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- a) To promote interest in and preserve Western
- 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.

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- Australian indigenous orchids.
- 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.
- *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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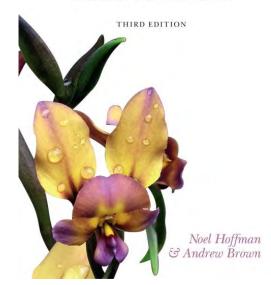
NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 14th September at 7.30 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 21st September at **7.30** pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.





BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please email any Bulletin contributions to Urszula Kokosinska at Bulletin need to be submitted by 1st of next month.

GENERAL MEETINGS 2011 – 21st September, 19th October, 16th November.

> Long awaited 3rd Edition of "Orchids of South-West Australia" by Noel Hoffman & Andrew Brown is here!

The book will be available to WANOSCG members at the October 19th meeting for \$50 (RRP is \$59.95). There will be no eftpos facilities so cash and cheques would be perfect.

More information at web site www.orchidswa.com.au

WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday 17 August 2011

Meeting held at: BGPA Boardroom, Kings

Park.

Meeting opened: 7:37 pm

CIRCULATION OF REPORTS:

Attendance Book, Correspondence List and Treasurers Report were circulated.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendants: 35 members and 1 visitor: Neville Risbey

Apologies: Christine Thomas, Christine Lock, Matz Dahlkamp, Ross and Margaret Fox, Kim and Thea Hanson.

RAFFLE:

Kindly donated by: Tom Burbidge.

1. PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

The Minutes of the General Meeting of 15 July 2011 as distributed are a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Bill Burton Seconded: Donna Wajon Carried.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A Minutes Secretary is still required.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

Not listed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

John Ewing read the Treasurer's Report. Income: \$507 mostly from membership fees. Expenditure: \$144 mainly for badges and printing. Balance: \$64.606.56.

We are still awaiting information from the Insurance Company and their invoice. Moved: Gary McDonald

Seconded: John Ewing Carried

6. FIELD TRIPS:

- 6.1 Sightings/Observations:
 - Paganoni Rd, Rockingham: Drakaea elastica leaves (Glossy-leafed Hammer Orchid).
 - Port Gregory Rd, Northampton: Caladenia elegans (Elegant Spider Orchid). The area where Caladenia hoffmanii (Hoffman's Spider Orchid)

- grows has been washed away by rain. A lot of verges have been washed out by rain.
- Kalbarri NP: Caladenia reptans impensa (Pale Pink Fairy), Paracaleana terminalis (Smoothbilled Duck Orchid).
- Eneabba: Caladenia footeana (Crimson Spider Orchid), Pheladenia deformis (Blue Beard) and a hybrid between them, Ericksonella saccharata (Sugar Orchid).
- Don & Eva Smith's Property, Toodyay: Caladenia arrecta (Reaching Spider Orchid), C reptans (Little Pink Fairy), Pterostylis recurva (Jug Orchid).
- Donna & Eddy Wajon's Property, Tenterden: Caladenia reptans (Little Pink Fairy), Cyrtostylis robusta (Mosquito Orchid), Diuris corymbosa (Common Donkey Orchid), Pterostylis recurva (Jug Orchid), Pt. sanguinea (Dark Banded Greenhood)
- Stirling Ranges NP: Thelymitra variegata (Queen of Sheba).
- Sabina Rd, Busselton: Caladenia magniclavata (Big Clubbed Spider Orchid), C. reptans (Little Pink Fairy), Pterostylis recurva (Jug Orchid), Pt. vittata (Banded Greenhood), Pt. sp. Slender (Slender Snail Orchid).
- Pomeroy Rd, Lesmurdie: Caladenia arrecta hybrid, C. longiclavata (Clubbed Spider Orchid), Pterostylis barbata (Bird Orchid), Pt. recurva (Jug Orchid).
- Mills Park Lookout, Chapman Valley: Caladenia hoffmanii (Hoffman's Spider Orchid.)
- York Field Trip Report to come.
- 6.2 Trips: Proposed trips are in the bulletin.
 - Ninghan Station Trip currently postponed as station roads are closed due to rain.
 - Kim & Thea's local orchid hot spot (along Tonkin H'way): 2 Guilfoyle Green CLOVERDALE 17 September 2011 at 1 – 4 pm.

