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John Ewing

Dear All,

In 2011 here in Western Australia after many very long, hot and dry years Mother Nature was kind to us with lot more rain and plenty of beautiful flowers in the bush. We were lucky to see water beneath paperbark trees with thousands of different kinds of plants especially native orchids flowering in profusion and going into seeds. We hope that this new season will be even better. Before we start have a look back at year that passed and enjoy report from last year Christmas Field Trip organised by Southern Rivers Group.

Don't forget the first WANOSCG meeting is next week.

Happy orchid hunting!

Urszula Kokosinska - Editor

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm

**NEXT AGM & GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

**2012 General Meetings**

<b>March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>August 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>September 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>October 17<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>June 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>November 21<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>July 18<sup>th</sup></b>	

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# President's Report for 2011

## WANOSCG PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 2011

I wish to begin by acknowledging all the time and work put in by our immediate past President, Christine Lock. I was able to begin 2011 with a solid background of successful club management.

2011 has had its ups and downs. My first initiative was to follow up on a proposal from 2010 that the group consider reviewing the website. I saw the restructuring of the data-base as a key element of this and this was aided by some initial work from Tony Lock. The committee looked at possible changes at considerable length and sought to consult the group members as developments progressed. I brought information via the bulletin and via numerous emails to members, but at a monthly meeting the proposal was rejected. Varying reasons were given but it seemed that the key criterion was a very conservative view that information might be too readily available to some who might misuse it, such as 'digging up orchids'. As an outcome the website has essentially remained in its current form with Don Ward continuing his excellent work as the website manger.

During this process some of the senior members of the group expressed their displeasure about the direction of the group. Despite personal visits by myself, much of the data that had been donated to the group has, at the request of the donor, been deleted from the data-base.

Over the year the Committee has spent a considerable amount of time considering the direction of the group. The outcome of this has been the development of a 5 year plan with specific goals. During the year members have been made aware of this plan and have been asked for feedback and contributions. Over the early part of 2012, members will be asked to endorse this plan and will be invited to participate in one or more of the areas of the plan so that it can be fully implemented. This plan, like all plans, is still subject to continuous review.

During the year we were saddened by the passing of two of our life members. Don Voigt who lived in Esperance and Ross Wilton have made significant contributions during their lifetimes. It was only in 2010 that Don led part of a field trip to see the orchid bearing his name (*Caladenia voigtii* – the Mohawk Spider Orchid).

There were a wide range of field trips as usual. Iain McLean, despite some difficulties completed another fine year and it must be sufficiently OK for him as he will continue in 2012. Likewise meetings produced an interesting round of speakers. In that regard, the final meeting had presentations from some of the 'Adopt an Orchid' groups. We were treated to excellent information about the species, even though no locations were disclosed. This program will continue into 2012 and beyond.

I want to thank all the committee members, who are now meeting a week before the general meetings (thus an extra night out), for all their contributions. Especially I wish to thank Eddy Wajon who after years of service is stepping down for 2012. Eddy has largely shouldered the work of minute keeping in the absence of an elected Secretary. His help, enthusiasm and dedication to the conservation of orchids in WA is inspirational. He has been a great support to me.

I would also like to thank Matz Dahlkamp who has managed the Group's finances in a very efficient, business-like manner for 8 years (our longest serving Treasurer). She has managed to weather the GST storm and the complicated finances arising from our Wheatbelt Orchid Rescue project.

I wish everyone happy and successful orchiding in 2012.

John Ewing  
President 2011

# **WANOSCG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

## **Wednesday, March 16th 2011**

Meeting held at: BGPA Boardroom, Kings Park.  
 Meeting opened: 9 pm  
**ATTENDANCE:** 25 members present 9 apologies 0 visitors

### **1. PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Amendments: - None

The Annual General Meeting Minutes as distributed are a true and correct record of the meeting of March 17<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Moved: John Ewing. Seconded: Eddy Wajon.

