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Anne O'Callaghan Award May 2023
Cattleya cernua
Joel

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 13 June

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

9 May 2023 8.15 pm

Present: 23 members as per register.

Apologies: 8 as per register.

Visitors: Nil

New members: Nil

Minutes: Acceptance of minutes from April meeting moved Lee-Anne, seconded Helen. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Adrian presented the financial report. The balance at 30 April was \$7,012.57 Acceptance of correspondence report moved John, seconded Lynn.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Draft Orchids WA meeting minutes
- Committee members – additions/ amendments to draft agendas and minutes
- Microsoft Non-profit – further information required for support application
- Paul – updated membership list, amendments to website
- Bruce - Perth Orchid Fair financial arrangements
- Gary – corrections to display plant names, website articles etc.
- OSWA – reminder about ISODW payment and dinner bookings
- Mich – advice from Orchid Review UK re changes to magazine production
- Adrian – SOSWA plants collected from Peter, clash of dates/times for Committee meeting and Paphiopedilum Study Group
- Bruce – flask list from Foliage Plus (Paul Smith) Queensland

Outwards:

- Committee – draft GM minutes, draft committee minutes, draft GM agenda, committee and general meeting minutes.
- May newsletter to members, AGM agenda, AGM 2022 draft minutes.
- Tara, Adrian second chance plants
- Microsoft Non-profit – further data supplied

Acceptance of correspondence report moved Lee-Anne, seconded Helen. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

Members coping with illness - Peter & Charly

Lynn advised that Peter is in hospital and is seriously unwell with suspected brain lesions. He is to be transferred to a teaching hospital for further treatment. She and Jane are visiting him and are looking after his orchids which are in poor condition. Adrian confirmed that he had recently collected all the plants he could identify as belonging to SOSWA.

Bruce advised members that Charly has been seriously unwell for several months, and while undergoing tests has also had COVID. Gerda is also unwell. Jane has been assisting him and has assisted him in selling some of his plants. SOSWA member Margaret is apparently interested in purchasing the *Bulbophyllum* collection.

Inter Society Orchid Display & Workshop

The 2023 ISODW to be held at Manning Community Centre, 2 Conochie Crescent,

Manning, with set up on Saturday 5th August and open to the public on the Sunday 6th. The cost of the dinner is \$50 per head. OS-WA requires societies to RSVP numbers and payment by 1 June 2023. Harry confirmed that the dinner would be spit roast meats and salads.

Perth Orchid Fair

The Perth Orchid Fair will be held at John Septimus Roe College, Mirrabooka on 2nd-3rd September with set up in the afternoon of Friday 1st.

Members were informed that the event will be strongly promoted as an opportunity to purchase flowering size orchids (advertising flyers prepared by Helen are now available for distribution and members are encouraged to take some and place them in shops and other places where they can be seen by the general public.

Members are encouraged to prepare both sale and display plants for this event.

We are committed to providing \$300 seed funding for the event and will share in any profits generated (in 2022 we received nearly \$450 in addition to the \$300 seed funding provided).

A roster will be prepared, and you will be asked to commit to volunteering at this event.

2025 Perth International Orchid Fair and AOC Conference

Members were advised that as the organising committee was unable to secure a suitable venue on the preferred early September 2024 date, and at a cost that could be accommodated in our budget, the AOC Conference has been postponed to 2025.

Even another year out, finding a suitable venue is still proving to be a challenge. Bruce advised members that the PCEC presently has a booking for our preferred

2025 date, and that the PCEC venue hire cost has risen by about \$8,000 (on top of the \$75,000 quoted for 2024). We will continue to look for alternative venues that can meet our needs but are very aware that we cannot obtain any funding for this event from Lotterywest. Bruce also advised members that Lotterywest have expressed concerns about Orchids WA capacity to undertake and manage the Orchid Hub project to which funding has been committed. Bruce will seek further clarification about their concerns and investigate possible options to address same for consideration at the next Orchids WA meeting.

The Perth Orchid Fair in September will be used as a guide to the level of WA orchid society and public support for such events. This is vital as we are seeing substantial increases in venue and other event costs following the COVID pandemic. Developing a balanced budget that at the very least generates sufficient income to meet all known expenses is proving challenging. Those of us presently carrying the planning workload are concerned at the lack of interest from Orchids WA membership clubs, and perhaps public. We will continue to update members on progress over the next few months.

