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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, 17 September 2003 at 7.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 17 September 2003 at 8.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

GUEST SPEAKER

Greg Bussell.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

13 September	Field trip to Culbin
17 September	General meeting.
27-29 September	Field trip to Tenterden
15 October	General meeting.
11/12 October	Field trip to Dunsborough
19 November	General meeting.

ANNUAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEES

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE

The Group's financial year commences on 1 February.

Annual fees are \$25.00 for singles & families. New membership joining fee is \$10.00 and if joining after 30 June membership fee is adjusted pro rata.

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 September 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 \$1.00 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.

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.

Group wineglasses \$7.50 each.

NAME BADGES

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

CAR STICKERS

Additional stickers may be purchased for \$1.00 from the treasurer.

GROUP WEB SITE

Have you visited our web site? See page 2 of the Bulletin for the address.

Don Ward updates the site after each field trip with photos, etc. Thanks Don for an excellent job.

MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS

The books listed in the August Bulletin are still missing.

FIELD TRIP PROCEDURES

Remember the rule, keep the following vehicle in sight. If it falls behind then slow down till it catches up.

Most importantly when you turn, stop at the turning point till you are sure the following vehicle is going to turn.

No participant in a field trip is exempt from these two important rules.

Please ensure you have sufficient fuel to get you through the field trips.

The field trips listed are proposed and are subject to change if needed.

It is important that you advise the Field Trip Coordinator because then you can be advised of any change of plans, etc.

Please consider car pooling, particularly on metro trips.

Accommodation for weekend trips is your own responsibility.

**FIELD TRIP TO CULBIN ROCK
SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER. NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Meet at Albany Hwy & Hurley Rd (approx 13 km south of Williams) at 10.00 a.m. There should be many genera and species to see. Garry Brockman is the trip leader. Please advise Christine Lock if you are attending.

**FIELD TRIP TO TENTERDEN WEEKEND
27/28/29 SEPTEMBER**

This is a combined orchid trip and to celebrate Eddy's 50th birthday at their block near Tenterden. Meet at the block at 10.00 a.m. 27th. Lunch (spit roast) served at 2.00 pm on Saturday 27th September, BYO gear. Please advise Eddy & Donna for catering purposes by 18 July 2003 if you intend attending.

Accommodation for about 14 people is available in the shed plus your fully self-catered campsite. Full details for accommodation available, program, etc is available from Eddy & Donna Wajon [redacted]

Directions to get there from Tenterden heading south: -

1. 1.1 km turn left at Chinninup Rd (stay on Chinninup Rd).
2. 3.0 km cross railway line.
3. 4.8 km straight at Lyndale Rd Y intersection.
4. 8.2 km left fork at Pearce Rd Y intersection, becomes single lane dirt track (sign "6 km winding road").
5. 10.3 km cross over Young River.
6. At corner turn right.
7. 12.3 km at corner turn left (NW corner of property).
8. 13.0 km Turn right at corner into View Range Rd (NE corner of property).
9. 13.4 km turn right into gate of Lot 14.



**FIELD TRIP 11/12 OCTOBER TO
DUNSBOROUGH**

Greg Bussell is the trip leader. Please ring Christine Lock, phone [redacted] for meeting place and time and if you are attending. Please arrange your own accommodation.

**ENEABBA FIELD TRIP REPORT 16/17
AUGUST by MARY HARRIS.**

26 people, including Hans & Gerlin and Dietrich & Ursula, our German visitors, and Mike Duncan, our honorary West Australian, gathered at Western Flora on Saturday 16th.

Led by Alan Tinker, our first stop was down Beekeepers Rd, under the Illyarrie trees where we found *C crebra*, *longicauda* ssp *calcigena* & *borealis*, *Cy deformis*, and *Pt aspera* & *sanguinea*.

At site 2, a swampy area off Beekeepers Rd we found *C occidentalis*, a very small orchid. *C crebra* and *denticulata* were still in bud here. Others found were *D laxiflora* & *Cy deformis*. In bud were *T antennifera* & *flexuosa*.

At site 3, at the corner of Beekeepers Rd & the railway line was the lunch stop and also where the rain got really serious. *Cy deformis* in flower, *Caladenia* sp in bud & *Cyrtostylis huegelii* were found by those who didn't mind getting wet.

