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Anne O'Callaghan Award September 2024

Lycaste lassiloglossa

Bruce

NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

10 September 2024 8.00pm

Present: 19 members as per register.

Apologies: 8 as per register.

Visitors: 1 as per register

New members: *Parry Aw*

Workshop presentation:

Adrian conducted a workshop for members on mounting orchids.

He reminded members that most of the species that we grow are epiphytes in the natural habitat, so mounting them most closely replicates this. He also advised members that if you choose to grow your orchids this way, you will need to make some changes to your culture

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.
- Paul – newsletters and photos uploaded to One Drive for website.
- Diane – flask list from Michael Sue.
- Members – plants for SOSWA display at Perth Orchid Fair.

- Invoices from Curtin FM, Vodien for domain renewal.
- GCA bulletin.
- Draft Orchids WA AGM minutes, AGM agenda and reports.

Outwards:

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- Committee - draft Orchids WA AGM agenda, draft AGM 2023 minutes, draft GM agenda and minutes, flasks ordered from Paul Smith, Micheal Sue flask list.
- POF workshop program presenters confirming arrangements.
- Members – plants for SOSWA display at Perth Orchid Fair, August home visit.
- Newsletter to members
- Arrangements for, and promotion of Tom Miranda presentation.

Correspondence report moved Adrian, seconded Ian. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

Perth Orchid Fair 7-8 September 2024

Ken advised that the Perth Orchid Fair held last weekend was a very successful event. While the financial results were still being finalised, initial indications are that income and attendance exceeded that of 2023. We also enjoyed excellent support from club members who volunteered. Sincere thanks to all Species members who volunteered to help stage the event and provided plants for our display and for public sales.

Ken thanked some of the SOSWA members who made significant

contributions to the overall success of POF 2024. He publicly acknowledged Bruce who has put in more time and effort planning and staging the POF than anyone else he knew, Helen who planned for our volunteers recording prior to and at the POF, Lee-Anne who was there doing whatever needed to be done, Mavis in the plant sales area from Friday night set up to Sunday making sure that our sales area was operating well, Jordana who helped in sales on Sunday and while promoting SOSWA, signed up a new member Parry Aw, Paul who with Siva assembled the display on Friday and then with help from other members, disassembled it on Sunday while I helped Chris dismantle the PSG display, Victor who was there both days answering questions and talking with members of the public, Chris who was there on Friday evening to stage the Paphiopedilum Study Group display, Saturday and Sunday as a volunteer, Norm who ran a workshop on Saturday and any other members who helped at various times over the weekend.

You can be satisfied with your efforts as this event cannot happen without volunteers, and in 2024, the willing members have contributed to its success. Public attendance followed the patterns of previous years with more public in the morning then tapering off from the middle of the day.

The sale of member's orchids is a major contributor to the event's attraction of general public and the financial success. Thanks to all the members who found plants to sell and responded by bringing more when the sales table started to look bare.

September Home Visit

The September Home Visit will be a visit to Wireless Hill, Canning Highway, Booragoon at 10.00am on Sunday 15 Sept. led by Graham and Margaret Bowden. We will meet at carpark by the main roundabout on Telefunken Drive.

2024 Home Visit Program

Mavis is currently 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.

Tom Mirenda presentation

Ken thanked Lee-Anne, Diane and Bruce for their help in putting together the presentation with Tom Mirenda who is in WA as a speaker at IOCC8 held last week at Curtin University, and John Varigos. Tom spoke about orchid culture in Hawaii and showed us lots of pictures of desirable species and hybrids.

We had 30 local members attending. The enthusiastic conversations afterward between orchid growers and with the presenters demonstrated the value of such events. It is hoped that the success in providing an opportunity for an international speaker of Tom's stature will lead to similar opportunities in the future.

Social Media

Jordana was thanked for putting up photos of orchids displayed at our meetings on social media, including cultural information from the member's notes for tabled plants.

The URL is published in the newsletter and in the e-mail to members with the electronic copy of the newsletter.

Other General Business: Nil

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Members voted for Bruce's *Lycaste lassioglossa* for the cultural award.

Maxine Godbeer Award:

Jordana for her *Pterostylis curta*

Raffle: Joshua, Lee-Anne, Ryan, Ian, Siva, Diane, Ken.

Badge Prize: Bruce

Meeting closed: 21.20pm

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

• Workshops

- Given the positive response by members to Brian Klepzig from Neutrog and Adrian we will try to have speakers more often at our meetings.
- Bruce has an interesting presentation of deflasking orchids and we will try to arrange for him to present it in coming months.
- If there are any topics that you would like to hear about, please let us know.

• SOSWA Social Media presence

- For the September meeting, Jordana has put up a photo of the Anne O'Callaghan Award recipient *Lycaste lassioglossa* with Bruce's notes about where it comes from and how he grows it. See it at Instagram.
- The newsletter can also be found on the SOSWA website.

• Perth Orchid Fair

- The Perth Orchid Fair was a very successful thanks to members who volunteered to help, and those who provided plants for our display, and for sale to the public.
- Your volunteer hours along with commission on sales will see the return of the \$300 seed funding and about \$400 as a share of profit from the event.

• 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.

