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Anne O'Callaghan Award July 2024
Stenorrhynchos speciosum
Siva

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 13 August

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

9 July 2024 7.50pm

Present: 18 members as per register.

Apologies: 6 as per register.

Visitors: 3 as per register

New members: Cameron

Minutes: Acceptance of minutes from June meeting moved Norm, seconded Margaret. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Adrian presented the financial report. The balance at 30 June was \$6,767.69. Acceptance of financial report moved Rod, seconded Bruce. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Committee - draft committee minutes and agenda, draft GM agenda, draft GM minutes, display plant photos.
- Jordana – photos of Cameron’s orchids for identification
- Brian Klepzig (Neutrog) confirmation as speaker for 13 August GM
- John Varigos – photos of Maxine Godbeer from Peter Maxwell, and invitation to submit obituary for Maxine Godbeer to AOF Memorial Register (cost \$100).
- Gary Yong Gee – identification of orchids displayed for members
- Paul – newsletters and photos uploaded to One Drive for website.
- Lee-Anne – flasks purchased from Guy Cantor
- Draft Orchids WA GM minutes, GM

agenda and reports. .

Outwards:

- Committee - draft AGM and GM agenda, draft AGM and GM minutes, flasks purchased from Guy Cantor.
- Gary Yong Gee – orchid photos for identification, and advice to members.
- John Varigos invitation to submit obituary for Maxine Godbeer to AOF Memorial Register (cost \$100).
- Bruce – suggesting SOSWA also submit obituary for Tony Watkinson to AOF Memorial Register (cost \$100).
- Photos received from John Varigos sent to Maxine’s daughters Danielle and Wendy.

Correspondence report moved Norm, seconded Bruce. 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 4 July.
- A roster for completion by members to who will sign on before they start work will recorded volunteer hour by society for 50% of any profit distribution
- As part of any profit generated from the Perth Orchid Fair comes from commission on plant sales, members are encouraged to identify spare orchids for sale. Please ensure that plants provided for sale are well established as we will not accept orchids without active roots.

- All payments for plants sold 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 cash payment.
- Lynne will be Kitchen/Café co-ordinator, and volunteer roster will be circulated to clubs. Kitchen helpers are 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

- Lee-Anne reminded members that Mavis is presently developing the 2025 program. If you would be happy to host a home visit, or have any ideas about somewhere we could visit, please let Mavis know.
- John will host a home visit later this year
- We will be visiting Wireless Hill in September to see terrestrial orchids (date to be confirmed).

June Home Visit

- Lee-Anne thanked Helen for the June home visit on Sunday 23 June. 16 members attended and enjoyed one-another's company, and Helen's advice about her orchid culture. Helen followed the request to give some thought to discussions that could take place at home visits and demonstrated dividing an overgrown *Brassia*

verrucosa, offered divisions to members and gave Ken five pieces for future raffles.

- If you have any suggestion for a discussion that could take place at these events later in the year, please let a committee member know so that we can arrange for it.

Maxine Godbeer and Tony Watkinson Awards

- Lee-Anne reminded members that the proposal for a monthly award recognising Maxine's long-time commitment to the Species Orchid Society was discussed with them at the May and June meetings. 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 was supported.
- Further discussion with members on the proposal for an award to a member displaying a flowering species orchid that had not previously been displayed named for Tony Watkinson was also considered.

Social Media

- Jordana Sheahan is putting up photos of orchids displayed at our meetings on social media.
- She is including additional information with pictures of orchids displayed at meetings. Copies of member's notes about their flowering species are 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.

Orchid Flask Purchase

- Ken advised members that the Society was ordering flasks from Bushland Beach Orchids (Townsville) to grow on for monthly member sale plants. We are ordering *Cymbidium canaliculatum*, *Grammatophyllum scriptum*, *Oncidium lanceanum* and *Sobennikoffia robusta*.
- Please let us know if you can help us deflask and grow on these seedlings

Anne O’Callaghan Cultural Award:

Members voted for Siva’s *Stenorrhynchos speciosum* as the cultural award.

Raffle: Harry Ashton (2), Ken Jones, Adrian José, Bruce Larson, Lee-Anne Mair, Ryan Craig, Helen Stretch.

Badge Prize: Graham Bowden

Meeting closed: 21.05pm

Other General Business: Nil

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

• Not-For-Profit self assessment

All Not-For-Profit associations with an active ABN are now required to complete a self assessment of their exemption from income tax. On 3 July, Ken undertook the required assessment by phone and confirmed that the Species Orchid Society of WA meets the requirement for an exempt community organisation.

SOSWA Social Media presence

For the July meeting, Jordana has put up a photo of the Anne O’Callaghan Award recipient *Stenorrhynchos speciosum* with Siva’s notes about where it comes from and how he grows it. See:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C8zUq71ydCZ/?igsh=dDhvZ3U5YjFuZjlq>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C8hMU15S4GJ/?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.

Thanks to those members who committed to volunteering for the Perth Orchid Fair at the July general meeting. If for some reason, you are unable to attend at the time you included in the roster, please let the Secretary know so that other arrangements can be made to cover the people resource requirements.

Don’t forget to sign in when you arrive at the venue as your volunteer hours will be used for distribution of 50% of profits generated to the participating societies.

• 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

FORTH-COMING EVENTS

Home visits: 10.00am Sunday 25 August at the home of Ken & Chris Jones, The Vines

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.

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*).

