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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.

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

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 18th March 2009 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be Wednesday 18th March 2009 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office. This will be followed by the March General Meeting.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please email any Bulletin contributions to John Ewing at [redacted] or call on [redacted]. Articles for the next Bulletin need to be submitted by 1st of the next month.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

18 March **AGM &** General Meeting
 16 April General Meeting
 20 May General Meeting
 18 June General Meeting
 16 July General Meeting

19 August General Meeting
 17 September General Meeting
 21 October General Meeting
 18 November General Meeting

WANOSCG**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – 19 MARCH 2008**

Meeting opened: 8.15 pm

ATTENDANCE There were 25 members present, and 6 apologies, as recorded in the Attendance Book

MINUTES The Minutes of the 2007 AGM were printed in the Bulletin, Distributed to all members.

Moved: Noel Clarke, and Seconded: Tom Blinco, that the Minutes of the 2007 AGM from 21 March 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President presented the report of 2007, highlighting an active year for field trips, and foreshadowing further expeditions in 2008. There had been low moments, with the passing of good clubman Bill Mangini, and some notable successes in conservation activism led by Eddy Wajon. The Lotterywest project to study and conserve threatened orchids of the wheatbelt had a good record in 2007.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Group's Auditor presented his report on the financial accounts for 2007, deeming them satisfactory. Moved: Christine Lock, and Seconded: Gerald Stack, that the meeting endorse the Auditor's report as presented to the meeting. CARRIED.

ELECTIONS

The President declared all positions vacant except for the continuing positions of Patron and Committee Wayne Merrett and John Ewing.

Position	Nominee	Moved	Seconded	Action
Patron	Steve Hopper	Christine Lock	Noel Clarke	Continuing
President	Christine Lock	Gerald Stack	Donna Wajon	CARRIED
Vice President -1 year	Eddy Wajon	Don Smith	Ross Fox	CARRIED
Vice President - 2 year	Stuart Harris	Matz Dahlkamp	David Lawson	CARRIED
Secretary	Gerald Stack	Noel Clarke	Donna Wajon	CARRIED
Treasurer	Matz Dahlkamp	Tom Blinco	Thea Hansen	CARRIED
Committee - 1 year	Wayne Merrett			Continuing
Committee - 1 year	John Ewing			Continuing
Committee -2 year	Margaret Fox	Matz Dahlkamp	Bill Burton	CARRIED
Committee - 2 year	Kim Hansen	John Ewing	Matz Dahlkamp	CARRIED
Editor	John Ewing	Gerald Stack	Kim Hansen	CARRIED
Field Trip Coordinator	Ross Fox	Donna Wajon	Thea Hansen	CARRIED
Conservation Officer	Eddy Wajon	Don Smith	Matz Dahlkamp	CARRIED
Registrar	Ross Fox	Tom Blinco	Christine Lock	CARRIED
Librarian	Bill Burton	Noel Clarke	Stuart Harris	CARRIED
Auditor	Phil Bunney	Matz Dahlkamp	Christine Lock	CARRIED

Meeting closed at: 8.35 PM

**WANOSCG MEETING MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING 19 NOVEMBER 2008**

OPENED: Meeting declared open at 8.15pm

APOLOGIES: John Ewing, Bill Salter, Don Smith

NEW MEMBERS: Alan and Margot Erasmus, Russell and Kristine Thomas

VISITORS: Luda Korczyuskyj, Steve Jackson

ATTENDANCE BOOK: is in circulation

RAFFLE TONIGHT; Kindly donated by John Ewing

MINUTES TO THE MEETING: 17/10/ 2008

As printed in the Bulletin are a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Etienne Delannoy

Seconded: Kim Hanson

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

FIELD TRIP REPORT

1. We saw *Thelymitra dedmaniarum* at a private property in the Gidgegannup area.
2. Sunday we saw *Thelymitra yorkensis*, *Microtis quadrata* and *Paracaleana gracilicordata* off Brookton Hwy near Perth. Ross and Margaret Fox saw *Paracaleana granitica* off Brookton Hwy later in the week.
3. Christmas field trip to Albany 6th and 7th December. Meet in Mt Barker at layoff Muir Hwy between 10.30am and 11am. Let Ross know if you want to go or if you are not going. No vacancies at 'Happy Days Caravan Park' so people will have to book elsewhere.

