

THE SPECIES ORCHID SOCIETY OF WA (INC.)

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Anne O'Callaghan Award November 2022
Gaurianthe skinneri Alba Occulata
Bruce

NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

8 November 2022 7.55pm

Present: 19 members as per register.

Apologies: 8 as per register.

Visitors: Nil

New members: Nil

Minutes: Acceptance of minutes from September meeting moved Lynne, seconded Arnold. Carried.

Business Arising: Species Society web domain to be covered in general business

Financial Report: Adrian presented the finance report as at 31 October 2022. Balance \$8,163.14. Acceptance moved Bruce, seconded Lynn. Carried

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Orchids WA 2021 AGM minutes, 2022 AGM agenda, call for committee nominations, annual financial reports
- City of Canning booking renewal
- AOF audited financial report, AOC annual reports
- GCA AGM report
- Vodien - Confirmation of registration of web domain, offer of privacy protection

Outwards:

- Application to Vodien for web domain
- Committee – draft committee meeting agenda and minutes, draft GM agenda and minutes, City of Canning booking renewal, GCA AGM report and papers, AOF AGM agenda and papers, SOSWA internet domain application, AOC Board of Management minutes,

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

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

Auction of Tony's orchids

- Ken reported that the auction of Tony's orchid collection on 30 October was very successful. Special thanks to our auctioneer Ray, and to society members that helped on the day and bid on the plants being auctioned.
- Mavis thanked members for their support both at the auction and since Tony's passing. There have been difficult moments and she feels fortunate to have many members from orchid societies supporting her. She was pleased that most of Tony's orchid collection went to orchid society members.

AOCC & Perth International Orchid Fair

- Bruce provided further information to members about this event, notably that we are exploring the opportunity to use facilities at Curtin University. This has come about through Prof Kingsley Dixon's involvement in the planning for the event, and the participation of the International Orchid Conservation Congress that he co-chairs.
- Curtin University has a large basketball facility that would be more than suitable for our needs, and it would be available at our preferred date of late August/early September. It is a student-free period. Co-badging of the event with Curtin is a possibility and this would provide a very significant saving on

venue cost. Access to the venue Friday, Saturday and Sunday is confirmed and we are hopeful of negotiating access on the preceding Wednesday and Thursday, subject to the university requirements for its use for graduation events.

- The venue is new, well located close to public transport, a major shopping centre, plenty of free parking and if the free parking is full, paid parking at \$6 per day. There is also space designated for food vans.
- Bruce noted that draft budget expense is not presently covered by the revenue from registration, show attendance, sponsorship and tours, however substantially reducing the \$72,000 PCEC venue cost will help. No contracts for venue hire or professional conference management will be signed unless we can show at least break even on the event.
- Ken advised that a presentation to Bunbury Orchid Society on the previous Sunday had generated strong support from their members. Bruce emphasised that commitment to, and active participation from all WA orchid societies was essential for the 2024 PEOF, AOCC and IOCC.

Species Society domain and website

- The domain speciesorchidsocietywa.com has been registered, and with help from Paul, investigations as to whether to transfer the current SOSWA website or construct a new website with additional features are ongoing. In due course, a webmaster to maintain and manage the webpage will be needed.

Orchids Western Australia (Inc.)

- Orchids WA AGM was held on 23rd October 2022.
- Rick was re-elected as President, Diane as Secretary, Bruce as Events Manager, Trevor as our AOC Area Representative, and Marion from Bunbury as Assistant Secretary.
- Bruce updated delegates on planning for the 2024 PEOF including the AOCC and World Orchid Conservation Congress, including the potential change to dates, venue search, general budgetary constraints and other matters of concern.
- Lee-Anne offered to work with Bruce and Ken as part of the planning committee and is helping us explore other venue options.
- Ron advised members that he is expanding his photo board display and will include more terrestrial orchids photos from Mark Brundrett.
- Bruce also informed delegates that while Lotterywest will no longer provide financial support to the PEOF/AOCC, they are very interested in funding the Orchid Hub Project. Proceeding with be a substantial administrative burden for Orchids WA. Ben volunteered to assist with venture if it proceeds.

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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.

* 21 Jan Ezi-Gro Orchids, Landsdale

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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Adrian & Deanna.

Joan (dec'd) & Ted (dec'd)

Trevor (dec'd)

Neville (dec'd)

Noel (dec'd) & Eva

Tony (dec'd) & Mavis

Barry Winter (dec'd)

Quiet Achievers

2013 Ian

2014 Chris (dec'd)

2015 Margaret

2016 Tom & Pat

2017 Charly & Gerda

2018 Paul

2020 Adrian & Deanna

2021 John

2023 Home Visit Program

- Mavis is working on the home visit program for 2023. At this time, it is proposed to visit Kings Park in September, and to visit another location with Graham & Margaret in August plus one other home visit in the first half of the year. Please let Mavis know if you are willing to host a home visit in 2023. Lynne asked whether it would be possible to travel north with Graham & Margaret and include a visit to Zel to see his *Dendrobium speciosum* collection in August?
- The January home visit at Ezi-Gro Orchids will be on Sat 21 January 2023

December meeting

- There will not be a raffle or monthly sale plant at the December general meeting. Each member will receive a free plant. If you can donate an orchid (species or hybrid) please do so. The society will also provide orchids as we know that not all members have plants to spare.
- Please bring festive food to share. We will also supply wine and soft drink.

