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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 habits and keep records.*
- To have field days and learn to recognize the different genera and species.*
- To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of interest in W.A. orchids.*
- To affiliate with kindred organizations.*
- To make rules for the governing of the Group's domestic affairs.*
- 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.*

### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 10th August at 7.30 pm

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 pm  
at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

### BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please email any Bulletin contributions to Urszula Kokosinska at [redacted] or call on [redacted].  
Articles for the next Bulletin need to be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> of next month.

### 2011 FORTHCOMING

### GENERAL MEETINGS

17 August
21 September
19 October
16 November



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## **WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **Wednesday 20 July 2011**

Meeting held at: BGPA Boardroom, Kings Park

Meeting opened: 7.40pm

**CIRCULATION OF REPORTS:** Attendance Book and Treasurer's Report were circulated.

**APOLOGIES:** Margaret Collins, Alice and Bruce Hawks, Russell and Kristine Thomas, Bill Gaynor and Margaret Bryant

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

**VISITORS:** Belinda Newman

**ATTENDANCE BOOK:** is in circulation

**ATTENDANCE:** 44

**RAFFLE TONIGHT:** Kindly donated by Jack Eborall

#### **MINUTES TO THE MEETING: 17/09/ 2008**

As printed in the Bulletin with corrections: Noel Clarke pg 4 3<sup>rd</sup> item. 'WANOSCG should not participate in general conservation and only participate in orchid conservation' and requested to add 'Protestors who picketed places, defecated, threw rubbish around and then when they're clothed walked away and left for others to clean up.' Secondly, Item 5 should read 'There is a motion on the books telling you what you can spend club funds on not that he 'does not want any of the club funds spent on anything other than orchid conservation'. Thirdly, the Constitution tells you what to do if a Committee position is not filled. Moved: Gary McDonald Seconded: Kim Hanson that these are a true record of the meeting.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

1. John Ewing reminded members that the Secretary position is still not filled. Asked for members to nominate. See John after the meeting.
2. Information collected on CB radios. See Kim Hanson if you have any other information otherwise two 40 channel five watt radios will be purchased for \$249 each. They are not available at present. No further action from the meeting.
3. Adopt an Orchid project – Presentation last meeting. If you need more information or would like to join see Kim Hanson after the

meeting. It involves a commitment over several years surveying priority orchids and finding new populations.

4. Request for contributions to a Five Year Plan for the Club 2012 to 2016.
5. Trip to Ningham Station will be weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> August. Contact the caretaker. Ten dongers \$30 each. If sufficient bookings they will run generator. People taking caravans see John Ewing. Alternate accommodation available at Paynes Find, twenty dongers there. Let Ian McLean know if you are going or even thinking of going. Have been told it should be a spectacular year.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence list circulated with Attendance Book.

Environmental Art Awards nomination forms available if interested.

19<sup>th</sup> Australian Orchid Conference and Show advertised for September next year. John Ewing not able to organize so asked if someone is interested in organizing a display. Mark Brundrett said he would help. Applications available.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer's Report circulated. John asked Matz to give a brief outline of the Club finances. \$64,000.00 in Total in Term Deposits and \$8,000.00 in the bank.

Last month \$538 in (mainly membership fees), \$296 expenditure (Lotterywest Grant expenditure by Gerald Stack for paperwork etc.) Matz asked if there were any questions. John Ewing asked that the preliminary report be accepted

Moved: Wayne Merritt Seconded: Kim Hanson Carried

#### **PLANT TABLE:**

Bill showed us *Corybas recurvus* and *Diuris* subsp. Eneabba.

Mark showed us *Pterostylis sanguinea* and *Pterostylis aspera* from the Gngangara Mound and *Pterostylis sargentii*

#### **FIELD TRIP REPORTS:**

1. Sarah and Bill on way back from Eneabba found *T. apiculata*, *P. dilatata*.
2. Gary at Lovers' Leap found Hare Orchids (*Leporella fimbriata*), Leeks, Donkeys and Robust Snails(*P. dilatata*)

3. Mark Brundrett was on a fungi trip to Denmark and found *Corybas recurvus* under Peppermints and *P. vittata*.
4. Don at Toodyay found *P. sanguinea*, *P. vittata* and the Broad Petalled Snail (*P. aff. nana*). Kangaroos have eaten *Diuris* that were there. *P. concava* coming up, *T. benthamiana* leaf and *C. arrecta* leaf.
5. Escarpment Roleystone *C. flava* leaves and spider leaves and *P. aspera*.
6. Ursula went to Nettleton Rd near railway crossing- opposite side to burnt area saw bird orchids and Autumn Leeks (*Prasophyllum parvifolium*). None on burnt area but lots of birds coming.
7. Wayne and Louise went on a walk a couple of weeks ago at Lake Nerricup Carnamah with a group trying to raise awareness of proposed limestone quarry in this pristine bush. Found lots of *Prasophyllum parvifolium*. Last week went on walk in Mundaring and found lots of *P. barbata* in bud on Bibbulmun Track near Hills Centre and *P. sanguinea* in flower.
8. Margaret Petridis found Kalbarri Shell Orchids (*P. aff. aspera*) near Dongara.