### **2. ELECTIONS**

Gerald Stack was nominated as the Returning Officer for the Committee elections.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Moved</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Action</b>
Patron	Steve Hopper	Christine Lock	Kim Hansen	Elected
President	John Ewing	Christine Lock	Eric Swarts	Elected
Vice President- 1 years	Kim Hansen	Margaret Fox	Mark Brundrett	Elected
Vice President- 2 year	Eddy Wajon	Ross Fox	Matz Dahlkamp	Elected
Secretary				Carried Over
Treasurer	Matz Dahlkamp			Continuing
Committee	Russel Thomas	John Ewing	Christine Lock	Elected
Committee	Jay Steer			Continuing
Committee	Liz Ryan	Eddy Wajon	John Ewing	Elected
Committee	Thea Hansen	Matz Dahlkamp	Donna Wajon	Elected
Editor	Urszula Kokosinska	John Ewing	Christine Lock	Elected
Field Trip Coordinator	Iain McLean			Continuing
Conservation Officer	Eddy Wajon	Christine Lock	Matz Dahlkamp	Continuing
Registrar	Christine Lock	Donna Wajon	Russel Thomas	Elected
Librarian	Bill Burton			Continuing
Auditor	Phil Bunney	Christine Lock	Matz Dahlkamp	Elected
Supper Coordinator	Donna Wajon			Continuing

### **3. PRESENTATION**

Mark Brundrett presented the findings of the Lotterywest Wheatbelt Orchid Rescue Project

**AGM CLOSED: 9:30 pm**

**NEXT AGM MEETING: 8.00 pm Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2012**

### **AUDIT CONFIRMATION**

I have examined the books, vouchers and bank transactions of the Western Australian Native Orchid Study & Conservation Group (Inc) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

I have examined the Financial Statements with regard to having had no input into the entity's transactions.

An assets schedule has been completed for plant and equipment with a value being shown on the schedule. As well, a stocktake is completed for normal stock items held by the Group, with a value being shown on that schedule.

The stocktake and assets schedule was prepared by the Treasurer, and is attached to the Financial Statements.

There are no known further liabilities to the Group identified by this Audit.

The attached Statement of Receipts and Expenditure is in accordance with the Group's Management records, and represents a fair and reasonable account of the financial affairs of the Group.

Phil Bunney  
 AUDITOR  
 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012

				<b>WANOSCG</b>		
				<b>Statement of Receipts and Payments</b>		
				<b>For the year ended 31 January 2012</b>		
			<b>31/01/2012</b>		<b>31/01/2011</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>						
Memberships			3,472.50			3,405.00
Nomination Fees & Badges			380.00			580.00
Car Stickers			25.00			27.50
Embroidery Garments			-			1,136.00
Flava Badges			10.00			-
General Postage			-			1.00
Interest Received			27.72			360.92
Jim Parry - Book & Postage			60.00			-
Publications			-			34.00
Pat Dundas Cards			-			11.00
Raffle			460.00			375.00
Rufa Survey Report			20.00			-
Supper			200.25			163.50
GST			1,122.00			2,985.00
Donations			273.53			380.71
Lottery West			-			260,064.20
Transfer from GCMA *			-			93,908.55
			6,051.00			363,432.38
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Bulletin Copying			826.05			339.15
Bulletin Postage			252.20			297.20
Equipment	2 x Uniden		538.00			-
Conservation Council Annual Fees			90.00			90.00
Embroidery Garments			-			860.19
General Postage			40.95			45.85
GST			2,775.00			2,141.00
First Aid Kits			-			370.60
Insurance			1,186.44			649.00
Name Badges			238.00			325.00
Post Office Box Renewal	2011 & 2012/13		258.00			79.50
Lotterywest Expenses			206.84			-
Rent	2012		540.00			540.00
Stationery			40.55			41.44
Supper			154.15			158.10
Jim Parry - Book & Postage			60.00			-
University of WA			77,473.39			143,838.68
Transfer to GCMA *			-			86,680.00
Advertisement			-			48.37
Publications			-			42.00
Trf to Police & Nurses Credit Society			25,000.00			25,821.89
			109,679.57			262,367.97
	Excess Payments over Receipts		-\$ 103,628.57			\$ 101,064.41
	<b>Cash at Bank</b>		<b>2011/12</b>			<b>2010/11</b>
	Balance - February 1		106,428.83			5,364.42
	Plus Receipts		6,051.00			363,432.38
			112,479.83			368,796.80
	Less Payments		109,679.57			262,367.97
	Balance - January 31		\$ 2,800.26			\$ 106,428.83