Membership Dues

- The Society's financial year ended 28 February. You can pay the Treasurer or by EFT to the Society's bank account account at Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000, account 122491988 including your surname in the transfer.

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Awarded to Bruce for his plant of *Guarianthe skinneri*

Raffle: Helen, Adrian, Lynn, Lynne

Badge Prize: Adrian

Meeting closed: 9.45pm NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- **Monthly sale/raffle plants.**
If you have species orchids that are surplus to your needs, or have successfully grown species orchids from flask that you wish to sell, the Society is always looking for future supplies of monthly sale plants (minimum of 20 plants) and raffle plants. Please let a committee member know.
- **Christmas Meeting**
The December meeting will be our Christmas party. While there will be no monthly plant sale or raffle, we plan to be able to give every member a free species orchid. If you are able to donate a species orchid or two for our orchid 'Chris Cringle' please do so.
- **Membership Records**
With this newsletter, you will find a membership information form. It would be appreciated if you could complete this form and give it to the Secretary so that our records can be updated to give us accurate member information.

The Subtribe Pleurothalidinae (cont'd from November)

Anathallis (200 accepted species)

Anathallis minutalis (Lindl.) Pridgeon & M.W.Chase 2001 comes from Mexico and Guatemala at 1,500-2,200m as a creeping, mat forming, mini- miniature sized, cool to cold growing epiphyte on open, tall forest trees with the plants growing in the upper branches or as a lithophyte in near full sun. This diminutive species growing as small tufts or moss-like pads high up in trees is often goes unseen. Flowering in winter occurs on one to several 1-2cm racemose successive flowered inflorescences. Its common name is the Insignificant Pleurothallis



Photos source: <https://www.inaturalist.org/photos/25797492>



Anathallis rabei Foldats Luer 2009 can be found in Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru at 600-1,300m where it grows as a mini-miniature sized warm to cool growing epiphyte. Flowering in spring takes place on a subflexuous, racemose 2cm successively few flowered inflorescence. Its common name is Rabe's Pleurothallis (the co-collector of the species)

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

Andinia (76 accepted species)



Andinia lappacea (Luer) Pridgeon & M.W. Chase 2001 comes from Carchi, Ecuador at 1,200-1,300m where it is a cool growing epiphyte. Flowering takes place in late spring on a " 9-10mm single flowered inflorescence with a thin, tubular floral bract. Its common name is the Burr Pleurothallis referring to the ovary.

Photo source: <https://www.orchids.org/grexes/andinia-lappacea>

Barbosella (21 recognised species)

Barbosella australis (Cogn.) Schltr. 1918 comes from southern Brazil at 1,500m as a mini-miniature sized, cool growing, creeping epiphyte with a creeping, branching rhizome. Single, sub-erect leaves often suffused purple carry single flowers held well above the leaves in summer. Its common name is the Southern Barbosella.

Photo source: <https://www.orchidsforum.com/threads/barbosella-australis.7647/>



Barbosella gardneri (Lindl.) Schltr. 1918 comes from Sao Paulo, Espirito Santo and Rio de Janeiro states of Brazil where it grows in very wet, shady forests around swamps, streams and rivers at 1,000 – 1,400ms as a mini-miniature sized, cool growing epiphyte. Erect ramicauls carry a single, apical, ovate, acute leaf and this species flowers in late summer on an erect, stiff, 3 cm, single flowered inflorescence.

Its common name is Gardner's Barbosella named for an English botanist and collector in Brazil from the early 1900's.

Harry

Cymbidium canaliculatum
Cymbidium hillii
Cymbidium maddidum
Dendrobium abberans
Dendrobium monophyllum
Sarcochilus ceciliae

Ken & Chris

Ansellia africana
Coelogyne punctulata
Cymbidium bicolor
Dendrobium primulinum
Dendrobium nobile Albescens
Guarianthe aurantiaca
Guarianthe skinneri Alba
Paphiopedilum appletonianum
Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum
Paphiopedilum rothschildianum
Phalaenopsis heiroglyphica

Phalaenopsis mariae Fasciata

Adrian & Dee

Coilostylis falcata
Vanda coerulescens

Bruce

Guarianthe skinneri alba oculata

Siva

Cattleya sincorana
Cymbidium maddidum
Paphiopedilum philippinense
Phalaenopsis japonica

Helen

Biffrenaria harrisoniae
Cymbidium
Oncidium hyphaematicum



Cattleya sincorana
Siva

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED November 2022



Cymbidium canaliculatum
Harry



Paphiopedilum rothschildianum
Ken & Chris



Paphiopedilum philippinense
Siva

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED November 2022



Dendrobium abberans
Harry



Vanda coerulea
Adrian & Dee



Photo source: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/orphodir/barbgardneri.jpg>

However, this species is the subject of considerable controversy and disagreement between taxonomists. Lindley did not cite a type species for this genus, so in 1969, Angley proposed *Barbosella miersii* as the lectotype (a

single specimen selected from a group of syntypes and designated as the name-bearing type some time after the original description was published). Carl Luer felt that *Barbosella miersii* was substantially different than the normal form of the genus *Barbosella* and proposed that it be moved to a monotypic genus *Barbrodia* and assigned *Barbosella gardneri* as the lectotype. But, according to the ICBN, this reassignment of a lectotype to another genus was illegal. Therefore, *Barbosella miersii* remains the Lectotype for this genus.