7. GROWERS TABLE: Nil

8. CONSERVATION:

8.1 Emu Point development approved by EPA. 14.7 ha to be cleared with 16.3 ha to be retained.

- 8.2 Comments on Roe 8 PER is due by 5
 September 2011. There is a rally on
 Saturday 20 August 2011 at Bibra
 Lake between 11:00 am and 1:00
 pm. Russel Thomas reported that
 Ericksonella saccharata (Sugar
 Orchid) was observed in the road
 alignment 2 years ago and is the
 most westerly population known.
- 8.3 Iain MacLean reported that the Thelymitra pulcherrima population along Erindoon Rd, near Indoon, Eneabba, was eradicated by a grader extending the road by 2 metres or more. The road was wide enough already and did not appear to need clearing.
- 8.4 Eddy Wajon asked everyone to look out for evidence of roadside clearing and advise the Conservation Officer so that relevant shires can be contacted to seek further information.
- 8.5 Road verge clearing is occurring throughout WA. Eddy Wajon asked everyone to look in the West Australian on Mondays to identify proposed clearing and whether they or someone else should make a submission.
- 8.6 WANOSCG should send a list of orchids found along roadside verges to Shires to alert them to the presence of orchids before any clearing occurs.
- 8.7 Ryan Phillips suggested we advise DEC of the location of significant orchid sites so that markers can be put up alerting road workers of their presence.
- 8.8 Eddy Wajon gave background on the Roadside Conservation Committee and his membership representing the Wildflower Society of WA. He said the executive officer spent a lot of time delivering training courses to Shire councillors and staff regarding the value of roadsides and strategies to minimise clearing during road works. However the success was variable.
- 8.9 Eddy Wajon strongly requested all members to submit Orchid Sighting Reports to record presence of orchids on roadside verges so that they can be entered into the Registrar's Data Base.

- 8.10 John Ewing reminded members about the desire of Diane Becker, a Lecturer at Challenger TAFE, Mandurah, to do an orchid survey on the campus.
- 8.11 John Ewing reported lots of instances of orchids being dug up along the South Coast and Mogumber Rd. Ryan Phillips said on Gull Rock Rd, Albany, that many Thelymitra variegata (Queen of Sheba), have been dug up.
- 8.12 Gary MacDonald reported that there are no orchids left along Stevenson Rd, Bindoon, because of pig disturbance in area.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 9.1 Gary MacDonald has produced an orchid flowering register compiled in 4 different formats. Members can request a copy direct from John Ewing electronically.
- 9.2 Ryan Phillips advised that BGPA (Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority) is undertaking pollination studies on Caladenia huegelii (Grand Spider Orchid) and Drakaea elastica (Glossy-leafed Hammer Orchid). This will involve tagging orchids in the Perth region and the Southwest. Members are asked to leave the tags in place.
- 9.3 Eddy Wajon acknowledged the role of Bill Burton as WANOSCG
 Librarian over the past 15 years upon his retirement from the position. This was supported by the whole meeting by acclamation.
- 9.4 Eddy Wajon called for a volunteer to take over the role of Librarian.

10. PRESENTATION:

Margaret Petridis gave an excellent presentation showing the orchids found at the Australian Wildlife Conservancy Mt Gibson Conservation Reserve two years ago. They increased the number of known orchids from 12 to 20.

11. RAFFLE DRAW:

Won by: Alison Higgins.

Meeting Closed: 9:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm Wednesday

21st September 2011

Southern Rivers Group Field Trip Report 6th August 2011 Mandalay Beach and William Bay

After a stormy wet week,

twelve club members and two visitors arrived at the sunny but chilly ranger's garage. At the first stop along Mandalay Beach Road we made ourselves comfortable for Elizabeth Edmunds' ("Project Dieback" Officer with South Coast Natural Resources Management and club member) presentation on Dieback. Dieback posters were discussed whilst we discovered many uplands are protectable whilst lowlands have become infested due to previous land usage, movement of soils and soil particles and human movement across the landscape. Protectable uplands highlight the need to look after these areas and keep them dieback free.