	<b>Investments</b>		<b>2011/12</b>		<b>2010/11</b>
	<b>Term Deposit (BW)</b>				
	Balance - February 1		8,969.80		8,611.48
	Interest		558.68		358.32
	Balance - January 31		\$ 9,528.48		\$ 8,969.80
	<b>Gold Cash Mgmt Acct</b>				
	Balance - February 1		-		7,228.55
	Trf to GCMA Account		-		7,228.55
	Balance - January 31		\$ -		\$ -
	<b>Term Deposit (P &amp; N)</b>	242029168			
	Balance - February 1		25,821.89		25,821.89
	Interest		1,619.09		-
	Balance - January 31		\$ 27,440.98		\$ 25,821.89
	<b>Term Deposit (P &amp; N)</b>	242031531			
	Deposit 18/05/11		\$ 20,000.00		
	Deposit 19/11/11		\$ 5,000.00		
	Interest		\$ 544.43		
	Balance - January 31		\$ 25,544.43		
	<b>Bank Funds 31 January 2012</b>		<b>\$ 65,314.15</b>		<b>\$ 141,220.52</b>
	<b>Lotterywest Cash Advance</b>		<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ 84,728.89</b>
			<b>\$ 65,314.15</b>		<b>\$ 56,491.63</b>

#### WANOSCG Award

The criterion for this award is that the person should have advanced the aims of, and made an outstanding contribution to, WANOSCG - namely the study and conservation of Western Australian native orchids. These contributions will usually have been made over an extended period of time. The recipient must be a financial Member of WANOSCG.

Each year nominations shall be submitted by Members to the President by the close of the November General Meeting. Nominations shall describe the reasons, with examples, for the nomination and shall be no more than two pages long.

A selection panel, consisting of the President and 2 non-Committee Members, will assess nominations for the Award and will make a recommendation to the Committee, who will then decide who is to receive the Award at the February Committee meeting.

None of the members of the selection panel shall be nominators or nominees of the Award. The issuing of the Award will be at the discretion of the Committee and may not necessarily be made each year.

The Award will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in the year following the nomination.

# WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday 16 November 2011**

**Meeting held at:** BGPA Boardroom, Kings Park.

**Meeting Opened:** 7:37pm

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

**ATTENDANCE:** 50: 47 members and 3 visitors

**Apologies:** Alison Higgins, Mary Hoffman, Glenys Blinco and Eddy Wajon

**RAFFLE:** Kindly donated by Ian Greeve.

## 1. PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting on 19 October 2011 as distributed are a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Jay Steer

Seconded:

Marge Moyle

Carried.

## 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 2.1 Ideas for use of current funds.

Noel Clarke suggested that we could potentially re-examine the Candy's Bush Reserve at Moora with the view to finish fencing the area, subject of course to the approval of the Local Authorities and DEC.

Matz Dahlkamp suggested First Aid Training for at least some of the regular members who go on Field Trips.

Other members raised the suggestion that Training in Weed Control could also be another area to look into.

John Ewing advised that these ideas would be placed on agenda for possible use for funds and that the Committee will examine these further in due course.

## 3. CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Kim Hansen presented a letter he had received from Trevor Cunningham of the Southern Rivers Group stating his wish to relinquish the position of Tour Co-ordinator for the group. John Ewing advised that he will now advise the Southern Rivers Group of Trevor's resignation and the Committee will then discuss a replacement for the position.

## 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 4.1 The Treasurer's Report was circulated. Matz Dahlkamp advised that rent had now been paid for the premises for next year.
- 4.2 Insurance Cover for WANOSCG. Matz Dahlkamp reported that she had received advice on suitable cover and that we are progressing with Allianz for approximately \$1200 per annum for Public Liability Insurance and that the invoice should be received in coming weeks.

