

THE SPECIES ORCHID SOCIETY OF WA (INC.)

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Anne O'Callaghan Award August 2022
Cymbidium sinense
Courtney

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 13 September

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

12 July 2022 8.10pm

Present: 19 members as per register.

Apologies: 8 as per register.

Visitors: nil

New members: Lynette

Minutes: Acceptance of minutes from July meeting moved Lynn, seconded Lynne. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Treasurer's report
In the absence of Treasurer, Adrian, Murray presented the finance report as at 30 June 2022. Acceptance moved Ian, seconded Ray. Carried

Business Arising: Ken advised that the July revenue and expenses including the silent auction are not in this total as the report only applies to 30 June.

Correspondence:

Inwards: Orchids WA meeting agenda

- ISODW arrangements, Kevin Western flask list
- Flask lists from Ching Hua Orchids and Ten Shin Gardens to be available at Logan AOCC in at the end of August
- Andrew Brown – newly published books on Western Australian Terrestrial Orchids
- Perth Orchid Fair vendor update from Tony, updated floor plan
- Members details of plants for ISODW display
- GCA – notice of AGM
- June 2022 financial report from Paul
- ISODW entry arrangements, Kevin Western flask list.

Outwards:

- Committee – draft committee meeting minutes, updated plant inventory, Peter's proposal to amend SOSWA rules, Perth Orchid Fair committee minutes, draft GM minutes, information from Associations On-line, Kevin Western flask list, Doonvilla Orchids flask list, Ten Shin Gardens flask list, Ching Hua flask list, Andrew Brown books, GCA notice of AGM, June 2022 financial report
- Acceptance of correspondence report moved Ian, seconded Siva. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

Silent auction

The silent auction generated \$538 for the Society. Thanks to Charly, Tony and Mavis for conducting the auction, members for donating plants for auction and making bids for the lots.

ISODW 2022 Report

Murray acknowledged Busselton and Districts Orchid Society for a great event, and thanked members who provided plants for the society's display.

He specially thanked Paul who re-configured the display so that it was easily transported to Busselton, and with Ken, set up and took down the display. He also thanked Eric and Jacqui who collected plants from Adrian & Dee, and Charly who transported the display props to Busselton

Perth Orchid Fair

Murray reminded members that the Perth Orchid Fair 2022 is just over a week away

with set up at 4.00pm on Friday 19th at John Septimus Roe College, Mirrabooka Ave, Mirrabooka, and open to the public over the weekend.

As a member of the organising group, the Species Society will be staging a display and we ask members to assist by provide plants for display and sale. In view of Adrian's ill health, we will need help to load, assemble and stage the display on Friday 19th. If you are able to provide plants for this display, please advise Ken as soon as possible so that name tags can be created.

As always, volunteers are needed over the weekend and if you can help even for just an hour or two, please do so. Please put your name on the roster to help.

Species Orchid Society rules

Murray sought and received member agreement to defer any further discussion on this matter to the Special General Meeting to be held prior to the September general meeting to resolve matters relating to the Species Society rules. The notice of Special General Meeting was circulated with the August newsletter.

2023 Home Visit Program

Ken advised members that recent months have seen a steady decline in home visit attendance, and asked members to give some thought to whether we should try to continue the monthly visit program, or whether it might be better to reduce the frequency.

2024 Perth International Orchid Fair, AOC and World Orchid Conservation Conference.

Ken discussed planning for this event with members and highlighted some of the milestones in the critical path including the Arinex professional conference management

contract that will need to be signed soon, and payments under that contract. The current organising committee is Bruce, Tony and him at present. It is hoped that others will become involved in the planning of this major event that is now approximately two years away. This led to discussion with members about several aspects of this event, including:

- * Number of registrants and whether local orchid growers would be prepared to register at the \$350 registration cost for the upcoming Logan AOCC,
- * Requirement for and number of volunteers needed to plan and stage the event,
- * The need for better dissemination of information about the event to Orchids WA members to help them understand the planning and operational decisions required to stage such a significant event. Members suggested that information sessions like those conducted for the WOC2023 bid be delivered to Orchids WA member societies),
- * How members might be involved in the planning process, and what tasks/responsibilities could be allocated to societies or small groups and when this could occur.

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

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.

- * 25 Sept Picnic in the Park
- * 30 Oct Lynne, Eden Hill
- * 24 Nov Harry, Kelmscott

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
Tony & Mavis
Barry (dec'd)

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

Bank, BSB 633-000, account 122491988 including your surname in the transfer.

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Awarded to Courtney for his plant of *Cymbidium sinense* 'Hong Yu'

Raffle: Lynn, Lina, Harry, Ken.

Badge Prize: Lynne

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.

- **Perth Orchid Fair**

The Perth Orchid Fair was held over the weekend 20-21 August. While the total number of show visitors was perhaps lower than past years, the event was financially successful and the contributing societies will receive a good return on their investment of seed funding.