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Awarded to Joel for *Cattleya cernua*

Raffle: Arnold, Diane, Ian (2), Bruce

Badge Prize: Lee-Anne

Meeting closed: 9. 05 pm

NOTICEBOARD

FORTH-COMING EVENTS

Home visits:

At 10 am on Sundays. Please bring chairs and food to share. The next home visit is scheduled for: TBA

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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Maxine	Mavis

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 (dec'd) & Mavis
- Barry (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

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- **ISODW**

The ISODW hosted by the Orchid Society of WA in Manning is now fast approaching. Members are requested to prepare plants for the SOSWA display, (set up on Saturday 5 August) and sale to the general public on Sunday 6 August.

- **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 needs monthly sale plants (minimum of 20 plants) and raffle plants. Please us know if you have plants for sale.

- **Misnamed Monthly Display Plants**

From time-to-time, we all bring plants to our monthly meetings for display, and present them as a species orchid because that is what we purchased them as. However, as we all acquire our species orchids from a variety of sources, sometimes they are misnamed, or are hybrids. We are fortunate that Gary Yong Gee reviews the photos we post on our website, and will advise when he finds a plant that is misidentified. The owner of the plant is advised, and your Committee has decided that where the plant is in fact a hybrid, the photo will be removed from the website section where the photos of plants displayed are posted.

- **Annual Membership**

Individual member \$20, family \$30. You can pay the Treasurer at a meeting, or transfer payment by EFT to the Society's account at Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000, account 122491988 including your surname.

President's Report AGM May 2023

Dear Members.

My time as President for another year has passed though not completely incident free. I would like to firstly thank you all for your continued support of our unique species society and look forward to your continued support over the continuing years. We have had the added strain of the Covid19 continuing to make matters awkward for all of us but express my thanks to all of you for your continued efforts in maintaining a safe environment for all members. Please all keep in mind that the Covid19 will be around for a long time to come so please always consider the health and safety of those around you.

I would firstly like to thank Murray for accepting the role as Vice President and almost immediately being cast into the leading role when my health took a turn for the worst. Murray has again had to take a leading roll with my recent dose of Covid so a huge thank you to you Murray, with Arni's support, for your efforts. How inconsiderate of me taking ill.

My thanks go to all committee members for their contributions to the running of SOSWA and the behind-the-scenes work that keeps the society in the strong position we have maintained for over 30 years now. Ken who as secretary and our monthly magazine caretaker contributes far more hours into the running of our society than you could possibly imagine in having to completely rebuild our web page and the recent hours involved in the ABN application for SOSWA. With the unfortunate passing of great friend and life member Tony it left a huge hole not just in the Species Orchid Society but with other clubs also. It's so sad that it takes Tony's passing to make us fully aware of his contribution, not just to SOSWA, but to the orchid world of the huge impact he had on all of us.

Our Web page has had to be completely reconstructed and has taken hundreds of hours for Paul to get it up and running and get our own domain registered to prevent any future failures. Although Paul has health issues that prevent him getting to the monthly meeting most of you would be unaware of many other behind the scenes duties Paul makes throughout the year so thank you Paul.

The continuing efforts of our kitchen staff in Margaret and Ian have almost got back to normal after the restraints of the Covid19 have been eased. We thank them for their continuing efforts for the 19 years I've personally been a member and may there be many more years ahead of them. The raffle ticket ladies in Dee, Mavis and Chris, I thank you for your continued assistance and

keep up the good work.

There have been extensive efforts in the purchasing of new plants for the society and we now have many plants growing from flask and some seedlings from limited orchid nurseries, so we all need to appreciate the efforts of those that assist SOSWA with ongoing difficulty in getting plants into Western Australia. We try our best to supply the members with a new species each month as we have done for many years although unfortunately there has been a couple of months where we've been unable to make this possible. These orchids are more than often sold to the members at cost or slightly elevated although those that grow them on charge no extra for the cost of growing, caring and providing the monthly sales plant.

To all in the Species Orchid Society of WA family I wish you well for the coming year and hope that, if possible, you could find the time to join the committee, which only meets 7 times a year on a Sunday morning and assist in running our unique society. Although we have reduced the number of monthly home visits always feel free to put you hand up and welcome all to your home to see how you go about cultivating your orchids but more importantly enjoy the social activity of sharing with friends with similar interests.