Information packages were handed out with many heading back to Perth for members to read and use on future field trips. Just ask the trip participants at the next club meeting. Cleaning (using a horse hoof cleaning brush with a hook) and sterilisation (70% mentholated spirits) on foot wear, carry bags, walking poles, tripods and any gear that touches the ground as well as car tyres, which can be managed by all who venture out along established tracks in search of orchids.

Having eaten half our lunches the group walked along the many tracks. True to form, dozens of leaves were found compared to a few flowers of *Corybas recurvus* (Helmet), *Cyrtostylis huegelii* (Mosquito) and *Cy. robusta* (Large Gnat). Sorting out the Pterostylis aff nanas became a challenge, however, *P.*aff. nana (Limestone Snail), *Pt.* aff.

nana (Slender Snail) and another *P*.aff nana subsp. unknown were sighted. We found *Caladenia* meridionalis (South Coast Spider) in two distinct locations.

Under a prickly wattle on the edge of the deeply eroded track was a delightful colony of *Pt. rogersii* (Curled Tongue Snail) whilst out in the open the first *Pt. vittata* (Banded Greenhood) were found. A variety of six different leaves were sighted. Some from plants already gone to seed or never having flowered this season and others to look forward to, especially *Caladenia latifolia*.

Off William Bay Road the season is very poor due to dry conditions. The remaining flowers were already over their best. *Corybas recurvus*, *Cyrtostylis huegelii* and *Cy. robusta* were seen again. Very few *Pterostylis* aff. *sanguinea* (Coastal banded Greenhood) and *P.* aff. *sanguinea* (Crowded Greenhood) as well as *P. vittata* (Banded

Greenhood) were seen beside the road and tracks. Again a range of leaves will bring us back later in the season.

On our return to the cars another Perth club member whose name happens to be the same as the national park was found comfortably seated on the ground happily snapping photos in the warm afternoon sun.

The day was enjoyed by all, especially many Perth members, who were delighted with the sightings of 1-3 "new" orchids to add to their ever increasing list of sightings.



Kalbarri - Stephen Buckle

Last weekend I went up to Kalbarri for the night. Saw around 20 plus species all up but only got photos of around 19, there are only so many photo's I can take of Candy's and Snail's. Saw Curly Locks, Hoffman's Spider, Kalbarri Spider, Purple-veined Spider (from the salt lakes on the way up) and Smooth-billed Duck. Got photo's of a pure green duck with just the calli on the tip black that looks good. Also saw Dwarf Zebra, Frog Greenhood, Kneeling Hammer, lots of hybrid cowslip x pale pinks, lots. It was a good trip.



Field trip by Ross & Margaret Fox & Matz Dahlkamp.

