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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID STUDY AND CONSERVATION GROUP (INC)

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OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

a) To promote interest in and preserve Western Australian indigenous orchids.
b) To learn the best means of cultivation and do all things possible for the conservation of native orchids in their environment.
c) To learn their habitats and keep records.
d) To have field days and learn to recognise the different genera and species.
e) To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of interest in Western Australian orchids.
f) To affiliate with kindred organisations.
g) To make rules of the Group's domestic affairs.
h) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental to or conductive to the attainment of the above objectives.

Note: *The opinions expressed by contributors to this Bulletin are not specifically endorsed by this group.*

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, 21 April 99 at 7.00 p.m.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, 21 April 99 at 8.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Centre.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr S Hopper – Topic "Recent advances in understanding orchid evolution using DNA techniques".

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

April 21	General Meeting
May 19	General Meeting
June 16	General Meeting
July 21	General Meeting
August 18	General Meeting
September 15	General Meeting
October 20	General Meeting
November 17	General Meeting

ANNUAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEES
The Groups financial year commences on 1 February, so all membership fees are now due. *The Group membership fees are as follows:*
Single Membership $20.00 pa.
Family Membership $20.00 pa.
The digit after your name on the address label is the year for which you are financial and is updated to the last meeting. *If you have paid since then please make the allowance.*

COMMITTEE POSITIONS
The Field Trip Coordinator and Librarian position were not filled at the Annual General. Don Smith has volunteered to take the position of Field Trip Coordinator. Thanks Don.
Bill Burton has volunteered to carry on as the Librarian. Thanks Bill.

NAME BADGES
Group name badges can be ordered from the Treasurer. The cost is $9.25 each.

IN SYMPATHY
The committee and members extend their sincere sympathy to Ross Fox on the sudden death of his son James.

VALE EDITH JAMES
Edith James (nee Wells) passed away on 27th March aged 87. She was a foundation member of WANOSCG.

ORCHIDS OF SOUTH-WEST AUSTRALIA. Second Edition with Supplement by Hoffman & Brown.
This new print was released just prior to Xmas too late for the November Bulletin.
It contains 34 new orchid species, 30 name changes, 15 photo changes and 25 map changes, one of which on page 337 is obviously wrong. There are a further 3 errors in the index, *Caladenia busselliana* is spelt with one 'l' and *Caladenia pulchra* is missing, *T. psammophila* is spelt with 2 'ls'.
Cost of the book to members is $45.00 plus $5.00 postage if required.
Orders can be placed with the treasurer.

FIELD TRIPS
Please ensure you have sufficient fuel to get you through the field trips.

THELYMITRA PSAMMOPHILA
CALM has asked us to participate in a search for *T. psammophila* this year. This should take place in late September or early October. More details later.

BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS
Contributions are needed for every edition of the Bulletin. Articles should be sent to Noel Clarke [redacted]. The article submission deadline for the next issue is 1 April 1999.

SUPPER COST
Each month our supper is generously donated by group members (per list on the back of the Bulletin), while the group supplies the tea, coffee, sugar and milk. To recoup some of the cost of these supplies, a modest fee of 50 cents applies. This can be left on the supper table and will be collected by the Treasurer at the end of the evening.
Also please rinse out your cups when you have finished with them.

FOR SALE
Rufa Trip Report $10.00.
Caladenia flava Badges $4.00 members, $5.00 non-members.
Name Badges $9.25.
Orchids of WA (2nd Ed) $9.00.
Orchids of SW Australia $45.00.
Car Stickers $1.50.
Pat Dundas Cards $8.00.
Bush Survival Kit $4.00.

ESPERANCE TRIPS REPORT 9-12 AND 20-27 SEPTEMBER by NOEL CLARKE

Once again Dave Parker I set off for Esperance. The three trips were necessary because the orchids endemic to the region flower at different times, late August mid and late September. Another trip is planned for early November.

Our morning tea stop was on the Brookton Hwy at Williams Rd. Here we saw *C. flava* ssp *flava, reptans, and macrostylis* and *D.* aff corymbosa.

Our next stop was Kulin where we met new member Sandra Murray who introduced us to the Herbarium and a local orchid spot near the airstrip. Finally we set out for Dragon Rock in search of *T. spiralis.* Bill Jackson had shown me a red specimen from the area. On this trip we didn't find it, however there were lots of the light pink, spotted specimens. It was here that my flash decided it would not cooperate, so Dave took an extra shot for me. It was a blessing in disguise as we returned on our third trip, walked the 3km from the road and found the red one. Other orchids seen here were *C. saccharata, attingens* ssp *gracillima, D.* aff *recurva* and *Pt. recurva.*

Next day to kill time we stopped at a gravel pit on the Newdegate/Norseman Rd near the 50k sign. Here we found 9 species in flower, *C. saccharata, attingens* ssp *gracillima, microchila, pachychila, cairnsiana, Pt. recurva, sanguinea, sargentii,* aff *barbata* pg 380. *Thelymitra sp* was in bud here as they were everywhere we went.