At site 4, north along the track by the railway line, a burnt area among sheets of water yielded hundreds of the small red *Caladenias*. Lengthy discussion took place over the identity, and the jury is still out. (*C occidentalis*. Ed.). Also here were *C longicauda* ssp *calcigena*, *D laxiflora* & *Cy deformis*.

Site 5 - Alan saved the best for last. We aquaplaned along the track to a burnt area where we were treated to a vast array of the afore mentioned small red *Caladenia*, stretching away like Murchison everlastings. Many grew in tight clumps of 20 - 30 plants and were an amazing sight. *C longicauda* ssp *borealis* & *hirta* in many shades of pink were here as were *Cy deformis*, including several albino flowers. *T flexuosa* was in bud.

The rain cleared and we enjoyed a social BBQ to finish the day.

Sunday - further rain overnight replenished the puddles, but we had a fine day.

Site 1 - the cutting on Brand Hwy gave us *C crebra*, *longicauda* ssp *borealis*, *flava* ssp *maculata* and several lovely hybrids. Several white *Caladenias* were the subject of lengthy discussion but *borealis* won as the leaves were much bigger than those of *C calcigena*. *D aff magnifica* (ms tinkerii) were here too.

Several members headed home from here but those of us not returning to Perth had a quick side trip to the Arrowsmith River crossing where we found *C hirta* & *vulgata* & *Cy deformis*.

Mike Duncan, Stuart & I spent a couple of hours at the White Gum Nature Reserve on the Eneabba-Three Springs Rd. We found thousands

of *C denticulata* with many still in bud and also several flowering plants of what we think is *C pendens* ssp *talbotii*. Also found were *D aff corymbosa*, *Pt recurva*, *sanguinea*, *scabra* & *aff nana* pg 349.

Despite the rain on Saturday it was a great weekend. Thankyou Alan for again sharing your backyard with us, and thanks to Lorraine, who besides making us all feel welcome, holds the fort while Alan is out with the group.

FIELD TRIP by JEFF & WENDY SPENCER

Following on from the excellent excursion with the Group & Alan Tinker at Eneabba on 16/17 August, we proceeded to Perenjori, Ningham, Paynes Find, Mullewa, Geraldton and Kalbarri. A variety of orchids were spotted at all locations and wildflowers were blazing in colour along about 2/3 of the route. Everlastings were particularly good around Ningham /Mt Singleton and near the old Galena Rd (off Kalbarri Rd). Highlights of the orchids seen included many *C roei* (Perenjori & Kalbarri); *Cy amplexans*, *D aff recurva* & *T aff macrophylla* at 'Orchid Farm' near the rabbit proof fence east of Perenjori; *Pt aff nana*, *C reptans* & *D aff recurva* on Mt Singleton.

At Geraldton on the west slope of the Flat Top Range we saw several *C hoffmanii* ssp *hoffmanii* & *C flava* ssp *maculata*.

Near Zbend (Kalbarri) we were lucky enough to find *C wanosa* (1 specimen with 2 heads) plus a hybrid *C flava*. High winds caused difficulties. Numerous white spider orchids possibly *C vulgata* & *C roei* were evident in the old Galena area.

A good trip with the negative being that again we found no Queen of Sheba - have been trying for several years!

A FIELD TRIP ON 20 AUGUST by RUTH & JIM DOWNES

In answer to Noel's request for reports from members who embark on their own field trips I would like to submit the following: -

Firstly I must point out that neither Ruth nor I are very capable walkers & past experience has brought home the fact that we would both be a drag on those who are more capable so we elected to do our own thing at our own pace & limits. (Ruth & Jim you will always be welcome on club trips. Noel).

As we both like car runs into the country we select venues from our experiences & organize to spend a day or so in those we consider likely to be good "orchid country". Reference to the

"Bible" helps us decide which areas might yield orchids & when.

The scenic route (Nettleton Rd) from Byford to Jarrahdale was selected as a place to start about Nov/Dec last year and bingo!! Even at that time of the year we found Mignonettes (*Microtis*) and the promise of things to come. We had been here before becoming members of WANOSCG but were not aware before then that *Microtis* existed - was an orchid. We then went into recession till April/May this year. Since then that area has produced many green/brown greenhoods, jugs, donkeys (*D corymbosa* & *brumalis*), spiders in bud, bunnies (*Eriochilus* sp). Blue orchids (*Cyanicula deformis*) were in abundance throughout the area.