#### OTHER FIELD TRIP INFORMATION:

Trips to be found in the Bulletin. John E. announced a trip to York in Mid August. Ian asked if members let him know if you are going to any of the field trips. Cape Arid Trip on

At the last Committee meeting the **Five Year Plan** was discussed. Some of the items raised were:

1. Use of funds
2. Ongoing development of Adopt an Orchid
3. Database -recording of sightings
4. Guide to identifying difficult orchids
5. Field Trips – different levels
6. Health and Safety – basic first aid training for members
7. Formation of study groups
8. Pursue a range of conservation projects e.g. Adopt an Orchid
9. Fostering interest in orchids among young people

These will be further discussed, prioritized and presented to the members.

Queen's Birthday Weekend in October to be corrected in next Bulletin.

#### CONSERVATION ISSUES:

Wayne to keep an eye on the Caramah area. Mining company did their own survey in February. Government told them it needs to be reassessed. Large number of Carnaby's Cockatoos and rare flora.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

Margaret Fox kindly donated a copy of 'What Orchid is That' to the WANOSCG library. Margaret Petridis talked about the Ongerup Wildflower Show. Help is needed to collect orchids for the show and set up displays on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. contact Vicki O'Neal. They also need help with their herbarium which only has four specimens of orchids. Helpers can be billeted.

Meeting Closed: 8.45pm

#### PRESENTATION

Dr Belinda Newman and her associates Melissa and Sabrina from Brazil. Talked about Urban Orchids on the Perth Coastal Plain. Discussed factors influencing orchid growth in chosen areas of Perth.

#### RAFFLE DRAW

Won by

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next general meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2011

#### MEMBERSHIP

All members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due. The annual family membership fee is now \$30. Payment can be made in person to the Treasurer, or by mail with cheques made out to WANOSCG and sent to [redacted]. Or by electronic transfer to the club's bank account:

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## AUGUST MEETING PRESENTATION

Margaret Petridis will present talk entitled  
**"Orchids of Mt Gibson Sanctuary: August 2009"**  
from the field trip she did there, to show members  
what we may find at Ninghan Station this year.

## ONGERUP WILDFLOWER SHOW

September 19<sup>TH</sup> – October 9<sup>TH</sup> 2011



### REQUESTING HELP WITH:

- ☐ Collecting orchids on the weekend prior - 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Sept and during show
- ☐ Assistance to set up display on 18<sup>th</sup> September
- ☐ Guest speaker to do a presentation of orchids to local WFS group
- ☐ Assistance with herbarium collection

Money is available through their Hidden Treasures grant to assist with costs if needed.

Vicky has offered to billet anyone coming down to help, or has room in her backyard for a caravan.

Any other suggestions as to how we could assist?

- ☐ posters – will need list of orchids in the area (Diuris, Elythranthera, Caladenia, Thelymitra, Pterostylis)
- ☐ photographs
- ☐ liaison with Southern Rivers Group

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## PHOTO COMPETITION 2011

The Photo competition will be held at the November Meeting.  
This time we would like to hold red, white and blue competition. The entry has to be 3 photos – one of red orchid (including pinks), one white and one blue (any shade of). More details coming soon.





## Members Field reports



*Caladenia dundasiae*

### THE FIRST WEEKEND IN AUGUST



*Caladenia denticulate*

David, Stuart and John set out on Saturday morning to visit Watheroo as part of Adopt an Orchid. On the road travelling north we stopped at near Gilingarra to see *C. subsp. vanleeuwenii* (Moora Spider Orchid) which was in good flower. We also found *C. hiemalis* (Dwarf Common Spider Orchid) at a few locations. The Adopt an Orchid searches for *C. dundasiae* (Patricia's Spider Orchid) found plants in flower at one location (more in the report at the November meeting).

We then travelled on to Masons road and when we had nearly reached the Gunyidi-Wubin road we could see the spider orchids from the car. We were treated to a magnificent display of *Caladenia exilis* subsp. *exilis* (Salt Lake Spider Orchid) together with huge patches of *Pt* sp 'hairy' (Hairy Stemmed Snail Orchid) and seemingly endless numbers of Blue Fairies.

Although they are not due out until September, in another location, we found one Hinged Dragon Orchid (*C. drakeoides*) in flower and many other buds that will be open soon.

The next day saw John and Stuart stop at a little corner north of Watheroo on the road to Coorow. While it was much overgrown since years past, Stuart located some flowers of *C. pendens* subsp. *talbotii* (Talbot's Spider Orchid). They then proceeded to the western end of the Gunyidi-Wubin Road where there lay another treat. Many, many little red *C. footeana* (Crimson Spider Orchid), more Blue Fairies, many *Pt. scabra* (Green-veined Shell Orchid) and some lovely *C. denticulata* (Yellow Spider Orchid), although there was some conjecture as to whether the labellum was 'distinctively white'.