## 5. FIELD TRIPS

- 5.1 Christmas Field Trip. Iain McLean advised that the field trip now scheduled to start in Mt Barker on 26 November 2011 was being conducted in 2 separate groups. The first would be headed by Anna De Haan of the Southern Rivers Group and would leave Mt Barker enroute to Walpole at 9am and the second would be lead by John Ewing and would depart Mt Barker at 11am. Iain asked members to please advise him at the completion of the meeting as to which group they would be travelling with.
- 5.2 Other Field Trips/Sighting Reports. Various individuals made trips to Abyssinia Rock, Sullivan Rock, Forrest Highway and Brookton Highway. As the season is now coming to an end, it was nice to receive several reports of Duck Orchids, Cowslip, Sun Orchids, Prasophyllum and *Cryptostylis ovata* (Slipper Orchids) by Wayne Merritt, Margaret Petridis and Clive Pegler. John Ewing also reported on receiving some photos accompanying a letter from the Bridgetown area asking for help in identifying some Spider Orchids. John made his way down South to catch up with the individuals concerned and was rewarded with some lovely recently blooming Spider Orchids.

## 6. GROWERS TABLE

Nil.

## 7. CONSERVATION

- 7.1 In Eddy Wajon's absence John Ewing spoke briefly on some of the potential harm that may eventuate from changes with the Tier 3 Rating System of Railways in the state and advised that Eddy has forwarded a letter voicing concern and is awaiting any outcomes that may or may not eventuate.

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1 WANOSCG 5 Year Plan. John Ewing had planned to give an overview of the draft plan but owing to technical problems had to change his plans on the evening. He will now forward electronic copies by email to those members on email and also forward hard copies to other members for their consideration over the next few months for discussion early in 2012 as an agenda item.
- 8.2 CDs/DVDs and Books for Sale. Margaret Petridis gave a quick rundown on a DVD which is available for sale for \$25 on Native Orchids of South Australia. Margaret felt it may interest members who enjoyed the presentation at the October meeting by Peter McCauley. Margaret also mentioned a book by Robert

Lawrence on Native Orchids which is available for \$35. If members were interested in either of the items then please contact Margaret.

John Ewing went on to mention an article he had recently come across detailing a CD produced by Gary Backhouse from Victoria which is totally related to Caladenia. This is for all of Australia but will of course include our local West Australian species. John advised that if we were able to purchase 10 copies or more at once that we could then attract a discount on these CDs. Members interested were to advise John at the conclusion of the meeting so that he could gauge numbers.

- 8.3 Native Orchids of South-West Australia book. John Ewing was asked whether or not the club would be purchasing several copies of the books for the club to sell on to members as had happened in the past. John mentioned that Noel Hoffman had donated a copy of the book to our library and thanked him very much for that lovely gesture. John said that until such time as Noel began to run short of copies for sale the club will not consider purchasing copies to sell on to members. This could be re-evaluated at a later time if need be.

- 8.4 Presentation by Don Ward on Website. Don showed the website content and discussed available options for members to upload content. Don offered to discuss how best to place content and how to utilise Picasa. He also offered people to email him should they have content that they would like him to place on the website. He mentioned that the club had previously hosted their website with Inet but that is was now done via Google and so was at no cost. Don gave some general tips to members who may be contemplating uploading images to Picasa or the Website. The web address and email address for Don are all available on the front of the clubs Bulletin. Several members asked Don whether or not the site could be set up to include more specific content. Don said that if members wished him to put reports onto the web they should send him an email and he would discuss their needs.

## 9. ADOPT AN ORCHID

- 9.1 John Ewing gave a brief overview of the Adopt An Orchid scheme and advised that there were now in excess of 20 people participating. Kim Hansen added that even with this number there was still a need for many more helpers as each of the current volunteers had several species to cover and their workloads were quite substantial.
- 9.2 Urszula Kokosinska - *Caladenia uliginosa*. Urszula and George combined

to give an excellent presentation of slides along with an entertaining narration on just what they had covered in their investigations and showed some of the difficulties involved in adopting an orchid. Their initial searches for the orchids were not producing positive results and things looked decidedly poor until the first orchid sighting. From that point on, they produced some excellent data for the project. One aspect of concern noted was that much of the data that was available such as GPS bearings were incorrect. Urszula also displayed a spreadsheet which showed that there was disparity between the “expected” measurements for the specimens and what they actually observed. There were a considerable number that exceeded the stated dimensions and a lesser amount that were below them. Urszula and George had enjoyed the experience and the presentation was well received.

