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Anne O'Callaghan Award August 2023
Paphiopedilum fairrieianum
Norm

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 12 September

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

8 August 2023 7.45pm

Present: 23 members as per register.

Apologies: 6 as per register.

Visitors: 1

New members: 2

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

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Adrian presented the financial report. The balance at 31 July was \$5,480.78

Acceptance of financial report moved Ray seconded Helen. Carried.

Business Arising: Adrian advised that the high expenditure of \$1,890 was the result of purchasing seedlings from Barrita Orchids, a new PA system and membership subscriptions paid to external organisations.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Committee members – additions/ amendments to draft agendas and minutes
- Mich – SOSWA apparel
- Adrian – display plant photos, SOSWA ISODW display information
- Paul – updating promotional information, newsletter on-line, SOSWA ISODW display
- Orchids WA meeting agenda and reports
- Membership invoice from Orchids WA
- Murray – ISODW venue access
- Members – advice of orchids for ISODW display

Outwards:

- Committee – draft GM minutes, draft

committee minutes, draft GM agenda, committee and general meeting minute, Orchids WA GM agenda and reports.

- Adrian and Paul – arrangements for SOSWA ISODW display
- Paul – request to update information in SOSWA promotional handout, PDF newsletter to be added to website
- August newsletter to members

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

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

Inter Society Orchid Display and Workshop – 5/6 August 2023

Adrian acknowledged the work performed by Paul to modify the display, and thanked members who provided plants and helped stage the display. He acknowledged that the display framework used for ISODW was awkward and difficult to move, and this was most probably the last time it would be used as it was becoming increasingly difficult to transport and set up. However, many positive comments were received from visitors to the event about our display, and the benefit of the way in which plants were displayed that enabled them to be properly viewed.

Ken advised members that as we age, Paul, Adrian and he are less able to carry all the responsibility for planning and staging displays, whether they be at ISODW, POF or other events. If SOSWA is to continue to support these events by staging displays, other members will need to accept some responsibility for planning

and staging them.

Perth Orchid Fair -2/3 September 2023

Adrian advised that set up will be in the afternoon of Friday 1st and the Fair will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. It was acknowledged that this date coincides with shows staged by OSWA, Peel Orchid Society and Bunbury Orchid Society and that many members might also have commitments to those events. However, any assistance that you can offer to help us stage a successful event is appreciated.

If you will have plants for the display, please provide details to Ken by 25 August to allow him time to prepare name tags.

Adrian reminded members that this event will be widely promoted as an opportunity to purchase flowering size orchids. If you are planning to sell orchids, please contact Ken by phone or e-mail for plant sale sheets.

The volunteer roster is here tonight. If you can assist in staging this event, please add your name to the roster.

Monthly Plant purchases

We collected the species seedlings from Barrita Orchids at ISODW and we will be selling *Brassavola perrinii* at \$15 tonight. Unfortunately, we only have 15 plants which was all that Barrita Orchids could supply (this also applies to the other species seedlings we purchased).

Adrian advised that one of the seedlings ordered was not supplied as when the box was unpacked on Saturday, a hybrid *Ascofinetia* was included in place of *Vanda falcata*. The plants were returned to Scott on Sunday, and he will send us a refund.

Sales plant notes

The sale plant notes for July and August were e-mailed to members on Sunday, and hard copies were available for members receiving

newsletters by post.

Anne O'Callaghan award

Adrian advised that for many years, Ken and more recently, the President had chosen a plant from those displayed for this award that recognises cultural achievement. That is, it should not be the biggest and showiest flowers, rather, a species that is known to be challenging to grow and flower. Members were asked whether they would like to participate in this process by making it a popular vote? Members welcomed the opportunity to do so, and the Adrian confirmed that the committee would discuss at their meeting later this month and develop a simple process for this.

Monthly newsletter

One member advised that they did not receive the plant notes attached to the e-mail sent on Sunday. If you are receiving the e-mails from secretary@speciesorchidsocietywa.com but not the attached files, please let Ken know so that the problem can be investigated.

