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Anne O'Callaghan Award September 2022
Dendrobium speciosum
Murray

NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

13 September 2022 8.05pm

Present: 20 members as per register.

Apologies: 8 as per register.

Visitors: 2

New members:

Minutes: Acceptance of minutes from August meeting moved Ray, seconded John. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Adrian presented the finance report as at 31 July 2022. Acceptance moved Ray, seconded Arnold. Carried

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Updated membership list
- Perth Orchid Fair financial report.
- Associations on-line newsletter
- Harry Ashton – change to home visit date
- Members – display plants for Perth Orchid Fair
- Graham – terrestrial orchids for AOCC promotion
- Jane – September monthly sale plant

Outwards:

- Outwards: Busselton and Districts Orchid Society – ISODW dinner bookings
- Committee – draft committee meeting agenda and minutes, Perth Orchid Fair committee minutes, draft GM agenda and minutes, Associations on-line newsletter, City of Canning booking renewal, GCA AGM agenda and papers, Perth Orchid Fair financial report
- All members – passing of Life Member Tony.

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

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

AOCC & Perth International Orchid Fair 2024

- Ken advised members that he, Bruce and Tony had attended the AOCC in Brisbane to promote the Perth International Orchid Fair. The bid from Northern Districts Orchid Society to host the 2024 AOCC was endorsed.
- The display attracted considerable attention with many registrants and show visitors expressing their interest in coming to Perth for the event and the pre- and post-conference tours to see Western Australian terrestrial orchids.

ISODW 2022 Report

- Ken reported that the 2022 ISODW hosted by Busselton & Districts Orchid Society with eight societies staging displays was financially successful and members of other societies that attended were made very welcome and enjoyed the fellowship with other orchid growers.

Perth Orchid Fair 2022

- Ken reported that the Perth Orchid Fair 2022 was a successful event and generated \$570 profit share for the Species Orchid Society.
- But it was disappointing that so few members of the Species Society provided plants for the display and volunteered over the weekend. We do know that many members are also

members of other orchid societies and often committed to supporting those society's participation. However, staging these displays has now become a heavy burden for the few members that regularly do the work.

- In the new year, members will be asked whether the Society should participate in ISODW and POF in 2023. A decision to participate will have to include a commitment by members to display plants; to help plan, transport, set up and break down the display; and to volunteer to work at these events is essential.

September home visit

- The September home visit will be a guided walk at Kings Park coordinated by Jacqui Bateman. The meeting time is 10.00am, and we will meet at the Mia Mia near the Botanical Garden carpark off Forest Drive.
- Thanks to Rod Halliday for hosting the August home visit.

2023 Home Visit Program

- The last few months have seen a decline in home visit attendance. Members were asked whether they want to continue a monthly visit program, or would they be happy to have them less frequently. In general discussion, it was felt that the COVID-19 pandemic, lockdowns and inclement weather had influenced attendances, but that it was an important membership benefit, particularly for new members. It was agreed to revisit this in the new year.

Membership Dues

- The Society's financial year ended 28 February. You can pay the Treasurer or by EFT to the Society's bank account at

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

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Awarded to Murray for his plant of *Dendrobium speciosum*'

Raffle: Lina, Ken, Ian, John, Helen

Badge Prize: Lynne

Meeting closed: 9.35pm

See pages 6-7 for minutes of Special General Meeting

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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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 (dec'd) & 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.

- **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.

- **September home visit**

Thanks to Jacqui Bateman, 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.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

13 September 2022 07.43pm

A minutes silence was held in memory of our Life Member Tony before the SGM.

Present: 20 members as per register.

Apologies: 8 as per register.

Visitors: 2

Notice of Special General Meeting

The following notice was distributed to members:

In accordance with Rule 53 (2) and Rule 70, notice is hereby given of a Special General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 13 September to consider matters arising from a motion moved by Lina, seconded Tony at the general meeting held on Tuesday 12 July: The motion, carried on a show of hands was:

A Special General Meeting be scheduled for members to consider whether to change the registered Species Society rules to remove the requirement for review of the annual financial statements.

Ken

Secretary, Species Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

31 July 2022

Business

- -The Notice of Special General Meeting issued to members on 31 July 2022 advising that a Special General Meeting was scheduled for members to consider whether to change the registered Species Society rules to remove the requirement for review of the annual financial statements in accordance with the motion moved and seconded at the 12 July general meeting was read to members present.
- -Murray distributed a discussion document that he had prepared for the August committee meeting that clarified the issues that lead to the earlier discussions about the necessity to amend the society's rules. Several members indicated that this was helpful to them.
- -Adrian confirmed that the Species Society is a Tier 1 association, therefore there is no obligation for a formal audit as defined in the Associations Incorporation Act 2015. Recently, the income level for Tier 1 associations has been increased to \$250,000pa. He also noted that should a majority of members, or the Commissioner require an audit be conducted in accordance with the standard set out in the Act, then the Society must comply.
- -Following preliminary discussion about the pros and cons of changing the registered rules, taking account of the facts set out in Murray's summary, and that the rules include the words at rule 65(2)(b) "the review of the financial statement or financial report, as applicable" and the Act does not require the Society to do more than provide a financial report to members at the AGM, Graham stated that in his view there was no reason to make any change.
- Chris moved that the status quo be maintained, and rules remain as registered. The motion was seconded by Murray and was carried on a show of

hands.

