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Anne O'Callaghan Award November 2024
Cymbidium canaliculatum
Courtney

NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 10 December

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

12 November 2024 7.45pm

Present: 15 members as per register.

Apologies: 8 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 Helen, seconded Norm. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Secretary presented the financial report. The balance at 31 October 7,731.83. Acceptance of financial report moved Norm, seconded Ian. Carried.

Business Arising: Ken advised members that we had purchased 40 seedlings for \$616 from Barrita Orchids, so the bank balance was now less by this much.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Committee - draft committee minutes and agenda, next committee meeting date draft GM agenda, draft GM minutes, display plant photos.
- Paul and Jordana – newsletters and photos uploaded to One Drive for website.
- Emails from SpacetoCo and City of Canning about new venue booking arrangements
- **Outwards:**
- Committee - draft minutes, committee date, November GM agenda.
- Newsletter sent to members
- SpacetoCo application to hire venue for

2025 (incomplete) and City of Canning.

Correspondence report moved Ian, seconded Norm. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

December General Meeting 10 Dec.

Lee-Anne advised members the December GM will be our usual Christmas celebration, and asked them to bring festive food to share, and if they are able to, donate a species orchid as we provide each member (individual or family) with an orchid for Christmas.

She reminded members that there will be no monthly plant sale in December, and the formal meeting will be concluded quickly so that we can spend time with one another, but also reminded members to bring in any species orchid you have in flower in December so that other members can see them.

Maxine Godbeer and Tony Watkinson awards

Ken advised members that we have now had three awards of the Maxine Godbeer award for a new member displaying a species at a meeting for the first time.

He also advised that the Tony Watkinson award for an unusual or seldom seen orchid will be an annual award made at out December Christmas meeting. A review of the record of plants displayed during 2024 by committee selected *Stelis poasensis* tabled by Ryan as the winner for this award.

Ken congratulated Ryan and advised

members that Ryan had other commitments in December and would not be able to attend the Christmas meeting. He would be presented with a species orchid at the January meeting.

AOF Memorial Register

The draft wording for the AOF Memorial Register entries for Maxine and Tony was read to members who approved payment of the donation of \$200 and the content of memorial entries and their submission to AOF.

Moved: Siva . Seconded: Ian. Carried

Perth Orchid Fair 7-8 September 2024

Ken reported on the Review meeting held 24 October, and the significant changes proposed.

- Bank details forms for members selling plants to be completed & handed in at time of presenting plants to sales registration/check off.
- All plants presented for sale must be clean/established for 6months and free from any disease or pest infestation. In the case of non-member plants, must be checked prior to being accepted for sale.
- No printed materials to be distributed without POF committee approval (a list of orchid clubs in WA that was handed out at the last POF was incomplete and did not include numerous clubs/ societies).
- Workshops will be scheduled for morning sessions and will focus on orchids generally grown by the public with talks to be practical focused including potting demos etc. Suggested talk/ demos on Saturday be Cymbidiums/

Cattleyas/Phalaenopsis and on Sunday, Dendrobiums and Aussie natives.

- Printing extra flyers worked well with the inclusion of vendor details on the back. It is planned to secure vendors in time for the first distribution of flyers hopefully at the South Perth Garden Fair (22-23 Feb), Kalamunda Garden Festival (Sunday 2nd March) and NDOS Autumn Show (4th May). Flyers will also include workshop talks/times.
- The volunteer roster process and raffle worked well and rewarded those clubs whose members volunteered (profits split 50% for seed funders and 50% for club volunteers).
- On Friday (set up day), the venue will be closed until floor/locations for vendors/displays are all marked. A Door Marshall will be appointed, and members and vendors will be denied entry to the hall until the advised entry time.
- Reserved parking spaces for club trucks/trailers will be allocated near the entry door. It is also planned to use the rear door (previous entry door) for one or two clubs.
- There is a possibility that the kitchen will not be available in 2025. If this is so, an alternative plan will developed and will incorporate a table for club news & general information as well as other information on café tables. All material placed on this table is be approved by the POF Committee before it is displayed. Material that has not been approved will be removed.
- Clubs are asked to provide feedback to Helen on the roster system and the

process followed to promote it to clubs.

- Any member of society wishing to sell plants will be required to work at least one full shift (4 hours) as a volunteer as designated by POF Committee.
- Vendor fees will increase to \$75 per 3m.x 3m space. All vendors will be encouraged to bring their own tables as we cannot provide any more.
- The floor layout will be redesigned to increase public interest. While there are some limits to what can be done, if the existing kitchen is not available due to renovations, re-design will occur.
- Members using social media are encouraged to post photos of club and other displays (including vendors) to attract attention and promote attendance.
- We need two participating clubs to allow their Curtin Radio Community

Membership to promote the 2025 POF (each club has two free event promotions/year). SOSWA allowed its membership to be used in 2024.

- Ken advised that 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.

Other General Business: Nil

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Members voted for Courtney's *Cymbidium canaliculatum* for the cultural award.

Maxine Godbeer Award: Nil

Name Badge: Ian

Raffle: Graham, Siva, Mich, Lee-Anne

Meeting closed: 21.10pm

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

• **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,. We will have a raffle and members are reminded to bring in plants in flower for display, and festive supper to share.

