



BULLETIN

OF THE

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID
STUDY AND CONSERVATION GROUP
(INC)

March 1998

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OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

- a To promote interest in and preserve Western Australian indigenous orchids.
- b To learn the best means of cultivation and do all things possible for the conservation of native orchids in their environment.
- c To learn their habitats and keep records.
- d To have field days and learn to recognise the different genera and species.
- e To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of interest in Western Australian orchids.
- f To affiliate with kindred organisations.
- g To make rules of the Group's domestic affairs.
- h To do all such other lawful things as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

Note: The opinions expressed by contributors to this Bulletin are not specifically endorsed by this group.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 18 March 98 at 7.00 p.m.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 18 March 98 at 8.00 p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 18 March 98 at 8.00 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

Members slide night. Please bring your slides for viewing. There should be a few from the Walpole trip.

ANNUAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Groups financial year commences on 1 February, so all membership fees are now due. The Group membership fees are as follows:
Single Membership \$20.00 pa.
Family Membership \$20.00 pa.

ARE YOU A FINANCIAL MEMBER?

Have you noticed a digit after your name on the address label of your Bulletin? It is the last digit of the year for which you are financial, eg. 7 = 1997.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

April 15	General Meeting
May 20	General Meeting
June 17	General Meeting
July 15	General Meeting
August 19	General Meeting
September 16	General Meeting
October 21	General Meeting
November 18	General Meeting

BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are needed for every edition of the Bulletin. Articles should be sent to Noel Clarke. The article submission deadline for the next issue is 1 April 1998.

SUPPER COST

Each month our supper is generously donated by group members (per list on the back of the Bulletin), while the group supplies the tea, coffee, sugar and milk. To recoup some of the cost of these supplies, a modest fee of 50 cents applies. This can be left on the supper table and will be collected by the Treasurer at the end of the evening.
Also please rinse out your cups when you have finished with them.

ORCHID TALK

Have a computer? Connected to the Internet? Want to talk orchids? Give your Editor your E-mail address for publication.

Members connected to the Internet are: -

FOR SALE

Rufa Trip Report \$10.00.
Caladenia flava Badges \$4.00 members, \$5.00 non-members.
Name Badges \$8.50.
Orchids of WA (2nd Ed) \$9.00.
Orchids of SW Australia \$40.00.
Car Stickers \$1.50.
Pat Dundas Cards \$8.00.
Bush Survival Kit \$4.00.

WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING
19 NOVEMBER 1997**NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS**

Lynne Gaull, a visitor, and Dianne Beckenham, a new member, were welcomed

in the usual manner.

MINUTES

It was moved Arends/J Haynes that the minutes of the General Meeting of 15th October be accepted. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE

As per correspondence list. Wayne Merritt reported receiving a letter from WWF mentioning grants to be applied for and used for Conservation purposes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report circulated.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trip and Xmas party at Walpole 6th/7th December.

PLANT TABLE

Bill Burton brought in two plants raised by Kings Park.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A MEMBER ASKED WHETHER Orchid Park Reserve was being looked after properly. As this is now CALM'S concern no one knows for sure.

The raffle was provided by Eva Smith and won by Joe Ward, and the supper was provided by Margaret Wilton.

Members' slides were shown by Noel Clarke, Dave Parker and Allan Hind.

The meeting closed at 8.40 PM.

WANOSCG AGM MINUTES 19/3/1977

Minutes of WANOSCG Annual General Meeting held on 19th March at Kings Park Lecture Theatre.

Meeting commenced at 8 p.m. The President welcomed new members and visitors and advised that only financial members can speak or vote.

ATTENDANCE – As per register.

MINUTES – Moved Clarke/Phillips that the minutes of 1996 AGM be accepted.

CARRIED.

MATTERS ARISING – Nil.

The President called for the election of a returning officer and two scrutineers.

Scrutineers Gary Brockman, moved Eaton/Long, Chris French, moved Eaton/Long. The President declared all positions vacant and called for nominations.

Returning officer Bill Jackson took the Chair. Patron – Steve Hopper. Nominated John Eaton seconded Jean Long. Carried.

President – Joni Eaton. Nominated Minna George seconded Don Manners.

Steve Phillips. Nominated Chris French seconded Bill Burton.

Steve Phillips was declared elected by a show of hands.

Immediate Past President – John Eaton.

Vice President (1) – Noel Clarke. Nominated John Eaton seconded Minna George. Carried.

Vice President (2) – Ian Greeve. Nominated Jean Long seconded Minna George. Carried.

Secretary – Joni Eaton. Nominated Noel Clarke seconded Minna George. Carried.

Treasurer – Christine Lock. Nominated Chris French seconded Steve Phillips. Carried.

Committee (1) – John Haynes. Second year. (1 year)

Committee (2) – Tony Lock. Second year. (1 year)

Committee (3) (2 years) – Don Manners.

Nominated John Eaton seconded Ian Greeve. Carried.