- -Peter advised that his accountant was willing to review the society's financial statements at no charge. Adrian confirmed that complete financial records can be provided for this purpose.
- Peter further advised of his concern

that in the past, the review had been carried out by a member of the society, although not a committee member, and that any review should be performed by an independent person.

SGM closed: 8.04pm

Vale Tony

Tony and Mavis joined the Species Orchid Society in April 1996, and the management committee the following year until the present day. Both quickly became actively involved in all of the society's day-to-day activities. Tony served several terms as President, firstly in 1999 and then again in 2003 and subsequent years. They were made life members in 2014.

In 2002, Tony decided that we needed to establish an internet presence, and to make use of technology to communicate with members including the monthly newsletter, notices and other information. Tony set up the society's website in 2002. He also took on the responsibility of being our photographer at meetings. While freely giving their time and energy to the Species Society, Tony and Mavis were active members of the Wanneroo Joondalup Orchid Society where Tony was its President at the time of his death, Northern Districts Orchid Society and the Paphiopedilum Study Group, as well as being members of other local orchid societies.

Tony became a qualified orchid judge, and was a member of both the State and Southwest judging panels, and most recently, judged at the Brisbane AOCC. Tony was also a long-time member of the organising committee for most of the major orchid events in WA for the past 20 years. Some of the very successful events in which he was a major participant include the 2012 AOCC staged in Perth, several orchid spectaculars including the very successful WAOS at Observation Rise, Scarborough in 2017 and the World Orchid Conference bids lodged in Singapore (2012), South Africa (2014) and the successful bid submitted in Ecuador in 2017. He had responsibility for several activities including designing speaker programs and negotiating with speakers, attracting orchid and other vendors, event design, venue identification and negotiation, sourcing sponsorship and grant funding, marketing and recently, on-line event promotion.

In addition to all the other things that they did for orchid societies, Tony and Mavis planned and organised orchid trips to many south East Asian countries including Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Vietnam, Sabah and more. We were fortunate to be part of many of these trips with other orchid enthusiasts., and to take advantage of the opportunity to see orchids in the wild and purchase orchids which were able to be

Harry

Cattleya intermedia
Dendrobium jonesii

Murray & Arni

Dendrobium speciosum var. *grandiflorum*
Dendrobium speciosum var. *speciosum*

Graham & Margaret

Caladenia arenicola
Caladenia nobilis
Caladenia polychroma
Dendrobium gracilicaule
Microtis media
Pterostylis aff. *nana*

Ken & Chris

Bletilla striata
Cattleya loddigesii
Dendrobium x usitata
Dendrochilum cobbianum
Dendrochilum tenellum

Dendrochilum yuccaefolium
Maxillaria variabilis
Mormolyca ringens
Paphiopedilum gratixianum
Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum

Adrian & Dee

Dendrobium gracilicaule
Dendrobium linguiforme
Epigenium cymbidioides
Rhyncholaelia glauca

Tara

Dendrobium biggibum

Courtney

Cymbidium sinense 'Hong Yu'
Dendrobium tetragonum

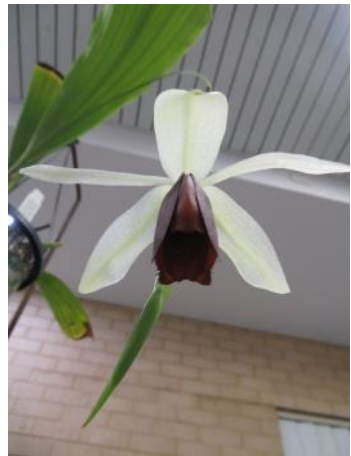
Siva

Clowesia warczewitzii
Coelogyne usitana

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED September 2022



Caladenia arenicola
Graham & Margaret



Coelogyne usitana
Siva



Dendrobium jonesii
Harry



Rhyncholaelia glauca
Adrian & Dee

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED September 2022



Cattleya intermedia
Harry



Dendrobium x usitae
Ken & Chris

quarantined at our private quarantine facility in Henley Brook.

The success of Tony's Tours can best be measured by the fact that the boxes of orchids being imported often took up much of the luggage allowance on the return trip. Tony established relationships with suppliers, and in Thailand, Peter Williams who guided visits to local nurseries and to see orchids in the wild. Chris and I, and Bruce and Kaye feel privileged to have been part of these trips, and will not forget the great experiences.



Similarly, we will not forget the wonderful experience of travelling to Peru and Ecuador in 2017 to the World Orchid Conference with Tony, Mavis and daughter Jenny. We will miss him as an exceptional travel companion.

