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**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID
STUDY AND CONSERVATION GROUP
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OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

- To promote interest in and preserve Western Australian indigenous orchids.
- To learn the best means of cultivation and do all things possible for the conservation of native orchids in their environment.
- To learn their habitats and keep records.
- To have field days and learn to recognise the different genera and species.
- To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of interest in Western Australian orchids.
- To affiliate with kindred organisations.
- To make rules for the governing of the Group's domestic affairs.
- 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, 20 November 2002 at 7.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 20 November 2002 at 8.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

Your committee extends to all members and friends their best wishes for a safe and

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

XMAS PARTY

This year the Xmas "do" will be a smorgasbord dinner at the Hyatt on Wednesday December 4 at 7.00 pm. The cost is \$30.00 to members with the group subsidising another \$5.00 to cover the charge of \$35.00 a head. A refundable deposit of \$10.00 a head is required at the time of booking. The treasurer will be coordinating the event.

GUEST SPEAKER

Members slides & photos night.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

20 November General meeting.
4 December Xmas dinner.

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 March 2003*. Country members, we would love to share your orchid adventures (or misadventures). Many private field trips are undertaken, how about sharing them with the membership via the Bulletin.

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.

WANOSCG ORCHID SIGHTING FORMS

Keep them rolling in.

FOR SALE

Rufa Trip Report \$10.00.
Caladenia flava Badges \$4.00 members, \$5.00 non-members.
Name Badges \$10.00.
Orchids of WA (2nd Ed) \$9.00.
Orchids of SW Australia \$45.00.
Orchid Flowering Times \$5.00.
Colour guide to Spring Wildflowers by Eddie Wajon \$ 18.00 each.
Part 1: Kalbarri & The Goldfields.
Part 2: Perth & The Southwest.
Part 3: Esperance & The Wheatbelt
Car Stickers \$1.50.
Pat Dundas Cards \$8.00.
Bush Survival Kit \$4.00.
History of WANOSCG \$3.00.
Eddy Wajon 2003 calenders –
Large \$9.00
Small \$4.50

NAME BADGES

Group name badges can be ordered from the Treasurer. The cost is \$10.00 each.

2003 CALENDAR

Dallas Parks, a Walpole member, has produced a calender for 2003 in memory of Bill Jackson. She has used Bills photos, each month showing an orchid flowering during that month in the Walpole area. She prints the calender on request at cost with no profit to herself. The price is \$8.00. The treasurer will take your orders.

CAR STICKERS

The car sticker included in this Bulletin has been produced to advertise our Web & Email addresses. It will also serve as a recognition sign on field trips. Additional stickers may be purchased for \$2.00 from the treasurer.

WEB SITE

Don Ward has done considerable work setting up and maintaining our web site. See the bottom of page 2 for the addresses.

Don requires the assistance of members to provide him with information such as your orchid sightings & photos ASAP after the event for inclusion on the web.

Don is also willing to teach you how to use the web site and Email. **All you have to do is ask.**

RARE ORCHID BOOKS

Gary Brockman has a list of orchid books available from Orchidaceous Books. The list includes many rare books and covers a wide range. Anyone interested please contact Gary.

**FIELD TRIP REPORT PEMBERTON 28 –
30 SEPTEMBER by MARY HARRIS**

Christine's order of a fine weekend was delivered & we enjoyed the sunny weekend. Twenty-three people gathered for the Saturday meeting time & we were pleased to welcome Frank & Bev Simmonds from Queensland, and Hans, Gerlind & Rildeger Kohlmuller from Germany for the day.

Our first stop was on Orchid Rd near Northcliffe where large numbers of *Drakea glyptodon* were found. *T macrophylla* & *flexuosa* were still in bud.

Lunch was at the Hollow Butt picnic site, which was a pleasant spot. *Pt aff nana* (karri snail) & *Cyrtostylis huegelii* were here, with *Corybas recurvus* in seed.

Richardson Rd was the last stop of the day. We stopped at 2 places and orchids found were: - *Pt vittata*, aff *nana* pg 345 & aff *barbata* pg 382 (bloated bird).

Caladenia flava, *latifolia* & some beautiful hybrids between them.

Cyanicula sericea.

Paracaleana nigrita.

Drakea glyptodon & *thymiphila*.

Elythranthera brunonis.

Cyrtostylis huegelii.

Thelymitra benthamiana in bud.

Cyrtostylis ovata leaves.

