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OCTOGENARIAN'S NIGHT

The October General meeting has traditionally been used to thank our elder members for the contributions that they have made to WANOSCG over many years. The meeting began with a vote of thanks to all our octogenarians, both those present and those unable to attend. The bumper crowd of members then gave a hearty "three cheers" to our octogenarians. After the meeting we celebrated with a Cake, a Cuppa and a Chat.



Elder statesmen and women present at the October meeting



Back row: Glinton Reed, Matz Dahlkamp and Noel Hoffman Front row: Jean Long and Bill Burton

[Pick the nonagenarian hiding amongst the octogenarians]

WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, 16 October 2013

Meeting held at:

BGPA Boardroom, Kings

Park.

Meeting opened:

7:45 PM

CIRCULATION OF REPORTS: Attendance Book and Treasurer's Report were circulated to the members

ATTENDANCE:

51 members present, 5

apologies, 4 visitors

RAFFLE:

Kindly donated by Eddy

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1. PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The General Meeting Minutes as printed in the bulletin are a true and correct record of the meeting of 18 September. There was one correction, a spelling mistake.

Moved: Matz Dahlkamp and Seconded John Ewing

Carried

ADVANCED ITEM OF SPECIAL GENERAL BUSINESS

A welcome to our octogenarians by the president: "I would like to begin tonight's meeting by welcoming all the octogenarians that have been able to attend tonight's meeting. At the risk of sounding corny I would like to point out that WANOSCG was forged on the shoulders of many of these members. Their combined knowledge and wisdom has allowed us to be in the fortunate position that we find ourselves today. Please join me in giving our octogenarians three cheers. After the meeting I urge everyone to mingle with our octogenarians and enjoy the three "Cs" - some cake, a cuppa and a chat."

Octogenarians in attendance were: Bill Burton, Matz Dahlkamp, Jean Long, Noel Hoffman and Glinton Reed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1. 40th Publication: The 40th Year subcommittee reported that quotes for a printed version of the book are lower than those for an online photo book. A decision on which company will be used to produce the publication needs to be made sooner rather than later. The subcommittee believes that at least 40 personal stories (<200 words plus personal photos and up to 6 orchid photos) will be needed to give balance to

the publication. Marina Karyagina told the meeting that although the number of personal stories submitted by members had improved since the last meeting, many more are needed. It was suggested that a copy of the publication and of the scanned bulletins (pdfs on a DVD) should sent to the State Library when they are completed.

- 2.2. Commemorative 40th year Garments: Donna Wajon reported that she currently had about 20 orders for garments. Since orders need to be finalised tonight, she asked that any members still wished to order garments see her after the meeting. Garments will be available at the first General Meeting in March 2014.
- 2.3. Article in the GreenPage newsletter Jaya Vaughan, the Community Engagement Officer at Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC), had asked "whether WANOSCG would help community groups to identify and/or survey orchids in their area". The Eastern Metropolitan Regional groups supports community including those in the Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program in the Shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring and the City of Swan. Jaya was keen to put a small piece about WANOSCG in the Greenpage newsletter. This has now been done and we have already been able to help with a request to identify orchids.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

	For September	1 st Feb to 30 th September
Income	\$184.00	\$5015.54
Expenditure	\$0.00	\$1688.46

An invoice from Cowden Ltd for the club's Insurance for 2014 was received on the 14th October 2013. The Treasurer will pay this bill. The committee will review our level of insurance for the 2015 season at its February 2014 meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE Mail received for the period 19 September to 16 October 2013

- 4.1. Various electronic and hardcopies of newsletters and bulletins from other Orchids groups
- 4.2. Wendy-Anne Re: Orchid identification T. antennifera and T. flexuosa in Hills
- 4.3. Tony & Liz Locandro Re: Orchid identification Lutea form of Caladenia *roei*
- 4.4. Leahy family Re: Orchid identification C. discoidea missing labellum

- 4.5. Jaya Vaughan Re: Article about WANOSCG in Greenpage Newsletter
- 4.6. Rebecca Ryan Re: Phone calls and emails about plans for the resubdivision of some 26 privately owned lots in the subdivision known as the "Wilderness Estate" on the Leeuwin Rise estate in the vicinity of Isaacs Rd, Pierce Rd and Terry Drive near Prevelley. This area was impacted by the 2011 Margaret River fires. This proposed re-subdivision is within 20m of part of the Cape to Cape walk trail and has boarders to the west and south with reserves that form part of the Leeuwin -Naturaliste National Park. Rebecca requests help with identifying whether there are any endangered orchids in the site.
- 4.7. Tom Burbidge Re: Please pick up of old newsletters from Jean Long.