We started for William Rd off Brookton Hwy and found Pterostylis hamiltonii, P. aspera, Diuris porrifolia & Caladenia reptans subsp. reptans. On to Narrogin & Foxes Lair, just a few Caladenia xantha and Pterostylis concava. Yilliminning Rock wasn't good or Lake Toolabin, just rosettes. Tarin Rock was also a disappointment, very little to see. The first night was at Lake Grace. At Pingrup there were hundreds of Caladenia melanema, Jerramungup was very little and also at the 6km site with only a few orchids to be seen or even leaves with buds. We knew when we set out that we were a few weeks to early for a lot of orchids species. We looked in vain for Thelymitra speciosa near Ongerup. Fitzgerald River NP was a disappointment, but when nearly back at the car we found several plants of Caladenia vulgata, C. microchila, C. radialis and C. dimidia as well as Ericksonella saccharata and Pheladenia deformis, as well as Diuris. The whole trip we found many forms of Diuris that we could not identify as the colours varied so greatly. Further along the Hwy we found 2 very small *Thelymitra* speciosa ms (Eastern Queen of Sheba) and we found over 50 Caladenia arrecta. At Ravensthorpe a few Pterostylis allantoidea and P. microchila, no evidence of Calochilus at Hopetoun, on John Forrest Rd were lots of Caladenia graminifolia, then on the Southern Ocean Rd we were told about Corybas despectans which we found. On Springdale Rd we found Thelymitra spiralis. At Munglinup Beach were plenty of Corybas limpidus but little else along the way. Most of the rain we had so far was at night, on arrival at Esperance it was blowing a Gale and at Wireless Hill we were almost blown off our feet so we gave up. There was very little at Helms Arboretum, so we decided to go to Mt Ridley to look for Caladenia longicauda subsp. rigidula, but had to go to Kau Rock Rd before we found some. Most of the various sites we stopped at we only found a few common orchids, but at Boyatup Hill we found only 1 Cvanicula nikulinskvae that we had been looking for. We spent 2 nights at Duke of Orleans C/P and could only find buds from Caladenia longicauda insularis. Hill 50 was very disappointing and very overgrown not much to find, mainly Caladenia decora and a few C. longicauda crassa and Diuris. On Sunday we set off for Styles Rock we did not find much on the way but at Scaddan I think I found *Diuris* subsp. *Scaddan*. At Styles Rock we only found about 20 Caladenia sigmoidea and about 6 other common orchids normally found there. On the way back we had more time to look around and at Doust we found 3 Caladenia cruscula in flower and at Truslove NR at 3 different stops found Caladenia brevisura, Pterostylis subsp. dwarf shell and a couple of other Pterostylis. On Monday we set off for the Lake King Norseman Rd via Cascades Rd all the time watching the weather, we got to the lake and found a few Caladenia voigtii, C. pachychila, C. sigmoidea and a hybrid with C. microchila and Pterostylis mutica. We had a quick lunch as it looked like rain so we quickly left and only got a few kms before it started, but it was not to bad. On past Lake King about 8km to Sugg Rock NR and found a few common orchids and several Caladenia sigmoidea and



Beautiful Diuris parryi at Frankland.

back to Lake King for more C. sigmoidea. Spent the night there and set off early for Varley Rock where we found lots of Caladenia radialis, C. vulgata and hybrids, C. doutchiae, C. roei and hybrids, C. pachychila, lots of Ericksonella saccharata, Pterostylis mutica, Pheladenia deformis and Diuris subsp. northern granite. Holts Rock wasn't much or Lilly McCarthy Rock as well. Went to Dragon Rocks for lunch, not a lot there either so carried on to Pingaring Golf Club. No sign of the Caladenia graniticola but did find an interesting Caladenia radialis X roei. Back to Lake Grace for the night. Then at Jerramungup area we went back to the sites we had been to earlier on the trip and found many of the buds we have seen then were opening up, and saw Caladenia pulchra, C. longicauda subsp. eminens, C. cairnsiana, C. flava reptans subsp. reptans, C. falcata, C. longicauda subsp. redacta, C. hirta subsp. rosea as well as various hybrids. Pterostylis recurva were in abundance as well as P. sanguinea and P. vittata with the latter 2 starting to go to seed. Near Ongerup and the Stirlings we found a couple more of Thelymitra speciosa. At Cranbrook and Tenterden we only found mainly Diuris and a few scattered Caladenia leaves with buds. In Albany we went to Gull Rock area and found a Thelymitra variegata as well as Corybas despectans and Pterostylis subsp. short sepals. At Mt Barker some buds were just starting to flower and we found Caladenia arrecta, C. vulgata, C. discoidea, C. polychroma, Pterostylis recurva, P. sanguinea (seeding) and Diuris longifolia. At Frankland Jim Parry our local orchid member who keeps an eye on the orchids in the area, was kind enough to show us his newest find of Diuris parryi, that he found just a couple of years ago and is still waiting for it to be recognised. On the way home we found lots of Caladenia polychroma, C. vulgata and what appears to be subsp. Tenterden and also C. caesarea subsp. caesarea but only with a short labellum (possible hybrids). At Kojonup were lots of *Diuris* and we found a dark red Caladenia pulchra, Hurley Rd near Williams the Caladenias were just coming out, buds were everywhere, C. magniclavata, C. reptans subsp. reptans and C. barbarossa still in tight bud. We decided to detour through York for the last stage of the trip to see if there were any Thelymitra spiralis out at the Wambyn NR, which we found along with Caladenia magniclavata and C. longicauda subsp. eminens and Pterostylis barbata. A good trip overall with seeing most of the orchids we had set out to find.