PLANT TABLE:

Bill Burton showed us *Diuris* (previously aff *picta*) *eburnea* from Eneabba.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Papers given out showing new web address moved from iinet to Google. Lovely photo galleries. If you want to put photos on website send them to Don Ward who will put them onto the website. Found on the Website are photos from last trip, when meetings are held and general information about the club. Thanks to Don Ward, Stuart Harris and Tony Lock for making the website more user friendly.
2. Thank you card from Betty Mumford for the Bulletin which the club sends to her.
3. "In Safe Hands" booklet arrived in the mail. Christine asked if we had an Occupational Health and Safety Officer or Representative in the room as the club

should be looking after its members with duty of care etc. As no one spoke up, Sarah volunteered to take charge of this with help from other club members. At February meeting we will discuss it further. The OHS person doesn't have to be a Committee member.

4. Sincere thanks from Andrew Brown to all the club members for their help during the year.
5. Wayne spoke to Kingsley Dixon about research tags for Kings Park. From now on they will be marking their tags Botanic Gardens and Park Authority, so if club members see tags in the bush without any markings the Committee has asked that they please remove them.
6. Eddy spoke about *Caladenia huegii* at Jandakot Airport. The Airport is proposing lots of small proposals to try and get them through Government. A letter against a proposal for a new road is available from Eddy.
7. Bill reminded us that we have a long break until the next meeting so urges us with Eddy to send letters about the Airport proposal.
8. Andrew informed us that a new population of *Caladenia lodgeana* has been found in a proposed mining area at Collie.
9. Christine welcomed our two American friends Ray and Cynthia Grant who joined us for this month's meeting.

PRESENTATION

There was no presentation as such. Instead Christine asked for photos of clumps of orchids to be brought up to be placed on the pinup board for the 'Best Orchid Clump' Photo Competition. Each member received one dot to place on the photo of their choice, the winning photo having the most dots. Congratulations went to Iain McClean who was announced as having the winning photo. Christine also reminded members that Andrew Brown and Pat Dundas were present to sign the new orchid books and she thanked them on behalf of the club for giving their time to do this.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next general meeting will be held on 18 March 2009.

Meeting closed at: 8.40pm

MEMBERSHIP

Members are reminded that 2009-10 subscriptions of \$25 are now due as at February 1st for the year to January 31st 2010. Payment should be made to the Treasurer, Matz Dahlkamp

with cheques made out to WANOSCG (Inc).

PLANNED FIELD TRIPS

To be advised – see future Bulletins. If you have anything on your 'wish list' then let Ross Fox or Christine know.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 2008

Five big trips were organized this year. These being Eurardy, Mukinbudin, Munglinup and Dragon Rocks which were relatively new areas for the club, and Albany. Several day trips were interwoven amongst them.

The Munglinup trip in July was the first and was very well attended. This trip was part of the Wheatbelt Orchid Rescue Project and was a survey for the Underground Orchid (*Rhizanthella gardneri*). While a number of specimens were found, numbers were lower than previous surveys due to the dry conditions.

The second, on 13 – 18 August, a very successful survey was conducted at Eurardy Reserve which increased the numbers of plants and populations known to occur of *Caladenia wanosa*, *Caladenia barbarella* and *Caladenia bryceana* subsp. *cracensis*. These three orchids are DRF and considered endangered. Over 30 WANOSCG members participated in the survey with Andrew Brown, Gemma Phelan and Leanne and Paul Hales, a collaboration of WANOSCG, DEC and Bush Heritage. The outcome of this survey will provide knowledge toward a management plan to preserve these orchids in the wild. I know everyone had a good time and appreciated the hospitality of Leanne and Paul.

The third trip was held 29 – 31 August to Mukinbudin. The club was invited to help celebrate the Western Australian Wildflower Society 50th anniversary. The local community was very welcoming and appreciative of the club's visit. Orchids in limited numbers were found after much hunting and scrambling. The fourth trip was to Dragon Rocks in September and was also part of the Wheatbelt Orchid Rescue Project. Surveys of the areas were conducted and Mark Brundrett, the coordinator of the project, has presented the

outcomes to the club. Members enjoyed the experience and having our interstate and international members present.

The final trip was this year's Christmas event to Albany. It was a huge success with about 30 people in attendance. The sun came out for the weekend, and 'wellies' were only needed for the Hay River area. Thank you to the Albany members for organizing this weekend.

Special Moments

The Orchid Spectacular was held at the Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre 26 – 29 September. Thank you to all who spent time at the stand and provided photos for the display, and especially John Ewing for organizing it. During the year we had a speakers from within the club as well as visitors who included Ross Rudeforth – Friends of Kings Park (June), Dr David Roberts from Kew Gardens (August) and Peter McCauley (September).