- 9.3 Margaret Petridis and Kevin Uhe – *Caladenia cristata*. This orchid took them to inhospitable and isolated locations in the Midwest. Margaret and Kevin also found GPS coordinates to be wanting and people undertaking these studies need to allow extra time. If much of this data is invalid the original sites may remain lost. Margaret and Kevin spent hour upon hour counting hundreds and hundreds of spider orchids at Damboring. The numbers they found far exceeded what they had expected. Follow up visits will require additional helpers to be able to gather stats from all sites. Margaret and Kevin discovered the orchids in flower a good 2 weeks prior to what the existing data showed, which affected initial plans. Margaret found it advantageous to design sheets for collection of data when large numbers of plants are encountered. This very interesting and enjoyable presentation illustrated the extremes in which our orchids grow and the lengths that our Adopt An Orchid volunteers are going to gather the much wanted data.
- 9.4 Thea Hanson – *Caladenia luteola*. This presentation was held over to next year.

## 10. PHOTO COMPETITION

The winner of the competition of the best set of photographs was Noel Hoffman with Urszula Kokosinska a close runner up. Thank you to all participants.

## 11. RAFFLE DRAW

The raffle was won by Clive Pegler.

MEETING CLOSED:

9:27 pm

NEXT MEETING:

7:30 pm Wednesday  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2012

## Fringed Helmet Orchid



Corybas fimbriatus – what a harsh ungainly name  
for this tiny native orchid,  
tho' I don't know who's to blame.  
With its single emerald leaf hugged  
flat upon the ground  
a midget bushland lily pad so smooth  
and very round.  
Sat on this wee green saucer is a bloom  
of deepest red  
its cherry- like domed centre in fringed cup  
where colour bled.



This plant of exquisite beauty growing  
on the forest floor  
where only careful searching shows  
not one but many more.  
For these are merely thumbnail size,  
unseen with casual glance,  
but wondrous beauty meets the eye  
when you find these tiny plants.



© Pete. Stratford. 6.3.12

Thank you to Lyn Alcock for sharing with us poem written by her poet friend Pete Stratford  
from Tassie, re the tiny *Corybas* found down there.  
I'm sure you all will enjoy this beautiful poem and lovely photos. Thank you Pete!

## SOUTHERN RIVERS GROUP FIELD TRIP REPORT

Christmas Field Trip Mt Barker – Walpole  
26<sup>th</sup> November, 2011

Day 1 Group 1

Site 1: Fifteen enthusiasts gathered at the Mt Barker site at 9am to check out the area for any interesting orchids. *Prasophyllum brownii* (Christmas Leek Orchid), and *Diuris setacea* (Bristly Donkey Orchid) were in full bloom, but *Thelymitra benthamiana* (Leopard Orchid) flowers had all been fertilised and had closed.



Site 2: At 9:45 we headed west towards Rocky Gully and a swamp through which we waded to see *Caladenia radiata* (Ray Spider Orchid), *Caladenia pholcoidea* subsp. *pholcoidea* (Albany Spider Orchid), *Microtis quadrata* (South Coast Mignonette Orchid), *Prasophyllum drummondii* (Swamp Leek Orchid), *Microtis brownii* (Sweet Mignonette Orchid), *Diuris pauciflora* (Swamp Donkey Orchid), *Thelymitra benthamiana* (Leopard Orchid), *Thelymitra* (small blue unidentified), *Prasophyllum brownii* (Christmas Leek Orchid), *Diuris carinata* (Tall Bee Orchid), *Caladenia brownii* (Karri Spider Orchid) and *Prasophyllum macrostachyum* (Laughing Leek Orchid).





Site 3: Kulunilup Lake:  
*Elythranthera emarginata* (Pink Enamel Orchid), some having bleached by sunburn from the previous hot days, which made them look bi-coloured. Several *Caladenia radiata*

(Ray Spider Orchid) were located.