Other General Business: Nil

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Awarded to Norm for *Paphiopedilum fairrieatum*

Raffle: Bruce, Murray, Graham, Lee-Anne, Ian

Badge Prize: Siva

Meeting closed: 9.05pm

NOTICEBOARD

FORTH-COMING EVENTS

Home visits:

While generally held at 10 am on Sundays, the next visit will be to King's Park for a guided orchid walk with Jacqui at 12.00 midday on Sunday 24 September. We will meet at the steps near the cafeteria.

MARKETPLACE - FOR SALE/WANTED

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

2016 Tom & Pat

2017 Charly & Gerda

2018 Paul

2020 Adrian & Deanna

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

- **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.

Inter Society Orchid Display and Workshop / Perth Orchid Fair

Thanks to all those members who supplied plants for our display at the recent ISODW hosted by OSWA, and to Paul and Adrian and Ken who planned, transported and set up the display, and with help from Graham and Murray disassembled it at the end of the event. The display was appreciated by many of the general public who attended and we have two new members as a result, with another interested visitor who came to our August general meeting.



Also thanks to Paul who constructed and transported the Perth Orchid Fair, Mirrabooka display; and Adrian, Graham, Jordana, Lee-Anne, Lynn and Ken who helped stage our display. General public attendance on Saturday was good, although Sunday was quiet. However we sold nearly all of the members orchids on the sale tables, and all our vendors were pleased with their results.

MONTHLY PLANT

Dendrobium teretifolium

Country of origin: Queensland and New South Wales

Description: Terete leaf Dendrobium.

Difficulty: Relatively easy to grow in shadehouse culture.



Cost: \$10.00

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drobium teretifolium (R. Br.) Brieger 1981 is this month's sale plant purchased from Barrita Orchids. Its common names are the rat's tail orchid and the bridal veil orchid

This species can be found in Queensland and New South Wales at low elevation (less than 1,000m) in mangroves and primary and secondary rainforests along stream banks, rivers, lakes or swamps.

It is a pendant, cool to hot growing epiphyte or occasional lithophyte and forms large pendulous clumps up to 3m in length. Most often, it is found growing on Casuarina trees..

Flowering from winter to the end of spring (most prolific in spring), the slender up to 30cm branching few to several spidery cream-white flowered inflorescences arise from near the leaf bases or from the rhizome. The flowers are said to be strongly fragrant, somewhat reminiscent of licorice. This species is less suitable for

Photo source: <http://marniturkel.com/mostlyspecies/f.d.teret.1018.html>

pot culture given the pendant foliage, and if you are able, will grow more prolifically on a suitable mount. Casuarina, natural cork or well weathered hardwood are suitable.



In situ

photo: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/440367669791088899/>

The Subtribe Pleurothaliinae (cont'd from August)

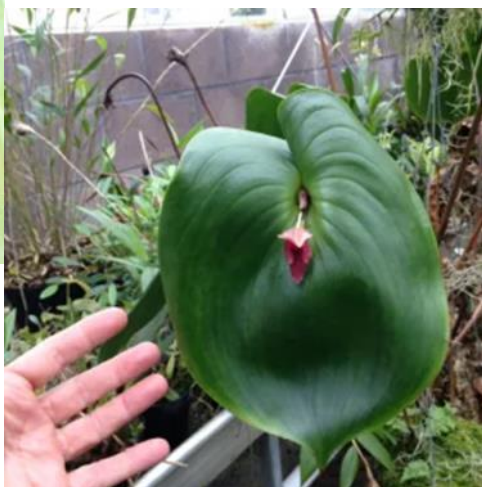
Pleurothallis gargantua Luer 1996 comes from Ecuador where it grows as a large sized, warm to cool growing terrestrial orchid on steep forests at 1,500 – 2,500m. Stout, erect ramicauls enveloped by 3-4 tubular sheaths carry single, apical, spreading, coriaceous, (leatherlike appearance) broadly ovate, acute leaves. Flowering in winter and spring occurs on a short fascicle of successive single flowered inflorescences arising through a spathe at the leaf base, holding the flower close against the base of the leaf. This species flower is the largest of the genus. Its giant leafed relatives are *Pleurothallis imperialis*, *Pleurothallis reginae*, *Pleurothallis colossus* and *Pleurothallis teaguei*. Its common name is the Giant Pleurothallis.