Yours sincerely.

Adrian, President / Treasurer to SOSWA

Harry

Dendrobium bigibbum

Ken & Chris

Cattleya lobata coerulea

Cattleya maxima

Coelogyne spp

Dendrobium mortii

Elleanthus amethystinus

Guarianthe bowringiana coerulea

Phalaenopsis pulcherrima

Renanthera matutina

Adrian & Dee

Cattleya perrinii

Dendrobium bigibbum

Dendrobium lichenastrum

Dendrobium rigida

Paphiopedilum charlesworthii

Bruce

Sigmatostalix radicans

Joel

Cattleya cernua

Zelenkoa onusta

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED May 2023



Guarianthe bowringiana
Ken & Chris



Renanthera matutina
Ken & Chris



Sigmatostalix radicans
Bruce



Elleanthus amethystinus
Ken & Chris

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED May 2023



Zelenkoa onusta
Joel



Dendrobium rigida
Adrian & Dee

The Subtribe Pleurothalidinae (cont'd from May)

Octomeria gracilis Lodd. ex Lindl. Comes from south-eastern and southern Brazil in primary forests above 1,200m as a miniature sized, cool growing epiphyte with stiff ramicauls carrying a single, almost terete dark green leaf. Flowering on a fascicle of 3-6 single flowered inflorescence. It is distinguished from other of the genus by the straight leaves and its small delicate nature. Its common name is the Beautiful Octomeria. Synonyms are *Octomeria gracilis* var. *crassifolia* Hoehne 1937; *Octomeria gracilis* var. *paulensis* Schltr. 1922; *Octomeria semiteres* Regel 1856



Photos source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/137306/species/?tab=sum>



Octomeria grandiflora Lindl. 1842 comes from Nicaragua, Trinidad and Tobago, French Guiana, Guyana, Surinam, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Brazil where it grows as a medium sized hot to cool growing epiphyte in wet forests at 100-2,500m. This mat-forming species is the largest of the genus both vegetatively and florally. Terete below and laterally compressed above tufted stems carrying single, apical, linear-lanceolate to narrowly linear-rhombic leaves that are coriaceous to rigid and leathery. The variable colour single flowers in autumn through spring are carried on a very short, fasciculate, several flowered, axillary inflorescences arising from mature ramicauls with papery bracts carrying the single flowers at the base of the leaf.

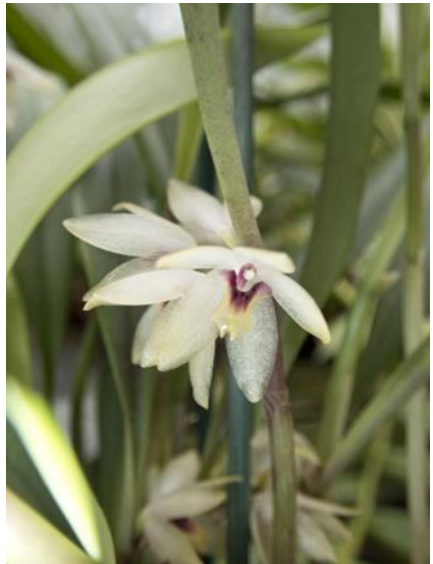
Its common name is the Large-Flowered Octomeria. Synonyms are *Octomeria arcuata* Rolfe 1909; *Octomeria boliviensis* Rolfe 1907; *Octomeria grandiflora* var. *robusta* (Barb.Rodr.) Cogn. 1896; *Octomeria grandiflora* var. *seegeriana* (Kraenzl.) Cogn. 1896; *Octomeria lobulosa* Rchb.f. 1858; *Octomeria ruthiana* Hoehne 1937; *Octomeria robusta* Barb. Rodr. 1881; *Octomeria robusta* Rchb.f. & Warm. 1881; *Octomeria seegeriana*



Kraenzl. 1892; *Octomeria similis* Schltr. 1922; *Octomeria surinamensis* Focke 1849.

Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/137309/species/?tab=sum>

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In situ photo source: <https://inaturalist.ca/taxa/566140-Octomeria-grandiflora>

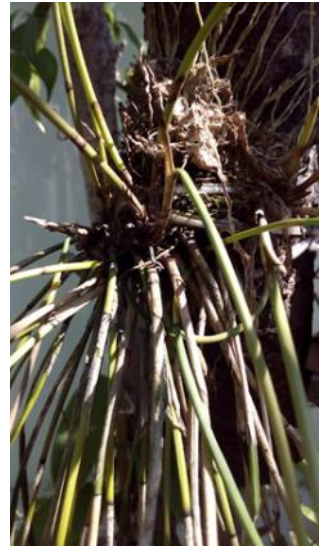
Octomeria hatschbachii Schltr. 1926 found in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Parana and Santa Catarina states of Brazil where it grows as an epiphyte in the seasonally dry tropical biome. Its common name is Hatschbach's Octomeria named for the Brazilian 1900's orchid collector.



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

Octomeria juncifolia Barb.

Rodr. 1881 comes from the Atlantic forest in southeast Brazil where it grows in shaded, humid places as a medium sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte flowering in autumn on short, several flowered



inflorescences holding the flowers close to the leaf base. It can be distinguished by the straight leaves, large strong plants and obtuse petals and tri-lobed lip. Its common name is the Reed-Leafed



Octomeria. Synonyms are *Octomeria juncifolia* var. *minor* Cogn. 1896; *Octomeria juncifolia* var. *revoluta* Barb.Rodr. 1881.

Photo source: <https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z/letter-o/octomeria.aspx>

In situ photo source: <https://diariodoorquidofilo.com.br/octomeria-juncifolia/>

Octomeria linearifolia Barb.Rodr. comes from Pernambuco to Parana' States of Brazil in the



Mata Atlântica where it grows as an epiphyte in the wet tropical Riparian Forest or Ombróphyllous Forest. Its common name is the Linear-Leafed Octomeria. This species can be distinguished by the linear leaves. The synonym is *Octomeria bradei*.

Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/compare/?pid=137328&role=>



In situ photo source: <http://floradobrasil.jbrj.gov.br/reflora/listaBrasil>

Octomeria portillae Luer & Hirtz 2004 is found in Ecuador at 1,500m as a mini-miniature sized, cool growing epiphyte with slender, erect, ramicauls enveloped by 5 shredded, tubular sheaths carrying a single, apical, erect, coriaceous, narrowly elliptical, subacute leaf. Flowering in autumn occurs on a congested 1mm fascicle with a simultaneously several flowered inflorescence with dry imbricating floral bracts. Its common name is Portilla's Octomeria named for Pepe Portilla, the proprietor of

Ecuagenera Nursery. "It is similar florally and vegetatively to *Octomeria parvula* but differs in the broader lip with low rounded, lateral lobes and a short, broad claw instead of a narrower lip with erect, lateral lobes and a narrower longer claw in *Octomeria*

parvula." Luer 2010. There are two more species from the Andes with narrow leaves less than 1cm wide, *Octomeria doucetiana* and *Octomeria moscosoae*.



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 \$14.00 or magnet fastening \$16.00 [*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 \$14.00 or magnet fastening \$16.00. [*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
210 Hermitage Drive, The Vines WA 6069

Next meeting Tuesday 13 June

MONTHLY PLANT

Oncidium flexuosum

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Country of origin: Brazil & Argentina
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Description: Vigorous small yellow - flowered 'dancing lady' species
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Difficulty: Requires bright light, good air movement and is suitable for shadehouse culture.
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Cost: \$5.00

Oncidium flexuosum C. Loddiges 1820 , common name the Bent Oncidium is principally a Brazilian species. These near flowering size plants are divisions of an overgrown plant that was divided earlier this year.

This species from the coastal strip and mountains of Brazil and Argentina is a small to medium sized cool to hot growing epiphyte where it grows from sea level to 1,200m in coastal rain forests.

Flowering in autumn and winter occurs on up to 30cm ascending, zig-zag branches with up to 10 small yellow flowers. On large plants, each branch can rebranch with up to 7 secondary branches.

I have found that this species seems generally resistant to many of the orchid pests and diseases that seem to affect our exotic orchids and the original plants survived at least two years of neglect while we built a new home in the Vines, moved in and erected a hothouse and shadehouse. It has been grown in a shadehouse with a solar weave cover under the shade cloth.