Membership

Nineteen new members in 2008. This brings the club membership to over 115, excluding life memberships. All this new enthusiasm will bring good things to the club.

New Book

Orchids of Western Australia was launched at Aspects in Kings Park in September. This book written by Andrew Brown, Kingsley Dixon, and Stephen Hopper celebrates Pat Dundas's paintings of orchids. Kim Hanson discovered a magnifier to fully appreciate the detail and with Annette and Kingsley surprised us by including Stephen Hopper's signature in the club's books. The club's books are now signed by all authors and sold out. Pat and Andrew signed books at the November meeting.

Leading on from this, Noel Clarke in collaboration with a few others plus Andrew's support, compiled a name comparison document between Orchids of Western Australia, Florabase and Hoffman and Brown 2nd Ed with supplement.

In October the club celebrated our octogenarians with a special supper. The WANOSCG website has a new look thanks to Don Ward, Stuart Harris and Tony Lock.

Don does a fantastic job keeping it current and downloading photos of the club's most recent field trip.

Conservation projects

Jandakot Airport is an ongoing project. Eddy Wajon keeps us up to date with developments and writing petitions. (see more updates in this bulletin - Ed.) Road verge clearing is still being tackled.

One win has been the announcement that BPGA will have their own ribbon, thus club members can remove all other ribbons in the field. Thanks to Wayne Merritt for pursuing this one.

Wheatbelt Orchid Rescue Project (WOR) Co-ordinator, Mark Brundrett, spoke in March and October updating members on the progress of the project, and again in May on fungal associations. Two years of the Lotterywest supported project have passed and there are another two years of work to complete. Friends of Kings Park will be more involved in this later half of the project and survey work will be conducted collaboratively with WANOSCG, DEC and recovery teams.

Plans for 2009

Luda Korczyuskyj has her exhibition at Kingfisher Gallery, Colin Street, West Perth
Opening is at 6.00 on Friday March 13 (Please reply to the gallery if you wish to come to the opening). The exhibition is for 2 weeks. Entry is free.

Trips with a difference will be a highlight of the year. Trips to see a particular species, orchids in a particular area, that is, see what can be found, trips to search for orchids in a type terrain to discover new locations, and continue to work with recovery teams and conservation groups. Perhaps a trip with no camera but a hand lens or rediscover your local reserves. Conservation on club trips will also become the norm, that is, no pruning of plant material around an orchid nor trampling or gathering close to a plant awaiting your photographic moment. Occupational Health and Safety tips for field trips will be printed in a future Bulletin.

Club members, committee members, everyone has contributed in making this a great club and a great 2008. Having put this report together the club has been very busy, traveled much and gathered new friends. Thank you to all and I am looking forward to 2009 with good rains, new places, lots of orchids and burns to explore.
Christine

NAME COMPARISON DOCUMENT

A detailed document titled "Western Australian Orchid Names Update 2009" has been compiled by life member Noel Clarke with the help of some others. This document brings together comparative information from the 1998 book by Hoffman & Brown, the current DEC Florabase and the 2008 book by Brown

et al. This document has already been made available to members via email. If you are not on the email list, or did not receive an electronic copy and would like one please contact the Editor (email address on front page) and you will be sent one. The document is now also available in hard copy. Please contact Christine, Stuart or Kim (Phone numbers on the front page) and one will be posted to you.

Thanks go to Stuart Harris and Kim Hansen for organising the hard copy and its distribution.

(To further demonstrate that names are still evolving, refer to the article below in relation to the document referred to above – Ed.

ORCHID NAMES 2009

In the Orchid Names Update 2009 document mentioned above there are two entries that supersede information I provided in the Bulletin of April 2007. These are *Caladenia longicauda* subsp. *insularis* ms and *Cyanicula* sp. Esperance. Note also that the spelling of *Caladenia startiorum* as shown in *Orchids of Western Australia* 2008 is correct and supersedes the previous spelling in H & B.

Caladenia longicauda subsp. *insularis* ms was informally treated as *C. insularis* in 1998 (H & B 1998 p73) and as a form of *C. longicauda* subsp. *rigidula* between then and 2008. However, due to consistent morphological differences and its different distribution, it is now regarded a separate subspecies of *C. longicauda*. It is planned to formally name the subspecies in 2010.

