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Anne O'Callaghan Award October 2024

*Dendrobium goldschmidtianum*

Adrian & Deanna

# NEWSLETTER

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# MINUTES OF THE GENENERAL MEETING

8 October 2024 7.45pm

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

**Apologies:** 9 as per register.

**Visitors:** 1 as per register

**New members:** Nil

**Minutes:** A summary of the minutes from previous meeting was tabled for members. Acceptance of minutes from September meeting moved Rod, seconded John. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Financial Report:** Adrian presented the financial report. The balance at 30 Sept. was \$ 6,504.08. Acceptance of financial report moved Ian, seconded Siva. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

- Committee - draft committee minutes and agenda, next committee meeting date draft GM agenda, draft GM minutes, display plant photos.
- Vodien – renewal of domain
- Paul and Jordana – newsletters and photos uploaded to One Drive for website.
- Arrangements to add Lee-Anne as signatory to SOSWA bank account.

**Outwards:**

- Committee - draft minutes, committee date, October GM agenda.
- Members – reminder about visit to Wireless Hill and meeting place.
- Vodien – payment for domain renewal, reimbursement request submitted

- Newsletter to members

Correspondence report moved Helen, seconded Arnold. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**General Business:**

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

Successful event both in attendance and plants sales. SOSWA will receive about \$720 covering refund of the \$300 seed funding, and \$420 share of profit from \$236 based on volunteer hours (well done members), and \$184 from plants sales commission, event entry and raffle.

Helen advised that SOSWA was well represented with volunteers who accounted for about 20% of the total volunteer hours recorded.

The organising committee will meet later this month to review the event and plan for 2025. If you have any suggestions in this regard, please make them known to Ken. We sold over \$10,600 worth of member's orchids. This is both our major source of revenue, and a very important attraction for members of the public to attend the event. So that we can continue to grow this event, please plan to divide and propagate your orchids for sale at next year's event.

Apparently, there is a video posted on U-Tube of the Perth Orchid Fair. If you have seen it, could you please let me have a URL so that I can copy it to members.

**September Home Visit**

Thanks to Graham and Margaret and Adrian for the visit to Wireless Hill, Canning Highway, Booragoon to look at terrestrial

orchids. The orchids were easily accessible and clearly identified with signage (both permanent and temporary).

Thirteen members attended and from discussion at the conclusion, we will plan to make use of the available barbecue facilities next year for those members who would like to do so.

Adrian advised that many of the orchids are still in flower and more have opened since.

### **October Home Visit**

Lee-Anne reminded members about the home visit to John's home on Sunday 27 October. About 12 members indicated they would attend. With those absent, there are likely to be 15 members attending.

### **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.

### **Social Media**

Jordana is putting up photos of orchids displayed at our meetings on social media.

She is including cultural information with the pictures of orchids displayed at meetings using 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.

### **Orchids for Caterina**

Caterina, a long-time member SOSWA has been ill for some time, although is recovering slowly. When she was very ill, her orchid collection was sold.

However, she is now recovering and committee has collected four species orchids as a gift for her. Lina will take them to Caterina.

### **Meeting Start Time**

Lee-Anne advised members that committee had discussed the meeting start time and felt that it would be beneficial to start at 7.30pm rather than 7.45pm.

Members were generally supportive of this.

Adrian reminded committee that we would need to change the booking time to allow this when we make the booking for 2025. He advised that there is a new on-line booking system in place that we will need to use.

**Other General Business:** Nil

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

Members voted for Adrian & Dee's *Dendrobium goldschmidtianum* for the cultural award.

### **Maxine Godbeer Award:**

Cameron for his *Epidendrum secundum* and Marian for her *Cattleya intermedia* alba

**Raffle:** Linda, Victor, Ken, Lee-Anne, John, Helen, Marian

**Badge Prize:** Arnold

Meeting closed: 20.55pm

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- **Orchids for Caterina**

- Thanks Lina for taking the orchids to Caterina after our recent meeting.
- Caterina phoned me to express her appreciation for the thoughtful gift and to thank members for thinking of her. She is getting better slowly, and in time, hopes to be able to catch up with her orchid society friends again.

- **Meeting presentations**

- We are developing a program of meeting presentations and workshops for 2025.
- If there are any topics that you would like to have included, please let a committee members know.
- We are working on a Powerpoint presentation on Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium, for members, and Bruce will present a workshop on deflasking orchids after the group travelling to Thailand in January 2025 returns.

- **December meeting.**

- As we have done in past years, our December meeting will be a Christmas celebration with a free plant for every family or single member attending . If you are able to donate a species orchid for this purpose, please let a committee member know.
- There will be no monthly sale plant, although we will still have a raffle and remind members to bring in plants in flower for display, and festive supper to share. We will keep the meeting short to allow members time to catch up over supper.

- **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 at <http://speciesorchidsocietywa.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/202410-Newsletter.pdf>

- **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:** TBA

**Christmas Party:** The December meeting will be our Christmas celebration. As we have done for several years, we want to have a free plant for each family or individual member attending.

