

# THE SPECIES ORCHID SOCIETY OF WA (INC.)

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Anne O'Callaghan Award May 2025  
*Rossioglossum grande*  
Adrian & Deanne

# NEWSLETTER

## NEXT MEETING Tuesday 10 June

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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

13 May 2025 8.03 pm

**Present:** 26 members as per register.

**Apologies:** 2 as per register.

**Visitors:** 1 as per register

**New members:** Nil

**Minutes:** Summary of minutes of April meeting tabled for members. Acceptance of minutes moved Rod, seconded Bruce. Carried

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Financial Report:** Adrian presented the financial report. The balance at 30 April was \$6,896.84 plus \$373.95 on the prepaid credit card. 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 sheets and photos, import permits for Eric Beltrame
- Paul – newsletters and photos uploaded to One Drive for website.
- SpacetoCo confirming meeting booking.
- Membership update – Adrian
- Draft minutes of Orchids WA meeting
- AOF – in memorium tributes now up on In Memorium page on AOF website

**Outwards:**

- Committee - draft committee meeting GM and AGM agenda and minutes,
- Notice of AGM, Financial statement .
- Members – newsletters to members
- Acknowledgement to AOF of advice about In Memorium tributes

Correspondence report moved Norm,

seconded Margaret Bowden. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**General Business:**

**Home visit**

- Lee-Anne advised 16 members had attended the April visit to Ezi-Gro .
- She was pleased the see the interaction between members over lunch served by Kevin and Roy with salads and desserts from members.
- Lee-Anne noted that members enjoyed orchid shopping, and observation echoed by Ryan.
- Ken thanked members on Kevin's behalf. Kevin is a strong supporter of WA orchid societies and is now the only local orchid nursery.

**Plant inventory**

- Lee-Anne advised that she and Ken will apply for two permits in June with a view to receiving plants from Eric in July.
- She thanked Rod for volunteering to grow on twenty *Dendrobium anceps*.
- Please let Lee-Anne or Ken know if you would like to help by growing on some of these plants.

**ISODW**

- Lee-Anne advised members that the 2025 ISODW will be hosted by South Eastern Orchid Society on 2-3 August 2025 at the Agricultural Hall, Cannington Show Grounds, Cnr Station Road & Albany Highway. To the best of her knowledge, there will be a dinner on the Saturday night.
- SEOS is negotiating with Eastern States vendors re possible participation.
- SOSWA has been invited to participate

and stage a display. A show of hands indicated that at least nine members are prepared to participate and provide orchids for the display. Ken will confirm to South Eastern Orchid Society.

- While the standard space is 3m x 3m, Adrian advised that the SOSWA display will be smaller. Our design will allow attendees at the event to see all plants by walking around the display and viewing from all sides.
- Adrian confirmed he is planning the display and will be purchasing 4 folding trestle tables to be used for displays at ISODW and the Perth Orchid Fair.
- Ken confirmed Orchids WA will pay a \$250 display subsidy to all OWA members staging displays.
- Ken advised members that he will need the names of orchids that members might have in flower by mid-July so that he can prepare plant name tags.
- IAs it was agreed to participate, it would be appreciated if some members would be part of a working group to plan and stage the display. In the past, this task has fallen on a few members who feel that they have done their fair share. Several members indicated they would be prepared to help.

### **Perth Orchid Fair**

- Lee-Anne told members that we have just received advice from John Septimus Roe that the venue will be in use in the afternoon of Friday 12 September, and that we cannot get access until 6.30pm. To ensure that we are open to the public both days, it will mean a very late Friday night after set-up, judging and cleanup.
- SOSWA members confirmed that they support a display by the Society, and if

necessary, the late finish on Friday.

- Ken noted that it should be possible to set-up the display while plant judging takes place, and to include any plants entered for show judging in our display once judging finishes.
- Ken asked members to provide details of plants that they might have in flower to him by late August.
- At the next planning meeting on Thursday, 12 June, we will decide
  - We set up and judge on Friday evening, likely finishing late at about midnight, but meaning we could still open to public on Saturday and Sunday as in the past.
  - Set up and judge on Saturday morning, opening to the public at 2.00pm Saturday - or hold an event for orchid society members on Saturday afternoon perhaps followed by drinks and a dinner, opening to public on Sunday.
  - Set up and judge on Saturday afternoon and open on Sunday.
- Members favoured the late finish Friday and open both days option.
- No vendors or members, other than those marking out the floor will be permitted to enter the hall until this is completed (7.00pm). No plant sales permitted until judging finished
- Participating Orchids WA club members will be asked to complete volunteer rosters that will be distributed prior to the event, and to sign in when they come to the event. The volunteer raffle run in 2024 will take place again.
- All members selling plants will be required to volunteer for at least one full roster.

