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Anne O'Callaghan Award June 2024

*Gomesa crispa*

Siva

# NEWSLETTER

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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

11 June 2024 7.50pm

**Present:** 20 members as per register.

**Apologies:** 4 as per register.

**Visitors:** 2 as per register

**New members:** Ryan

**Minutes:** Acceptance of minutes from May meeting moved Norm, seconded Ian. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Financial Report:** Adrian presented the financial report. The balance at 31 May was \$6,396.19. Acceptance of financial report moved Norm, seconded Arnold. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

- Committee - draft committee minutes and agenda, draft GM agenda, draft GM minutes, display plant photos
- Paul – newsletters and photos uploaded to One Drive for website
- E-mail correspondence about name badge prices.
- Membership application Ryan. .

**Outwards:**

- Committee - draft AGM and GM agenda, draft AGM and GM minutes, advice of secretary's absence from June meeting, date for next committee meeting.
- Mary – information for vale John.
- Members – newsletter, books remaining from Maxine's library.
- Associations On-line Information Statement submitted.

- Reimbursement for flasks and postage, orchids purchased at Maxine's auction.

Correspondence report moved Margaret, seconded Ian. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**General Business:**

**Perth Orchid Fair 7-8 September 2024**

- The last meeting of the Perth Orchid Fair organising committee was held Thursday 23 May. SOSWA has transferred \$300 seed funding to NDOS.
- The committee agreed to the proposed allocation of profit generated at the event to seed funding members and societies providing volunteer hours for the conduct of the event. Rosters to be completed by members of participating clubs will be circulated prior to the event.
- Members selling plants at POF will be required to provide bank details for payment as no cash payments will be made on the day of the Fair. All payments will be made by EFT following reconciliation of all income and expenditure. If a member does not have a bank account, or is not prepared to provide this information, they will need to make arrangements in advance with the organisers for a cheque or cash payment.
- Lynne will be Kitchen/Café co-ordinator, and volunteer roster will be circulated to clubs. Kitchen helpers to comply with accepted food handling standards
- A volunteer raffle will be held with all volunteers receiving a ticket when they

sign on. Ken is co-ordinating this and is seeking donations of prizes.

### **2024 Home Visit Program**

- Mavis is currently developing the 2024 program. If you would be happy to host a home visit, or have any ideas about somewhere we could visit, please let Mavis know.

### **June Home Visit**

- The June Home Visit will be hosted by Helen at her home in Kewdale on Sunday week( 23 June).
- Members are asked to bring cakes or biscuits to share for morning tea.
- If you have any suggestion for a discussion that could take place at this event or others later in the year, please let a committee member know so that we can arrange for it.
- 20 members showed that they would attend and this was noted by Helen.

### **Maxine Godbeer and Tony Watkinson Awards**

- At the May GM, a proposal for a monthly award recognising Maxine's long-time commitment to the Species Orchid Society was discussed with members. There was general support for the proposal that an award of a species orchid be made to a new member benching a species orchid in flower in the monthly display for the first time. This will be discussed further at the next Committee meeting.
- Further discussion with members on the proposal for an award to a member displaying a flowering species orchid that had not previously been displayed supported the concept and it was

agreed that this could be named for Tony Watkinson.

- It was suggested that more discussion of both ideas be finalised at the next committee meeting.

### **Social Media**

- Jordana is working with Paul to promote the Species Orchid Society to a potential members on social media.
- She is presently planning to include some additional information with pictures of orchids displayed at meetings and has requested that copies of the notes that members prepare about their flowering species be scanned to the shared One Drive account and available to her. Please let the Secretary know if you do not wish to participate in this initiative.
- Jordana gave an outline of progress and explained the operation of the shared One Drive Site for uploading photos and documents for the website and social media.

**Other General Business:** Nil

### **Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:**

Members voted for Siva's *Gomesa crispa* as the cultural award.