Committee (4) (2 years) – Joan Greeve.

Nominated Don Manners seconded Gary Brockman. Carried.

Field Trip Co-ordinator – John Arends.

Nominated John Haynes seconded Chris French. Carried.

Librarian – Bill Burton. Nominated John Eaton seconded Steve Phillips. Carried.

Editor – Noel Clarke. Nominated John Eaton seconded John Haynes. Carried.

Auditor – Ross Wilton. Nominated Ian Greeve seconded Minna George. Carried.

The following positions are not office bearers – Supper Co-ordinator – Joni Eaton.

Nominated John Haynes seconded Kate Ward. Carried.

The meeting closed at 2030.

AUGUSTA FIELD TRIP 8-9 NOV 97

Five of the six vehicles on the trip had arrived in Augusta by Friday night, so Saturday morning we left the Park, picked up the final car at Karridale, and headed for Scott River Road, our first site. Here we found: -

Caladenia abbreviata, *flava* subsp. *flava*; *Diuris fililolia*; *Lyperanthus serratus*; *Microtis media*; *Thelymitra* aff. *holmesii* (pg 267), *graminea*, *crinita* and *benthamiana*.

We shared our lunch break with a few friendly flies, then drove back through Augusta to the swamp (very dry) at the back of the airstrip.

After a longish search, aided once again by the friendly flies we found *Caladenia augustensis* ms, *lodgeana* ms, and *thinicola* ms. Also at the swamp were *Caladenia infundibularis* and

flava subsp. *sylvestris*; *Diuris filifolia* and *longifolia*; *Elythranthera emarginata*; *Microtis media* and *atrata*; *Prasophyllum gracile*;

Thelymitra benthamiana, *crinita* and aff. *holmesii* (pg 267).

We then headed back to Doonbanks where

everyone met around the BBQ for tea,

followed by Noel and Joan's slide show.

Graeme and Ingrid, whom Donna and Ed had met 2 months earlier at Eneabba, joined us here.

Sunday morning we made an early start to a local area known as Flat Rock or the Sailing Club which is within walking distance of the Park. Graeme and Ingrid also joined us. Here we found *Caladenia lodgeana* ms, *augustensis* ms, *thinicola* ms, *brownii*, *infundibularis*,

macrostylis, and a possible hybrid between *lodgeana* ms and *infundibularis*;

Diuris longifolia; *Microtis atrata* and *media*;

Thelymitra benthamiana and *crinita*.

By 11 a.m. those who were Perth bound

headed north, giving them time to make a few stops along the way.

Donna and Ed made room for us in their 4x4 and joined by Ingrid and Graeme we went to a site off Cosy Corner Road to look for

Caladenia abbreviata. Despite a search we did not find it, but the very sandy steep track to the beach led to some interesting driving moments. (The view of the cliffs was superb Ed !!!!)

Despite it being dry around Augusta it was a successful orchid weekend, and the cameras were all kept busy.

Mary and Stuart Harris.

Please note the change of *Thelymitra* aff. *holmesii* from pg 266 to 267. Ed.

SUMMER ORCHIDS OF TASMANIA

Over the Christmas break we had the pleasure of touring Tasmania, and while sightseeing and visiting family and friends were a priority, we managed to fit in some orchid hunting. A grand total of 17 varieties of orchids were found – not a bad tally considering I was not familiar with the locations and the conditions were unseasonably dry.

We arrived in Devonport (north coast) by boat on the 29th of December and commenced our travels down the east coast until we arrived at Coles Bay (Freycinet National Park). This is a very picturesque area with banksia heathland coastal flora similar to our south coast. As luck would have it, the owner of the caravan park was a keen orchid lover and she managed to direct me to a few locations. Coles Bay is renowned for its diversity of orchids and over 40 species have been found within and in close proximity to the caravan park. My first Tasmanian orchid was the beautiful pink hyacinth orchid, *Dipodium roseum*. This orchid is a saprophyte, with the stem sometimes containing up to 50 flowers. This orchid was flowering within 5 metres of our caravan site and was prominent throughout the National Park particularly near Wineglass Bay. On a sandy track nearby, we found two varieties of duck orchids, *Caleana minor* and *Caleana major*. *Caleana minor* is similar to our own duck orchids; with a long leaf a distinguishing feature. *Microtis rara* was also found close by.

Moving further south we stopped at Kingston (near Hobart) and spent an afternoon up Mt. Wellington. This is supposedly another rich orchid area, however the dry conditions had obviously taken its toll. Near the base of the mountain, we ventured along a rainforest track at Fern Gully and found our first greenhood – *Pterostylis foliata*.

A day trip to the beautiful Huon Valley and the Tahune forest reserve revealed two more orchids in rainforest locations – the familiar *Gastrodia sesamoides* and *Pterostylis scabrida* (I think!). The highlight of this trip was seeing the Huon Pine. This tree, once heavily logged for its excellent timber, is one of the oldest trees in the world. One specimen was recorded as being at least 2,500 years old. Imagine, it was already 500 years old at the birth of Christ! Fortunately it is now a protected species.