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# NOTICEBOARD

## FORTH- COMING EVENTS

### Home visits:

22 June - Ken & Chris

16 August Rod and Heather

## MARKETPLACE - FOR SALE/WANTED

Annual Silent Auction this will be held at the July General Meeting. We will need donations of orchids (species and hybrids), orchid materials e.g. pots, fertiliser etc, or other items for which members might bid. Please let committee know at the June meeting what you can give us for this fun and fund raising event.

**President:** Lee-Anne

**Vice President:** Ryan

**Treasurer:** Adrian

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<b>Committee:</b>	Rod
Murray	Marion
Graham	Paul
Linda	Mavis

### Quiet Achievers

2013 Ian

2014 Chris(dec'd)

2015 Margaret

2016 Tom & Pat

### Life Members

Ian

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

# MONTHLY PLANT

## ***Paphiopedilum venustum* fma *measuresianum***

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**Country of origin:** India, Bhutan.  
Bangladesh, Nepal & China  
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**Description:** Cool-growing  
terrestrial slipper orchid  
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**Difficulty:** This requires a humid,  
well watered conditions year round.

**Cost: \$15**

*Paphiopedilum venustum* [Wall. ex Sims] Pfitz. 1888, Section *Barbata* comes from Assam India, northeastern Bangladesh, the eastern Himalayas, Bhutan, Nepal and Yunnan province of China 1,000 to 1,500m where it grows at the base of cliffs in humus or in dense bamboo thickets. It is often found near streams and has been observed growing tree forks filled with leaf litter. It is medium sized, cool growing, shade loving terrestrial with narrow elliptic mottled bluish and lighter green, purple beneath leaves. Flowering in late winter and spring takes place on a on erect, terminal 12 cm deep purple and green single flowered inflorescence.

This orchid needs humid, well watered conditions year round. Its common name is the Charming Paphiopedilum - In China Xiu Li Dou Lan.

*Paphiopedilum venustum* fma.  
*measuresianum* (Hort.) Braem is the albino form with white to yellow and green



Photo source: <https://www.paphsocnsw.org/resources/Vol.%201%20No.%204%20Jun%202016.pdf>

flowers that lack any red, brown or purple pigments in the leaves and flower.



In situ photo: <https://slipperorchids.info/paphdatasheets/sigmatopetalum/venustum/index.html>

**Graham & Margaret**

*Eriochilus dilatatus* (4)

**Ryan**

*Haraella retrocalla*

**Diane**

*Phalaenopsis pulcherrima*

**Ken & Chris**

*Catasetum atratum*

*Cattleya harrisoniana*

*Cattleya labiata*

*Cattleya maxima*

*Coelogyne fimbriata alba*

*Coelogyne uncata* var. *uncata*

*Dendrobium mortii*

*Rhyncholaelia digbyana*

*Schomburgkia splendida*

*Zelenkoa onusta*

*Zootrophion atropurpureum*

**Adrian & Dee**

*Dendrobium bigibbum* (2)

*Dendrobium prenticii*

*Prosthechea boothiana*

*Rossioglossum grande*

**Bruce**

*Gomesa crispa*

**Lee-Anne**

*Laelia anceps*

*Prosthechea cochleata*

*Stenoglottis longifolia*

**Courtney**

*Cymbidium dayanum*

*Dendrobium bigibbum* (3)

**Victor**

*Stenoglottis longifolia*

**Norm**

*Dendrobium rigidum*

## MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED May 2025



*Gomesa crispa*  
Bruce



*Haraella retrocalla*  
Ryan





*Catasetum atratum*  
Ken & Chris



*Cymbidium dayanum*  
Courtney

## MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED May 2025



*Eriochilus dilatatus*  
Graham & Margaret



*Dendrobium rigidum*  
Norm

- Ken is reviewing the workshop program that will be focused on information for novice orchid growers including for example, repotting Phalaenopsis.
- Participating clubs will be asked to provide \$300 seed funding.
- Profit generated will be distributed to participating clubs - 50% on their member's recorded volunteer hours and 50% on their seed funding contribution.
- Lee-anne asked members to be a part of a working group to plan and stage the display as in the past, this responsibility has fallen on a few members. Rod, Graham, Lee-Anne and Ken volunteered.