Outward correspondence: Emails to:

- 4.8. Wendy-Anne Re: Orchid identification T.antennifera and T.flexuosa in Hills
- 4.9. Tony & Liz Locandro Re: Orchid identification lutea form of Caladenia roei
- 4.10. Leahy family Re: Orchid identification C.discoidea with missing labellum
- 4.11. Ann Storrie Re: re-subdivision near Prevellev
- 4.12. Christine Lock: Re: re-subdivision near Prevelley
- 4.13. Rebecca Ryan Re: re-subdivision near Prevelley phone calls and emails
- 4.14. Ben Thomas Re: Cockburn development
- 4.15. Marina Karyagina Re: Thanks for picking up Jean Long's old newsletters and organizing transport for Octogenarian's night.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

See Conservation Report (6.3) Re report from Rebecca Ryan about re-subdivision of lots in the subdivision known as the "Wilderness Estate" on the Leeuwin Rise estate.

5. FIELD TRIP REPORT:

- 5.1. Corrigin 21 and 22nd September:

 Reported in the October Bulletin
- 5.2. Bremer Bay 28, 29 and 30th September: Reported in the October Bulletin
- 5.3. The Rufa trip 5th to 12th October:

Margaret Petridis reported that "The Rufa trip" was a great success. She then gave members a wonderful visual and oral presentation of the highlights, outlining where they had been and what orchids had

- been seen. The details of this trip will be reported in the November Bulletin.
- 5.4. Brookton Highway 20th October. With the likelihood of reasonable weather it was decided that this field trip would go ahead. Interested members were asked to see Paul Winthrop after the meeting for details.

Personal Field Trips:

- 5.5. Howard Loosemore:
 - 30 Sept :Jerramungup: Caladenia hirta, C vulgata, C polychroma, C falcata, C multiclavia, C ericksoniae, C cairnsiana, C hirta subsp rosea, C longicauda eminens, Microtis media media.
 - 30 Sept: 6km S of Jerramungup on South Coastal Hwy: *C pulchra, C barbarossa, C falcata, C flava, C longicauda eminens, Elvthranthera brunonis.*
 - 30 Sept: Boyup Brook: *Caladenia dorrienii*. Oct: Nannup: *Pterostylis* sp 'skinny snail', *Caladenia longicauda merrittii, C macrostylis*.

Darlington Estate Winery: Elythranthera emarginata, Diuris laxiflora, Thelymitra antennifera, T crinita, T macrophylla.
Oct: Richard Watson Reserve: Thelymitra crinita, T macrophylla, Caladenia longiclavata, C flava, Prasophyllum elatum.
12 Oct: St Ronans Nature Reserve – near Mt Observation:

Caladenia flava, C falcata, Elythranthera brunonis, Prasophyllum cyphochilum, Thelymitra crinita, T macrophylla, T villosa.
12 Oct: Mt Observation – Pony Rd: Caladenia flava, C marginata, C falcata, Cyanicula gemmata, Prasophyllum gracile, Paracaleana sp? – pollinated, Elythranthera brunonis, Thelymitra macrophylla.

5.6. Tom Burbidge:

Blythe Reserve Dunsborough: *Caladenia attingens* subsp *attingens*.

Near the Council Compound: *Caladenia attingens* subsp *attingens*.

