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Anne O'Callaghan Award August 2024  
*Cymbidium sinense*  
Graham

# NEWSLETTER

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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

13 August 2024 7.45pm

**Present:** 25 members as per register.

**Apologies:** 6 as per register.

**Visitors:** 3 as per register

**New members:** Nil

## **Visiting Speaker:**

Brian Klepzig from Neutrog was the guest presenter for the meeting. Many members already knew about and used Neutrog products, and of their support for local orchid societies.

Lee-Anne welcomed Brian and handed over to him to speak to members. Unfortunately, there was a problem with his projector which meant that he was unable to show members the Powerpoint presentation.

At the conclusion of his presentation, members thanked him for the information presented and his responses to questions. Free samples of Neutrog products were given to members.

**Minutes:** A summary of the minutes from previous meeting was tabled for members. Acceptance of minutes from July meeting moved Norm, seconded Bruce. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Financial Report:** Adrian presented the financial report. The balance at 30 June was \$ 6,977.94. Acceptance of financial report moved Graham, seconded Arnold. 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 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 to AOF Memorial Register (cost \$100).
- Bruce – suggesting SOSWA also submit obituary for Tony to AOF Memorial Register (cost \$100).
- Photos received from John Varigos sent to Maxine's daughters Danielle and Wendy.

Correspondence report moved Adrian, seconded Ian. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

## **General Business:**

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

- The next meeting of the Perth Orchid Fair organising committee will be held Thursday 22 August.
- Lee-Anne reminded members that the roster for members to sign up to volunteer at the Fair is on the table with the attendance register and asked those who haven't yet signed up to do so. She reminded members that 50% of any profit made at the Perth Orchid Fair will be distributed to participating societies based on volunteer hours.
- She also reminded members that part of this profit is from commission on plant sales and encouraged them to identify any spare orchids that they might have for sale. In doing so, she reminded members to ensure that plants provided for sale are well established as orchids that are not well grown with active roots will not be accepted for sale.
- All payments for plants sold will be made by EFT. A separate form will need to be completed when a member presents their plants for sale. If a member does not have a bank account, or is unwilling 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 the volunteer roster has been 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. Helen is co-ordinating this. While we do have some prizes donated, Ken is happy to have further donations.

### **August Home Visit**

- The August Home Visit will be hosted by Ken & Chris at their home in The Vines at 10.00am on Sunday 25 August.
- A light luncheon of soup and pizza will be provided for members and guests.
- 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.

### **Other General Business:** Nil

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

Members voted for Graham & Margaret's *Cymbidium sinense* "Yang Ming Jin" for the cultural award.

#### **Maxine Godbeer Award:**

Ryan for his *Stelis poasensis*

**Raffle:** Tommy, Chantelle, Arnold, Joshua, Sharon, Murray, Rod, Lee-Anne, Ryan, Graham.

**Badge Prize:** Jordana

Meeting closed: 21.10pm

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- **Visiting speaker**

- Brian Klepzig from Neutrog gave an entertaining and informative presentation about Neutrog and its objectives, despite a faulty projector that meant his presentation was verbal rather than a PowerPoint. Members were informed about Neutrog's commitment to research, and their origin in the conversion of what was previously a waste product - chicken manure into valuable organic plant nutrient. He answered member's questions and provided a range of their products as free samples to us and for use in future raffles. Members thanked Brian for his presentation.

- **SOSWA Social Media presence**

For the August meeting, Jordana will put up a photo of the Anne O'Callaghan Award recipient *Cymbidium sinense* with Graham's notes about where it comes from and how he grows it.

- **Perth Orchid Fair**

Thanks to those members who committed to volunteering for the Perth Orchid Fair at the August 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:** The next home visit will be Sunday 15 September at 10.00am at Wireless Hill.

**Meeting speaker:** Adrian will talk about mounting orchids and demonstrate the process

## 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

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2013 Ian

2014 Chris (dec'd)

2015 Margaret

2016 Tom & Pat

### Life Members

Graham & Margaret

Chris (dec'd.)

Barry (dec'd)

Gordon (dec'd)

Maxine (dec'd)

Ken & Chris

Adrian & Deanne

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)

2017 Charly & Gerda

2018 Paul

2020 Adrian & Deanne

2021 John

2024 Graham

**Graham & Margaret**

*Caladenia arenicola*  
*Diuris corymbosa*  
*Diuris magnifica*  
*Cymbidium goeringii* “Chun Li”  
*Cymbidium sinense* “Yang Ming Jin”

**Ryan**

*Stelis poasensis*

**Ken & Chris**

*Angraecum eburneum*  
*Cattleya loddigesii*  
*Cattleya quadricolor*  
*Cattleya trianae*  
*Coelogyne tenella*  
*Coelogyne wenzellii*  
*Coelogyne yuccaefolia*  
*Cuitlauzina pulchella*  
*Laelia gouldiana*

*Maxillaria cucullata*  
*Maxillaria hedwigiae*  
*Phalaenopsis amabilis*  
*Restrepiella ophiocephala*

**Bruce**

*Coelia triptera*

**Lee-Anne**

*Pterostylis nana*

**Norm**

*Dendrobium speciosum*  
var. *melaleucaphyllum*  
*Dendrobium tetragonum* var. *giganteum*  
*Dendrobium speciosum* var. *pedunculatum*

**Siva**

*Cattleya cernua* subsp. *cernua*  
*Cymbidium goeringii*

**MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED August 2024**



*Cattleya cernua* subsp. *cernua*  
Siva



*Stelis poasensis*  
Ryan



*Diuris magnifica*  
Graham & Margaret



*Diuris corymbosa*  
Graham & Margaret

## MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED August 2024



*Coelia triptera*  
Bruce



*Cuitlauzina pulchella*  
Ken & Chris



# MONTHLY PLANT

## *Vanda ustii*

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**Country of origin:** Philippines

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**Description:** .Large sized monopodial epiphyte with long racemes of fragrant flowers.

