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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 habits and keep records.
- d) To have field days and learn to recognize the different genera and species.
- e) To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of interest in W.A. orchids.
- f) To affiliate with kindred organizations.
- g) To make rules for the governing of the Group's domestic affairs.
- h) To do all such lawful things as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 15th November 2006 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 15th November 2006 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park. The topic is "Photographic competition & some Tasmanian Orchids".

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please send Bulletin contributions
by email to [REDACTED]

The deadline for the March issue is 1st
March 2007. Any articles received after
then will be carried over.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday November 15 - General Meeting.

Sunday November 19 - Field trip Dale area.

Weekend 2/3 December - Xmas trip to Albany (note change of venue)

Wednesday 21 March 07 - Annual General & General meeting.

XMAS PARTY

It has been the habit over a number of years to have a special Xmas get together sometimes at a restaurant sometimes on a field trip. Your committee has decided on a field trip this year to the Albany area on 2nd & 3rd December. NOTE change of venue on advice of the locals.

Meet at the parking bay on Muir Hwy on the outer edge of Mt Barker at 11.00 a.m. Accommodation at Happy Days Caravan Park (where we stayed 2 years ago), 1584 Millbrook Rd (near Chester Pass Rd), Albany is cabins & sites. The phone number is 9844 3267. Please advise Ross Fox if you intend attending.

FIELD TRIP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19 TO DALE AREA.

Meet at Brookton Hwy & Ashendon Rd at 10.00 a.m. The purpose of the trip is to see *Paracaleana* & *T dedmaniarum*. As usual please advise Ross Fox if you intend attending.

MARKED ORCHIDS

A country member has advised us that some orchids in his area have been marked with a ribbon tied to the flower stem and the initials of the orchid written on the ribbon.

This practice is abhorrent because the wind blows the ribbon around causing the stem to break with subsequent loss of pollination.

One of the marked orchids is a DRF plant. The reason for marking a plant this way could be for study purposes or seems to indicate that someone wants to try growing our terrestrial orchids.

I hope that none of our members is the culprit. Whoever the person is there is a large fine for digging up orchids without a

permit, even larger if it is a DRF plant that requires a special permit that is almost impossible to get.

On the subject of permits part of the requirement, I am told, is to provide specimens to the Herbarium.

REGISTRAR

Ross Fox has now got the Groups computer set up & had a lesson on operating it including working with the database. He has made his first entries under supervision and is tackling the backlog of datasheets many members have provided. Congratulations Ross for the courage to tackle this job starting from scratch.

FIELD TRIP 14/15 OCTOBER REPORT by ROSS FOX

We met at Boddington & proceeded to the area we visited last year to look at *C* sp Quindanning. We found about 50 plants near the creek line. Also found were *C uliginosa* ssp *uliginosa* & possibly *patulens*, *longicauda* ssp *eminens*, *flava*, *barbarossa* & 2 others probably hybrids; *Diuris laxiflora*; *Leptoceras menziesii*; *T antennifera* & *macrophylla* & others in bud, & *Pt aff nana* (*Pyramidalis*?).

We then proceeded to Culbin Reserve on the Darkan Rd. Very little was found here. Next stop was at Changerup Hall where we found only *C longicauda* ssp *eminens* though 200 - 500 metres further on both sides of the road we found *C longicauda* ssp *eminens* & *redacta*, *barbarossa*, *flava*, *polychroma*, *luteola*, hybrids between the two, *caesarea* ssp *caesarea* & *marginata*; *P gracile* & *cyphochilum*; *Cy gemmata*; *Lyperanthus serratus*; *D laxiflora*; *T antennifera*, *benthamiana* & aff *macrophylla*, also lots of buds & *E brunonis* & *emarginata*.

Our last stop for the day was at the Kojonup Flora & Fauna Reserve where we were shown *C flava*, *integra* & *longicauda* ssp *eminens* & *redacta* & *L serratus*.

On Sunday we proceeded to Farrar Reserve. Not a lot was found, most were finished except for *C barbarossa* & 1 *attingens* ssp *attingens*; *L serratus*; *E*

brunonis & *emarginata* & various *Thelymitra* in bud.

Due to illness I decided to shorten the trip and proceeded to Boyup Brook. The initial reason for the trip was to compare *C dorrienii* with the species found near Quindanning. We already knew the two were from different sections of *Caladenia*. We found several *C dorrienii* along with *T crinita* & *macrophylla*.

We now split up & wended our own ways home. Some found more species as reported at our October meeting. Many thanks to the DeHaan family for their help in scouting out the sites for both the Manjimup & this trip.
(Note - Ross has recovered from his illness, Ed)

NEW & REMOTE ORCHIDS - A TALK BY ANDREW BROWN

I had a senior's moment recording this talk so what I write is from memory - very dangerous. Ed.

