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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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the next month.

## **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

20 May General Meeting  
17 June General Meeting  
15 July General Meeting

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

## **MEMBERSHIP *\*\*Final Reminder\*\****

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

with cheques made out to WANOSCG (Inc). Bulletins will not be sent to non-financial members.

## **PLANNED FIELD TRIPS**

**JUNE 28** Australind and Ludlow - Meet at 10am at the nature strip 55km from Bunbury on the Old Coast Road.

**JULY 26** Yillimining Rock - Meet at 10am on Williams-Narrogin Rd at the lay-by approx 22 east of Williams, just before Narrogin. Other field trips as per minutes below - details in future bulletins. Please advise Ross Fox if you are coming and check with him if you are not familiar with correct field trip procedure. This will be published in the next bulletin.

## **WANOSCG MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**OPENED:** Meeting declared open at 8.30 pm

**ATTENDANCE:** There were 32 members present, 9 apologies, 4 visitors as per Attendance Book

**VISITORS:** Sallyanne Cousans & Noel, Wanda Finkle, Bill McClurg,

**RAFFLE:** Kindly donated by Glenys Salter.

### **MINUTES TO THE MEETING 18 March 2009:**

Moved: Kim Hansen, Seconded: Margaret Fox that the minutes of the meeting of the 18 March 2009 as printed in the Bulletin be adopted. CARRIED

### **FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR**

Ross Fox RF outlined the proposed 2009 field trips to Corrigin (April 26<sup>th</sup>), Australind (June 28), Yillimining Rock (July 26) Jerramungup (Sept 26 Long w/e), Franklin (Oct 10/11).

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Tom Burbidge, the inaugural Welcomer for new members and visitors, called for other Welcomer volunteers for future meetings.
2. President Christine confirmed that Tony Lock would be presenting on the Group's Database next meeting, and one of the objectives following that presentation will

be to discuss and finally align the Sighting Report with the Database.

3. New WANOSCG sub-group/branch proposal is awaiting a reply from the insurance company and input from Steve Philips regarding any required changes to the constitution.
4. President Christine had more Keep Australia Beautiful rubbish collection bags for members to use on trips.
5. The Conservation Officer, Eddy Wajon, reported that:
  - a. A letter was sent to Main Roads regarding the Robinson Road roadworks. Main Roads replied that the letter was forwarded to the Shire of Woodamilling. However it was noted that Main Roads did not respond to our request to be kept informed of a new future road works.
  - b. Jandakot airport - the 10 day comment period was extended by 5 days, and we were allowed on site for a short inspection. Since this is not the season when we would expect many orchids to be out, we requested to be allowed to return in June/July and September they would be out. A joint submission was made on the proposal, a copy of which is available for members.
6. Bill Burton, Librarian, reported that since we had not received a reciprocal newsletter from a number of clubs (Kalori, Orchidophile, Warringah and Newcastle) we should correspondingly stop sending them our bulletin.
7. Bill Burton requested that the Plant Book be re-instated to record the plants that are brought to the meeting. This was done.
8. Etienne Delannoy reported that his research on underground orchids at UWA is coming to an end and will be published in an international scientific journal. Good photographs of the u/g orchid are needed for the publication - by mid June - and asked if anyone would like to offer up any such photographs to email them to him
9. The meeting agreed that we should have a November photographic competition. President Christine then led



a discussion regarding the content and format of such a competition. Ideas were sought for how to increase the number of submissions to the competition. The conclusion of the discussion was agreed to be :

- a. Have 3 categories (1) Genus Thelymitra (2) Hybrids (3) Mutations
  - b. The President's prize should be a perpetual prize – Bill Salter offered to make a plaque
  - c. Further prizes will be sought from camera/photo shops (eg Camera House, Camera Electronic Services) – Christine is to follow up.
  - d. Size of prints will be A4, 10x8 & 12x8 inches.
  - e. An external judge will be approached – Peter Gee offered to ask an experienced judge from DEC.
  - f. The Committee will discuss and decide on (1) the prizes (2) how to mount and present the entries on the night (eg a display board)
- 10 Bill Burton presented an orchid on the Plant Table : *Eriochilus dilatatus* subsp. *dilatatus* (White Bunny Orchid).

#### **PRESENTATION BY RAMÓN NEWMANN**

Ramón Newmann presented a series of photographs illustrating how he started on his quest for orchids underwater – showing underwater and 2008 orchid photographs.