Site 4: Only *Disa bracteata* (South African Orchid) were found at the first point, but some members of the party had stopped a few kilometres short of Lake Muir where they found *Diuris emarginata* (Late Donkey Orchid), *Elythranthera emarginata* (Pink Enamel Orchid), *Caladenia radiata* (Ray Spider Orchid), and *Thelymitra paludosa* (Plain Sun Orchid).



Site 5: West of Lake Muir  
*Elythranthera emarginata* (Pink Enamel Orchid), *Caladenia serotina* (Christmas Spider Orchid), plus of hybrid of the *Caladenia serotina*. Also found were *Microtis brownii* (Sweet Mignonette Orchid), *Microtis alba* (White Mignonette Orchid), *Caladenia pholcoidea* subsp. *pholcoidea* (Albany Spider Orchid) and a *Caladenia longicauda* species (unidentified).



Site 6: South Coast Highway near Beardmore Road we found that the *Thelymitra benthamiana* (Leopard Orchid) had all gone to seed, the *Thelymitra jacksonii* (Jackson's Sun Orchid) was still in bud and *Thelymitra crinita* (Blue Lady Orchid) flowers had closed for the day - the sun was getting pretty close to the horizon by this time!



Site 7: South Coast Highway closer to Broke Inlet Rd a few plants of *Epiblema grandiflora* (Babe-in-a-Cradle) were flowering.

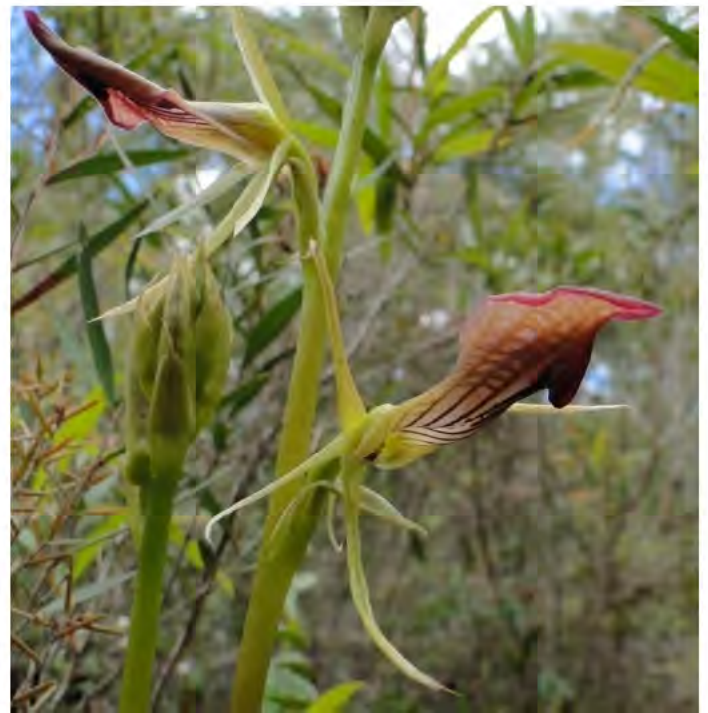
It was 6:00 pm by the time we reached Walpole where some of the members enjoyed the local fish and chips while others grilled their steaks in fading light. The rest of the evening was conducted in the gloomy night, partially illuminated by John's special orchid images, projected onto a small screen.

Juliet McKenzie

## Day 2 Walpole to Denmark 27th November, 2011



Five eager early risers headed for the Point Nuyts Wilderness Area at 7am. Using the Bibbulmun Track we headed southwards, first through cool Tingle trees with dense under story, then into open weed infested regrowth bush to the “Sheoak Grove” remembered by three members as a cool shady camping site. The “Sheoak Grove” and *Gastrodia lacista* (Potato Orchid) are no more due to the wildfire some years ago and a more recent fire. On our return to the cars the last of the *Caladenia attingens* subsp. *attingens* (Forest Mantis) and *Microtis media* subsp. *media* (Common Mignonette) were sighted as were some *Cryptostylis ovata* (Slipper Orchids).