6. CONSERVATION REPORT:

- 6.1. 20Km from Williams: John Ewing has written to the Williams Shire requesting that garbage bins be installed at the 20km pull in spot.
- 6.2. Robinson Rd verge: John Ewing has written to the Woodanilling Shire with respect to the clearing of trees on the verge of Robinson Rd, voicing our concern that clearing is making the habitat less favourable for orchids along this designated "flora road".
- 6.3. Proposed re-subdivision of lots in the "Wilderness Estate" on the Leeuwin Rise Estate near Prevelley: Rebecca Ryan requested help in determining whether there are any declared or priority orchids known to be growing in the area (see

correspondence 4.6). Ann Storrie was asked to investigate because she lives close by. She reported that the area was thick bush and on private property. Our club data base suggested that orchids of significance have been found nearby and thus it is possible that they could also exist on the lots in question. This information has been passed on to Rebecca.

6.4. Update on Banjup: Eddy Wajon reported that DPAW/DEC completed a survey of the Banjup site and found similar results to the survey that we helped to conduct. Apart from areas of the site that have been identified as severely degraded, Stockland is going to retain the bushland.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1. WANOSCG 2013 Photo Comp: Members were reminded that the club's photo competition takes place at the November general meeting. This year's theme is a Triptych: 3 orchid photographs arranged on an A4 mount showing the plant, its habitat and other.
- 7.2. Field Guide to the Orchids of Western Australia by Andrew Brown, Kingsley Dixon, Christopher French and Gary Brockman – if you need an order form please contact a committee member.
- 7.3. 2013 WANOSCG Christmas Party: A number of venues have been suggested. They include a restaurant in the Swan Valley (the Mallard Duck), Kings Park, Bold Park, Wireless Hill, Dale National Park and Whiteman Park.
- 7.4. Nominations for the 2014 WANOSCG Award: members were reminded to give their nominations to a committee member before February 2014.
- 7.5. 40th Year publication: Eddy Wajon asked whether WANOSCG was going to subsidise the 40th Year publication. The committee will discuss this matter further at the next Committee Meeting.
- 7.6. Tags in the Wongan Hills Reserve: Margaret Fox mentioned that they had come across and removed markers in the Wongan Hills Reserve. Members were reminded that WANOSCG has been asked by Andrew Brown not to remove markers because this could disrupt important research projects. WANOSG in return has requested that such markers should be labelled with the initials of the research organization (eg KP or DPAW).

8. GROWERS TABLE

No orchids were brought in by members this month.

9. PRESENTATION

Etienne Delannoy, one of our overseas members from France, gave a stimulating, informative and well-structured talk on the orchids of Europe. Etienne's excellent photographs demonstrated the salient characteristics within many of the groups of European orchids. Members were interested to learn that many European orchids have intriguing shapes, spectacular colours, and can be extremely small.

RAFFLE DRAW

Drawn by Etienne Delannoy: the winner being Bernie Sangster

MEETING CLOSED: 10:00 pm NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm Wednesday 20 November 2013

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

The 40th Publication

The 40 h year publication working group report that they have gathered most of the material for the historical section of the book and have so far received 26 personal stories. The book is to be A4 sized with a flexible card cover and about 100 pages in length. The committee is in favour of WANOSCG partly subsidising the cost of the publication. It is proposed that the book will be sold to members who are financial in 2014 for \$10. Others, including nonfinancial members, will be charged the cost price, which is anticipated to be about \$30. The club will charge for postage. Life members and the Patron will receive the book *gratis*.

Field Trips

The 'Rufa Trip' was such a success that it has been suggested that we should aim for an annual extended/camping field trip. Margaret, our Field trip Coordinator, has produced a form for members to complete to help her identify the 'top ten' species and areas that members want to target in the 2014 season. These forms will be available at the November General Meeting.

Asset schedule and stocktake

In preparation for the 31st January 2014 annual stocktake the committee decided to convert our forms to an excel format. In conducting this process it was decide to write some old publications off the schedule. In addition old items of technology will be moved to a section of the schedule listing items without a specified value.

End of Season Gathering

The committee has decided that the end of season social gathering will be held at Kings Park on Friday 6th of December at 6:00 pm. It will be a barbecue held in the area opposite the Administration building, followed by a viewing of personal slides. Please bring your own meat, salads and drinks. Don't forget to bring a USB with your favourite photos.