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**Difficulty:** .As this species is a large Vanda, you will need to have room for it when it matures.

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**Cost:** \$15

This month's sale plant *Vanda ustii* Golamco, Claustro and de Mesa 2000 was recently purchased from Orchid Species Plus in Victoria. This species from the Philippines is described as a large cool growing monopodial with an elongate stem carrying alternate, curved leaves. It is found in bright light at 1,000-1,250m as an epiphyte on trees in primary and secondary wet, tropical forests

This species flowers in autumn on horizontal to pendulous inflorescences with up to 12 fragrant flowers.

It was earlier described as the variety *Vanda luzonica* var *immaculata*. Its common name is Ust's Vanda named after the University of Santo Tomas, Manila.

These plants are very well grown and ready to be transferred to larger pots, or for those members interested in growing plants on mounts, to a suitable slab or tree mount.



Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/display/information/348802/>

Our presenter for September is Adrian who will give us a presentation on mounting orchids, so if you are interested in this option, you could use this species as a trial. As they are in 50mm tubes in sphagnum moss, I do not recommend that you leave them in these tubes for any extended time unless you are experienced growing plants in sphagnum moss.



In situ photo: <https://www.orchidroots.com/display/information/348802/>



## The Sub-Family *Catasetinae* (contd. From July)



*Catasetum fuchsii* female flower on a predominantly male flower raceme

Photo source: The World of *Catasetum*. AW Holst

*Catasetum pileatum* Rchb 1882 comes from Ecuador, Colombia, Trinidad, Venezuela and Brazil. The first plants introduced into England were collected in Venezuela and introduced into cultivation by Linden, and the species was amongst the early species described in 1882. Until 1921 this species was Venezuela's national flower. Its habitat is hot tropical lowland forests with long periods of heavy rain and a short dry season, although it is also found in

southern Venezuela in periodically flooded savannah. This robust species has fusiform (spindle-shaped) pseudobulbs are generally about 16cm tall (although are recorded up to 30cm tall in some forms) with large up to 40cm leaves meaning a mature plant can be up to 60cm tall. Flowering principally occurs in autumns, although this species can flower multiple times each year. The flowers are usually single sex with male flowers predominant. Male inflorescences can reach 30cm and carry up to 12 flowers reaching up to 13cm across, while female inflorescences are typically shorter, fewer-flowered and the fleshy flowers are fewer in number. *Catasetum pileatum* inflorescences are produced from near the base of the maturing pseudobulb, typically in late summer or early autumn although plants are capable of flowering at any time. Mature pseudobulbs on well-grown plants may produce several inflorescences at once or spread out over a period of time. This species has many different colour forms ranging from yellow to white to red.



Photo source: <https://theorchidpatio.com.au/products/catasetum-pileatum>



*Catasetum pileatum* alba

Photo source: [https://sunsetvalleyorchids.com/htm/photo\\_detail.php?prod=3595](https://sunsetvalleyorchids.com/htm/photo_detail.php?prod=3595)

*Catasetum tenebrosum* Kraenzel 1910 occurs as medium sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte or lithophyte in Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru at 500-1,800m in hilly terrain riverine forests in full sun or on rocks and boulders below the tree and shrubs. Spindle-shaped, several noded basally enveloped pseudobulbs carry 6 - 8, thin plicate, lanceolate leaves. Flowering from spring to autumn from basal nodes occurs on a suberect, 20cm several to many flowered, racemose inflorescence arises from a newly forming pseudobulb, carrying either 3-8 female flowers or 11-17 male flowers that are citrus scented. It is reported that this species needs to be in light to moderate shade to ensure male flowers and kept drier, but unlike other *Catasetum* species, does not seem to require a prolonged rest. Female flowers appear immediately after opening, while male flowers appear later. This species, like many other *Catasetum* species is colour variable with red, alba and green forms. Its common name is the Dark Brown Catasetum



Male flower

Photo source: <https://gardinonursery.com/product/community/catasetum-catasetum-tenebrosum-3-pot/-tenebrosum.html>



Female flower

Photo source: <http://www.orchidboard.com/and-stanhopea-alliance/45619-catasetum->

### Cycnoches

*Cycnoches* species are a little more difficult to grow and flower, appear to be more demanding to meet their cultural requirement, however for hobbyists willing to invest effort in learning about and understanding this genus, the results are worth the effort. The members of this genus are known as “swan orchids” from the appearance of the sculpture-like lip and column in the genus, particularly *Cycnoches ventricosum* and *Cycnoches loddigesii* which look like a little swan with folded wings and a long neck curved backward. The genus name *Cycnoches* comes from Geek for “swan” and “neck”  
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 10 September 2024**