**RAFFLE DRAW** Ramón Newmann drew the raffle which was claimed by Bill Burton.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next general meeting will be held on 20 May 2009

**Meeting closed at:** 10.00 pm

#### **FIELD TRIP REPORTS**

##### **Corrigin**

14 adults and 2 children attended the club field trip to Corrigin on April 26<sup>th</sup> to see the Pygmy Orchid (*Corunastylis tepperi*). About 40 plants were found, and some had gone to seed. Due to the very dry conditions no other flowers were seen on that day.

##### **Perth**

In the suburb of Dianella Heights there are numerous very grand double story houses. In a surprisingly large number of little nooks there are remnant slivers of quite pristine bush. Despite the very dry conditions a number of both *Eriochilus dilatatus* subsp. *dilatatus* (White Bunny Orchids) and *Eriochilus dilatatus* subsp. *multiflorus* (Common Bunny Orchids) are flourishing. It was a pleasure to discover these in the midst of suburbia. Editor

##### **Denmark/Walpole**

An excellent weekend organised by the soon to be named 'Southern Rivers Group' and led

by Anna de Hann was enjoyed by a combined group of 'southerners' and Perthites. A full report will appear in the next bulletin.

#### **CLUB WEBSITE**

Don Ward, our website manager, is continuing to provide an excellent updating service of the club's website. You can find it on the internet at. <http://www.wanativeorchidsociety.net/> If you have not visited as yet, then have a browse.

#### **CONSERVATION ISSUES**

##### **KEW GARDENS – LONDON**

The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew in London is having its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this spring. Our patron, Professor Stephen Hopper, was interviewed for the Spring 2009 edition of 'Beautiful Britain' magazine about his role as director of Kew. Below is an extract of some of what was in an article titled 'Gardener's World' by Mark Tulley.

"The original botanic garden, founded by Princess Augusta, the widow of the then Prince of Wales in 1759, was a mere eight and a half acres in area. Today, Stephen Hopper is responsible for gardens covering 130 hectares. He has to direct the works of Kew's renowned Jodrell Laboratories and the Millennium Seed Bank, which he describes as 'the world's largest conservation program'.

To teach people science and have them enjoy themselves at the same time Stephen has been instrumental in the development of a special attraction : the Xstrata Treetop Walkway is perched 59ft high and provides a path through the canopy of Kew's lime, oak and chestnut trees. On the walkway visitors see the birds, lichens and fungi that depend on the trees and would usually go unnoticed by visitors. Most mornings before breakfast, Stephen Hopper and his wife enjoy a walk through the canopy with its magnificent view of Richmond Park.

Stephen related that 'I grew up exploring the Australian bush. One of my teachers at school taught me how to survive in the bush without damaging it.' He was further inspired by a professor at university and now has a great passion for evolutionary biology. He believes 'there isn't any technical reason why any plant should become extinct. There is an armoury of techniques. What is needed is to apply science to some of them. That involves scientists and institutions sharing knowledge, which is why Hopper is passionate about Kew collaborating with other research institutions.



He is very keen about restoration ecology. 'This not only allows you to slow down or stop the destruction of wild vegetation, in some places you make the situation better than it originally was'.

To read the full article, see the editor, President Christine or Matz Dahlkamp. We continue to wish Stephen well in his role as Director of Kew Gardens (and we hope Kew is growing some WA orchids).

### **JANDAKOT AIRPORT**

As many members will know our Conservation Officer Eddy Wajon has represented our group and the Friends of Ken Hurst Park in negotiations with Jandakot Airport Holdings over proposed developments at the airport. Members who have been able to attend meetings have been given briefings about the negotiations and the minutes record that a copy of the joint submission is available. Eddy has developed a vision for the future of this area