Synonyms are *Acronia gargantua* and *Zosterophyllanthos gargantua*.

Photo source: <https://orchidroots.com/detail/159958/species/?tab=sum>



Photo illustrating leaf size source: <https://wsbeorchids.org/2017/365-days-of-orchids-day-62-pleurothallis-gargantua/>



Pleurothallis gelida Lindl. 1841 can be found in Florida, Mexico, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago, Windward Islands, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Brazil as a medium sized, warm to cold growing, densely caespitose (growing in clusters or large mats) epiphyte on steep slopes in wet montane forests at 200 – 2,300m. Erect partially enveloped stout ramicauls carry single, apical, erect, leathery, nerved (veined) leaves. Flowering in spring and summer occurs on several 15cm many [30-35] successively flowered inflorescence carrying delicately fragrant flowers. Luer 2000 says this species is “characterized by the large robust habit with stout ramicauls (stems with single leaves) bearing a large leaf and usually more than one raceme of

Harry

Cattleya loddigesii
Cymbidium erythrostylum
Dendrobium moniliforme
Epidendrum elongatum

Graham & Margaret

Caladenia arenicola
Diuris magnifica
Pterostylis vittata

Ken & Chris

Brasiliorchis schunkeana
Bulbophyllum arfakianum
Coelogyne luzonensis
Coelogyne nivea
Coelogyne saccolabia
Coelogyne wenzelii
Epigenium cymbidioides
Epigenium nakahari
Masdevallia atahualpa

Oncidium sotoanum
Zelenkoa onusta
Zootrophion atropurpureum

Adrian & Dee

Paphiopedilum liemianum
Paphiopedilum wardii

Norm

Paphiopedilum fairrieianum
Paphiopedilum gratixianum
Paphiopedilum villosum
Paphiopedilum wardii

Siva

Cattleya trianae

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED August 2023



Epigenium nakahari
Ken & Chris Jones



Zootrophion atropurpureum
Ken & Chris Jones



Paphiopedilum wardii
Norm, Adrian & Dee



Caladenia arenicola
Graham & Margaret

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED August 2023



Diuris magnifica
Graham & Margaret Bowden



Paphiopedilum villosum
Norm Stockton

numerous whitish to greenish flowers. The sepals are obtuse and densely pubescent (short hairs on the leaf and stem surface)inside. The petals are thin and obtuse. The lip is also thin with a pair of parallel calli in the middle third. The apex is more or less broadly truncate." Its common name is the Frosty Pleurothallis from the Latin for cold in an allusion to the frosty appearance of the flowers. This species has many synonyms.

Photo source: <https://orquidarioemanuel.com.br/produto/pleurothallis-gelida/>

In situ photo source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/andreaskay/6899093716/>



Pleurothallis melanochthoda Luer & Hirtz 1996 (now recognised as *Acianthera melanochthoda* (Luer & Hirtz) Pridgeon & M.W.Chase) comes from the Morona-Santiago province of eastern Ecuador and Peru where it grows as a mini-miniature sized, cool growing, repent epiphyte in wet montane forests at 1,000m. Stout erect ramicauls enveloped by 1-2 inflated sheaths carry single, green leaves covered with warty blacky spots. Flowering in spring occurs on a very short raceme that arises from the base of the leaf through a crested, loose spathe (the bract enclosing the flower). The single flowered inflorescence has thin, shorter than the pedicel, floral bracts.

"This species is related to *Pleurothallis testifolia* but can be identified by the creeping habit with rigid, elliptical leaves covered by small, black warts. Although superficially similar, the sepals are extremely thick and very acute instead of obtuse and rounded. The petals and lip are basically similar, but the calli of the lip are erect and well developed and the fimbriate margins of the lip are less developed." Luer 2007. It is also "similar to *Pleurothallis deuterohirtzii* but differs with its smaller habit with leaves with unraised spots, instead of warts; shortly acuminate sepals; narrowly oblong petals; and a lip with greatly reduced spicules." Luer 2013.



Its common names is the Black Warted Pleurothallis.