A substantial diversion went via a '*C. cristata* site' which had none in evidence and then onto Cockleshell

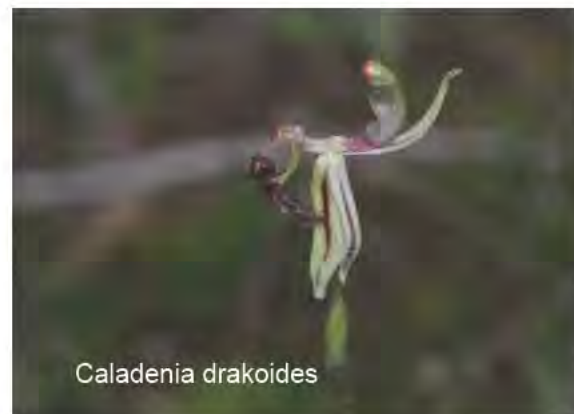


*Caladenia footeana*

Gully. Here there was much in bud, but little in flower except one lone *C. marginata* (White Fairy Orchid) and the inevitable Blue Fairies. Up the road to Hill River Nature Reserve saw one lone *C. longicauda* subsp. *borealis* (Daddy-long-legs Spider Orchid) open, but many more in bud.

The burnt area north of Lancelin was visited on the way home, but yielded little. Even so, it was a good trip.

John Ewing



*Caladenia drakeoides*



## STEPHEN BUCKLE - FIVE STOPS

I went for a bit of a drive on Friday up to the salt lakes on Gunyidi-Wubin Rd and a few places on the way up (Watheroo, Moora, Gillingarra) .



I stopped at Watheroo first and saw lots of Blue Beards flowering. Also quite a few Dundas Spider's flowering and many more in bud. Came across a couple of Snail Orchids and even managed to find a cream coloured Dundas Spider. From there I went to the salt lakes on Gunyidi-Wubin Rd.

Along the Gunyidi-Wubin Rd I stopped at a couple of places. At the first stop there were hundreds of Salt Lake Spider's flowering and also some Candy Orchids and a couple of different Snail Orchids as well. Amazing to see so many Spiders flowering at once and more on the other side of the road as well. Good year for them up there this year.

At the other spot I stop further up the road there were again lots of Blue Beards flowering and ended up seeing lots of Sugar Orchids as well. Surprisingly I saw 4 Jack in a Box flowering, could have been

more I didn't see but wasn't really looking for them. Usually don't see them flowering up there for another month so they were a bonus. Saw a few Pink Candies flowering as well. More Salt Lake Spider's as well, more than I have ever seen flowering there. I left there and headed back towards home and stopped at Moora (Candy Reserve).

I just had to stop here, I like the coloured Moora Spider's and there are lots of them this year. Went for a walk out the back of the reserve and came across a patch of Mini Donkey's (12 plants flowering). Made it well worth the stop.

This was my last stop. Still lots of Spiders flowering, not sure they are all Moora Spider's though. There are also some Donkeys flowering now that look fresh and everywhere around them the Winter Donkey flowers have gone over. Not sure if they are Winter Donkey or something else.

Had a good day, long one but a good one. Got to stop waking up so early in the morning, it leads to these little adventures, although if I have days like that it might not be such a bad thing to wake up early.





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	<b>Raffle Roster</b>	<b>SPEAKERS 2011</b>
<b>MAR</b>	John Hills	Mark Brundrett – Final Report on Wheatbelt Orchid Rescue Project that has been funded by a Lotterywest grant
<b>APRIL</b>	John Ewing	Rod Peakall
<b>MAY</b>	Ross & Margaret Fox	Ross Fox – “Orchids from our Travels”
<b>JUNE</b>	Sarah Atkinson	Eddy Wajon – “Wildflowers of Western Australia” Andrew Brown – “Adopt an Orchid”
<b>JULY</b>	Jack Eborall	Belinda Newman – “Urban Orchids in Perth Region”
<b>AUG</b>	Tom Burbidge	Margaret Petridis - "Orchids of Mt Gibson Sanctuary: August 2009"
<b>SEPT</b>	Thea & Kim Hanson	Ross Fox – My Trip Part 2
<b>OCT</b>	Jay Steer	Peter McCauley – Orchids of South Australia
<b>NOV</b>	Ian Greeve	Adopt an Orchid Reports and Photo Competition

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## PROPOSED FIELD TRIPS

1. **14<sup>th</sup> August - York and environs** -- meet at The Lakes at 9am.
2. **27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August - Ninghan Station** -- meeting times 8.30am and 1pm at the Homestead -- please advise Iain McLean ASAP if intending to go on this trip.
3. **17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Sept - Jerramungup-Ravensthorpe-Hopetoun-Lake King** -- commencing at Jerramungup, Saturday 17th Sept. at 11am and concluding at Lake King around 2pm, Wednesday 21st Sept. If you are interested and require further information contact Trevor Cunningham in Albany on [REDACTED] or by email [REDACTED]
4. **29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> Oct - Cape Arid (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> –Public Holiday)**
5. **Oct** - day trip to look at **Sun Orchids**
6. **Nov** - day trip to **Paganoni Rd.**

Additionally, those members who are involving themselves in the Adopt an Orchid project will be organising their own trips with their respective orchids.