**Raffle:** Graham, Siva, Linda, Lee-Anne, Helen, Victor.

**Badge Prize:** Chantelle

Meeting closed: 20.55pm

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- **June Home Visit**

Sixteen of us enjoyed a pleasant Sunday morning with Helen who showed us her extensive orchid collection and passed on much of her knowledge about orchid culture acquired over many years. Helen took up our invitation to involve members in an activity that engaged members and added to their knowledge of orchid growing when she demonstrated the process of dividing and repotting a large, overgrown plant of *Brassia verrucosa*. When Helen finished, she generously offered divisions to members and gave some smaller divisions to us to grow on for raffle prizes. She also donated plants for the raffle and we thank Lee-Anne and Arnold who also donated raffle prizes.

- **SOSWA Social Media presence**

For the June meeting, Jordana has put up a photo of the Anne O'Callaghan Award recipient *Gomesa crispera* with Siva's notes about where it comes from and how he grows it. See <https://www.instagram.com/p/C8zUq71ydCZ/?igsh=dDhvZ3U5YjFuZjJlq> and <https://www.instagram.com/p/C8hMUI5S4GJ/?igsh=MWh6cnd2bHdIMTEzeg==>

- **Perth Orchid Fair**

The Society has committed to staging a display at the Perth Orchid Fair on 7-8 Sept with set up on Friday 6 September. So we can plan the display, it would be appreciated if members were able to indicate what plants they might have for the display by the August general meeting.

We will also have a roster at the July general meeting for members to let us know when they will be able to volunteer to help run the event. As members will recall, the distribution of 50% of any profit will be based upon society volunteer hours. You will be asked to sign on when you arrive, and the minimum time required is 4 hours.

- **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.

# NOTICEBOARD

Home visits: TBA

## FORTH-COMING EVENTS

**Meeting speaker:** Brian from Neutrog will be the presenter at our August 13th general meeting. Put this on your calendar.

## MARKETPLACE - FOR SALE/WANTED

Harry would like to buy plants of *Cattleya neokautskyi*. Contact Harry on 0412 403 696 or [hjaashton@gmail.com](mailto:hjaashton@gmail.com).

Courtney would like to purchase a plant of *Phalaenopsis aphrodite* (he too was one of the members who got *Phalaenopsis equestris* instead of *Phalaenopsis aphrodite*).

**President:** Lee-Anne

**Vice President:**

**Treasurer:** Adrian

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### Life Members

Graham & Margaret

Chris (dec'd.)

Barry (dec'd)

Gordon (dec'd)

Maxine (dec'd)

Ken & Chris

Adrian & Deanna

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

Trevor (dec'd)

Neville (dec'd)

Paul & Andrea

Noel (dec'd) & Eva

Tony (dec'd) & Mavis

Barry (dec'd)

**Committee:** Paul

Murray Mavis

Graham Rod

### Quiet Achievers

2013 Ian

2014 Chris (dec'd)

2015 Margaret

2016 Tom & Pat

2017 Charly & Gerda

2018 Paul

2020 Adrian & Deanna

2021 John

2024 Graham

**Graham & Margaret**

*Cattleya maxima*  
*Pterostylis hamiltonii*  
*Pterostylis* aff. *nana*

**Adrian & Deanne**

*Laelia anceps* (4)  
*Paphiopedilum spicerianum*  
*Paphiopedilum wardii*

**Lee-Anne**

*Angraecum eburneum*

**Vic**

*Cattleya purpurata*

**Helen**

*Cymbidium traceyanum*

**Siva**

*Gomesa crispa*  
*Jumellea major*  
*Paphiopedilum gratixianum*  
*Paphiopedilum wardii*  
*Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica*

**MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED June 2024**



*Jumellea major*  
Siva



*Paphiopedilum wardii*  
Adrian & Dee  
Siva





*Angraecum eburneum*  
Lee-Anne



*Cymbidium traceyanum*  
Helen

## MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED June. 2024



*Laelia anceps*  
Adrian & Dee



*Cattleya purpurata*  
Victor

## MONTHLY PLANT

### *Dendrobium gracilicaule*

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**Country of origin:** Australia

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**Description:** Typical Australian Dendrobium with bright yellow flowers

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**Difficulty:** A relatively simple species to grow once it becomes more mature.

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**Cost:** \$10.00

*Dendrobium gracilicaule* F. Muell. 1894 is a medium to large sized, hot to warm growing epiphytic and sometimes lithophytic species from Queensland, New South Wales and New Caledonia . It is found from sea-level to 600m in bright light.