Meeting speaker: TBA

FORTH- COMING EVENTS

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)
2015 Margaret
2016 Tom & Pat

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)

2017 Charly & Gerda
2018 Paul
2020 Adrian & Deanna
2021 John
2024 Graham

Ken & Chris

- Bletilla striata*
- Cattleya intermedia* var. *amethystina*
- Cattleya lueddemanniana* semi alba
- Cattleya quadricolor*
- Cattleya trianae*
- Coelia triptera*
- Coelogyne cobbiana*
- Coelogyne yuccaefolia*
- Dendrobium linawianum*
- Dendrobium speciosum* var. *pedunculatum*
- Maxillaria hedwigiae*
- Oncidium maculatum*
- Polystachya paniculata*

Bruce

- Lycaste lassioglossa*

Lee-Anne

- Angraecum eburneum*
- Leptotes bicolor*

- Rhyncholaelia glauca*
- Satyrium odorum*

Victor

- Dendrobium speciosum*

Jordana

- Pterostylis curta*

John

- Dendrobium speciosum*

Norm

- Dendrobium gracilicaule*
- Dendrobium speciosum*
- Pterostylis baptistii*

Siva

- Dendrobium tetragonum* var. *melalucafolia*
- Paphiopedilum appletonianum*
- Phalaenopsis heiroglyphica*

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED Sept.2024



Paphiopedilum appletonianum
Siva



Leptotes bicolor
Lee-Anne



Pterostylis curta
Jordana



Dendrobium gracilicaule
Norm

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED Sept. 2024



Polystachya paniculata
Ken & Chris



Dendrobium linawianum
Ken & Chris

MONTHLY PLANT

Aeranthes grandiflora

Country of origin: Madagascar & Comoro Islands

Description: Small-medium sized monopodial epiphyte with wire-like racemes with ~12 fragrant flowers.

Difficulty: This species comes from hot, wet rainforests, so will require high humidity.

Cost: \$20

This month's sale plant *Aeranthes grandiflora* Lindl. 1824 comes from Madagascar and Comoro Islands sea level to 1,200m. It grows as a small to medium sized, hot to cool growing epiphyte in rainforests from the east coast to the central plateau. This species has a very short stem and 5 to 7 distichous, narrowly oblong, coriaceous, unequally bilobed apically, broad leaves. Somewhat bizarre flowers emerge in winter through to late spring on axillary, 10 to 120 cm long, thin pendant spikes with sheaths covering the peduncle, with 1 - 2, large, fragrant, long-lasting flowers at the apex. 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. They are in 50mm tubes in sphagnum moss, therefore I do not recommend that you leave them in these tubes for any extended time unless you have experience with growing plants in



Photo source: <https://www.aos.org/explore/aeranthes>



In situ photo: <https://www.orchidroots.com/displhttps://travaldo.blogspot.com/2018/06/aeranthes-grandiflora-orchid-plant-care-and-culture.html>

sphagnum moss.

The Sub-Family Catasetinae (contd. from September

Cycnoches cooperi Rolfe 1913 is found in wet montane forests in northern Peru and Brazil as a small sized, hot to warm growing, caespitose epiphyte at 400 – 800m. Ovoid-cylindric pseudobulbs covered by deciduous leaf bearing sheaths have lanceolate, channeled, acuminate broader base leaves. Flowering blooms on an axillary, pendant, 25 cm long, few to many flowered, racemose, inflorescence with several close, tubular bracts and small ovate, acute, brown floral bracts that are shorter than the ovary, carrying showy, fleshy, chocolate scented flowers arising from near the apex of the newly matured, leafy pseudobulb.

This species while predominantly brown/yellow can also be found with green or reddish flowers. Its common name Cooper's *Cycnoches* named for a 1900's English plant collector



Male flower

Photo source: <https://www.hortusorchis.org/en/botanical-orchids/>

107-c/1223-cycnoches-cooperi.html



Female flower

Photo source: <https://www.orchidspecies.com/orphotdir/cycnochecooperi.jpg>

Cycnoches egertonianum Bateman 1843 found from Mexico, Guatemala and south to Colombia, Peru and Brazil a medium sized, cool to warm growing epiphyte on tree trunks in wet forests at 600 – 1,800m. Fusiform to conical pseudobulbs carry two to several, deciduous, elliptic-lanceolate, acute, thin leaves. Flowering in autumn and winter from the leaf nodes near the apex of the newest, mature pseudobulb takes place on an arcuate to pendant 45 - 75cm many flowered male or few flowered female, racemose

inflorescence. Old leafless pseudobulbs and back bulbs can produce keikis, and this species is also colour variable. As the in-situ photo below demonstrates. Its common name Egerton's *Cycnoches* named for an 1800's English Orchid Enthusiast.



Male flower

Photo source: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/31806741102812509/>

Female flower

Photo source: <https://www.orchidspecies.com/orphotdir/cycnoegertonianum.jpg>



In situ photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/display/photos/52966/?family=Orchidaceae&role=&related=52966&role=&syn=Y>

Cycnoches pentadactylon Lindley 1843 comes from the Amazon basin of Brazil and Peru where it can be found as an epiphytic, medium sized, warm growing species in wet montane forests at 750 – 1,000m. Fusiform pseudobulbs enveloped by imbricate leaf-bearing sheaths carry deciduous, elliptic, petiolate, acuminate leaves. Flowering occurs in spring and summer on a 7 - 30 cm arching to pendant, racemose many flowered inflorescence arising from the leaf nodes near the apex of the newest, mature pseudobulb with fragrant flowers. Its common name is the Five Fingered *Cycnoches*.
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 8 October 2024