We spent a week at Cloudy Bay on South Bruny Island and found a number of orchids flowering. A highlight was finding the beard orchid *Calochilus herbaceus*. Even though we found only a few still in flower, the beard orchid appears far more common in Tasmania

than they do here in the West. Two leak orchids, *Prasophyllum flavum* and *Prasophyllum odoratum* were found in good flower, as was the old favourite, *Microtis unifolia*. Is there any place where this orchid does not grow? *Thelymitra cyanea*, a veined blue sun orchid was prominent on the low heath covered headlands, close to the ocean. *Pterostylis obtusa* was found in rainforest in more elevated regions of South Bruny Island. Moving on west of Hobart, we camped a few nights at Russel Falls (Mt Field National Park). Apart from the falls, the highlights included the variety of native animals that we were able to observe. A *Pterostylis* species and an Eastern States bird orchid – *Chiloglottis cornuta* were found here. Travelling up to Lake Dobson, revealed a distinct change in vegetation as the altitude increased. Lake Dobson is a sub-alpine region and the orchids found were common alpine plants. Our first spider, *Caladenia alpina* was fortunately still flowering, as was a very distinctive orchid – *Townsonia viridis*. This was a new genus for me and it doesn't look like any other orchid I have seen. It is often found on dense shade in mosses in forest locations. Another alpine region we visited was the beautiful Lake St Clare. Around the lake we found *Thelymitra ixioides* and *Pterostylis foliata*. Our final stop was at Boat Harbour near Rocky Cape National Park. Here we found a few of the orchids previously mentioned as well as the slipper orchid, *Cryptostylis subulata*. The Rocky Cape is also a renowned orchid hotspot and would be worth a visit in Oct/Nov. In the four weeks we spent in Tasmania, we only sampled a small portion of the orchids that were on offer. The variety of habitats encountered would suggest a rich orchid flora, and it has only served to wet the appetite for further investigations. For anyone contemplating visiting Tasie, I would thoroughly recommend the little booklet "Orchids of Tasmania – Plant Identikit" produced by the Society for Growing Australian Plants Tasmanian Region Inc. 1993. Eric Swarts.

WALPOLE TRIP 6-7 DECEMBER

To my surprise, December in Walpole had some orchids to show us besides the ones shown at the slide show at the Christmas party. A total of 13 orchid species on Saturday and 6 more on Sunday were seen.

Right at the campground, there were orchids if you had time to look around. Our tent was right next to *Cryptostylis ovata*. *Caladenia corynephora* could be seen on Coalmine Beach Knoll Rd. At Nut Rd in Kwokalup Creek, we saw *Elythranthera emarginata*, *Thelymitra tigrina*, *Thelymitra* aff *holmesii*, *Cryptostylis ovata*, and the Albany Pitcher Plant (just the pitcher, not the flower that opens in January). Along South Coast Highway to the east of Walpole, we saw *Microtis alba*, *Microtis media* ssp *media* and *Prasophyllum regium*. West of Walpole on South Western Highway, we saw *Thelymitra jacksonii*, *Prasophyllum brownii* and both colour forms of *Epiblema grandiflorum*. The walk trail in the Nuyts Wilderness displayed *Caladenia attingens*, *Thelymitra tigrina*, *Gastrodia lacista* and *Cryptostylis ovata*.

The Christmas party that evening was a great success and we all send a big thankyou to the organisers for the spacious venue, the tender roasted lamb on the spit, the delicious variety of salads, the scrumptious desserts and the icy cold drinks. And most enjoyably, a chance to socialise with friends.

Sunday, we headed towards Lake Muir and along the way saw *Caladenia brownii*, *Caladenia flava* ssp *sylvestris*, *Gastrodia lacista*, *Elythranthera emarginata*, *Microtis media* ssp *media* and *Prasophyllum drummondii*. Near Lake Muir on Muir Highway were *Caladenia radiata*, *Caladenia serotina*, *Microtis media* ssp *media* and *Diuris drummondii*.

We lost the group at that point, but it was late and we headed back to Perth.

Thanks to Stuart and Mary for organising us and to Bill Jackson for showing us where a lot of the orchids were to be found.

Donna and Eddy Wajon.

Thanks Eddy for a great slide show that night.
Noel Clarke.

AUDITORS REPORT

To the members,
The Western Australian Native Orchid Study
and Conservation Group (Inc)

I have examined the books and vouchers of The Western Australian Native Orchid and Study Group (Inc) for the year ended 31 January 1998 and have received explanations as deemed necessary.

The Statement of Cash Receipts and Cash Payments for the year ended 31 January 1998 has been prepared in accordance with the Society's records, and, in my opinion shows a true and fair view of the financial position as at this date.

R. Wilton FCPA
Hon. Auditor.
3 February 1998.

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