Erect, basally swollen, cylindrical canes carrying 3-6 leaves and this species flowers in late winter and early spring. Plants become more floriferous as they mature. Flowers are borne on drooping few to many [5 to 40], fragrant flowered inflorescence arising from the nodes near the apex of mature canes.

It is recommended that this species is given a drier winter from mid-autumn until new growth appears in the spring.

These seedlings were purchased from Barrita Orchids as small plants at the 2023 Perth Orchid Fair and have been growing in my intermediate hothouse.



Photo source: <https://barritaorchids.com/products/dendrobium-orchid-species-den-gracilicaule-mangrove-gold-x-self>

Barrita Orchids grow their seedlings in a mix with styrofoam chunks, and these plants are ready to be repotted as soon as we get past the worst of winter.

Australian Dendrobium species are generally resistant to the more frequently encountered fungal and bacterial pathogens, and insect pests, however can be attacked by hard and soft scale if air movement is inadequate and especially if you have significant ant infestation. Sugar attracted ants feed on the sticky honeydew exudate from the insects as they feed on the orchid sap. These pests get onto your orchids as they are unable to move, but the ants provide transport for them as a “farming” process.



## The Sub-Family Catasetinae

The hermaphroditic forms of *Mormodes*, like *Clowesia* and *Dressleria* are protandrous (relating to an organism, especially a plant, in which the male reproductive organs mature before the female reproductive organs). Pollen is released by pressure on a finger-like thread that extends from under the anther cap and lies on the lip. Flower orientation of both the inflorescence and the flowers on the inflorescence vary widely across 880 species of the genus. Taxonomically, the genus is divided into two sections, the smaller group flowers from the developing pseudobulbs and the larger group flowers from mature pseudobulbs. Inflorescences develop from the middle or lower middle nodes of the pseudobulbs. Identification of *Mormodes* species is largely based on the shape of the lip, which may have to be flattened to bring out the differences. There are several different basic forms. *Mormodes warscewiczii* represents the group with a three-lobed lip.

### Holotypes for the genera

After several hours of research, I have included photos of the holotype species for each of more widely grown Catasetinae. This family of orchids are much more complex than other families/sub-families that I have previously written about, but after researching taxonomical records and World Flora On-Line, I have

been able to find information which has helped me identify the holotypes for each genus.



*Cycnoches loddigesii* Lindl. 1832  
Genus *Cycnoches* Lindl. first published  
in Gen. Sp. Orchid. Pl.: 154 (1832).  
Photo source: <https://www.orchidspecies.com/cychaagei.htm>



*Catasetum macrocarpum* Rich ex Kunth.1822  
Genus *Catasetum* Rchb. ex Kunth first  
published in Syn. Pl. Aequin. 1: 330 (1822)  
Photo source: <http://www.orchidboard.com/community/catasetum-and-stanhopea-alliance/14741-catasetum-macrocarpum.html>



*Clowesia rosea* Lindl 1843  
 Genus *Clowesia* Lindl first published  
 Edwards's Bot. Reg. 29(Misc.): 25 (1843)  
 Photo source: <http://marniturkel.com/mostlyspecies/f.clow.rosea.4697.html>



*Dressleria dilecta* (Rchb. f.) Dodson 1975  
 Genus *Dressleria* Dodson first published  
 in Selbyana 1: 131 (1975)  
 Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/photos/64217/>



*Galeandra baueri* Lindl 1830  
 Genus *Galeandra* Lindl. first published  
 in Ill. Orch. Pl. : t. 8 (1830)  
 Photo source: <https://powo.science.kew.org/taxon/urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:635260-1>



*Grobya amherstiae* Lindl 1835  
 Genus *Grobya* Lindl. first published in  
 Edwards's Bot. Reg. 20: t. 1740 (1835)  
 Photo source: <https://floradobrasil.jbrj.gov.br/reflora/listaBrasil/>

Before launching into the culture of these orchids, I will tempt you with information and pictures of some of the more frequently grown *Catasetinae* species, although it should be remembered that these orchids are more often seen in local shows as hybrids. I will start with *Catasetum* as these species are the most common in collections and perhaps the easiest to grow and flower.

Contd. next month

# 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 members 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 9 July 2024**