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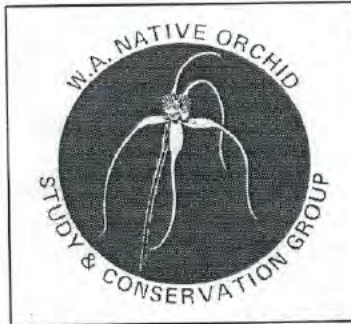
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OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

- 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 18th July 2007 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th July 2007 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park. There will a video presentation titled 'Orchid Adventure Special' which has come to us courtesy of Mike Duncan of Victoria

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please send Bulletin contributions by email to

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

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

18 July - General Meeting
15 August - General Meeting
19 September - General Meeting
17 October - General Meeting
21 November - General Meeting

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees for 2007 are now due.

Membership fees are \$25.00 per family.

NON FINANCIAL MEMBERS – IF THIS BULLETIN HAS A RED STICKER NEXT TO YOUR NAME OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOUR FEES FOR THIS YEAR HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED. PLEASE SEND YOUR FEES IMMEDIATELY AS THIS IS THE FINAL REMINDER.

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 \$8.00 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).

PHOTO COMPETITION FOR 2007

The General meeting decided this year's
subject will be "Orchid insect interaction".
Keep your photos throughout the year as
the competition night is at the November
meeting.

WANOSCG MEETING MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 20 JUNE 2007

OPENED: 8.07 pm

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES: As per
the Attendance book, 26 members were
present and five apologies were received.

MINUTES TO THE MEETING: 16 May 2007.

Moved: Kim Hanson Seconded: Ross
Fix, that the Minutes for 16 May as printed
in the Bulletin were a true record of the
meeting. **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE LIST AND

TREASURER'S REPORT: were circulated
with the Attendance Book having been
dealt with by Committee, with Members to
raise any matters as part of General
Business.

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

1. The Field Trip Coordinator reported
that the Corrigin/Babakin trip had a
good turn up and many of the
underground orchids were found.
Also seen were *Caladenia*
drummondii and *Eriochilus*.
2. The Mogumber trip for the 24 June
is on, even if the weather is off.
The FTC advised members to refer
to their copy of the Bulletin for
details of other trips this year.
3. President Christine advised that
there would be a trip to Moora on 5
August. The Moora group was
keen to make a day at the Candy
Bush Track reserve to mark August
as Biodiversity month. WANOSCG
would participate and details would
be settled at the next meeting.
Matz Dahlkamp offered to take
items for sale to the field day.
4. Noel Clarke reported the country
north of Dalwallinu to be as dry as
a bone, and could be forgotten for
orchid hunting this year.
5. Bill Burton said that he and Sarah
had again visited their Quindalup
site, and found *Pterostylis vittata*
had taken over. They had found

one specimen in bud and 70cm high, beyond the general 15 – 45 cm.

6. John Ewing together with Rob Hall had journeyed through Capel and the Ludlow Tuart Forest finding *Pterostylis vittata* and (?), Boranup Hill, and Charterhouse Road Augusta.
7. Wayne Merritt (?) succeeded in finding a single *Thelymitra apiculata* in an extensive search of Mt Nasur NP.

PLANT TABLE:

1. Bill Burton tabled several plants, one being *Diuris brumalis* or Winter Donkey Orchid.
2. Also, *Pterostylis* sp. often called the Hairy Stemmed Snail Orchid
3. There were plants of *Pterostylis vittata* recovered from Quindalup, some showing mutations (dual labellums, split leaves).

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Members were reminded that fees were due and payable - \$25 per family.
2. John Ewing raised the possibility for members of WANOSCG to assist in monitoring some Declared Rare Flora (DRF) sites. The Committee had authorised John to approach Andrew Brown of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) on the matter, and to be the Group liaison.
3. Tom Blinco alerted members to housing development north of Beechboro Road near Marshall Road which threatened sites of orchids (*Epiblema*). He had not had a response to calls to the North Region DEC, and thought the Local Authority for the area should have been aware of the reserves. He was referred to the Conservation Office of the Main Roads Western Australia for help.
4. John Ewing, editor of the Bulletin, reported on his contact with Gloria Jackson in Walpole. He planned a

trip there on 8 July searching for *C. meridionalis* and anyone interested should contact him – see Bulletin for contact details.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

1. Noel Clarke gave the members a very interesting and informative display of the variens complex among the *Caladenias*
2. Martin Revell, late President of the Friends of Kings Park and member of the Lotterywest project steering group, then spoke on the objectives, plans and achievements of the Avon Catchment Council.

