, 7 to 9 nerved, gradually narrowing below into the petiolate base leaves that blooms in the summer in situ and has up to 10 flowers on a proteranthous (flowers appear before the leaves) or synanthous (flowers and leaves appear simultaneously) 48 cm arching inflorescences carrying simultaneously opening flowers. Its common name is the Warty *Coelogyne*.



Photo source: <https://orchidroots.org/detail/photos/45331/?gen=44927&pid=45331&type=species&role=pub>



In situ photo source: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/coelverrucosa.htm>

Coelogyne viscosa Rchb. f. 1856 Section *Flaccidae* Lindl. comes from northeastern India, Myanmar, southern China, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand and peninsular Malaysia at 700-1,500m where it grows in evergreen lowland forests and primary montane forests as a medium sized, warm growing epiphyte or lithophyte. Clustered, narrow ovoid or fusiform, grooved, glossy pseudobulbs carry 2, lanceolate, plicate, finely nerved, acute leaves with a tapering, grooved petiolate bases. Flowering in winter take place on erect, few flowered 10-15cm slender, very slightly fractiflex racemes with deciduous floral bracts. The simultaneously opening fragrant flowers arise from newly developing pseudobulbs. Most authors conclude that this species and *Coelogyne graminifolia* are the same species. Its common name is the Sticky *Coelogyne*, and synonyms are *Coelogyne graminifolia* Rchb. f. 1874; *Pleione graminifolia* (C.S.P.Parish & Rchb.f.)

Harry

- Aerides leeana*
- Brassavola harrisii*
- Bulbophyllum arfakianum*
- Cattleya cernua*
- Dendrobium bigibbum*

Murray

- Paphiopedilum gratrixianum*

Graham & Margaret

- Brassia giroudiana*
- Cymbidium dayanum*
- Eriochilus dilatatus*

Maxine

- Cattleya cernua* miniata

Ken & Chris

- Dendrochilum saccolabium*

- Elleanthus amethystinus*
- Trichoglottis atropurpurea*

Peter

- Brassavola nodosa* Dawsonii
- Bulbophyllum crassipes*
- Bulbophyllum sanguineopunctatum*
- Cattleya labiata* var. *rubra*
- Laelia rubescens*
- Stenoglottis longifolia*
- Zygopetalum mackayii*

Helen

- Dendrobium bigibbum*

Jane

- Bulbophyllum lepidum*
- Restrepia brachypus*

**MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED
May 2022**



Eriochilus dilatatus
Graham & Margaret



Cattleya labiata var. *rubra*
Peter



Cattleya cernua
Maxine
Harry



Bulbophyllum sanguineopunctatum
Peter

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED May 2022



Cymbidium dayanum
Graham & Margaret



Laelia rubescens
Peter



Kuntze 1891; *Pleione viscosa* (Rchb.f.) Kuntze 1891.

Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/photos/45333/>

In situ photo: <https://pbase.com/glazemaker/image/110022540>

The next group of *Coelogyne* species are those that are less often seen in cultivation as they present more challenges to the hobbyist orchid grower, are more difficult to acquire, often need specialised conditions and can be less vigorous than the more common species.

Coelogyne beccarii Rchb.f. 1886 Section *Speciosae* occurs in the Bismark Islands, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands in lowland rain and secondary forests at sea level to 1,500m This species is a medium sized, hot to cool growing epiphyte and rarely terrestrial with a woody rhizome. Cylindrical-ovoid, smooth, 4 grooved, 4 angled pseudobulbs carry 2, linear to linear-lanceolate, acuminate, plicate, 7-9 nerved petiolate base leaves. This variable species flowers throughout the year, (often more than once) on erect to suberect, 50cm fractiflex racemes carrying 3-7 successively opening flowers with attractively coloured large flowers. The flower raceme with deciduous floral bracts arises from newly emerging growth.





Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/information/?pid=44948&role=pub>

Its common name is Becarri's Coelogyne after an original orchid species collector in the late 1800's. Synonyms are *Coelogyne beccarii* var. *micholitziana* (Kraenzl.) Schltr. 1915; *Coelogyne beccarii* var. *tropidophora* Schltr. 1914; *Coelogyne micholitziana* Kraenzl. 1891.