Barbosella orbicularis Luer 1976 is found in Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, northern Brazil and Ecuador in lower montane to montane cloud forests at 700 – 1,300m as a mini-miniature sized, warm to cool growing, repent and mat-forming epiphyte with a suborbicular, fleshy leaves held flat against the substrate. It flowers on erect, short,



single flowered inflorescences with several, imbricating, basal, triangular bracts. Its common name is the Round Barbosella referring to the flat fleshy leaves.

Photos source: <https://www.ecuagenera.com/Barbosella-orbicularis/en>

Brachionidium (79 accepted species)



Brachionidium folsomii Dressler 1982 is found in Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama at 450 – 1,800m as a mini-miniature sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte with sometimes branching stems carrying erect ramicauls and single, apical, suberect, coriaceous, elliptical, sub-acute, apiculate, short, petiolate base leaves. Flowering in winter occurs on erect 2 - 3 cm single flowered inflorescences arising from near the apex of the ramicaul carrying a non-resupinate flower. Its common name is Folsom's Brachionidium named for the species discoverer.

Photo source: <https://colombia.inaturalist.org/taxa/128975-Brachionidium>



In situ photo source: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/358317714096033646/>



Brachionidium haberi Luer 1995 can be found in Costa Rica in wet forests at 1,600 – 1,800ms as a small cool growing epiphyte or terrestrial in loose moss with erect to suberect, occasionally branching stems carrying single apical, erect, coriaceous, elliptical, acute leaves. Flowering in spring occurs on a slender, erect 2 - 2.5cm single flowered inflorescence with a non-resupinate flower. This species is characterised by its erect stature, relatively large floral parts with comparatively short, slender tails and a large thick, transversely



cordate lip with a minutely denticulate margin. It is locally abundant in the Montverde Preserve in wet montane cloud forests. Its common name is Haber's Brachionidium named after an American researcher at MoBot

Photos source: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/brachihaberi.htm>

Brachionidium polypodium Luer 1995 comes from Costa Rica and Panama where it grows in in dense moss at 1,200 – 1,500m as a mini-miniature sized, cool growing epiphyte with a long-repent, comparatively stout, occasionally branched rhizome. Suberect, short ramicauls enveloped by 2 sheaths carry single, apical, erect, coriaceous, broadly elliptical, subacute to obtuse, apiculate, 7 veined leaves. Flowering in summer and autumn takes place on an erect, filiform 1.5cm single flowered inflorescence carrying a single non-resupinate flower. Its common name is the Many Footed Brachionidium referring to the *Polypodium* fern that this species closely resembles.



Photo source: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/358317714096033646/>

Dracula (134 accepted species)

Dracula bella [Rchb.f.] Luer comes from Colombia and Ecuador where it grows in dense cloud forests at 1,700 – 2,000m as a fragrant, small sized, cool growing, caespitose (growing in clusters or tufts) epiphytic species with coarse roots and a short leafy stem carrying a single, erect, thin coriaceous, elliptic-oblongate, acute to obtuse leaf. Flowering in winter through spring occurs on a



pendulous, short to 17.5cm racemes that arise from the base of the pseudobulb and carry a single, nodding flower. Its common name is the Beautiful Dracula.

Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/information/?pid=64030&role=pub>



Dracula felix (Luer) Luer comes from the Narino department of Colombia and Ecuador in cloud forests at 1,200 – 2,500m where it grows as a small sized, cool to cold growing epiphyte with stout, erect, ramicauls carrying a single, apical, erect, thinly coriaceous, carinate, narrowly elliptic, acute leaf. Flowering in autumn occurs on a short, slender, purplish, suberect to horizontal single flowered inflorescence arising from low on the ramicaul. Its common name is the Fruitful Dracula referring to the many seed capsules this species produces.

Photo source: <https://www.mundiflora.com/categoria-producto/orquideas/dracula/>



Dracula laffleurii Luer & Dalström comes from Ecuador at 1,100 – 1,850m as a small sized, cool growing epiphyte with erect, stout ramicauls that carry single, apical, erect, thinly coriaceous, carinate, narrowly obovate, acute leaves. Flowering in winter and spring occurs on a horizontal to descending 14 - 19cm successively few flowered inflorescence arising from low on the ramicaul. Its common name is La Fluer's Dracula named for the Swedish co-discoverer of the species. This and other Dracula species mimic mushrooms by visual appearance and smell in order to attract their pollinator, Zygothricas flies.

Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/photos/64083/?role=>



In situ photo source: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/793829871789616994/>

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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 13 December