Sunday was a 4WD day, so car-pooling was organized to fill the vehicles available. Many thanks to Christine, Ian, David & Mike who shared their 4x4s. We had an excellent day down Fish Creek Track, which was an unknown area to most of us. We made several stops and orchids listed are the day's tally.

Caladenia latifolia, *flava*, *gardneri*, *interjacens* & *bicallata* ssp *bicallata*.

Drakea glyptodon & *thymiphila*.

Paracaleana nigrita.

Pterostylis aff *nana* pg 345, aff *nana* undescribed with medium clubbed ears & small rosette, *barbata* & aff *turfosa* pg 376.

Diuris longifolia & *amplissima*.

Thelymitra pauciflora, *antennifera*, with *flexuosa* in bud.

Elythranthera brunonis in bud.

Leptoceras menziesii leaves.

Corybas in seed.

Microtis leaves.

Cyrtostylis huegelii in seed.

We saw huge numbers of *Caladenia latifolia* & a wide range of colour variations on *C gardneri*, which were also in good numbers. A dozen of us topped a good day with a meal at the Chinese Restaurant in Pemberton, which was slow in coming (1 hour), nevertheless, an excellent meal.

Monday saw us all at the Manjimup Information Bay from where we headed north about 20 km to an area of bush on the roadside. Here we found: -

Caladenia christineae, *macrostylis* & *flava*.

Cyanicula sericea.

Diuris amplissima.

Pterostylis vittata & *recurva*.

Thelymitra antennifera and another in bud.

Elythranthera brunonis in bud.

Further north at the Seaton Ross Rd swamp we donned our wellies and found orchids in the water. One species of *Caladenia* we found created considerable discussion, was it *uliginosa* ssp *candicans* or not? Very similar to but perhaps not quite *christineae*. (I have been advised that *C uliginosa* ssp *patulens*, a pure white variety, grows here. Ed.). Also here was a *Pt aff nana* with slightly clubbed long ears. *T antennifera* was identified! Also found flowering were *C reptans* & *flava*, *M obicularis* & *T crinita* in bud.

From here we all went our own ways, most returning to Perth, the others going back to Pemberton for another night. All in all, a good weekend. Thankyou Christine.

**TRIP REPORT by ROSS & MARGARET
FOX**

On Monday when the group broke up after the Seaton Ross swamp Matz led some of us to Press Rd, about 5 km south of Bridgetown. Here we found *C vulgata*, *macrostylis*, *flava*, *nana* ssp *nana*, *reptans* & *cairnsiana*; *Cyrtostylis huegelii*; *Diuris magnifica* & *longifolia*; *Pt vittata*, *recurva* & aff *nana* just finishing or in seed; and *T sp* in bud.

We were told about *C viridescens* & *rhomboidiformis* at Meelup so we set out on Thursday to look for them. We only found several plants of *C viridescens*, some eaten and some in seed. We also found *C flava* & *Ely brunonis*. We then did a quick trip to a location Bill Burton introduced us to in Wilyabrup Rd. We found lots of *Caladenias* in bud, finally finding a flower of *C infundibularis*, a first sighting of this specie for us. We also saw *C flava*; *Ely brunonis*; *Diuris corymbosa*, *amplissima* & aff *amplissima* & *T sp* in bud. Driving back along Caves Rd we saw *C rhomboidiformis* on the road verge.

Our next stop was near Coley Rd where we saw many species of spider orchids. As it was too late to take photos we repaired to Yallingup Caravan Park for the night. Next morning we found lots of *Diuris* aff *amplissima*, *C flava*, *latifolia*, *georgei*, *huegelii* & *gardneri* & *Pt recurva* in the vicinity of the park.

Back at the Coley Rd site we found *L serratus*; *D amplissima*, aff *amplissima* & *corymbosa*; *C flava*, *excelsa*, *chapmanii*, *georgei*, *huegelii*, *ferruginea*, *procera* & *longicauda* ssp *merrittii*.

Our last stop was the Augusta Yacht Club where we found *C flava* & *macrostylis*, *M atrata* & *T antennifera*.

FIELD TRIP TO CHEYENNE BEACH OCTOBER 12/13 by NOEL CLARKE

This trip was arranged hastily when I heard that *C granitora* had been seen in bud. Six stalwarts met at a convenient spot at Albany Hwy & Hurley Rd. This has been a favourite stopping place whenever I go down Albany Hwy, a good coffee break spot that usually yields some orchids. Here we found *C falcata*, *flava*, *magniclavata*, *reptans* & *Drakonorchis barbarossa*.

