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Anne O'Callaghan Award December 2024

Trichoglottis loherianum

Adrian & Deanne

NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF THE GENENERAL MEETING

10 December 2024 7.30pm

Present: 23 members as per register.

Apologies: 3 as per register.

Visitors: 1 as per register

New members: Antonio

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

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Adrian presented the financial report. The balance at 30 November was \$7,096.38. Acceptance of financial report moved Norm, seconded Bruce. Carried.

Business Arising: Adrian advised members that we had paid \$349.50, for plants and \$500 for a debit card to pay for venue hire under the new SpacetoCo and City of Canning venue hire arrangements. Income was raffle \$55 and sales of \$180.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Committee - draft committee minutes and agenda, draft GM agenda, draft GM minutes, display plant photos
- Paul – updated SOSWA membership spreadsheet, newsletters and photos uploaded to One Drive for website.
- SpacetoCo – venue booking for Wilson Community Hall, identification number
- City of Canning re venue booking dates/ times
- Gary – corrections to species orchid identification for November.

- GCA December bulletin

Outwards:

- Committee - draft committee meeting minutes and agenda, draft GM agenda, draft GM minutes, updated plant inventory
- City of Canning – correcting Brairbrise St hall proposed bookings for 2025 (months and start times)
- SpacetoCo – deleting January booking and amending start time to 7.00pm
- Members – Newsletters to members, corrected plant names from Gary
- Membership application e-mailed to Antonio.
- Mich – invoice for name badges and query whether any other members are awaiting badges.

Correspondence report moved Jordana, seconded Norm Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

This meeting

Lee-Anne advised members that the meeting will follow our practice for many years with every member (individual or family) attending receiving an orchid.

She thanked members for donating a species or hybrid orchid and advised that we have also brought along some of raffle plant stock to ensure that there is a variety of orchids to choose from. We know that not everyone is able to donate an orchid. She also thanked members who have

brought festive food to share and advised members that we have wine and soft drinks for them, and thanked our willing volunteers who had arranged all the food and placed it on decorated tables.

Lee-Anne also thanked members who brought in their flowering species orchids for the impressive plant display.

Plant orders:

Members were advised that we have received an order 25 seedlings of each of *Laelia aurea* and *Dendrobium gracilicaule* var *howeanum* from Barrita Orchids, that included 5 *Cattleya* hybrid seedlings at no charge which will be used at the silent auction planned for mid-2025.

We have ordered one flask each of *Grammangis ellisii* and *Encyclia belizensis* from Paul Smith, Foliage Plus.

We have also ordered a flask of each *Brassavola nodosa* 4N, *Grammatophyllum multiflorum* and *Thunia bensoniae* from

Micheal Sue (flasks from Thailand).

Next Meeting

Lee-Anne reminded members that there will not be a general meeting in January.

The next general meeting will be on Tuesday 11 February 2025, and a newsletter will be send out well before that meeting..

Other General Business: Nil

Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:

Members voted for Adrian & Dee's *Trichoglottis loherianum* for the cultural award.

Maxine Godbeer Award: Nil

Name Badge: Antonio

Raffle: no raffle

Meeting closed: 21.15pm

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

December meeting.

The December meeting was our Christmas celebration and each individual/family membership received a free plant. Thanks to members who donated plants for this, who brought festive food to share, and those who helped decorate the tables and put out food.

SOSWA Social Media presence

For the December meeting, Jordana will put up the photo of the Anne O'Callaghan Award recipient *Trichoglottis loherianum* with Adrian's notes about where it comes from and how he grows it. She will also add the photos from the December Christmas meeting. See it on Instagram. The newsletter can 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.

NOTICEBOARD

FORTH-COMING EVENTS

Home visits:

23 March - Adrian & Dee

26 April - Ezi-Gro Orchids

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 & 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

The Sub-Family *Catasetinae* (contd. from December)

Dressleria dodsoniana H.G.Hills 2006 comes from Ecuador where it grows as a medium sized, cool growing epiphyte on the eastern slopes of the Andes at 1,000 – 1,400m. Swollen, oblong, internoded pseudobulbs carry 8 - 10 distichous, thin, narrow acuminate leaves that have a persistent foul odour. Flowering in autumn takes place one or more basal 30cm erect, 5 -18 flowered inflorescences with simultaneously opening, fragrant flowers. This species is very similar to *Dressleria fragrans* except for the differences in location, minor lip details and the fragrance to attract different pollinators - *Dressleria dodsoniana* has a fragrance of Methyl salicylate and only attracts the male bees of the species *Eufriesia concave*. Its common name is Dodson's Dressleria named for the well-known American Botanist who has published extensively from his work in Costa Rica and Ecuador.