Committee Positions for 2014

At this stage it appears that we may need to find up to four members to fill committee management positions in 2014. Anyone who feels that they might be able to take up one of these positions is asked to contact Jay Steer.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Southern Rivers Group - Moates Lagoon 26th October 2013

Nearly two decades ago on a field trip into the Moates Lagoon area I had memories of club members standing amongst large colonies of Prasophyllum which nearly reached shoulder height. Today the area in question had again been burnt. It was time for another club visit.

On the way in many fresh but small, very red coloured *Caladenia flava* subsp. *flava* (Cowslip) were seen growing within vegetation. *Paracaleana nigrita* (Flying Duck) and *Drakaea glyptodon* (King-in-his-carriage) were sighted. The latter two had nearly all gone to seed. At the first creek hundreds of *Microtis alba* (White Mignonette) were flowering, making a great display amongst new regrowth.

The eight club members and one visitor then spread out over the well soaked swampy area, as well as the creek lines to locate fewer than a dozen flowering orchid plants. Both the brown and green forms of *Prasophyllum fimbria* (Fringed Leek), a *Prasophyllum elatum* (Tall Leek) and a *Prasophyllum odoratissimum* (Fragrant Leek) were found. Many of the flowering stalks were distorted as they were firmly wedged in the hollow leaf.

We moved south through more water and into the consolidated dunes with their associated wet depressions. Here *Elythranthera brunonis* (Purple Enamel) and the first of the *Cryptostylis ovata* (Slipper Orchid) were in flower as well as the last of the *Thelymitra crinita* (Blue Lady).

Back at the cars many *Microtis media* subsp. *media* (Common Mignonette) were seen in the roadside ditch. On the way back into town the *Calochilus uliginosus* (Swamp Beard) was located much to the delight of members.

Anna de Haan (Photos by Maggie Whittle and Julie McKenzie)









Prasophyllum fimbria - Fringed Leek Orchid

Calochilus uliginosus - Swamp Beard Orchid

Perth Group - Pterostylis 'Rufa' Trip 5th - 12th October 2013

On Saturday 5 h October, 15 excited members gathered at the Bindoon Bakehouse for a final briefing over coffee and then headed to the north and east over 8 days in search of different species of rufous greenhoods.

Our first stop was at Bulbarnet NR where we found Pterostylis picta in flower. The buds had been seen here on the previous field trip at the end of August. We also found the last flowers of the un-named clubbed Caladenia longicauda in the reserve.

We headed north to Moora where we saw Pterostylis picta and Pterostylis spathulata flowering in Candy's reserve, as well as a few intermediate forms; and Microtis media subsp. media. Near and along the Gunyidi Wubin Rd we found Pterostylis sp. 'exserted labellum' and Pterostylis spathulata, before heading to Wubin Rocks for our first camp site. In the fading twilight, Andrew found four plants of Pterostylis sp. 'dainty brown' away from the camp and collected a specimen as it was a considerable westerly range extension for this species.

The second day dawned damp and foggy but soon warmed up, and we headed south to Petrudor Rocks where we found Cyanicula ashbyae and Caladenia roei flowering under shrubs, and large bushes of red flowering granite Kunzea growing in rocky crevices.

At our lunch stop at Marindo NR west of Beacon we found *Pterostylis* sp. 'straight tops'. *Pterostylis* spathulata and Pterostylis roensis flowering and some finished snails. Further east at Geeraning Rock we found Pterostylis spathulata, Pterostylis sp. 'greasy', and a possible rufa hybrid around the base of the rock, and Microtis eremaea growing in a large rock crevice.

Our second camp site was in Walyahmoning NR in beautiful woodlands near a large breakaway. Pterostylis sp. 'greasy', finished snails and Thelymitra petrophila in seed were all found in small soil pockets on the rock that evening. In the morning we found Pterostylis spathulata and Pterostylis sp. 'greasy' in flower, Pterostylis sargentii finished and possibly Pterostylis insectifera in bud...we hoped!

On the track out of the reserve, we stopped at another breakaway and a low granite rock and found Thelymitra petrophila and antennifera, Prasophyllum gracile, Spiculaea ciliata and Pterostylis spathulata in flower and *Diuris* and *Caladenias* in seed. We travelled further south and stopped in at another granite rock where we found a large population of *Cyanicula ashbyae* in flower and bud, *Thelymitra petrophila* and *Caladenia mesocera* and *roei*.