We proceeded to Robinson Rd, Woodanilling where we found *C falcata*, *flava*, *uliginosa* ssp *uliginosa*; *Drakonorchis barbarossa* & *E emarginata*.

The next stop was at Tunny where we had no success looking for *C luteola*. However we did find *C chapmanii*, *longicauda* ssp *eminens* & *longicauda*, *flava*; *D laxiflora*; *E emarginata*; *T antennifera*; & hybrids *C longicauda* ssp *eminens* x *C polychroma* and x *luteola*.

Just north of Tenterden we found *C flava*, *vulgata*, *longicauda* ssp *eminens*, hybrid *C longicauda* ssp *eminens* x *vulgata*; *D laxiflora*; *T antennifera*, *macrophylla*, & hybrid *antennifera* x *macrophylla*.

From here we took a long short cut to Cheyne Beach. There is a ford across the Kalgan River along Mindijup Rd that was too deep and rough for 2WD vehicles, so it was back track and down to Bakers Junction. We found the object of the trip *C granitora*, one two headed specimen growing between two rocks, one to sit on the other to put your feet on so that the photos could be taken in comfort.

We overnighted at Cheyne Beach Caravan Park, where some members of the party who had not had enough orchiding for the day searched round the park with success.

Next day bright and early, bunk beds not being comfortable, we headed off for Green Range to Kojannerup Rd. It did not help that there are two roads within sight of each other with the same name. We found orchids at both sites, *C fuscolutescens*, *flava*, *polychroma*, *heberleana*; & *D laxiflora*. *Thelymitra* sps were in bud.

Off once again to Two Peoples Bay Rd where Bill Burton had seen *Calochilus* aff *robertsonii* (swamp beard). We did not find Bill's ones but

found others. We also found *D laxiflora* at this quick stop.

Next we hightailed to Sheepwash Reserve on the Mt Barker-Denmark Rd. The warm weather was starting to take its toll. We still found *C starteorum*, *pectinata*; *D longifolia* & *laxiflora*.

We decided to have a lunch stop and our final look at Tenterden Reserve. Though relatively dry we found *C caesarea* ssp *caesarea*, *longicauda* ssp *longicauda* & *eminens*, *polychroma*, hybrid *longicauda* ssp *eminens* x *caesarea* ssp *caesarea*; *D laxiflora*; *Lyp serratus*; *T antennifera* & *pauciflora*. Altogether a good weekend.

FIELD TRIP BROOKTON HWY OCTOBER 19 by NOEL CLARKE

Once again the Cheyne Beach mob, minus Margaret Fox replaced by Bill Burton, met at Edison Mill Rd. formerly Dale West Rd. Those with internet access would have seen the trip on our site. The object of our trip was to find the granite bee.

A short distance down Edison Mill Rd and along a track we had success. Though dry we saw lots of orchids. There were lots of bees, small ones and tall ones, large flowers and smaller flowers, all growing together. We photographed some big ones. Were they the granite bee? Your guess is as good as mine. To muddy the situation a few kilometres down the road at a flat winter wet area we saw the same mixture.

At the first site we found *C flava*, *longicauda* ssp *longicauda*, *marginata*; *D laxiflora*, aff *laxiflora* (pg 431); *E emarginata*; *P gracile*, *ovale*; *T antennifera*, *crinita*, *macrophylla*, aff *macrophylla* undescribed & *villosa*.

At the second site we found *C falcata*, *uliginosa* ssp *candicans*; *P gracile*, *ovale*; *D laxiflora* & aff *laxiflora* (call it what you like). Being half way to Skeets Place (no sign at road now) we decided to have a look. We found *Pt sargentii*; *T macrophylla* & aff *macrophylla* undescribed. Don Ward found a *Calochilus* aff *robertsonii* (wandoo beard) passed its prime but added it to his gallery. The undescribed *T* aff *macrophylla* is like the granite sun but is not clump forming and has a much shorter leaf.

TALK BY ANDREW BROWN

Andy spoke to us about *Prasophyllum* & *Microtis*.

Microtis are later flowering spread from September to January. Some of the species inhabit the dry interior though *M media* is widespread. The difference between the species and subspecies is very hard to

distinguish with the naked eye. An 8 times magnifying glass is a must if you want to see the difference which is mostly in the labellum. *Microtis* has not escaped the penchant for change. *M. atrata* has been proposed as *Microtidium atrata* and *M. obicularis* to be *Hydrorchis obicularis*.