- **Special General Meeting**

The notice of Special General Meeting to be held before the September general meeting was distributed with the August newsletter.

- **Special raffle**

A special raffle for a large framed print of hand painted Western Australian terrestrial orchids will be raffled at the September and October general meetings and September home visit.

This print was purchased and framed by Tony & Mavis from a vendor at the Orchid & Garden Fair held at Mirrabooka. It would look great on your wall. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5.

- **September home visit**

Thanks to Jacqui, we will be meeting at Kings Park on 25 September to see terrestrial orchids with one of their volunteer guides. More details will be provided closer to the date. It has been suggested that we perhaps book a table at the café for coffee as the Park is likely to be busy on a Spring Sunday morning.

- **Monthly sale plants and 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 looking for future supplies of monthly sale plants (minimum of 20 [plants] and raffle plants. Please contact a member of the committee if you are able to help.

MONTHLY PLANT

Dendrobium devonianum

Country of origin: Southern China, Assam, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam

Description: Long, pendulous cane Dendrobium species.

Difficulty: This species is likely to require some warmth during winter.

Cost: \$10.00

Dendrobium devonianum Paxton 1840 comes from the *Section Dendrobium*. This month's plant has been grown from flask. Thanks to Jane for growing this species for us.

Generally found in dense montane forests on tree trunks as a medium sized, cool to warm growing epiphyte at 500-2,000m. Generally flowering in late spring, the 30-35cm many flowered inflorescence has long lasting fleshy, fragrant flowers and arises from nodes near the apex of leafless up to 1m pendulous canes. The flower is quite variable and can have longer or shorter, more or less of hairs on the petals and lip.

Given its pendulous canes, it is probably more suitable to be grown on a hardwood or similar mount where the canes can hang down as shown in the in-situ photo above.



Photo source: <https://efloraofindia.com/2013/10/25/dendrobium-devonianum/>



<https://www.orchidsforum.com/threads/dendrobium-devonianum.18433/>

The Genus *Coelogyne* (continued from July)

Coelogyne usitana J.Roeth & O.Gruss 2001 *Section Speciosae* Lindley comes from Mindanao Island(the Philippines) where it grows as a small to medium sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte or lithophyte at 800m. Close set, narrowly ovoid, 4-angled, ancipitous (two-edged rather than round) pseudobulbs basally enveloped by 3 to 4 membranous, bracts carrying single, apical, broadly elliptical, acute, plicate, 5 to 7 nerved petiolate base leaves. Flowering throughout the year, but most frequently from spring to summer occurs on an erect to pendulous wiry 50 cm fractiflex rachis with up to 20 successive flowers arising from a newly developed pseudobulb. The striking flowers are wide-spread and downward facing with only a single flower open at any one time. Its common name is Usita's *Coelogyne* named for the Philippines orchid enthusiast and collector of the type specimen.

Coelogyne usitana created significant interest when first shown at Chelsea Flower Show in 2002 by Burnham Nursery. It was awarded a Certificate of Botanical Merit by the RHS, and has been used as the yardstick for similar awards since.



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

Coelogyne xyrekes Ridl. 1915 *Section Speciosae* Lindley comes from Thailand, Peninsular Malaysia and Sumatra where it grows as a medium sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte in primary and secondary montane forests at 700 – 1,900m. Clustered, elliptic, 4 ribbed, deeply grooved dark glossy green pseudobulbs carry single, apical, plicate, 5 nerved, pink to purple in youth, dark glossy green leaves that gradually narrows into a distinct petiole. Flowering in winter, successively single flowers are borne on a 10 -20cm limp up to 5 flowered inflorescences with tubular acute sheathes. Flowers arise from center of a new growth and are sometimes sweetly scented and variable in colour. Its common name is the smooth and clean shaven *Coelogyne* referring to the lack of long hairs on the lip

Harry

Rhyncholaelia digbyana

Graham & Margaret

Caladenia arenicola

Dendrobium aemulum

Diuris corymbosa

Diuris magnifica

Ken & Chris

Cattleya percivaliana

Cattleya x guatemalensis

Dendrochilum niveum

Dendrochilum stenophyllum

Dendrochilum wenzelii (3 colour forms)

Gastrochilus retrocallus

Laelia anceps Chamberlainianum

Paphiopedilum villosum

Norm

Dendrobium speciosum

Courtney

Cymbidium sinense 'Hong Yu'

Dendrobium tetragonum

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED August 2022



Dendrobium speciosum
Norm



Dendrobium tetragonum
Courtney



Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Harry

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED August 2022



Dendrochilum wenzelii
Ken & Chris



Dendrochilum wenzelii
Ken & Chris



Photo source: <https://www.exotic-plants.de/seeds/orchids/Coelogyne-xyrekes.php>

In situ photo source: <https://travaldo.blogspot.com/2018/11/coelogyne-orchid-care-and-culture.html>