Ninghan Station August 27th & 28th

The broad expanse of the Mid-West of WA is currently flooded with colour as swathes of pink, white and yellow everlastings and

other little daisies abound almost everywhere you look. It was against this backdrop on a glorious Saturday morning that the group of 25 members gathered under an enormous Morton Bay Fig tree at Ninghan Station which is 50km south of Paynes Find.

David Lawson led the group to Warrdagga Hill, a trip of about 30km from the homestead. The climb up the moderate slope was rewarded with magnificent views over the countryside. Most members weren't pausing much to look, because it was not long before the first spider orchids were found and soon the discussions began about whether they were Caladenia incensa (Glistening Spider Orchid) or C. remota subspecies remota (Outback Spider Orchid). Those with good noses could smell the 'hot metal' odour and the leaf size generally made distinguishing the two species apart reasonably easy, but as always, some of the flowers had not read the book and didn't seem to conform.





David led the group down the stream that ran much of the length of the rock in a hollow between the higher points of the rock. Here, trees provided sheltered spots and to the delight of the children the

stream had many tadpoles in it. A wide range of orchids were discovered, and of the 19 species plus 3 hybrids found, some of the highlights were C. doutchiae (Purple-veined Spider Orchid), C. incrassata (Puppet Orchid), C. pachychila (Dwarf Zebra Orchid) C. mesocera (Narrow-lipped Dragon Orchid) and Microtis eremaea (Slender Mignonette Orchid). At places down the rock there were patches with hundreds of Thelymitra antennifera (Vanilla Sun Orchid) and at other places T. petrophila (Granite Sun Orchid). The most exciting finds were the hybrids of C. incensa with C.



incrassata, (a flower with pink tinges on the petals and sepals) together with C. pachychila and C. remota subsp. remota.





After lunch, the group set off to find a site where Trevor Cunningham had earlier found a Rufous Greenhood in flower. The magnificent *Pterostylis spathulata* (Spoon-lipped Rufous Greenhood) was located in full flower. In the same vicinity were huge numbers of other orchids that had been seen earlier on Warrdagga Rock. Also there was *Diuris* subsp. 'northern granite' (Rosy-cheeked Donkey Orchid).

A final stop at a rocky breakaway yielded more of the species seen earlier. The day ended with a sense of having witnessed more of nature's spectacular wonderland.



Sunday saw the group leave Ninghan and proceed south to a parking stop where more of the same species were found. One highlight was a hybrid spider of unknown name (and unfortunately rather damaged condition). The final official stop of the trip was at another David Lawson special spot which was another huge rock located north of Dalwallinu. Around the base of the rock were myriads of both T. antennifera and T. petrophila (previously called T. aff. macrophylla). The main attraction was a hybrid between these two species which is known as the Crimson Sun Orchid. The range of colours varied from a light salmon pink to a rich dark crimson. They were not common despite the thousands of T. antennifera and the hundreds of T. petrophila, but the more we looked the more we found. There were also many more of the species previously seen. This rounded off an exciting and interesting trip.

By John Ewing



Thank you to Lyle & Janice Metcalf, Jay Steer and George Kokosinski for their photo contributions.

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

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PROPOSED FIELD TRIPS

- 17th Sept Kim & Thea's local orchid hot spot (along Tonkin Highway): 2 Guilfoyle Green, Cloverdale at 1 4 pm.
- 17th -21st Sept Jerramungup-Ravensthorpe-Hopetoun-Lake King -Contact Trevor Cunningham in Albany on or by email
- 9th Oct day trip to Paganoni Rd. Meet at the centre of Paganoni Rd near track leading to Paganoni Reserve at 9.00 am.
- 28th/30th Oct Walpole, Lake Jasper, Augusta. Meet on Friday 28th (Public Holiday) at Walpole Visitor Centre at 12.00 (noon). Sunday 30th meeting 10.00 am near jetty at Ellis Street parking in Augusta.

Nov - still to be decided.

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

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