• **2025 Venue Bookings**

- The SpacetoCo application has been submitted using a Mastercard Debit Card purchased by Adrian. We will complete the 2025 booking with City of Canning as soon as we are advised our application has been accepted.
- As advised at the last general meeting, we have been assured by City of Canning that our booking will continue to be charged at the community group rate.

• **SOSWA Social Media presence**

- For the November meeting, Jordana has put up a photo of the Anne O'Callaghan Award recipient *Cymbidium canaliculatum* with Courtney's notes about where it comes from and how he grows it. See it at Instagram. Contd. on page 8

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.

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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2014 Chris (dec'd)

2015 Margaret

2016 Tom & Pat

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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

Cymbidium bicolor

Ryan

Maxillaria meleagris

Ken & Chris

Ansellia africana

Chysis limminghei

Cymbidium madidum

Dendrobium lindleyi

Encyclia seidelii

Guarianthe aurantiaca

Oncidium hyphaematicum

Paphiopedilum victoria –regina

Phalaenopsis mariae

Vanda tricolor

Lee-Anne

Chysis limminghei

Microtis unifolia

Prosthechea bacculus

Courtney

Cymbidium bicolor ssp. crassifolium

Cymbidium canaliculatum

Helen

Dendrobium farmeri

Siva

Paphiopedilum rothschildianum

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED Nov. 2024



Prosthechea bacculus
Lee-Anne



Vanda tricolor
Ken & Chris



Paphiopedilum rothschildianum
Siva



Dendrobium farmeri
Helen

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED Nov. 2024



Chysis limminghei
Lee-Anne



Maxillaria meleagris
Ryan

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– The newsletter can also be found on the SOSWA website at

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.

The Sub-Family Catasetinae (contd. from November)

Clowesia rosea Lindley 1843 comes from the Michoacan and Oaxaca states of Mexico on the Pacific slope growing as a small to medium sized, warm to cool growing, deciduous leaved epiphyte in oak forests or tropical deciduous forests at 500 -1,300m. Pseudobulbs basally enveloped by grey overlapping sheaths carry 4 - 5, apical, elliptic-lanceolate, acuminate, flexible leaves. Flowering in early winter takes place on a short 12 cm racemose inflorescence carrying several, campanulate, fragrant [reminiscent of Vics VapoRub during the day and cinnamon at night] flowers that arise from the base of mature leafless or leafed pseudobulbs. Its common name is the Rose-coloured Clowesia

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



In situ photo source: <https://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/204929-Clowesia-rosea>

Clowesia russelliana [Hooker] Dodson 1975 comes from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Venezuela where it grows as a large sized, warm growing epiphyte in dry, open forests at 600 – 1,000m. Ovoid, several noded and grooved with age pseudobulbs enveloped by the sheaths carry 6 - 8 plicate, deciduous, suberect, acute leaves. Flowering in the summer through autumn takes place on a 37cm, basal, pendulous, 15 - 20 flowered inflorescence arising from a mature leafed or leafless pseudobulb with ovate bracts carrying many sweetly fragrant, fleshy flowers. Its common name is Russell's Clowesia named for the 1800's English Duke of Bedford and orchid grower.



Photo source: <https://www.laforestaorchids.com/products/clowesia-russelliana>



In situ photo source: <https://www.gbif.org/occurrence/4018245221>

Clowesia warczewitzii (Lindl. & Paxton) Dodson 1975 comes from Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana and Ecuador as a medium sized, hot growing epiphyte in tropical, moist forests at 70 – 500m. Narrowly ovoid to oblong, sulcate with age pseudobulbs carry 4 - 6 apical, elliptic-lanceolate, acute or acuminate deciduous leaves. Flowering in spring takes place on a pendant up to 30 cm many flowered, racemose inflorescence with showy, fragrant, citronella scented, fleshy flowers arises from the base of a mature pseudobulb without leaves. Its common name is Warzewitzii's Clowesia named for an 1800's Polish orchid collector.



Photo source: <https://orchidspecies.com/clowarscewiczii.htm>



In situ photo source:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/mabelinsantos/46227861064>

Dressleria

Species of this genus are rarely seen in collections, generally because few if any Australian nurseries carry them, and flask material is expensive and in very limited supply. I was unable to find details of any hybrids of the species in this genus as part of hybrids with any other members of the *Catasetinae* sub-family. This genus, established by Dodson in 1975 is particularly challenging for taxonomists due to their fleshy flowers, lack of preserved material and the difficulty in maintaining plants cultivation and has been subject to several revisions, not all of which have been accepted. As this genus is not seen in collections, I will cover two species only for this article.

Dressleria dilecta (Rchb. f.) Dodson 1975 is the holotype species for the genus and principally comes from Costa Rica but is also reported from Panama, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador as a small to medium sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte or lithophyte at 500 – 1500m. Fusiform pseudobulbs, enveloped completely by imbricating dry inflated leaf sheaths carrying elliptic, plicate, basally clasping, acute leaves flowers in spring on erect 20cm, densely several flowered, sub capitate (almost growing together as a 'head' of flowers), racemose inflorescence enveloped basally by imbricating, inflated acuminate bracts carrying overlapping, fragrant [albeit foul], hermaphroditic, non-resupinate variable shape and colour flowers. Its common name is the Beloved Dressleria.

Photo source: <https://www.orchidspecies.com/dressdelicta.htm>

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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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210 Hermitage Drive, The Vines WA 6069

Next meeting Tuesday 10 December 2024