Coelogyne clemensii Ames & C. Schweinf. 1920 *Section Rigidiformes* Carr is found as a medium sized, warm to cold growing epiphyte in Sabah in hill, lower and upper montane mossy forests at 800-2,400m. Slender, pyriform to cylindrical pseudobulbs carry single, apical, linear-oblong to oblong, abruptly acuminate, erect, rigid, strongly plicate, 7 nerved, coriaceous deeply grooved, petiolate base leaves. Flowering in spring on 17cm suberect, fractiflex rachis 5-7 flowered inflorescence that arises from mature pseudobulbs that has persistent floral bracts and simultaneously opening, fragrant flowers. Its common name is Clemens' Coelogyne named after English orchid collectors in Borneo in the 1900's who were the original collectors of the species. Synonyms are *Coelogyne clemensii* var. *angustifolia* Carr 1935; *Coelogyne clemensii* var. *clemensii*; *Coelogyne clemensii* var. *longiscapa* Ames & . 1920.



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



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

To conclude this article, I will cover a few recently discovered species. The majority of these have been published in the journal *Phytotaxa* as part of the revision of the genus to include other genera such as *Dendrochilum*. For the time being, I will ignore these far-reaching changes and concentrate on the species which are more recognizable to most enthusiasts as *Coelogyne*.

Coelogyne alboaurantia Elis. George & J.-C. George 2010 *Section Elatae* is found in northern Thailand as a warm to cool growing epiphyte. Ovoid, longitudinally grooved pseudobulbs carry 2 apical, lanceolate, acute, prominently median nerved petiolate base leaves. Flowering in late winter the peduncle 10cm rachis arising from a newly developed pseudobulb carries 7-10 simultaneously blooms with persistent floral bracts. Its common name is the White and Yellow Coelogyne.



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

Coelogyne benkii Cavestro 2018 *Section Ptychogyne* (Pfitzer & Kraenzlin) D.A. Clayton comes from Sulawesi where it grows as a small sized, warm growing epiphyte at 800m. The short creeping rhizome has ovoid to conical pseudobulbs basally enveloped by chartaceous (paper like) scales with 2 apical, erect, lanceolate, 4-5 nerved, apically acute leaves. Flowering in winter on an erect then arching, peduncle short 12-25cm rachis with up to 25 light brown to light pink flowers that mostly open simultaneously. This species is similar to *Coelogyne flexuosa* Rolfe but differs by the oblong (not orbicular) side lobes and a triangular (not oblong-ovate) labellum midlobe. Its common name is Benk's Coelogyne after the manager of Jungle Orchid West Java. Photo source: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/coelbenkii.htm>



Coelogyne magnifica Y.H. Tan, S.S. Zhou & B. Yang 2017 section *Ocellatae* Pfitzer & Kraenzl is a new species from Myanmar. It is morphologically similar to *Coelogyne corymbosa* and *Coelogyne taronensis*.



Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/527430/species/?newgen=339941&tab=sum>

Coelogyne marthae S.E.C. Sierra 2000 Section *Verrucosae* Pfitzer & Kraenzlin comes from Sarawak Borneo where it grows as a small to medium sized, hot growing epiphyte on lower tree trunks in flooded heath forests at 50-300m. meters Ovate-oblong flattened pseudobulbs carry 2, apical, lanceolate, 3-5 nerved, plicate petiolate base leaves. Flowering in spring takes place on a proteranthous or synanthous, 10-25 cm 3 to 5 flowered inflorescence with persistent floral bracts and simultaneously opening flowers. Its common name is Martha's *Coelogyne* named for Dr Martha Tillar, a Netherlands Botanist.



Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/photos/45147/>

Coelogyne motleyi Rolfe ex J.J. Wood, D.A. Clayton & C.L. Chan 1998 *Section Longifoliae* Pfitzer & Kraenzlin can be found in Sabah, Sarawak and Kalimantan Borneo in lowland mixed forests as a medium sized, hot growing epiphyte or terrestrial in sandy soil at 50-400m. Cylindrical to

fusiform pseudobulbs are basally enveloped by ovate to triangular-ovate, acute to acuminate sheaths and carry 2 apical, narrowly elliptic, acute to shortly acuminate, thin, coriaceous, plicate, 5 nerved petiolate base leaves. Flowering in summer occurs on erect to arcuate, terete, naked 23 cm slender fractiflex racemes carrying 2-3 flowers arising from newly emerging growth with narrowly elliptic to ovate-elliptic, sub-obtuse to acute deciduous floral bracts and simultaneously opening flowers.



Its common name is Motley's *Coelogyne* named for the English engineer who collected this species in the mid 1800's.

Photo source: <https://www.orchidstudygroup.org.uk/james-motley-the-life-story-of-a-collector-and-naturalist/>

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
The Editor
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Next meeting Tuesday 13 September