Dandalup to Dwellingup road was much the same.

Regan's Ford area, Moore River NP on the Brand Hwy - a morning in this area revealed spider leaves and many greenhoods. Along the road next to the roadhouse we found 2 hare orchids in bloom and numerous leaves.

Mogumber Oval - here we found *D brumalis*. Jarrahdale, the gravel road to the Pipehead Dam - here we found many jug orchids & little else, possibly too early in the year.

Wireless Hill - we have visited this site fortnightly. So far we have seen *D brumalis* and a small pansy orchid, spiders, green/brownhoods, cowslips, bee orchids, jugs, snails, red beak leaves, 1 bird & a pink fairy in bud. Kangaroo paws & cats paws are in abundance.

Many other routes & areas have been visited. They will probably be more interesting during Sep/Oct/Nov.

FIELD TRIP PAYNES FIND AREA24/25 AUGUST by NOEL CLARKE

Ross & Margaret Fox, Bill Burton & I set out full of hope. The first stop was at West Watheroo Rd so Margaret & Ross could see *C dundasiae*, of which there were a few. We proceeded along Gunyidi - Wubin Rd and looked at several salt lakes and found *C exilis*, *C vulgata*, *C hirta* ssp *rosea*, *Cy deformis*, *Pt aff nana* (hairy & broad petal snails) & *Pt picta* in bud.

Next day after a night's rest at Dalwalinu, minus the port, we set off for Paynes Find. There was evidence of rain and the wildflowers were out though the quantity was missing. The rock 30k South of Paynes Find was disappointing, only *P gracile* was in flower and *T aff macrophylla* (granite) in bud because of the overcast. This area has been good in the past. The rock 40k North of Paynes Find was better but not as good

as I've seen it in the past. Here we found *C. incensa*, *hirta* ssp *rosea*, *incensa* x *roei*, *Cy amplexans*, *P. gracile* & *T. aff macrophylla* (granite). The breakaway on the Yalgoo Rd was dry, as was the hill opposite a short distance from the rock. We didn't dally here seeing only the same as we'd seen at the other spots.

NINGHAN STATION TRIP by ROSS & MARGARET FOX

We proceeded from the homestead to Warrdagga Rock about 23 k. Our first stop was about 20k at a large rocky area covering several acres. There were hundreds of *Cy amplexans* (one white), a few *Cy deformis*, *P. gracile*, *C. hirta* ssp *rosea* & *T. aff macrophylla* in bud.

From there to Warrdagga Rock, first the Western side because of the large area covered by the rock. Parts were very steep and covered with boulders and shrubs. The orchids were on the slope and top of the rock. We soon found *C. hirta* ssp *rosea*, *incensa*, *roei*, *pachychila*, and some we thought were white *C. flaccida* (now *C. paradoxa*) or *C. remota* ssp *remota*, *Cy deformis*, *amplexans*, *Pt. aff nana* (broad petal) and *P. gracile*. On the Eastern side in a small pocket were *Cy deformis*, *Pt. aff nana*, *T. aff macrophylla* (a couple partly open), *C. incensa*, *flaccida*?, *hirta* ssp *rosea*, *roei*, *pachychila* & *Drakonorchis mesocera*.

On our way home we went to Waddington Rd Reserve at Wongan Hills. Here we found *D. corymbosa* & *aff recurva*, *C. pachychila*, *flava* ssp *flava*, *roei*, *saccharata*, *denticulata*?, *dimidia*?, *xantha*, a red spider we could not identify, *Pt. sanguinea*, *sargentii*, *E. sp* in seed, lots of *Prasophyllum* in bud and *E. brunonis* in bud. There was also a native beehive attached to a small shrub. Needless to say we kept far away. The next stop was York Rd between York and Wambyn Reserve to find many *C. longicauda* ssp *eminens*.

The final stop was the Catchment Rd area to look for Bill Burton's *C. magniclavata* without success. We did find several *C. longiclavata*, *reptans*, *Cy deformis*, *D. corymbosa*, *Pt. barbata*, *E. brunonis* in bud, *T. spiralis* & *villosa* in bud. A very satisfying trip.