RAFFLE DRAW: The raffle, donated by Stuart Harris, was drawn by the Guest Speaker, Martin Revell, and the winner after a thorough search of pockets was Ian Greeve.

NEXT MEETING DATE: *The next general meeting will be held on 18 July 2007.*

Meeting closed at: 9.45 pm

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Bill Burton and Sarah Atkinson visited a private property at Quindalup between June 2nd and the 8th. They found a few *Eriochilus dilitatus* subsp *multiflorus*, *Leporella fimbriata* and *Prasophyllum aff parvifolium* still flowering, but no sign of *Praecoxanthus aphyllus* after the good showing of these four species in early May.

Pterostylis vittata was plentiful, but in early flowering, *Pt aff nana* [Slender Snail] and *Pt barbata* were in bud and leaves of *Caladenia flava* subsp *flava* were evident. On June 7th we visited private property at Yallingup where we found a colony of about 20 *Pt aff barbata* that were also still in bud, but a number of them were very tall being up to 72cm high. Interestingly, Hoffman and Brown lists the upper height limit as 30cm, so it will be worth keeping an eye on these as they come to full flower.

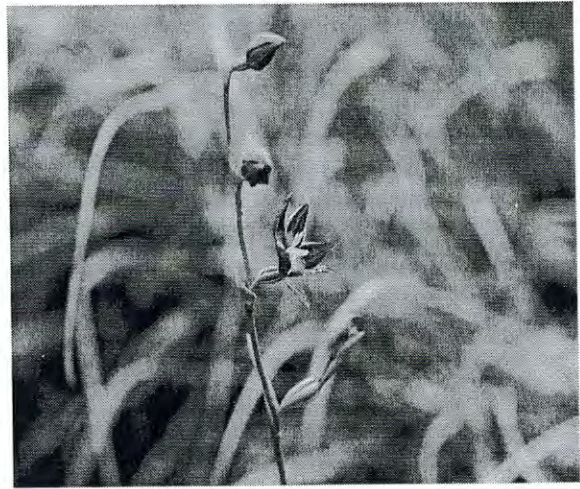
MOGUMBER JUNE 24

It was a hopeful group that met at the Mogumber Tavern. We needed SUN and while it was there at 10am when we met, the clouds threateningly surrounded us. The first move was to Gilingarra where we found Dark Banded Greenhood [*Pterostylis sanguinea*], although most plants were severely stunted. The lack of rain was in evidence. A handful of Moora Spider Orchid leaves [*Caledonia exilis* subsp. *vanleeuwenii*] were located, so perhaps with more rain they may be out for the club trip in August. There were also some Winter Donkey [*Diuris brumalis*] in bud. You can see how desperate we were ; having to resort to reporting on leaves and buds!

On to Mogumber Road West, and here we found the elusive Cleopatra's Needles [*Thelymitra apiculata*]. It was a substantial search, but 3 small groups of plants were found, only one of which was photographable. That, at least, was satisfaction. At a second site further west on the same road, two groups of snail orchids were the Broad-petalled and the Robust [*Pt dilatata*]. No further *apiculatas* were in evidence and finally the rain drove us back to the cars.

A final stop near Regans Ford proved equally limited. A handful of snails [Broad-petalled] and a small number of *Pt sanguinea*/aff *sanguinea*?? were located. It did seem that the lower sepals had some slight cupping on them suggesting they were either the Coastal Banded Greenhood or the Small Banded Greenhood. There were not enough vociferous arguers to create a robust debate, so it was all a rather lame conclusion.

After this, all departed for home. The next trip north was agreed to be on July 29th to find the Northern Queen of Sheba [*T. aff variegata*] (See details on back page.)