### **Gillian Marsh plant auction 12 April 2025**

- Lee-anne thanked our members Sharon, Linda, Chris and Rod, and from NDOS, Lynne, Steve, Beth and Grace and any other members who helped prepare for the auction by our ace auctioneer Bruce. He was so successful that he sold everything.
- Lee-Anne thanked members who came along and bid on the lots offered for sale.
- The auction sold about 85 lots of orchids and some other plants at very good prices. At the end of the auction, Bruce also sold surplus orchid pots, other orchid materials and benches. Gillian's family was most appreciative of our efforts and the result.

### **Silent auction fundraiser**

- Lee-Anne advised members that we are planning to hold a silent auction at either the June or July General Meeting.
- Adrian said while he preferred June, as the committee does not meet until after the June general meeting, it was recommended that it be held at the July GM.
- Lee-Anne advised members that for it to be successful, we do need members to donate orchids (species or hybrids), other plants, orchid materials, collectables or any other items that members might wish to purchase for the auction. Eleven members indicated that they could donate something for the auction.
- She also explained that for members unfamiliar with this event (it has not been held for some time), the donated items are placed into lots, and members then are invited to write their bid onto a small slips and place face down next to the lot.
- Once all members have completed their bids, the bids are turned over. The highest bidder for each lot wins the bid, collects the lot and pays the Treasurer.

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

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

Members voted for Adrian & Dee's *Rossioglossum grande*

**Name Badge:** Victor

**Raffle:** Arnold, Diane, Bruce, Mavis, Linda , Siva

Meeting closed: 9.17 pm



## MONTHLY PLANT

### ***Bulbophyllum echinolabium***

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**Country of origin:** Sulawesi and Borneo  
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**Description:** .Medium sized warm to cool growing epiphyte.

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**Difficulty:** This species can be grown as part of a mixed collection, although specialists often grow it in sphagnum moss

**Cost: \$15**

*Bulbophyllum echinolabium* J.J. Sm. 1934 comes from Sulawesi and Borneo where it grows in riverine to primary forests at 600 -1,200m. It is a unifoliate medium sized, warm to cool growing epiphytic species with space between each ovoid, non-angular pseudobulb that carries a single, apical, elliptic to obovate, rounded leaf. This species flowers in spring and summer on basal, 70 cm successively, single flowered inflorescences that gradually elongate with up to 10, unpleasant smelling flowers.

It enjoys warm temperatures, good air circulation, high humidity and frequent watering, and can be grown in pots or wooded baskets with a loose open medium. It has the largest flower within the Bulbophyllinae with a mobile warty labellum. Its common name is the Bulbophyllum with the Hedge-Hog Shaped Lip

In situ photo source: <https://travaldo.blogspot.com/2018/04/bulbophyllum-echinolabium-care-and-culture.html>



Photo source: <https://plantsnap.com/galleries/most-beautiful-orchids/page/9>

## Annual Award presentations

### Life Membership

At the May 2025 AGM, Ian was awarded Life Membership of the Society. Ian joined the Society in April 2000. Ian was the inaugural recipient of the Society's Quiet Achiever award in 2023 that recognised his consistent contribution to the Society's monthly meetings.



Lee-Anne presented Ian with a life membership certificate and life member badge.

### Tony Watkinson Award

This award will be made each year in memory of Tony Watkinson. It recognises a member who has tabled an unusual or seldom seen species at a monthly general meeting. Ryan tabled a plant of *Stelis poasensis* in August 2024 and was presented with an equally uncommon species orchid by Mavis at the February 2025 general meeting.



Ryan was presented with an award certificate by Mavis for the most unusual/seldom tabled species for 2024.

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

### Silent auction

As discussed at the May General Meeting, we will hold the Silent auction in July. Please decide what you can donate for this event as we will need to get details at the June GM

### Annual Membership

Our financial year ended 28 February and your annual membership is now due. The membership fee is \$20 for an individual member and \$30 for a family membership. 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.

# 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  
The Editor  
210 Hermitage Drive, The Vines WA 6069

**Next meeting Tuesday 10 June 2025**