After depositing the caravan at Lake Grace we ventured on to the Norseman Rd. It was in far better condition than Cascades Rd. We passed the remains of a caravan that didn't finish the short cut. The object of the trip was to photograph *C. voigtii*, which was there in large numbers. Other orchids here were *C. microchila, saccharata, sigmoidea* and *Pt. mutica.*

Next day we shifted to Ravensthorpe. We did a quick trip to Cockatoo Camp on Cascades Rd. This section is a sealed road. We found 13 species and a hybrid here, C. *attingens* ssp *gracillima, longicauda* ssp *crassa* and *eminens, cairnsiana, pachychila, flava* ssp *flava, horistes, brevisura, brevisura x pachychila, D. laxiflora, Pras. gracile, Pyrochus nigricans* (no fire), *Pt. spathulata* and *T. antennifera.*

On the way back to Ravensthorpe we visited Mills Rd at Clayhole Creek crossing. It initially looked disappointing but shanks pony resulted in finding *C. longicauda* ssp *eminens* and *crassa, hirta* ssp *rosea, reptans* ssp *reptans, hirta x longicauda, Cyanicula deformis* and *D. laxiflora.*

Next day we headed for Albany looking at all the creeks for *C. longifimbriata* to no avail. Finally we visited Two Peoples Bay and photographed *C. fuscolutescens* in the rain (when doesn't it rain in Albany). It is endangered in this location.

Needing clean clothes we returned home and replenished the larder for the third visit to Esperance. This trip culminated in the Group trip to Jerramungup.

On the third trip we revisited Dragon Rock and found the red *T. spiralis.* Next few days, accompanied by other members of the Group we visited Gibson Soak, Truslove Reserve, Styles Rock, Wireless Hill, Hill 50, Frenchmans Peak, Coolinup Reserve, Cascades Rd near Beltana Rd, Hopetoun, and West River.

There was much excitement when Mary & Stuart thought they might have found *C. longifimbriata.* We are still looking. The following orchids were seen: -

Caladenia arrecta, attingens ssp *attingens* and *gracillima, attingens x longicauda, brevisura, brevisura x dimidia, cairnsiana, cruscula, decora, decora x longicauda, dimidia, discoidea, doutchiae, flava* ssp *flava, graminifolia, horistes, horistes x sigmoidea, longicauda* ssp *crassa* and *eminens, marginata x flava, microchila, nana* ssp *nana, pachychila, saccharata, and sigmoidea,*
Calochilus aff *campestris,*
Cyanicula caerulea ssp *apertala,*
Cyrtostylis huegelii,
Diuris conspicillata, corymbosa, laxiflora, porrifolia and *pulchella,*
Drakonorchis barbarossa,
Elythranthera brunonis,
Lyperanthus serratus,
Microtis media ssp *media,*
Prasophyllum elatum and *gracile,*
Pterostylis aff nana, aff plumosa pg 378, *recurva* and *roensis,*
Pyrochus nigricans (no fire at all locations),
Thelymitra antennifera, flexuosa, aff *macrophylla* (wide leaf) and *villosa.*

WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING 17th MARCH 1999

Meeting commenced 8.35 PM.

ATTENDANCE

33 members and 4 apologies as per attendance book.

VISITORS

Beth and Ron Kinsey of Warwick were welcomed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

This meeting proceeded immediately from the Annual General Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

As per correspondence list.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report was circulated. No queries raised.

FIELD TRIPS

None planned at this early stage, however Committee members will be investigating possible venues from sites mentioned in the Environment Centre publication "Windows on the Past – Windows to the Future".

Advance notice was given of two possible field trips – one being during the September long weekend to assist the CALM Officer at Albany in a field survey for T. psammophila (spoken to by Andrew Brown), the other being to the Benedictine Community land at New Norcia as being negotiated by Steve Phillips. On request for indications of interest for the New Norcia trip, many hands were shown.

A member also mentioned possible access for a field trip to private land that will be overtaken by the proposed new dam at Harvey.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Attention was drawn to Perth's Bush Plan and the closing date for submissions of 26th March. Copies of letter from the Conservation Council, requesting members to make their own submissions, were available.

Eddie Wajon referred to previous suggestion for the position of Conservation Officer – Don Smith possibly interested; funds to employ or reimburse a person could be available at Federal or State level or via Gordon Reid foundation. He also referred to Conservation Council request for submissions for the C.C.Strategic Plan, also for support for regional parks and a Greenhouse/Solar House proposed to be built by Nedlands City Council. He also asked about possible purchase of remnant bushland by our Society. Concerning Notices of Intention to Clear Land, he referred to some upholding of applications by appeal to the Minister. Two recent responses by Agriculture WA to our objections previously notified were read by the Secretary.

Andrew Brown referred to a number of information sheets on threatened species of orchids and wildflowers on hand for viewing and to order copies if required.

The supper was provided by Joni Eaton.

The raffle was provided by Stuart Harris and won by Rod Bitton.

Members were again invited to submit any ideas for field trip destinations or to see specific orchids, also for any suggestions for guest speakers.

The meeting concluded with a variety of slides, presented by Noel Clarke (from the slides donated by Syd Gibbings), Andrew Brown and Eddie Wajon.

Meeting closed 9.45pm.

AUDITORS REPORT

To the members,
The Western Australian Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group (Inc.)

I have examined the books and vouchers of The Western Australian Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group (Inc.) for the year ending 31 January 1999 and have received explanations as deemed necessary.

The Statement of Cash Receipts and Cash Payments for the year ending 31 January 1999 has been prepared in accordance with the Society's records, and, in my opinion shows a true and fair view of the financial position as at this date.

Signed
R. Wilton FCPA
Hon. Auditor
8 February 1999.

WANOSCG IS 25 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR

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