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Quiet Achievers

2013 Ian

2014 Chris (dec'd)

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2018 Paul

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2021 John

2024 Graham

Graham & Margaret

Ansellia africana
Pterostylis vittata

Ken & Chris

Cattleya percivaliana
Coelogyne stenophylla
Coelogyne wenzellii
Epidendrum pseudepidendrum
Oncidium sotoanum
Paphiopedilum insigne
Paphiopedilum victoria regina
Pleurothallis tuerckheimii
Restrepiella ophiocephala

Adrian & Deanne

Dendrobium linawianum
Liparis viridiflora
Paphiopedilum wardii

Bruce

Cattleya percivaliana

Murray & Arni

Cymbidium iridiodes
Oncidium tigrinum

Norm

Dendrobium speciosum var. *capricornicum*
Dendrobium tetragonum var. *caucata*
Dendrobium tetragonum var. *giganteum*

Victor

Paphiopedilum insigne

Siva

Cattleya trianae
Stenorrhynchos speciosum

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED July 2024



Restrepiella ophiocephala
Ken & Chris



Epidendrum pseudepidendrum
Ken & Chris



Dendrobium tetragonum var. *giganteum*
Norm



Cymbidium iridioides
Murray & Arni

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED July 2024



Liparis viridiflora
Adrian & Deanne



Dendrobium tetragonum var. *caucata*
Norm

MONTHLY PLANT

Dendrobium discolor var. *broomfieldii*

Country of origin: Queensland

Description: .Large, robust *Dendrobium* species with tall canes

Difficulty: Expected to be an easy species to grow as seedlings ex-flask have been vigorous.

Cost: \$10.00

This month's sale plant *Dendrobium discolor* var. *broomfieldii* (Fitzg.) A.D.Hawkes comes from a flask purchased from Paul Smith and has been grown on by Adrian.

This species grows from sea level to 700m as an epiphyte or lithophyte in bright sunlight. This species needs protection from cold winter rainfall, and needs to be grown in free draining media that allows plenty of air space, and in a high air movement environment, and dry at night in cold weather. As this is a tall growing species, it is recommended that it be in a large pot with blue metal or similar heavy material in the bottom to stop it falling over. It is also suitable for slab or hardwood mount if you have room.

Dendrobium discolor flowers in late winter – early spring and long, many-flowered inflorescences, and the flowers can last for up to two months. It is susceptible to attack by the *Dendrobium* beetle in its



Photo source: <https://rahayuorchids.wordpress.com/2016/01/07/dendrobium-discolor-var-broomfieldii/>

natural habit, but fortunately we do not have this pest in WA. Otherwise, it is a robust plant and is generally resistant to many of the usual pests and pathogens.



In situ photo: https://orchids.fandom.com/wiki/Dendrobium_discolor?file=Den_discolor_habitat.jpg

The Sub-Family Catasetinae

Catasetum

The genus *Catasetum* contains some 200 species and natural hybrids, and of the genera in this sub-family, is the most often seen in collections, particularly given the breeding of very dark coloured “After Dark” hybrids. It is probably the simplest to grow surviving well in a shadehouse with winter protection from rain.

Catasetum confusum G.A. Romero 1993 comes from the Tocantins state of central Brazil where it grows as a medium sized, hot growing epiphyte on palms and other trees in gallery forests at 200-400m. Clustered, fusiform pseudobulbs enveloped basally by deciduous leaf sheaths carry 7-8 arched, oblanceolate leaves. Flowering in late summer and early autumn occurs on 50cm horizontal and then pendant many flowered inflorescence with non-resupinate flowers. Its common name is the Confused *Catasetum* as a result of the confusion between this and several other *Catasetum* species. This is reported as a very easy species to cultivate



Male flower

Photo source: [https://](https://www.orchidspecies.com/catconfusum.htm)

www.orchidspecies.com/catconfusum.htm



Female flower

Photo source: [https://www.orchidroots.com/](https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/35440/species_detail/?type=species&tab=sum)

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Catasetum fimbriatum (C. Morr.) Lindl. & Paxton 1850-1 comes from Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina where it can be found as a large sized hot to warm growing epiphyte on trunks of palm trees in dry lowlands at 400 -500m. Conical-fusiform, several-noded pseudobulbs are subtended by several leaf bearing sheaths carrying

oblong-ligulate, sub-membraneous, acute leaves. Flowering in late spring and early summer takes place on a basal, pendant 45cm racemose inflorescence arising from a mature pseudobulb with 7-15 loosely arranged, fleshy, spicily fragrant flowers. Several colour forms are known, and its common name is the Fringed Catasetum,



Photo source: <https://tropicalorchidsportugal.com/produto/catasetum-fimbriatum/>



In situ photo source: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/713539134699080241/>

Catasetum fuchsii Dodson & R.Vásquez 1982 comes from Bolivia in dry forests on rolling countryside to the east of the Bolivian rainforests and into western Brazil as a medium sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte on palms and other trees. Clustered, fusiform, slightly compressed pseudobulbs enveloped dry leaf sheaths carry up to 7 linear-oblongate, medium green, plicate, prominently veined leaves. Flowering from late summer to late autumn on either male or female flower racemes, the male flower is



arching then pendant to 40cm with several flowers, and the female shorter and thicker carrying very fleshy, rigid flowers on a successive inflorescence. Occasionally this species has male and female flowers on the same raceme. Given its natural habitat, this species requires a long, dry winter rest from water and fertilizer. Its common name is Fuchs Catasetum named after late 20th century American Orchid Collector and vendor.

Photo source: <http://www.epharmacognosy.com/2021/04/catasetum-fuchsii.html>

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.

If unclaimed, return to
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Next meeting Tuesday 13 August 2024