Andrew started the talk by telling us that Pat Dundas' book will be printed first & the next edition of "Orchids of South-Western Australia will be some time later (I think 18 months).

Recently discovered orchids included *C williamsiae* in 1999 & about 2 years ago *C* sp near Boddington. This orchid is not related to *C dorrienii* because it has 4 rows of calli therefore not in the *C denticulata* group which have 2 rows of calli.

He next spoke of remote orchids by displaying a map of S.W. WA and in turn circled remote areas such as Mt Magnet, Mt Augustus, East of Norseman, Cape Arid and even beyond the black stump near the South Australia border in the desert country. He displayed the orchids seen in each of the areas. Naturally the orchids in these remote areas only appear after rain at the right time. It was great to see the massed displays, particularly of *C remota* near Mt Magnet. (Though I have seen this orchid in 3 locations I have yet to get a photo. N. C.).

Thanks Andrew for a very informative talk. I hope I haven't mangled it too much. Ed.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Opened at 8.15 pm.

New Members: Maxine Has was welcomed to the meeting.

Visitors: Jan & Dave Dobak, members visiting Australia & Dave our guest speaker.

Attendance Book: 27 members & 2 visitors.

Raffle: Donated by Sarah Atkinson the President offered his thanks.

Correspondence: Attended to by Committee & list circulated with attendance book.

Treasurer's Report: Attended to by Committee & circulated with attendance book.

Field Trip Report:

1. Ross Fox drew member's attention to this year's CALM surveys. Dates & times in the Bulletin.
2. He reminded members of weekend trips to Manjimup & Boddington / Kojonup.
3. Members then reported on their recent experiences in the field. Ian Greeve, Ross Fox to Bindoon hill & Toodyay Road, & Mundaring Forest, Mike Harper to Grampians & Ararat, Mark Brundrett to More River with Wildflower Club & Jarrahdale & John Ewing at the north end of the Freeway near Huntingdale Crescent.

Plant Table: Bill Burton tabled specimens of *T macrophylla*, *T crinita* & *D longifolia* the latter being this year's photo competition subject.

General Business:

1. Conservation matters. Eddy Wajon reported on great concerns Don & Eva Smith had for the work proceeding in the road reserves in the Shire of Toodyay. They had resolved to clear all trees within 10 metres of the roads - that is, the full width of 20 metre road reserves. There was discussion on the amount of that could be done without approval, using the MRWA blanket exemption. Eddy was authorised to prepare & lodge a submission on behalf of WANOSCG. Other members were urged to object, most effectively to CALM.

2. Eddy reported that Candies Bush track area has been subject to a resolution by the Shire of Moora to seek transfer from the Dept of Planning & Industry to the Shire & then a management order to permit erecting boundaries, amalgamation & dedication as a flora reserve. A very good outcome.
3. Eddy also reported on a trip in the Shire of Chittering, where the Shire intended (had done?) clearing the road reserve of Blue Plains Rd. Ross reported he had seen some 40 *T. stellata* in the vicinity & had noted DEC markers.
4. The Secretary reported success with the Group's application for Lotterywest funding. Stage one of the project would receive funding of \$272,569 for two years work. The outcome was a good result for the Group and a great result for the study & conservation of these threatened species, and by extension, all orchids. There would be further report next meeting, It was moved Gerald Stack and seconded Margaret Fox that the Group accepts the offered grant and the PRESIDENT sign the Grant Agreement. CARRIED.

Guest Presentation: Jan & Dave Dobak provided a presentation on European Orchids. Dave spoke of their visit to the Garibaldi peninsula on the SE coast of Italy & of their exploration at Biganalp, Switzerland. He also led a discussion, which, among other things, considered the European farming traditions extending back for thousands of years, and how this had resulted in evolutionary changes in flora adapting to the man-formed landscape.

At the conclusion, Mike thanked the Dobaks and presented a small gift, and invited Dave to draw the raffle.

Raffle Draw: The raffle donated by Sarah Atkinson was won by Bill Burton (any collusion?),

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

WANOSCG MEETING MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 18 OCTOBER 2006

OPENED: meeting declared open at 8.18 pm

ATTENDANCE: There was a visitor for the evening (Mr Joel Buckle), three apologies and 38 members attending, as per the Attendance Book.

RAFFLE TONIGHT: Donated by Noel Clarke

MINUTES TO THE MEETING: 20 September 2006

As distributed at the meeting. Moved: Noel Clarke Seconded: Ross Fox, that these were a true record of the meeting.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence had been attended by committee, and members had the opportunity to view the correspondence list circulated with the Attendance Book

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report for the previous months had been tabled and matters dealt with by Committee.