It is said that we often do not realise how much someone else does until they stop doing it. Tony was that someone else for the Species Orchid Society and Wanneroo/Joondalup Orchid Society. Only now, do I and others appreciate just how much Tony did for us without complaint and without being asked to do it. Not only have we lost a valued member of our society, we have lost a special friend.

On Tuesday 20 September, with many orchid enthusiasts in attendance, we celebrated the remarkable and interesting life of our dear friend Tony.

Ken & Chris Jones

MONTHLY PLANT

Brassavola nodosa

Country of origin: Central and northern South America

Description: Terete-leaved species most suitable for slab mounting .

Difficulty: .While it comes from low altitudes, this species does well in shadehouse culture

Cost: \$15.00

This month's near flowering size plant was grown for us by Tony and are cuttings from his large plant of this species.

Brassavola nodosa [L.]Lindley 1831 *Subgenus Brassavola* Section *Cuneilabia* comes from Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Caymans, Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire, Puerto Rico, French Guiana, Surinam, Guyana, Venezuela, Colombia and Brazil where it grows from sea level to 500m.

It is medium sized, hot growing epiphyte or lithophyte with cylindrical, short stems enveloped by scarious sheaths with a single, sub-terete, sulcate, acute-apiculate leaf. This species has a pleasant citrus fragrance at night and the flowers are close to 10cm in size. Flowering is predominantly in spring, summer and autumn but is possible throughout the year. Flowers are carried on a 20cm long, bracteate inflorescence arising from a newly maturing pseudobulb, carrying up to 6 flowers.



Photo source: <https://www.gardenia.net/plant/brassavola%20nodosa>

This species is said to be salt-tolerant and have been observed growing on the roots of mangroves in Cozumel, Mexico at sea level where the ocean occasionally can splash them.

This species will grow well on a mount of well-matured hardwood, natural cork or similar, however attach it to a large mount as it once established, it grows rapidly. It is generally resistant to most insect pests and pathogens.



Photo source: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/orphotdir/brassavolanodos.jpg>

Orchids in Colour: White - Harry

When naming orchid species, many early botanists found inspiration from Greek and Latin words that described distinctive qualities of the orchids flowers or foliage. With many orchids showcasing spectacular variation in pigments, it's no surprise that colours were frequently implicated in the naming of orchid species. Many orchid growers are familiar with the Latin word for white, *albus*. Orchid enthusiasts have historically added the word 'variety' *alba* or 'forma' *alba* to describe the white forms of various species- for example, *Cattleya purpurata* var. *alba*, and while taxonomists don't like the terminology, it does provide useful information when buying plants that are not in flower. A close look at some of the names of naturally white orchid species reveals that *album* is not the only word used to denote white flowers. A number of other words have been used to describe qualities of white flowers, perhaps with greater exactitude.

Niveus is a Latin word meaning snowy, snow white or covered in snow. This is the inspiration for the naming of orchid species such as *Paphiopedilum niveum*, the Snow White Paphiopedilum, and *Sarcochilus niveus*.



Paphiopedilum niveum



Sarcochilus niveus

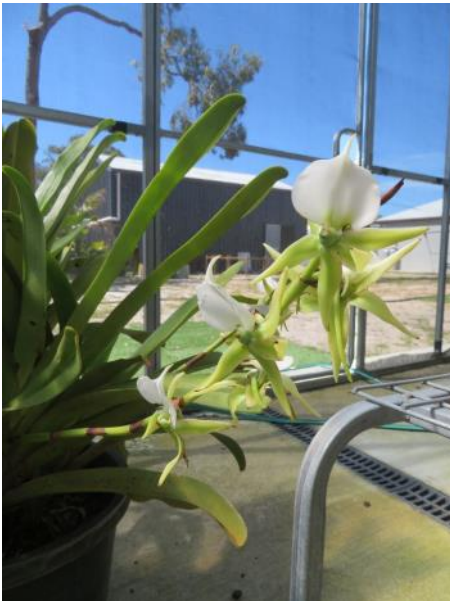
Leukos is the Greek word for white, and also appears in orchid names (such as *Oncidium leucochilum*, the white lipped *Oncidium*), *Caladenia leucochila* and *Paphiopedilum leucochilum*.



Caladenia leucochila

Candidus is a Latin word referring to white with a bright, shining or even transparent quality, as is the case of *Stanhopea candida*, the 'Snow White' *Stanhopea* (with a common name like this, perhaps *Stanhopea niveum* would be more appropriate!)

Eburneus is the Latin word describing the colour of ivory, and describes several ivory-white orchids such as *Cymbidium eburneum*, the Ivory Coloured Cymbidium, and *Angraecum eburneum*.



Lacteus is the Latin word for milky, and this is used to describe the colour of *Coelogyne lactea*, the Milk White Coelogyne.

What orchid species do you have in flower, and where do their names come from?

Article and photos *Paphiopedilum niveum*, *Sarcochilus niveus* and *Caladenia leucochila* courtesy Harry; photo *Angraecum eburneum* Ken

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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 10 October