Cyanicula sp. Esperance, listed as *Cyanicula* aff *gemmata* (H & B 1998 p427), was previously considered a form of *Cyanicula nikulinskyae*. However, it is now regarded a distinct species. Andrew Brown has provided the following clarification -

"*Cyanicula* sp. Esperance was included as a form of *Cyanicula nikulinskyae* when that species was named and is incorporated into its description and distribution. However, we now recognise the two as being distinct. *Cyanicula* sp. Esperance has a generally more coastal distribution to that of *Cyanicula nikulinskyae*, though the distributions do overlap. Also, whereas *Cyanicula nikulinskyae* appears confined to mostly inland granite outcrops, *Cyanicula* sp. Esperance is more common on the margins of creeklines and other winter-wet sites. The two have been found near one another on some granites north of Esperance with *Cyanicula* sp. Esperance favouring wetter areas. Although both flower in the absence of fire *Cyanicula* sp. Esperance is particularly abundant following such

an event whereas *Cyanicula nikulinskyae* flowers regardless of fire. There are some morphological differences also - sp *Esperance* is larger than *nikulinskyae* and has calli in rows."

Tom Blinco
Thanks to Andrew Brown)

***** **NEW LIFE MEMBER** *****

It is with pleasure that the committee announces **Gloria Jackson** has been nominated for Life Membership of the WANOSCG. Gloria has graciously accepted this honour. Her support to club members is greatly appreciated. She always has time for us, a cup of tea and directions to another location with a wonderful smile. On behalf of the club, a big thank you from all of us.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Christmas Wind-Up at Albany- Dec 6&7

A large number of members came to Happy Days Caravan Park on the banks of the Kalgan River. The trip was led by Anna De Haan and started in Mount Barker opposite the hospital. Here we found the Chestnut Sun Orchid (*Thelymitra fuscolutea*) and the Bristly Donkey Orchid (*Diuris setacea*). On the opposite side of the road an excellent stand of Christmas Leek Orchids (*Prasophyllum brownii*) drew plenty of admiration.

We moved down the Denmark Road to a low-lying swampy hollow and here we found some magnificent Scented Mignonette Orchids (now known as *Mictotis alboboviridis* ms – as identified in Brown, Dundas et al Pg 222) together with the Christmas Spider Orchid (*Caladenia serotina*), Pink Enamel Orchids (*Elythranthera emarginata*) and the Common Mignonette Orchid (*Microtis media* subsp *media*). Further south, near the corner of Blue Lake Road we found some more Bristly Donkey Orchids (*Diuris setacea*) and Chestnut Sun Orchids (*Thelymitra fuscolutea*).

The next stop was out on the South Coast Highway where we paused at a little track. Here we found the Blue Lady Orchid (*Thelymitra Crinita*). We walked some distance down to a swamp hollow to find the Tiger Orchid (*Thelymitra tigrina*). After this, we pushed on down the highway to near the Hay River where there was a truly magnificent stand of Club-lipped Spider Orchids (*Caladenia corynephora*), together with many Late Donkey Orchids (*Diuris emarginata*). Many Mignonette Orchids were there as well, and the debate ensued as to whether some were the Dense Mignonette (*Microtis media* subsp *densiflora*) or whether they were all the Common Mignonette (*Microtis media* subsp *media*).

After a brief debate (unresolved of course – we needed Noel Clarke there to make a pronouncement) we crossed the road into the swamp where those without welly boots soon had wet feet. The reward, however, were many lovely examples of Babe-in-a-Cradle (*Epiblema grandiflorum* var *grandiflorum*).

The next stop took us south of the highway towards Cosy Corner Road where there was a last Potato Orchid (*Gastrodia lacista*) still hanging on well enough to take a photo.

The final stops for the day were back in Albany where we first went onto Mount Melville to see what was thought to be the rare Cat's-face Orchid (*Diuris filifolia*), but turned out to be the more common Bristly Donkey Orchid (*Diuris setacea*). The last stop was near Emu Point where in the dry, dry sand many Slipper Orchids (*Cryptostylis ovata*) were in bloom. Unusually, many had double headed flowers. The evening barbecue was an excellent time with much fun, laughter and storytelling accompanied the shared eating and wine quaffing. As always the laptop computers came out and a pleasant time was enjoyed looking at photos from the year's trips.

Sunday morning saw Anna lead us out through the little hamlet of Redmond. In an area of bush that had been burnt many Christmas Spider Orchids (*Caladenia serotina*) were found in a wide range of colours from white to pink. A back track to Redmond itself allowed us to see the King Leek Orchid (*Prasophyllum regium*) plus many examples of the Plain Sun Orchid (now named *Thelymitra paludosa* ms – previously called *Thelymitra* aff *holmesii*). This was the end of the main field trip and many departed for home. A few returned via Muirs Highway and went west towards Rocky Gully. Many Christmas Leeks (*Prasophyllum brownii*) were seen along the road. In a wet culvert by the side of the road to the east of Rocky Gully the Ray Spider Orchid (*Caladenia radiata*) was found.