A copy of that report was circulated with the Attendance Book for perusal by members.

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

1. Christmas trip: The Christmas trip had been amended to Albany (in place of Denmark) as there were more flowers anticipated around Albany in December this year. A booking at the Happy Days Caravan Park is recommended for those attending.
2. A trip is planned for 19 November to the Dale area.
3. Last week's trip was to the Boddington area, finishing in Boyup Brook. Unfortunately, the Field Trip Coordinator was taken ill and the trip was shortened, but still provided many sightings.
4. Don and Eva Smith reported on their trip to Ongerup and back via Hyden and Koolin. They reported *Thelymitra psammophilla*, *T. antennifera*, *T. flexuosa* and *T. macrophylla*.

PLANT TABLE:

Noel Clarke tabled a small pot of *Microtis*, remarkable as he had sourced them in a neighbour's yard.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Lotterywest Grant Application.
Preparations for commencement of the project have progressed. The Grant Agreement has been signed by both parties. Contact has been established with the other stakeholder groups. There will be a small ceremony on Tuesday 24th October at the BGPA Biodiversity Conservation Centre for the government representative (Hon Louise Pratt MLC) to present the initial cheque, and toast the launch of the project. All members present were invited and encouraged to attend if able. The project has to submit its first report to Lotterywest on progress and costs at 1 January 2007. President Mike thanked the sub-committee of himself, Gerald Stack and Eddy Wajon who had been tasked to submit the application, and which had been successful in attracting the funding.
2. Photographic competition.
Members were reminded that the annual photo competition would be held at the November meeting, and all were encouraged to submit their favourite photo of *Diuris longifolia*.
3. Eva Smith moved a vote of thanks to Eddy Wajon for his efforts to have the road reserve clearing pushed into the public's awareness. His efforts had led to a review of the plans for the activity to use more care with the clearing. Eddy made the point that it was a demonstration of the value of the Group to lead and achieve changes to promote conservation.
4. Andrew Brown advised that before leaving, Steve Hopper and he had completed their paper on *Drakea* and Andrew showed a copy to members. Their collaboration on *Paracaleana* had been published previously, and their paper on

Eriochilus will be published in a future issue of *Nuytsia*. He finished by advising that the new book with illustrations by Pat Dundas with his text will be published shortly, but the new edition of *Orchids of South West Australia* will be delayed some 18 months, through an horrendous loss of the electronic master.

Guest Presentation: Andrew Brown then gave a marvellous presentation of his recent work on Orchids on the Edge, orchids outside the normal Kalbarri to Esperance line.

RAFFLE DRAW: The raffle, donated by Noel Clarke, was drawn by Andrew Brown and it was won by Eva Smith.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next general meeting will be held on 15 November 2006.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

FOR SALE – Contact the Treasurer
(Sales now subject to GST)

Pat Dundas Cards (Orchid paintings) –
singly or in pack of four. \$2.50 ea.

Group wineglasses \$7.50 each.

Both the above are ideal as presents.

Car stickers \$1.50 ea

History of WANOSCG \$3.00.

Name badges \$12.00 each

Rufa Trip Report \$10.00

Caladenia flava Badges \$4.00 members,
\$5.00 non-members.

Orchids of WA (2nd Ed) \$9.00.

Note – all our copies of Orchids of SW Australia have been sold. This book is now out of print, so we await a new edition

Colour Guide to Spring Wildflowers

Part 1: Kalbarri & The Goldfields

Part 2: Perth & The Southwest.

Part 3: Esperance & The Wheatbelt

\$18.00 each. (Contact Eddy Wajon).

	RAFFLE ROSTER 2006	SPEAKER 2006
MARCH	G & T Blinco	Noel Clarke - "Orchids of South Australia" courtesy of Barb and Ken Bayley
APRIL	Donna Wajon	Noel Clarke - The <i>Caladenia magniclavata</i> complex
MAY	Ross Fox	Nigel Swarts - <i>Caladenia huegelii</i>
JUNE	G & S Stack	Noel Clarke - The <i>Caladenia longicauda</i> complex
JULY	Wayne Merritt	Dr Stephen Hopper - WA Orchids in Retrospect
AUGUST	Mike Harper	Garry Brockman - Prasophyllums.
SEPTEMBER	Sarah Atkinson	Jan & Dave Dobak - European orchids.
OCTOBER	Noel Clarke	Andy Brown - Recently discovered & remote orchids
NOVEMBER	Christine Lock	Photo competition (<i>Diuris longifolia</i>)

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FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Sunday 19 November - Brookton Hwy & Dale area.

Saturday/Sunday 2/3 December - Xmas get together at Albany.

**A MERRY XMAS & HAPPY NEW
YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS FROM
YOUR COMMITTEE**