Genoplesium nigricans has not escaped either. It was initially *Prasophyllum nigricans*, changed to *Genoplesium nigricans* and is now proposed as *Corunastylis nigricans*.

Andy then showed slides illustrating all the *Microtis* species & most of the *Prasophyllum* species pointing out the salient features. Regarding the name changes which was published in the January 2000 issue of The Orchadian. Like all proposed name changes they are subject to acceptance by the users; you & me.

WANOSCG – MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 16TH OCTOBER 2002

Meeting commenced at 8.10pm

In the absence of President Mike Harper, V. President Noel Clarke assumed the chair.

ATTENDANCE:

32 members were present 7 apologies as per the attendance register.

NEW MEMBERS:

Nil

VISITORS:

Shirley Anderton, Ruth and Jim Downes.

MINUTES

Moved. Ross Fox/ Matz Dahkamp Minutes of General meeting of 18th September 2002 as presented in the Bulletin be confirmed.

CARRIED.

Matters Arising:

Don Manners to prepare an order form for the bulletin, for ordering group logo Tee shirts/windcheaters.

CORRESPONDENCE:

As per list circulated with attendance book.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The treasurer's reports for October circulated with attendance register.

Matters Arising:

Nil

FIELD TRIPS:

Our field trip co ordinator is currently overseas.

Private field trips were reported by Ron Heberle, Eva Smith, Eddy Wajon, Jim Downes Chris French, Ron Kinsey and Andrew Brown.

PLANT TABLE:

Bill Burton displayed 3 forms of *Diuris*, *Thelymitra* aff *macrophylla* and *Elyth. emarginata*.

Andrew Brown displayed a *Microtis*.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Members were informed of the proposed Christmas party at the "Café" in the Hyatt Wednesday 4th December at a cost of \$35 per head, of which the group will contribute \$5 per head. Bulletin notice to follow. A show of hands suggested a good response from members.
2. From the committee meeting the president exhibited a car sticker with the club logo and promoting the website/email address. 200 stickers at a cost of \$420 plus GST.

Moved Ian Greeve/Phil Bunney that finance be approved for this purchase: CARRIED

3. The president called for nominations to a subcommittee to manage the website. Chris French, Bill Burton and Don Ward were nominated and accepted.
4. Chris French displayed a calendar produced by Dallus Parkes in memory of and featuring the photographs of the late Bill Jackson. Anyone wishing to purchase can contact Chris or the committee members.
5. The secretary drew attention to a list of "Orchid titles" received from a bookseller who deals solely in books about orchids. Available at desk after meeting.
6. Don Ward offers to display the current website to members after the meeting.
7. Eddy Wajon brought to the attention of the meeting a letter being formulated to bring attention to Ken Hurst Park, the endangered *Caladenia hugellii* which grows there and the proposed extension of the Roe Highway though this population. The meeting was advised that the Wetland Society was also expressing concern.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Andrew Brown, Department of Conservation research officer, life member of WANOSCG and co author of "Orchids of South West Australia" presented a photographic display, history and update on the genus formally *Prasophyllum*, *Genoplesium* and *Microtis*. With a recent reclassification of these and some undescribed species in the wings, a provocative and informative talk with as usual, some great slides.

RAFFLE:

The raffle was donated by Don and Eva Smith and won by Stuart Harris.

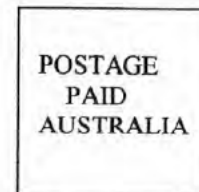
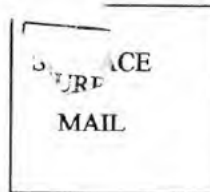
SUPPER:

The Stack family provided supper for the meeting. Thank you from all members
The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

	SUPPER ROSTER	RAFFLE ROSTER	SPEAKER
MARCH			
APRIL	Virginia Bird	Ross Fox	Ron Heberle
MAY	Margaret Fox	Tom Blinco	Alex George
JUNE	Nancy Clarke & Sarah Atkinson	Noel Clarke	Eric McCrum
JULY	Matz Dahlkamp	Stuart Harris	Raquel Carter
AUGUST		Sarah Atkinson	Chris French & Gary Brockman
SEPTEMBER		Jeff Spencer	Members Slides
OCTOBER	Stack Family	Don & Eva Smith	Andrew Brown
NOVEMBER	Beth Kinsey	Len Stewart	Members slides & Awards Night

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FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS

4 Dec – Xmas dinner.