We headed east towards Bullfinch and were joined on the road by Bill Kosky from Victoria as previously arranged. After a re-fuelling stop at Southern Cross, we found a few rufa at our lunch stop and then headed to Boondi Rock area to look for *Paracaleana lyonsii*. Andrew had seen some plants in bud a few weeks earlier and we were only able to find two...still in tight bud!! A few *Pterostylis* sp. 'greasy' were also seen here.

We reached our third camp site near Yerdanie Rock in the early evening with enough light left after setting up camp to find a few rufas nearby.

Pterostylis roensis and Pterostylis sp. 'greasy', and a possible hybrid were found in the woodlands, and Microtis eremaea, Prasophyllum gracile, Spiculaea ciliata, Thelymitra petrophila and antennifera were all found around the rock in the morning.

Ramon and Trish were having car troubles next morning so they headed into Coolgardie and Boulder for repairs, while the rest of us headed south along the Victoria Rocks Rd to our campsite at Banks Rock. Along the way we had four stops and found *Pterostylis* sp. 'greasy', *Pterostylis insectifera*, *Pterostylis ciliata* and *Pterostylis ciliata* x *insectifera*.

Next morning many of us were up early and enjoyed watching the sunrise on the rock. We headed out early with clouds gathering in the sky and headed into Norseman with a stop at a lookout west of the town where we found *Pterostylis roensis* in flower. After a two hour stop in Norseman when we all refuelled and enjoyed our first shower in 4 days, we met again at another lookout east of the town where we found *Pterostylis roensis* and *Pterostylis ciliata* in flower, and *Pterostylis mutica* in seed. We met up again with Ramon and Trish here.

It started to rain and continued raining all afternoon. We made a few stops along the Norseman-Esperance Rd in the rain and found *Pterostylis insectifera*, *Pterostylis roensis* and *Pterostylis* sp. 'greasy' in flower. At 3pm we discussed the rain and problems with tracks into some of the rocks, and made the decision not to go into Mt Ridley, so we all stayed in Esperance that night.

The next day dawned clear and sunny and we all met at Helm's Arboretum where we found *Diuris concinna*, *Microtis media media*, *Caladenia decora* and *Thelymitra graminea* in flower. We then followed the tracks of the previous rufa expedition along Boydells Rd to Cascades and River Roads, where we found a *Pterostylis aff spathulata* and *Pterostylis* sp. 'Ongerup' and other species.

We headed down Ned's Corner Rd to visit a burnt area but encountered a large sheet of water across the road on the way. Russell volunteered to wade in to check the water depth and was anxiously watched by all until he determined it was not very deep and that it would be safe to drive across in the 4WD vehicles. George and Urszula left their vehicle and came across with others. In the burnt area we found *Diuris setacea*, *Microtis alba*, *Microtis media media*, *Cyanicula gemmata* and *Caladenia attingens/gracillima*. There was a large population of *Pyrorchis nigricans* that had flowered and left an army of black sentinels.

At our lunch stop on Mills Rd we found a couple of fading flowers of a *Caladenia longicauda* subsp and some large plants of *Microtis media media*. We then headed west towards Ravensthorpe and stopped east of the town to find *Pterostylis leptochila*, *Pterostylis* sp.'Ongerup' and *Thelymitra graminea*., and continued on to Pallarup Rocks for our next camp.

Pterostylis roensis was found around the camp area next morning and then we headed north to Purnta Rock where we saw a magnificent display of *Thelymitra petrophila* and *Diuris picta* around the base of the rock. Prasophyllum gracile and Spiculaea ciliata were also seen.

It was a gorgeous warm, sunny day so we drove up to the Hyden-Norseman Rd where we found *Thelymitra sargentii flowering* in three places.

We drove to Emu Rock for a lunch stop and found lots of orchids including *Caladenia mesocera*, *Thelymitra petrophila* and *Diuris picta*. In the afternoon we visited some low rocks on the Hyden-Norseman Rd where we found *Pterostylis roensis* and sp. 'greasy', and then headed via Hyden to our last camp at McCann Rocks.