Further on, and after some wrong turns down a series of tracks, one group, ostensibly being guided by the editor, stumbled upon some superbly pink flowered Plain Sun Orchids (*Thelymitra paludosa* ms). They really were as pink as the Pat Dundas paintings in 'Orchids of Western Australia' (Brown, Dundas et al). Finally this group found the site they were looking for and they joined some others to locate the Albany Spider Orchid (*Caladenia pholcoidia* subsp *pholcoidia*).

A subsequent trip a few days later to Moates Lagoon, which is on Two People's Bay Road, found some nice stands of Heberle's Donkey

Orchid (*Diuris heberle*) and many examples of the Sweet Mignonette Orchid (*Microtis brownii*)
John Ewing

VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES

Thanks to you and all our friends in the WANOSCG for your kind thoughts at this difficult time. The recent fires have been unprecedented and had a huge impact on our lives. Due to the enormous scale of the disaster, it seems that most people in Melbourne know someone who has lost a home or friend / relative in the fire. Unfortunately a few ANOS Victoria members, although not active members of the club, are amongst those killed in the fire, while others have lost their homes. Conversely, a few members were able to successfully defend their homes against the flames. The support received from all over Australia has been greatly appreciated.

Mike Duncan
President ANOS Victoria

CONSERVATION - JANDAKOT AIRPORT

[Ed – Below are some excerpts from a letter received from Jandakot Airport Holdings (JAH)]

Statement of Intent for the Management of KEN HURST PARK (KHP)

The purpose of this document is to foster meaningful dialogue between the relevant parties regarding the current arrangements and future opportunities for the management of Ken Hurst Park.

JAH Motivation

JAH operates Jandakot Airport on a 49 year lease from the Commonwealth Government. The lease arrangements require the operation of aeronautical infrastructure in accordance with the Airports Act 1996. In line with Jandakot Airport's status as Western Australia's major general aviation airport, JAH has a responsibility to maintain and develop the airport. As a commercial entity, JAH also has the objective of providing a financial return to shareholders.

To meet these requirements and objectives, JAH has proposed to develop Jandakot Airport in accordance with the approved airport Master Plan 2005. Flora surveys identified a population of endangered *Caladenia huegelii* at the airport. Taking cognisance of concerns regarding these plants, JAH prepared a revised draft Master Plan, which sets aside conservation areas to protect the majority of identified endangered plants. Approval of the Jandakot Airport Master Plan 2009 is required

by the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government. The Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts also have a material interest in the Master Plan 2009. This draft Master Plan has been presented to stakeholders at a series of workshops. Over and above its obligations under the Airports Act and lease, JAH is seeking to reduce potential impacts in a number of ways, including; the rehabilitation of adjacent land which was a former sand mine denuded of vegetation; the translocation of the rare and endangered flora specimens that are proposed to be impacted; contributing to the *Caladenia huegelii* research programme; facilitating the creation of an ecological corridor between Ken Hurst Park, Jandakot Airport and Jandakot Regional Park and; contributing to the management of the contiguous Ken Hurst Park.

Proposed Workshop

A workshop is proposed between the Relevant Parties to discuss the issues contained in this document. **The workshop is proposed on Tuesday 10th March at 5.30pm at JAH.**

[Ed – Below is some of Eddy Wajon's response to us as members of WANOSCG]
Dear all

I think it would be important to attend this workshop to give us another opportunity to express our strong views about this proposal. As a minimum, in my view,

1. We don't accept any more clearing at Jandakot Airport
2. The proposed commercial development is not an essential infrastructure project. JAH have already created a commercial precinct and there is another one on Armadale Road nearby
3. JAH should concentrate on their major function – airport development and support, not commercial development
4. We have another vision for KHP and Jandakot Airport bushland (which we need to articulate and draw up) that includes conservation, passive recreation, education and genetic resources

Further relevant questions (among others) if JAH were to be involved:

What access would JAH allow to KHP when they have previously declined access to their bushland?

What would prevent JAH saying this is now Jandakot Airport land and therefore it could be cleared in the future?

	RAFFLE ROSTER 2009	SPEAKER 2009
MARCH	Gerald Stack	TBA
APRIL		
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		
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NOVEMBER	John Ewing	Photo competition and members slides

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