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

Galeandra

Galeandra is another genus seldom seen in hobbyist collections, although is more often seen than *Dressleria*. Species in this genus are occasionally listed for sale in the Eastern States by specialist species nurseries. This genus with 41 accepted species was established by Lindley in 1830. While new members have been identified as recently as 2014 and there are several that have not yet been accepted. But it has not been subject to all of the taxonomic review that other members of the *Catasetinae* sub-family have undergone.

Galeandra baueri Lindley 1832 is a medium sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte found on trees in pine and open forests in Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, French Guiana, Surinam and northern Brazil generally on palms at 800 – 1,200m. This species grows into large clumps with closely spaced fusiform, elongate 25cm pseudobulbs enveloped by several, imbricating, scarious sheaths carrying up to 8 linear-lanceolate, pointed, coriaceous yet flexible leaves with prominent veining. Flowering takes place in spring and early summer on an apical, curving, often branched 30 cm lax, pendulous inflorescence arising from a newly matured pseudobulb with a few long-lasting, fragrant, funnel shaped flowers that open successively. This species is very similar to *Galeandra batemanii* found in Central America, *Galeandra baueri* is only found in South America

Graham & Margaret

Encyclia chloroleuca

Encyclia spp

Oncidium sphacelatum

Ken & Chris

Coelogyne marmorata

Dendrobium chrysotoxum

Dendrobium lindleyi

Encyclia atrorubens

Encyclia diurna

Guarianthe skinneri

Paphiopedilum primulinum purpurescens

Paphiopedilum victoria regina

Phalaenopsis mariae

Prosthechea trulla

Adrian & Dee

Dendrobium tangerinum

Miltonia flavescens

Trichoglottis loherianum

Lee-Anne

Encyclia atrorubens

Encyclia bractescens

Epidendrum falcatum

Maxillaria tenuifolia

Marian

Dendrobium amabile

Victor

Eulophia andamanensis *Vanda falcata*

Helen

Cattleya purpurata

Norm

Encyclia adenocaula

Encyclia advena

Encyclia cordigera

Encyclia hanburyi

Siva

Cymbidium lowianum

Paphiopedilum rothschildianum

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED Dec. 2024



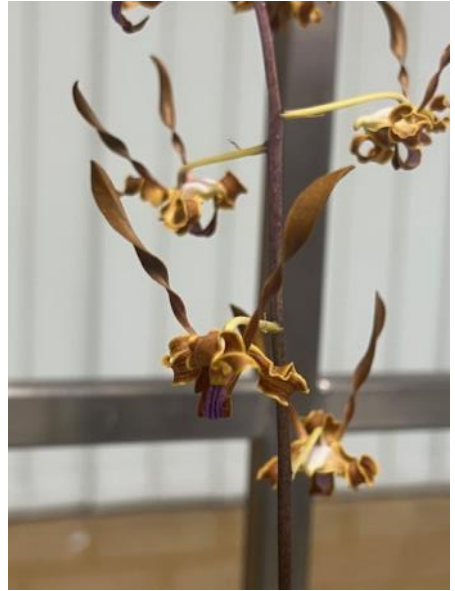
Eulophia andamanensis
Victor



Dendrobium amabile
Marian



Cymbidium lowianum
Siva



Dendrobium farmeri
Helen

MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED Dec. 2024



Encyclia chloroleuca
Graham & Margaret



Epidendrum falcatum
Lee-Anne

and is a much larger plant with rounded at the base pseudobulbs and has wider sepals and petals. Its common name is Bauer's Galeandra named for an 1800's Austrian Botanical Painter.