TALK BY MIKE DUNCAN

Melbourne's Green Wedge is generally defined as the area bound by the Plenty and Yarra Rivers, from their respective sources in the Kinglake and Dandenong Ranges to their junction in suburban Heidelberg. This area is special to many because it includes the only

significant patches of native vegetation still remaining in greater Melbourne.

Warrandyte (on the Yarra River) was the site of Victoria's first gold discovery, and as a result the first visitors to the Green Wedge were part of the gold rush in the 1850s. Evidence of their diggings in the dry, stony soils of the Box-Ironbark forests is still visible today. However, the gold rush was soon over and the miners moved to the major goldfields of Bendigo and Ballarat, leaving the Green Wedge as rather sparsely populated rural villages.

The next significant visitors to the area were the famed Heidelberg school of artists. In the 1880s and 1890s, significant Australian artists such as Arthur Streeton, Tom Roberts and Fredrick McCubbin would catch the train to the end of the line at Heidelberg, and spend weeks wandering the hills of the Green Wedge, painting what they saw.

Half a century later, some of Victoria's most important orchidologists, led by W. H. Nicholls (of *Orchids of Australia* fame), followed in the footsteps of the Heidelberg school, discovering and describing many new species of orchids in what is now suburban Greensborough, Eltham and Warrandyte.

As the suburban sprawl went into over-drive in the 1950s and 1960s, the relative solitude and natural beauty of the Green Wedge drew the hippies. This group probably played the most significant role in halting the march of the 'clear-and-quarter-acre-block' brigade, and effectively protected relatively large tracts of natural vegetation. Today they happily coexist with the winemakers of Domain Chandon and Yering Station, producers of the finest wines in Victoria. The Green Wedge is also my home, and there's nothing better than ducking out to spend the afternoon exploring this priceless part of Melbourne. With more than 80 species of orchids, there's always something to see. Some species are relatively common, such as the tiny white or pink flowers of pink fingers (*Caladenia carnea*), the distinctive green, red and white coloured flowers of the common green-comb spider orchid (*Caladenia phaeoclavia*), the large purple flowers of the wax-lip orchid (*Glossodia major*), and the yellow and brown blotched flowers of the leopard orchid (*Diuris pardina*). During the summer months, the bush is dominated by the striking metre-high flowering spikes of the bright pink, rosy hyacinth orchid (*Dipodium roseum*). In damp, shaded areas, common species include massive colonies of the distinctive parrot-beak

shaped flowers of the nodding greenhood (*Pterostylis nutans*), the single, upright flowers and twisted labellum of the blunt greenhood (*P. curta*), and the tiny maroon flowers of the slaty helmet orchid (*Corybas incurvus*). In rainforest areas of the Kinglake Range, one of Victoria's 3 epiphytic species, the butterfly orchid (*Sarcochilus australis*) can still be found on the trunks of prickly current trees.

Other species are not so lucky and are critically endangered, known from only a few sites, and under pressure to survive. One such species is the charming spider orchid (*Caladenia amoena*), which is known from only 3 sites in the Wattle Glen area, 2 being private property. It's Victoria's smallest member of the green-comb spider orchid complex, measuring less than 10 cm in height. Perhaps this orchid's most unfortunate characteristic is its preference for the tops of dry, stony hills – this is the area most sort after by home builders hoping to capture lucrative views of the city, and as such many populations have been lost to housing developments.

Another species under significant pressure to survive is the beautiful rosella spider orchid (*Caladenia rosella*). The largest population of this orchid grows in the front yard of the home of a local orchid enthusiast, who has been responsible not only for the protection of this species, but many others in the Green Wedge. This species has stunning pink coloured flowers, which are relatively large in comparison to its short stem (<15 cm). The area surrounding the smallest of the 3 populations (<5 plants) was recently subdivided into a housing development, which set aside an area little more than a house block in size for the orchids, and then proceeded to market the development as 'orchid gardens'. Thus, while we have been lucky to have inherited an area as important as the Green Wedge, the battle is still on to preserve it.

HISTORY OF ORCHID COLLECTING IN SOUTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1791 by RON HEBERLE - Continued

JOHANN AUGUSTUS LUDWIG PREISS 1811 - 1883, Botanist and Biologist.