#### **VISION FOR JANDAKOT AIRPORT, KEN HURST PARK AND ADJACENT BUSHLAND**

1. The Friends of Ken Hurst Park (FoKHP) and other conservation groups don't accept any more clearing at Jandakot Airport because of its outstanding conservation values of state and national significance
2. All the existing bushland at Jandakot Airport should be retained
3. JAH should concentrate on their major function – airport development and support, not commercial (non- aviation) development. What have JAH done to date to improve airport functions and operations
4. The proposed commercial development is not an essential infrastructure project. Jandakot Airport Holdings (JAH) have already created a commercial precinct and there is another one on Armadale Road nearby
5. JAH should concentrate the commercial development on the existing cleared areas, increasing density or height as appropriate
6. The bushland at KHP and Jandakot Airport should be reserved for conservation, passive recreation, education, breeding, feeding resources and genetic resources (ie seed)
7. The airport facilities and infrastructure should be upgraded so that it is the area attractive and welcoming environment
8. Better public and commercial facilities such as a quality restaurant, bookshop, tavern, movie theatre, nursery should be developed at Jandakot Airport in the current commercial or airport precinct
9. Helicopter or light aircraft joy rides from Jandakot Airport to see the Swan Coastal Plain, Darling Scarp, islands and coastline should be developed and promoted. This is a unique facility that is not available at Kings Park
10. Walking trails through the bushland to look at significant features of outstanding natural interest should be provided and promoted to the following locations:
  - a. Grand Spider Orchids (an isolated and protected location where access and impact can be managed)
  - b. Lookout point adjacent to railway line
  - c. Large Modongs (Paperbarks)
  - d. Spring wildflowers displays
11. A wetland and water feature should be constructed in the developed airport precinct to encourage quenda and to be available for picnics (bearing in mind the potential adverse impact of birds on aircraft)
12. The fenceline currently separating KHP from Jandakot Airport bushland should be removed and placed at the edge of the current commercial development
13. The large firebreak on the northern edge of Jandakot Airport should be revegetated to re-connect the bushland between KHP and Jandakot Airport
14. Access to the bushland of Jandakot Airport and southern Ken Hurst Park should be provided from the edge of the current commercial or aviation development.

### **FIELD TRIP FIRST AID**

The following page is an important explanation of what to do in an emergency should one arise on a club field trip. Please read the following page so that you can be of help. A copy of this procedure will also be located in the First Aid Box, which will be available with the leader of each field trip or Ross Fox, the field trip co-ordinator.



# CPR & RESUSCITATION

Work - Home - Swimming Pool

## DANGER

Always check for **danger** to:

Yourself / Bystanders / Victim/s  
(HAZARDS - RISKS - SAFETY).



## RESPONSE

1. Check Response to 'Talk' & 'Touch' (Unconscious?).
2. If unconscious, ask bystander to phone 000 for Help

Always  
Supervise  
Children



## AIRWAY

Check Airway:

If blocked: roll on side and clear

If clear: Open as follows:-  
(Adults & Children)

1. Tilt Head Backwards
2. Lift the Jaw

3. Seal victims nostrils & give 2 breaths into mouth (enough to see chest gently rise and fall) (Infants & Small Children) Move the head 'in-line with the body'.



## BREATHING

1. Check for 'normal breathing' by looking, listening & feeling for chest and abdominal movement.
2. If not breathing 'normally' give 2 initial breaths and 30 Chest Compressions followed by 2 breaths.



## COMPRESSIONS

1. Position the heel of one hand in the middle of the victim's chest (between the nipples) & grasp the wrist with the other hand.
2. Depress the chest 30 times to a depth of 1/3 depth and compress at a rate of 100/min (almost 2/sec).
3. Continue 30 Compressions followed by 2 Breaths until qualified help arrives or signs of life return.
4. DO NOT stop until qualified personnel arrive or signs of life return.



ASK BYSTANDER  
to Phone  
FOR AMBULANCE

## DEFIBRILLATION

If available, attach AED (Defibrillator) as soon as possible and follow its prompts and instructions.



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	<b>Raffle Roster</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>SPEAKERS 2009</b>
<b>MAR</b>	Gerald Stack		Mark Brundrett – Wheatbelt Orchid Rescue Project
<b>APR</b>	Glenys Salter	Tom Burbridge	Ramon Newmann – How I started orchids
<b>MAY</b>	Etienne Delanoy	John Ewing	Tony Lock – WANOSCG data base
<b>JUNE</b>	Noel Clarke		
<b>JULY</b>	Tom Blinco		
<b>AUG</b>	Louise Little		
<b>SEPT</b>	Jay Steer		
<b>OCT</b>	David Lawson		
<b>NOV</b>	Gary McDonald		Photo competition and members slides

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**FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS**  
**JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALIND – LUDLOW**  
**JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> YILLIMINING ROCK – NARROGIN**  
**SEPTEMBER 26-28<sup>TH</sup> JERRAMUNGUP**  
**OCTOBER 10-11<sup>TH</sup> FRANKLAND**

**Others to be advised**