Returning to Walpole it was suggested a visit to the transfer station was in order. We were rewarded with many *Gastrodia lacista* in full bloom. Meanwhile back in Walpole the picnic shelter was a hive of activity amongst the well rested late risers. Small groups were formed and handed a Walpole Street Guide with individually highlighted walking tracks for closer examination. Off everyone went to return 45 minutes later ..... orchidless, except for the early risers. (In reality many orchids in seed were seen and many did comment that they "enjoyed the walk"). However, the early risers reported more orchids at the transfer station. Off the club went to investigate further. Numerous *Gastrodia lacista* made for easy photography whilst one *Paracaleana nigrita* (Flying Duck) orchid had us all on our knees for a closer look.





As photography was completed groups made their own way to the second location off Ficifolia Road to find *Thelymitra tigrina* (Tiger Orchid) and a patch of *Cephalotus follicularis* (The Albany Pitcher Plant), much to the delight of many. Further on, the burnt swamp along the Peaceful Bay Road made one group happy by finding an unidentified *Diuris*. Making the most of cool breezes on the edge of Irwin Inlet everyone else settled down to a well deserved late lunch.



Madfish Bay must have been the highlight of the day as the area brought lots of smiles to tired faces due to the sheer number and range of orchids. The group spread over a vast area finding *Caladenia corynephora* (Crab-lipped Spider Orchid), *Diuris emarginata* (Late Donkey Orchid), *D. laevis* (Nanny Goat Orchid), *Microtis brownii* (Sweet Mignonette Orchid), *M. familiaris* (Coastal Mignonette Orchid), *M. pulchella* (Beautiful Mignonette Orchid), *Prasophyllum brownii* (Christmas Leek Orchid), *Prasophyllum drummondii* (Swamp Leek Orchid), *Prasophyllum regium* (King Leek Orchid) and *Prasophyllum* subsp. *Late swamp* (Late Swamp Leek Orchid). Many of the orchids found here were new species for some members.



Water bombers crossed over head on the Mt Barker Denmark Road. Although over their best the last orchids were found in a swampy depression which had been burnt last year. Identifying a *Diuris* was a challenge without a final decision being made. Added to the list for the day were *Microtis alboviridis* (Scented Mignonette Orchid), *Prasophyllum gibbosum* (Humped Leek Orchid), *Prasophyllum hians* (Yawning Leek Orchid: seed), *Thelymitra benthamiana* (Leopard Sun Orchid), and *Thelymitra canaliculata* (Shirt Sun Orchid: seed). Although the trip officially finished here, members left in all directions stopping every few kilometres for more orchid sightings.



A very full program of sites was visited over the two days with many surprised at the wide variety of orchids still flowering over a wide range of habitats. A most enjoyable weekend was had by all. I wish to thank all club members who helped make this weekend a success by supporting the introduction of “new” ways of managing large numbers on the one field trip.

Anna de Haan

Photos Urszula & George Kokosinski



## **SOUTHERN RIVERS GROUP FIELD TRIP REPORTS**

### **11<sup>th</sup> December 2011: Albany, then due west towards Denmark**

A short field trip for those unable to complete the final leg of the Christmas club trip.

First stop was the rubbish tip in Albany. Along one of the many tracks surrounding the tip beneath She Oaks a beautiful colony of *Thelymitra macrophylla* (Scented Sun Orchid) was admired.

Onto the hill above Cosy Corner we went looking for *Gastrodia lacista* (Potato Orchid) only to realise the blade of the grader had badly rearranged the colony usually found in a damp ditch. Today the ditch was dry and without one plant found.

Greater success was had at the Hay River with many *Microtis media* subsp. *media* (Common Mignonette Orchid) and, *M. media* subsp. *densiflora* (Dense Mignonette Orchid). Many clumps of *Caladenia corynephora* (Club-lipped Spider Orchid) and *Diuris emarginata* (Late Donkey Orchid) made for a colourful display along the edges of the ditch. Unfortunately the nearby swamp was dry underfoot, thus no

*Epiblema grandiflorum* var. *grandiflorum* (Babe-in-a-Cradle) were flowering, however one brave *Thelymitra tigrina* (Tiger Orchid) was found.