In the morning Andrew showed us *Caladenia graniticola* flowering nearby and other species including Thelymitra antennifera and Diuris picta were also seen near the rock. We headed out and stopped at Karlgarin Hill where we found *Pterostylis* sp. 'exserted labellum', *Microtis alba* and lots of finished donkeys, probably *Diuris* sp. 'yellow granite'.

On the way back to Perth we had two stops off the Brookton Highway and found *Pterostylis ciliata*, Caladenia flava subsp red, *Thelymitra villosa*, *Elythranthera emarginata* and *Microtis* species *atrata* and *orbicularis*, and others.

We concluded the field trip here and, after fond farewells, headed to our respective homes. We all agreed it had been a fantastic trip and an amazing experience.

The trip had found twelve rufa species and two hybrids, possibly three, as well as over 50 other orchid species.

Margaret Petridis. Field Trip Co-ordinator.







Banks Rock



Diuris picta - Granite Donkey Orchid



Cyanicula ashbyae - Powder-blue China Orchid





Rain interrupted play! Day 5



Pterostylis aff spathulata (long sepals)



Pterostylis ciliata - Hairy Rufous Greenhood





Pterostylis sp. Ongerup



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Thelymitra petrophila - Granite Sun Orchid



Thelymitra sargentii - Freckled Sun Orchid



Microtis eremaea - Slender Mignonette Orchid



Microtis eremicola - Desert Mignonette Orchid



Pterostylis insectifera - Insect-lipped Rufous Greenhood



Pterostylis roensis - Rufous Greenhood



Pterostylis sp greasy - Greasy Rufous Greenhood



Pterostylis spathulata - Spoon-lipped Rufous Greenhood

Perth Group – Brookton Highway – 20th October 2013

After some indecision during the week due to the weather forecast a dozen orchid hunters met at the Karragullen servo to head down Brookton Highway in search of Sun Orchids, our main target being *Thelymitra latiloba*, the Wandoo sun Orchid.

Our first stop was near Kinsella Road to look for ducks and hammers. Several *Drakaea glyptodon* and *Paracaleana nigrita* were found but not in numbers that have been seen here previously.

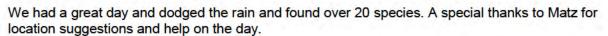
Next we headed to Ramsay Road, the furthest point of the trip hoping to time it so that the Wandoo Sun was open when we got there. Success! With the group searching we found about 16 plants with luckily a few flowers open. There was some discussion about the other Thelymitra's there, graminea? petrophila? Unfortunately the Wandoo Beards were all finished, late flava's were in flower and also a few Frog Greenhoods were still flowering.

We stopped for lunch at the reserve the corner of Woods Lane and Brookton Highway before heading back to Perth with a few spots to visit along the way.

Next we visited a winter wet area on Brookton Highway east of Warradale road. A good selection of species were found here including Caladenia falcata and barbarossa, Caladenia uliginosa candicans, Caladenia sp 'late red', Elythranthera emarginata, Prasophyllum gracile, Thelymitra benthamiana, Diuris laxiflora.

Next we headed down Warradale Road to another winter wet area. Species found here included *Thelymitra villosa* and *Thelymitra xanthotricha* just finished unfortunately. We did find a solitary Rabbit in flower though and many Pink Enamels and late Flava.

With time for one more spot we headed to Edison Mill road. Matz found us the last Custard Orchid in flower and a Rattle Beak was found by Donna. Elbow orchids were in bud around the granite outcrops and a *Caladenia marginata* was also seen.



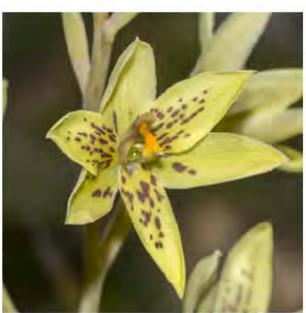
Paul Winthrop











Thelymitra villosa - Custard Orchid

General Items

Correction to September Bulletin.

The photo labelled Western Wheatbelt sun orchid from Dragon rocks was in fact *Thelymitra spiralis* (note: both Thelymitra spiralis and *Thelymitra maculata* grow at Dragon Rocks)



Western Wheatbelt Sun Orchid

Thanks Andrew!