CLUB TRIP TO CORRIGIN – June 9th

On a cold misty morning the four of us, namely, Matz, Eddy, Donna and myself, made our way to the rendezvous point at the corner of the Wickepin – Corrigin Rd, approx 12km west of Corrigin. We all waited there about quarter of an hour before moving off in convoy with some 13 other cars and drove to a reserve just west of Babakin on Bees Rd. There Mark Brundrett and Andrew Brown told how to find the Underground Orrchid (*Rhizanthella gardneri*). When we arrived it was still quite misty but by late morning it was nice and sunny. After much scratching around under the broom bushes (*Melaleuca uncinata*), both moving the leaf litter and then replacing it, several orchids were found including two lots of double ones found by your correspondent, one of which was dug away slightly so the stalk could be seen.



Late in the morning we all congregated back at the car park and decided to move further along Bees Rd to have lunch and view *Caladenia drummondii*, the Winter

Spider Orchid, which were quite plentiful at this spot.



After this we again moved about 100m down the road to look for more Underground Orchids. This time a clump of 7 orchids were found, several of which were reckoned to be juvenile orchids as their bracts were a pale colour and not the usual maroon.



When we had all had enough looking for these orchids we all made our various ways home again. Our party decided to follow the Fox group to Williams Rd just west of Brookton. After a tortuous slow "short cut" we arrived at the appointed site late in the afternoon. There we saw the Dark Banded Greenhood (*Pterostylis sanguinea*), two colour forms and the Banded Greenhood (*P vittata*). Also found were a very large number of *Pterostylis hamiltonii* (Red-veined Shell Orchid) in a variety of colours from very light to quite dark. There was even one that was a 'double header'.

Tom Burbridge

New Orchid 'Discoveries'
Orchids turn waspish

In *The West Australian* newspaper of Wednesday 4th July 2007 a brief item under a headline the same as above stated that six new species of hammer orchids had been discovered in the the South-West of WA. The article went on to describe how these orchids have evolved to attract male wasps for the pollination process.

I found in 'NatureBase' a press statement dated Monday 02 July 2007 that had no doubt inspired the news item. The statement named the six species of *Drakaea* under reference, all of which are those shown in Hoffman and Brown 1998 Edition with Supplement with the exception of *Drakaea andrewsiae*, a likely subject for a field trip later this year.

The press release nominated a media contact, whom I contacted and he advised me that there had been an error in the presentation of the article. It should have been written around the fact that the species mentioned had been recently described, not discovered.

As far as I can see at this late stage for this Bulletin, the new descriptions have not yet been published.

Tom Blinco

| | RAFFLE ROSTER 2007 | SPEAKER 2007 |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| MARCH | Ian Greeve | Mark Brundrett – The current state of orchid conservation in WA/ the Lotterywest Project |
| APRIL | Donna Wajon | Wayne Merritt |
| MAY | Christine Lock | Etienne Delannoy – Orchids of France |
| JUNE | Stuart Harris | Noel Clarke – Varians group Martin Revell – Friends of Kings Park |
| JULY | Glenys Blinco | DVD ‘Orchid Adventure Special’ courtesy Mike Duncan |
| AUGUST | David Lawson | |
| SEPTEMBER | Noel Clarke | |
| OCTOBER | Eva Smith | Etienne Delannoy – Orchids of France part II |
| NOVEMBER | John Ewing | |

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FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Sun July 22nd - Zig Zag Kalamunda – Meet at first bend on corner of Zig Zag Scenic Dr and Ocean View Parade (this is at the bottom of Laschelles Pde). Site is to see c. Hiemalis in burnt area. Wear old clothes

Sun July 29th Cataby north – Meet at corner of Brand Hwy and Mullering Rd at 10.30am. It is about 9Km north of Cataby. Aim is to find Northern Queen of Sheba (T. aff variegata)

Sun Aug 5th Moora – meet at 9.30am at Moora Shire Council offices – more details to follow

Sat 15th & 29th September – Lottery West Endangered Orchids field trips with Mark Brundrett – more details to follow