Photo source: https://www.chicagobotanic.org/orchid/species/galeandra_baueri

In situ photo source: <https://orchclub.com.ua/viewtopic.php?t=6461>



Galeandra beyrichii Rchb.f. 1850 comes from Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, French Guiana, Guyana, Surinam, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay where it grows as a large sized hot to cool growing terrestrial orchid with underground in open wet forests at 70 – 1,500m. Erect articulate deciduous leaves up to 120cm and absent when this species is flowering in summer through to late autumn. Flowering takes place on an erect, terminal, stout, laxly several flowered 120 cm racemose, green inflorescence. The flowers have no to a faint delicate fragrance.

This species is now rare in its natural habitat and can be found in old river washes, most often only observed when in flower and it has no leaves. It also may have several older still green inflorescences with seed capsules standing, as well as old, brown, empty inflorescences from previous years. Its common name is Beyrich's Galeandra named for an 1800's German plant collector in Brazil. Synonyms include *Galeandra coxipoensis* Hoehne 1912; *Galeandra fiebrigii* Schltr. 1922; *Galeandra viridis* Barb.Rodr. 1881; *Tupacamaria beyrichii* (Rchb.f.) Archila 2008



Photo source: <https://sk.pinterest.com/pin/704813410405501729/>

In situ photo source: https://floradigital.ufsc.br/open_sp.php?img=14101



Galeandra greenwoodiana Warford 1994 can be found in Oaxaca state of Mexico on the Pacific slope as a small sized, hot to warm growing epiphyte at 300m. Swollen pseudobulb bases separate it from *Galeandra batemanii* even out of flower. This species has the largest flowers in the genus and will rebloom for several years on the same inflorescence with flowers smelling like a wet dog. It is very similar to *Galeandra batemanii* but is a much larger plant with lighter leaves and is also similar to *Galeandra baueri* but with a more trilobed lip. Its common name is

Greenwood's Galeandra named for a Canada-Mexican Orchid Enthusiast.



Photo source: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/108006183>



In situ photo source: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/30340092>

Galeandra minax Rchb.f. 1874 is found from Venezuela to northern Brazil as a medium to large sized, hot growing epiphyte in wet forests at 50 – 200m. Slender, erect, fusiform pseudobulbs enveloped completely by leaf bearing sheaths persist after leaf fall carry deciduous, two ranked, thin, plicate, linear, 3 nerved acute leaves. Flowering in late spring takes place from a just developed to almost mature pseudobulb less than 2 months old on a terminal, erect then arching, slightly fractiflex several flowered inflorescence arising through a narrow spathe and carrying wide open flowers that have a very elongate, acute, spur. Its common name is the Uprising Galeandra referring to the erect, thin canes.



Photo source: <https://powo.science.kew.org/taxon/urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:635289->

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 7.30 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 \$15.00 and \$20.00. 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 11 February 2025

MONTHLY PLANT

Renanthera monachica

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Country of origin: Philippines
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Description: Medium size
Vandaceous monopodial with
attractive spotted orange flowers
.....

Difficulty: Suitable for shadehouse
culture with summer humidity, good
air movement and winter protection.
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Cost: \$10

This month's sale plant *Renanthera monachica* Ames 1915 comes from the island of Luzon in the Philippines where it grows at sea level to 500m. It is a medium sized, hot growing epiphyte with a long stem carrying many, distichous, approximate, ligulate, coriaceous leaves. Flowering on an axillary, suberect, to 45 cm laxly racemose inflorescence with tubular bracts takes place in late winter and spring with 6 to 30 non-fragrant, long-lasting flowers. It is a medium sized vandaceous monopodial epiphyte with an axillary inflorescence and can be grown in a wooden slat basket with little or no medium, or attached to suitable natural cork or hardwood mount, or if you prefer, in a pot with open bark media.



Photo source: <https://powo.science.kew.org/taxon/urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:655497-1>

Hot to cool temperatures, high humidity and bright light are required for this species. It prefers drying out and cooling during winter months, so should be protected from rain at this time.

We originally sold this species to members as a monthly plant many years ago - we do not know whether members still have this species. We recently purchased these plants from Ezi-Gro Orchids - thanks to Kevin for the generous discount that allows us to sell them at \$10 each