Ludwig Preiss was financed by the Austrian Government to collect plants and biological specimens. He spent three years, 1839 - 1841 at the Swan River Colony and collected some 2700 specimens, being assisted by the settlers,

particularly James Drummond and Georgiana Molloy.

Most of his biological specimens were purchased from settlers and their children, animals and bird skins, eggs, seashells, etc. There was considerable criticism from the settlers that a foreign government was taking advantage of the colony's natural flora and fauna and their own government was not interested.

Preiss aware of the settlers' resentment, sought to become a British subject and offered to the Governor to make all his collection available, however this was refused.

Most of the collections Preiss made came from the well settled areas and he was able to give meticulous descriptions, locations and habitats, mostly lacking from other collections at that time.

One very important result of Preiss's visit was that he influenced Ferdinand von Mueller to come to Australia in 1852.

His botanical collections were written up in "Planta Preissianae" by J. G. C. Lehmann 1844 - 1847 wherein he was honoured by 40 species being named after him.

Most of Preiss's orchid collections were duplicates of Drummond's; just three have survived reduction to synonymy:

- *Caladenia nana* Endl Mt Clarence, Preiss, Oct 5, 1840.
- *Prasophyllum macrostachyum* R Br var *ringens* Reich F 1871, York, Preiss. (*P. gracile*)
- *Acianthus reniformis* R Br var *huegelii* (*Cyrtostylis huegelii*). Endl, Rottnest Island, Aug 22, 1839.

GEORGE MAXWELL 1805 - 1879, Botanical Collector and Naturalist.

George Maxwell arrived at King George's Sound in 1840 and did extensive collecting work around the Sound, The Stirling Ranges and east to the Barren Mountains. On at least two occasions he botanised with James Drummond.

To provide income for his expeditions he established a nature and curios stall on the shipping jetty and also gave guided tours for a fee. He later became a supplier of sandalwood *Santalum spicatum*. He kept his botanising until 1863.

Most of his specimens went to Mueller, however some are lodged at Kew and the British Museum of Natural History.

Ten species were named in his honour though only one orchid was named from his collections:

- *Thelymitra cornicina* H G Reichb, King George's Sound, Maxwell.

DR WILLIAM HENRY HARVEY 1811 - 1866
Professor of Botany, Keeper of Herbarium, Dublin.

Dr Harvey visited King George's Sound in 1845 and spent eight months in the colony mostly collecting marine plants, of which he was a world authority.

He had one orchid named:

- *Caladenia aphylla* (*Praecoxanthus aphyllus*) Benth. Flora Australiensis 1873 King George's Sound, Harvey.

AUGUSTUS FREDRICK OLDFIELD 1820 - 1887. Botanist and zoologist.

Oldfield made extensive collections in Tasmania during the mid nineteenth century. He collected in W. A. up to the 1860's and his collection went to the Melbourne Botanical Gardens and to Kew Gardens.

Thirteen species were named in his honour; he had one orchid named:

- *Prasophyllum cyphochilum* Benth. Upper Kalgan, Oldfield.

BARON FERDINAND VON MUELLER
1825 - 1896. Government Botanist Victoria
1857 - 1873.

On the recommendation of Sir W J Hooker, Von Mueller was appointed as Government Botanist in Victoria in 1857. His prodigious enthusiasm and willingness to make extensive field excursions resulted in him becoming the foremost authority on Australian flora for those times.

As a member of A C Gregory's exploration to the Kimberleys in 1856 he made extensive collections and visited W. A. again in 1867, when he influenced numerous settlers to collect for him from as far afield as the Murchison River to Isrealite Bay.

Ferdinand Von Mueller had intended to write up and publish the Flora of Australia and was most disappointed when Bentham was chosen for this work. However he co-operated willingly with Bentham. Some authorities consider that he should have been regarded as co-author of "Flora Australiensis".

His major contribution to the knowledge of flora in Australia was recognized in his award of K.C.M.G. in 1879.

He collected and named two orchids in W.A.:

- *Caladenia cairnsiana* F Muell collected at Stirling Range.
- *Lyperanthus* (*Pyrochis*) *forrestii* F Muell 1882 near Stirling Range, J. Forrest.

ROBERT DAVID FITZGERALD 1830 - 1892
Deputy Surveyor General N.S.W.