Corrections for Field Guide to the Orchids of Western Australia

Dear all, as I am sure you can imagine in a book the size of "Field Guide to the Orchids of Western Australia", errors are bound to creep in. I have already come across a few - the caption for top-left photo on page 171 was not changed to Common helmet orchid (Corybas recurvus) when I decided to use a different photo and Diuris corymbosa on page 207 should read distinguished from the related winter donkey orchid (Diuris brumalis) by its later flowering period and often less numerous flowers (not more numerous). It has also been pointed out to me that the common name dark-tipped spider has been used for two different orchids in the text but not in the index (the index is correct) the common name for Caladenia x exoleta on page 456 should be Dark-sepaled spider orchid. There is also a typo on page 465, Caladenia roei x vulgaris should be Caladenia roei x vulgata.

I am sure there are other typos and errors. It is always good to know of these and if you find more please let me know at

.At some stage I will put a full list of corrections in the bulletin.

Andrew Brown

Three W.A. Diuris species named

David Jones and Chris French have recently named three more Western Australian Diuris in recent editions of the Australian Orchid Review.

Diuris refracta is the new name for the Diuris that is shown in Hoffman and Brown (3rd edition) as Diuris sp 'Three Springs' and in the recent field guide to Orchids of Western Australia by Andrew Brown et all as Diuris sp 'north-western wheatbelt'. It is named from the latin refractus which means bent sharply backwards in reference to the dorsal sepal. The type collection is from south of Wongan Hills and the distribution is between Northampton, Bindoon, Perenjori and Goomalling.

Diuris tinkeri is the new name for the Diuris that has been known as Diuris sp 'Arrowsmith' or Diuris sp 'Eneabba' in Florabase and H & B (3rd edition). It has been named after Allan Tinker who first recognised the species and the type collection is at the Western Flora Caravan Park. The distribution is from south of Geraldton to north of Yanchep within 50kms from the coast. It is pleasing that Allan Tinker 's interest and extensive work with flora in his area has been recognised in the naming of this orchid.

Finally *Diuris hazeliae* is the new name for the *Diuris* shown in H&B (3rd edition) as *Diuris* sp 'northern granite' and in the new field guide as *Diuris* sp 'eastern wheatbelt'. It is named after Hazel King who is a plant collector and conservationist with a special interest in orchids. The type collection is from Hazel and John King's property at Tampu, north of Mukinbudin, and the distribution is from East Yuna across to Paynes Find, Coolgardie and Norseman with easterly occurrences on inland granites north east of Esperance.

Kevin Uhe

Photo Competition and Member's slide Night

Don't forget that the WANOSCG Photo competition takes place at the November General meeting. This year the theme is a 'Triptych' including 3 photographs of any orchid arranged on an A4 mount showing: i) the plant, ii) its habitat and iii) any other feature of the orchid.

Members are also reminded to bring along a USB drive with any photos that they would like to share with the members at the meeting.

WANOSCG 40th Anniversary Book Working Group

1. Members Orchid Stories

Thank you to all the members who submitted their stories. The working group has 26 stories. However, this is only half of what we were hoping to get. More stories are needed. Remember, the book depends on members' contributions.

So, please take some time off and describe your favourite orchid or the most elusive one, or how you got into orchid spotting or a memorable orchid trip or the worst one. If you are stuck for ideas, just select a couple of orchid photos and start "I like this one because....". Or call us if you need help.

It is preferable that the story and the photos (2-3 of yourself and 4-6 of orchids) are in the electronic format (word, jpeg) rather than hard copy or pdf.

The following orchids have been particularly popular so it would be great if you chose some other orchids for your photo submissions:

- Bird orchids (5 submissions)
- Duck orchids (4 submissions)
- C. lobata, C. integra (each 3 submissions)

Please send your story to John Ewing

or Urszula Kokosinska or Marina Karyagina or Jeanette Wheatley

Deadline for orchid story submission is 15th of December.

2. Descendants of Herb Foote and Harry Lodge

If anyone has any information on addresses / contact numbers of descendants of Herb Foote and Harry Lodge, could they please advise the book working group members.