Photo source: <http://www.orchidsnewguinea.com/orchid-information/species/speciescode/1816>

Coelogyne bilamellata Lindl. 1853 Section *Longifoliae* Pfitzer & Kraenzlin comes from the Philippines and where it can be found in wet forests at 60-1,000m as a small to medium sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte or lithophyte. Basally broad, tapering upwards pseudobulbs carry 2 apical, oblong-lanceolate, acute, plicate, 5 nerved petiolate base leaves. Flowering in spring on inflorescences that arise from mature pseudobulbs, the fractiflex 30cm pendulous raceme carries up to 60 successively opening flowers, and has deciduous, chafflike bracts that fall before the flowers open.



Photo source: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/coelbilamellata.htm>

An alba form also exists.

Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/44956/hybrid/?tab=sum>

Jim Cootes writing in *The Orchids of the Philippines* notes that once established, this species often seems to be continually in flower. Its common name is the Two-Legged Coelogyne refers to the 2 keels on the labellum. Synonyms are *Panisea bilamellata* (Lindl.) Rchb.f. 1861; *Pleione bilamellata* (Lindl.) Kuntze 1891



Coelogyne celebensis J.J.Sm. 1917 *Section Speciosae* Lindley comes from Sulawesi [Celebes] where it grows in roadside forests at sea level to 1,000m. as a large sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte with close set cylindrical, 4 ridged in youth pseudobulbs. As the in-situ photo shows, this species has 1-2 apical, obovate-lanceolate, acuminate, coriaceous, plicate, petiolate base leaves. Flowering in late winter and early spring occurs on slender, suberect 40cm slightly arcuate fractiflex 4-12 successively opening flowered inflorescence arising from newly emerging growth. There is considerable

variation in the petal and sepal colour in this large flowered species. Its common name is the Sulawesi Coelogyne, and the synonym is *Coelogyne platyphylla* Schltr. 1925



Photo source: <https://www.orchidsforum.com/threads/coelogyne-celebensis.2420/>



In situ photo source: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/orphotdir/coelocelebenensis.jpg>

Coelogyne corymbosa Lindl. 1853 Section *Ocellatae* Pfitzer & Kraenzlin is a creeping, small sized, cool to cold growing, epiphytic or lithophytic species found in Nepal, Bhutan, northeastern India, and China on moss-covered tree trunks and branches in upper montane forest or on humid cliffs at 1,400-3,500m. Short, clustered, ovoid to subrhomboidal pseudobulbs are basally enveloped by dark brown sheaths and carry 2 apical, elliptic-lanceolate, suberect, plicate, 5 nerved, acute, gradually narrowing into elongate, grooved, petiolate base leaves. Flowering in summer and autumn, terminal erect or pendant 20cm racemose inflorescences arise from newly emerging pseudobulb growths. Two-five fragrant, heavily textured simultaneously opening flowers have persistent floral bracts. Its common name is the Umbrella-like *Coelogyne*.



Photo source: <https://www.orchidsforum.com/threads/coelogyne-corymbosa.4653/>



In situ photo source: <https://traval-do.blogspot.com/2018/05/coelogyne-corymbosa-orchid-plant-care-and-culture.html>

Coelogyne eberhardtii Gagnep. 1930 *Section Lawrenceanae* was initially found in the Da Lat region of Vietnam and more recently in Thailand at 1,000-1,500m as a small sized, cool growing epiphyte. The ovoid-oblong, longitudinally rugose, brilliant green pseudobulbs carry 2, apical, oblong-lanceolate, attenuate-obtuse, plicate, 5 nerved, shortly petiolate base leaves. This species flowers in autumn on hysteronthous (flowers open before the leaves appear) successively single, few flowered 8-9cm racemes. It is another of the larger flowered species. Its common name is Eberhardt's Coelogyne after the 1900's collector of the type species.

Photo source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/afriorchids/18478255418>



Contd. in July

ABOUT US

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings held on the second 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. For first year only, new family members will need to purchase two name badges. Badges come in two versions - pin fastening \$11.50 or magnet fastening \$13.50 [*Please indicate preference*]

Single \$20.00 pa. For first year only, new members will need to purchase a name badge. Badges come in two versions - pin fastening \$11.50 or magnet fastening \$13.50. [*Please indicate preference*]

New members who don't live in Perth will not require name badges, therefore membership cost 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. If you have spare species orchids that you wish to sell to the Society for raffles, please advise a committee member.

Management

In accordance with the Rules, 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 14 June