Robert Fitzgerald did early research into self-pollination and pollinating mechanisms with terrestrial orchids. He did pioneering work in N.S.W. particularly along the Hawkesbury River and the environs of Sydney.

He visited W.A. in 1881 and did field work around Perth to Bunbury and to Albany. His collections resulted in the naming of 12 terrestrials, 5 of these have since been reduced to synonyms.

All of his orchid collections were published in "Australian Orchids" 1875 - 1894. This publication is now a collector's piece. The quality of his artistic plates, accurate to the finest detail and with clear concise text is considered to be amongst the finest orchid work that has ever appeared.

His named W.A. orchids are all published in "Gardeners Chronicle".

- *Caladenia lobata* Fitzg 1882. Upper Hay River.
- *C macrostylis* Fitzg 1882. Upper Hay River.
- *C plicata* Fitzg 1882. Wharberton, St Werbergs, Upper Hay River.
- *Diuris laevis* Fitzg 1882. Wilsons Inlet, Sep 1881.
- *Thelymitra mucida* Fitzg 1882. Wilsons Inlet, Sep 1881.
- *Drakaea glyptodon* Fitzg 1882. Bunbury, Sep 1882.
- *Prasophyllum triangulare* Fitzg 1882. Albany, Oct 1882.

WANOSCG - MINUTES OF GENERAL
MEETING 20th AUGUST 2003

Meeting commenced at 8.10pm

President Mike Harper opened the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: 40 members and 1 visitor were present and 8 apologies accepted as per the attendance register.

NEW MEMBERS:

Alex Graham of LESMURDIE

VISITORS:

Alan Hines

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Nil

MINUTES

Moved. Stuart Harris/Bill Burton Minutes of General meeting of July 16th 2003 as presented in the Bulletin be confirmed. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

As per list circulated with attendance book and dealt with by committee.

Matters from correspondence were mostly dealt with as above.

MATTERS ARISING FROM**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. President advised that the ANOS Macarthur Group were hosting the 5th Australasian Native Orchid Conference in Cambelltown from 16th – 19th September 2004. Brochures are available on front desk.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The treasurer's report for the previous month has been tabled and dealt with at committee level. A copy of that report is circulated with the attendance book.

Any questions from the floor can be directed to general business after all present have had the opportunity to view this report.

MATTERS ARISING:

Nil

FIELD TRIPS:

Chris Lock reported on the trip to Enneabba with special thanks to Alan Tinker for his leadership and input into making it a successful trip.

The trip to Culbin Reserve planned for September 13th, see the bulletin.

The trip to Dunsborough planned for October 11-12.

Private trips were reported by, Ross Fox – Moora area.

Noel Clarke & Bill Burton – Merridin.

Bill Burton – Dale Forest and Wireless Hill and Matz Dahlkamp – Catchment Road.

PLANT TABLE:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The City of Cockburn has advised that an area of 36ha, in Banjup is due for development very soon and is available for removal of orchids by interested parties. Noel Clarke has the details or contact Chris Beaton directly at the City of Cockburn.

2. Members please be aware the field trip to Dunsborough is OCTOBER, not November as previously advertised.
3. The president advised that the digital camera is available for sale as per the notice in the bulletin. Please reply to Chris Lock. The camera is available at this meeting for viewing.
4. The meeting was advised that Don Manners has resigned as Vice President due to commitments. Don has been a committee member for a long period of time and we wish him well and thank him for his contribution. We look forward to catching up at a future meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mike Duncan, long time member, regular visitor to WA and Victoria resident is in WA again on holidays and presented an excellent program of "Orchids of my Backyard" the "green wedge" of Victoria.

Mikes standards as usual are high and his knowledge outstanding.

Thanks again Mike and we hope you enjoyed your stay in WA.

RAFFLE:

The raffle was donated by Chris French and drawn by Mike Duncan.

Well Chris French won it initially but Bill Burton won the redraw.

Thanks Chris for being a good sport.

SUPPER:

Matz Dahlkamp provided supper for the meeting.

Thank you from all members who attended

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The next general meeting, will be on 17th

September 2003, at the Kings Park Botanic Gardens Administration building, 8.00pm.

Guest speaker will be Greg Bussell, long time member and resident of Margaret River where he now lives in retirement (semi) while not out looking for orchids.

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