## 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011: In search of *Diuris heberlei*

The last Southern Rivers Group trip for the year saw club members enjoy a lovely walk along the beach on the outgoing tide. Behind the dunes it was quite hot without the sea breeze. Within meters the vegetation and soil quickly became dry and sandy. Two buds from the previous week's recce were flowering whilst the other flowers had gone to seed. This colony of *Diuris heberlei* (Heberle's Donkey Orchid) is decreasing in numbers with each passing year.

Back on top of the coastal dunes good views were had in all directions and the sea breeze cooled us off on the leisurely stroll back to the cars for a final cuppa.



The Wildflower Society of WA (Inc.) invites you to  
a talk by Kevin Thiele

Curator of the Western Australian Herbarium and a  
taxonomist with a wide interest in many groups of plants.

**“What plant is that – name changes, taxonomy and the  
community”**

ON: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012. TIME: 6 p.m.

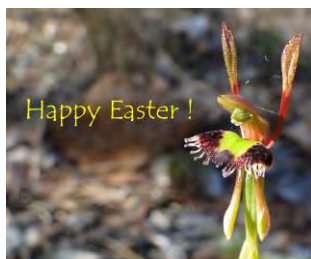
COST: this is a free event. RSVP not required.

VENUE: Department of Environment & Conservation, 17  
Dick Perry Avenue, KENSINGTON

Ample parking.

**Abstract:** Taxonomists sometimes need to change the names of plants for various reasons. In recent times, names and classifications have changed because of changes in our knowledge of classification brought about by phylogenetic research, especially using DNA evidence. Sometimes, these changes are universally recognized as a good idea and are easily accepted. Sometimes they involve relatively obscure plants that no-one cares about much. Sometimes, however, the changes relate to prominent plants and appear counterintuitive, raising questions in the minds of the community about what on earth the taxonomists are doing. This talk will be a chance to discuss the taxonomic processes that govern name changes, our understanding of what taxonomy is all about, and some possible name changes for prominent Western Australian plants that are on the horizon. It will be an opportunity to find out more about possible future changes and to be involved in the discussion around those changes before they occur.

See <http://members.ozemail.com.au/~wildflowers/> for  
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## BULLETIN ARTICLES

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Articles for the next Bulletin need to be submitted  
by 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2012.



## 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

	Raffle Roster	SPEAKERS 2012
MAR		Russell Barrett – Kimberly Orchids Jay Steer, Kim Hansen – ADORP progress (March backup)
APRIL		Eddy Wajon, Stuart Harris – ADORP progress
MAY		David Deeley, Graeme Bowden (Species Orchid Society) – Orchid propagation (to be confirmed)
JUNE		John Ewing – Orchids of Italy
JULY		Margaret Collins – Lucid Key
AUG		Mary Gray – Conservation of urban bushland and the threats to our wildflowers, especially orchids.
SEPT		Ray Grant – Rocks and rock hunting
OCT		Jay Steer – Gibbons slides from WANOSCG Library collection.
NOV		Photo Competition

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## PROPOSED FIELD TRIPS

2012 looks like a year of many exploratory trips. Exact time of most of them will be advised in near future. Details of Southern Rivers Branch field trips will be distributed by e-mail as they become available. Our members will continue also on their own Adopt an Orchid projects from last year. If you would like to join ADORP please contact Project Coordinator Kim Hanson [REDACTED].

Date	Place	Targeted species/Notes
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Pinjarra/Waroona area	Leafless Orchid
Late May	North of Perth	Thelymitra apiculata
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		
1 <sup>st</sup> July		
29 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> September	Busselton , Whicher Scarp and Ironstone formation	Joint field trip with the Murdoch Branch of the Wildflower Society.
To be advised	Wyalkatchem	
	Boddington/Quindanning	To explore 10-20 Nature Reserves with group split into parties of 4-6 to explore each reserve.
	Narrogin/Williams	

Please note:

- Field trip leaders are to be appointed for each separate field trip.
- The last person to arrive at meeting point of orchid field trip will write the trip report.