Photo source: <https://www.orchidsforum.com/threads/pleurothallis-melanochthoda.15928/>

In situ photo by John Varigos

Photo source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/jvinoz/7156912302>



Pleurothallis nephroglossa Schltr. 1921 comes from Ecuador where it can be found as a small sized, cold growing epiphyte at 2,750 – 3,100m. Stout, suberect to horizontal, leathery cordate stems carry leaves attached directly to the stem. Flowering in winter and spring occurs on a 5mm single [sometimes 2 to simultaneously] flowered inflorescence arising from, and enveloped completely through a reclining spathe.



Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/information/?pid=160487&role=pub>



In situ photo source: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/222506037826636577/>

Pleurothallis niveoglobula Luer 1975 comes from the Pastaza, Morona-Santiago , Zamora-Chinchiipe and Napo provinces of Ecuador as a miniature sized, warm to cool growing, densely caespitose epiphyte in cloud forests at 500 - 1,650m. Erect, slender, laterally compressed stems, subtended by 2 to 3 sheaths carry leathery, spreading, pointed leaves attached to the stem. Flowering throughout the year occurs on an erect-arcuate, downwards growing fascicle of successively single, few flowered inflorescences with short floral bracts. This species is "Distinguished by the tiny glabrous, snow-white

flowers, suborbicular, deeply concave sepals and a simple ovate lip." Luer 1989. Its common name is the Spherical-White Pleurothallis.



Photo source: <https://www.ecuagenera.com/Pleurothallis-niveoglobula/en>



In situ photo source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/andreaskay/11657930973>

Pleurothallis palliolata Ames 1922 comes from Costa Rica and Panama where it grows as a small sized, warm to cool growing, caespitose epiphyte at 1,200 - 2,100m Slender, suberect to horizontal stems enveloped by tubular sheaths carry leathery ovate, acute, leaves attached to the stem cordate (heart shaped) leaves. Flowering throughout the year occurs on fascicles that arise through a narrow spathe of the leaf. Successive single [sometimes two] flowered inflorescences have long tubular floral bracts and the pink flower rests on the leaf. This species is easily distinguished by the large, not widely open flower with a deeply concave dorsal sepal and a synsepal that is concave below the middle to accommodate the comparatively large lip with 2 pairs of calli surrounded by the falcate, fringed petals. Its common name is the Pale Sided

Pleurothallis.

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



Pleurothallis pectinata Lindl. 1839 comes from Bolivia and Brazil at 370 – 600m where it grows as a miniature to small hot to warm growing, shortly repent (creeping along the ground) epiphyte. Erect, apically widening stems carrying a single apical round leaves. Flowering occurs in autumn and winter on short, arising through a spathe, on distichous (leaves/flowers arranged on opposite sides of the stem), simultaneously many flowered inflorescences. Its common name is the Comb-Like Pleurothallis.

Photo source: <https://powo.science.kew.org/taxon/urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:1041190-2>



Alba form photo source: <https://orquidarioemanuel.com.br/produto/pleurothallis-pectinata-var-alba/>



Pleurothallis restrepioides Lindl. 1837 is found in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru in wet montane forests at 800 – 2,900m as a medium sized, cold to warm growing, densely tufted epiphyte or terrestrial on steep slopes. Short rhizomes have erect, elongated or pendant stems enveloped by tubular sheaths. They carry single elliptic leaves that gradually narrow into the conduplicate (folded lengthwise) petiolate (having a leaf stalk) leaf. Flowering in winter occurs on several, multi flowered inflorescences arising the base of the leaf. The inflorescence has loose flower bracts, is suberect and up to 30 cm long, and has smelling, pendant flowers all held all to one side of the inflorescence well above the leaves.

Luer 1996 wrote ""*Pleurothallis restrepioides* is a handsome species with large, glossy, elliptical leaves surpassed by one or two racemes of several to many large, purple-spotted flowers with the protruding apical half of the lip tubular from the revolute sides. The margins of the lip above the middle are minutely denticulate, below the middle the margins are erect, smooth and membranous." Its common name is the Restrepia-Like Pleurothallis.

Cont'd in October

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.

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Next meeting Tuesday 12 September