3. Front Cover Design

What should the book's front cover look like? Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Or perhaps someone would like to design the front cover? Let the book working group know. Your help is much appreciated.

WANOSCG 2013 End of the Season Gathering

The committee has decided that the end of season social gathering will be held at Kings Park on Friday 6th of December at 6:00 pm. It will be a barbecue held in the area opposite the Administration building, followed by a viewing of personal slides. Please bring your own meat, salads and drinks. Don't forget to bring a USB with your favourite photos. See you all there!

WANOSCG Award for 2014

If you wish to nominate somebody for the 2014 WANOSCG Award please do so by the 20th November.

WANOSCG Award Nomination Instructions

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

Orchids on Rottnest

Dear WANOSCG.

Rottnest Island Authority environment team are currently working to update the Rottnest Island herbarium with species that are currently present on the island.

To date I have collected three of the eight species of orchid (Listed Below).

Caladenia latifolia (recently noted)
Cyrtostylis huegelii (recently noted)
Microtis media (recently noted)
Eriochilus dilatatus
Leporella fimbriata
Prasophyllum giganteum
Pterostylis aspera
Pterostylis sanguinea

Andrew Brown from DPaW has suggested that there is a chance that more orchid species may exist on the island. It is very important for the future management of the island that we are aware of which species are present and their distribution and abundances on the island. As such we wondered if your society, or members of, had any information (dates noted, location, habitat, etc...) and/or photographs of orchids seen on Rottnest Island.

Any information would be invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Warm Regards,

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In response to the email above I ask any
members who may have seen any orchids on
Rottnest Island to forward this information along
to Luke Wheat or Jay steer. In addition I would
ask any members who might be on the Island
during the winter and spring to keep an eye
open. [The WANOSCG data base has no
reported orchid sightings for Rottnest.]

Scientific Plant Names Dictionary

For those needing a plant name spellchecker for MS Word, you can find one on the Department of Parks and Wildlife's website:

http://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/downloads/dictionary/

There are instructions on how to download the file and add it to MS Word. I use it to prepare the bulletin, it works a treat!

Environmental Research Group Augusta - ERPA

For the interest of members, there is an environmental group; the ERPA which is working towards getting the Donovan Street Bushland area in Augusta designated a conservation reserve. This is an area known to members as the Augusta "Yacht Club", renowned for the number of orchid species that grow there.

A link to the submission to parliament:

http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/petitionsdb.nsf/(\$all)/4FF884C33705DD97482579F200107719/\$file/ev.069.100530.sub.sb.pdf

If you are interested in joining the group contact the convenor Don Bradshaw at don.bradshaw@uwa.edu.au

For Sale: The Complete Edition Orchids of Australia

By W.H. Nicholls (1969)

A hard cover copy of this historical book is available for sale. The book is in good condition. If you are interested in purchasing this book please contact Phil Bunney or Jay Steer.

OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

- 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.
- To do all such lawful things as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

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BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please email any Bulletin contributions to Paul Winthrop at

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2013	RO	STERS	SPEAKERS 2013				
	Raffle	Supper					
MAR	Tom Burbidge	John Ewing Urszula Kokosinska	ADORP progress				
APRIL	Paul Winthrop	Pam Hill Bill Gaynor	Eric McCrum				
MAY	Marina	Margaret Petridis Paul Winthrop	Eriochilus Photos from Members, Ramon demonstrating the "Lightroom" software for digital photograph processing				
JUNE	Jeanette Wheatley	Matz and Jay	Mark Brundrett				
JULY	Matz		Member photos of Snails, Shells & Banded Greenhoods				
AUG	David Lawson	Jeanette Thea	Jay Steer - Orchids of Costa Rica				
SEPT	Peter Proudfoot	Trish & Ramon Newmann	Bill Kosky – Victorian Spider Orchids				
ост	Eddy Wajon	Jay Steer	Etienne Delannoy				
NOV	Sarah Atkinson	Margaret and Ross Fox	Photo competition, Members slides.				

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Please	contact	our	Field	Trip	Coordinator	Margaret	Petridis	on	30.3	or
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No field trips are planned for the remainder of the year.