## 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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Murray	Mavis
Graham	Rod

### 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

**Cameron**

*Epidendrum secundum*

**Graham & Margaret**

*Caladenia arenicola*

*Serapis neglecta*

*Serapis vomeracea*

**Ken & Chris**

*Coelogyne saccolabia*

*Dendrobium lindleyi*

*Dendrobium regium*

*Dendrobium x usitata*

*Guarianthe aurantiaca*

*Paphiopedilum victoria –regina*

*Phalaenopsis schilleriana*

*Sarcochilus hartmannii*

**Adrian & Dee**

*Dendrobium catenatum*

*Dendrobium goldschmidtianum*

*Dendrobium secundum alba*

**Lee-Anne**

*Guarianthe aurantiaca*

**Marian**

*Cattleya intermedia alba*

**Helen**

*Cattleya percivaliana*

*Dendrobium nobile var virginalis*

**Siva**

*Paphiopedilum philippinense var roebelenii*

**MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED Oct.2024**

*Paphiopedilum philippinense var roebelenii* Siva



*Cattleya intermedia alba*  
Marian



*Dendrobium lindleyi*  
Ken & Chris



*Epidendrum secundum*  
Cameron

## MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED Oct. 2024



*Dendrobium nobile* var *virginalis*  
Helen



*Dendrobium regium*  
Ken & Chris

# MONTHLY PLANT

## *Ascocentrum ampullaceum*

**Country of origin:** Mainland and Island SE Asia

**Description:** Small/miniature Vandaceous monopodial with attractive small pink/orange flowers

**Difficulty:** Suitable for shadehouse culture with summer humidity, good air movement and winter protection.

**Cost:** \$15

This month's sale plant *Ascocentrum ampullaceum* [Lindley] Schlechter 1913 comes from central China, western Himalayas, Assam India, Bangladesh, eastern Himalayas, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, Andaman Islands, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam where it can be found in subtropical forests near rivers, often on deciduous trees at 300 -1,500m. It is a miniature, hot to cool growing vandaceous epiphyte. Short, simple several leafed upright stems carry suberect leaves that are keeled on the underside and grooved on the top. Flowering in spring through summer takes place on a 8-20cm compact inflorescence with many small flowers.

Hot to cool temperatures, high humidity and bright light are required for this species. It also grows well in wood slat basket culture or on hardwood mounts, and prefers drying out and cooling during winter months, so should be protected from rain at this time..



Photo source: <https://plantzone.in/product/ascocentrum-ampullaceum/>



Species grown on natural cork  
<https://travaldo.blogspot.com/2017/12/ascocentrum-ampullaceum-care-and-culture.html>

On wood: <https://afriorchids.co.za/products/afri079>





## The Sub-Family Catasetinae (contd. from October)



Male flower

Photo source: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/637751997220105213/>



Female flower

Photo source: <https://www.orchidspecies.com/orphodir/cynochependactylon.jpg>



In situ photo source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/36947023@N02/6597007173>

*Cynoches warscewiczii* Rchb.f 1852 can be found from southern Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama to Colombia as a deciduous medium sized warm growing epiphyte on trees and rotten logs, and occasionally as a terrestrial beside rotten logs at 700 – 1,000meters. The 30cm pseudobulb carries 30-40cm leaves, and this species flowers in autumn as or after it sheds its leaves. Heavily scented 8cm flowers are carried on a pendant, racemose, several flowered inflorescence arising from the leaf nodes at the apex of the newest, mature, leafless pseudobulb. Its common name is Warscewicz's *Cynoches* named for an 1800's Polish orchid collector.



Photo source: [www.bookface.co.il](http://www.bookface.co.il)



In situ photo: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mabelinsantos/11920732116>

### Clowesia

*Clowesia* is a genus that is familiar to many of us, especially those who remember Tony Watkinson's award winning *Clowesia russelliana* that Mavis generously donated to the Species Society for a special raffle (I was lucky enough to win one of the two divisions raffled).

*Clowesia dodsoniana* Ag. León 1986 comes from Mexico in the state of Michoacan as a medium sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte or occasional lithophyte in tropical forests at 100 – 600m. Ovoid-sub-conical elongate, sulcate pseudobulbs carry imbricate, distichous, elliptic, acuminate 3 veined leaves. The basal leaves are shorter, middle leaves longer and apical leaves longest. Flowering in late spring through to mid-autumn takes place on 1-3, basal, lateral, pendent, racemose, 18 - 39cm racemes arising from a new pseudobulb, and each carrying 12 to 30 fragrant flowers with triangular bracts and lanceolate floral bracts. This species was our monthly sales plant in April 2024 and was grown from flask by Bruce Larson. Its common name is Dodson's Clowesia named for a current American botanist and orchidologist.



Photo source both: <https://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/276551-Clowesia-dodsoniana>



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 12 November 2024**