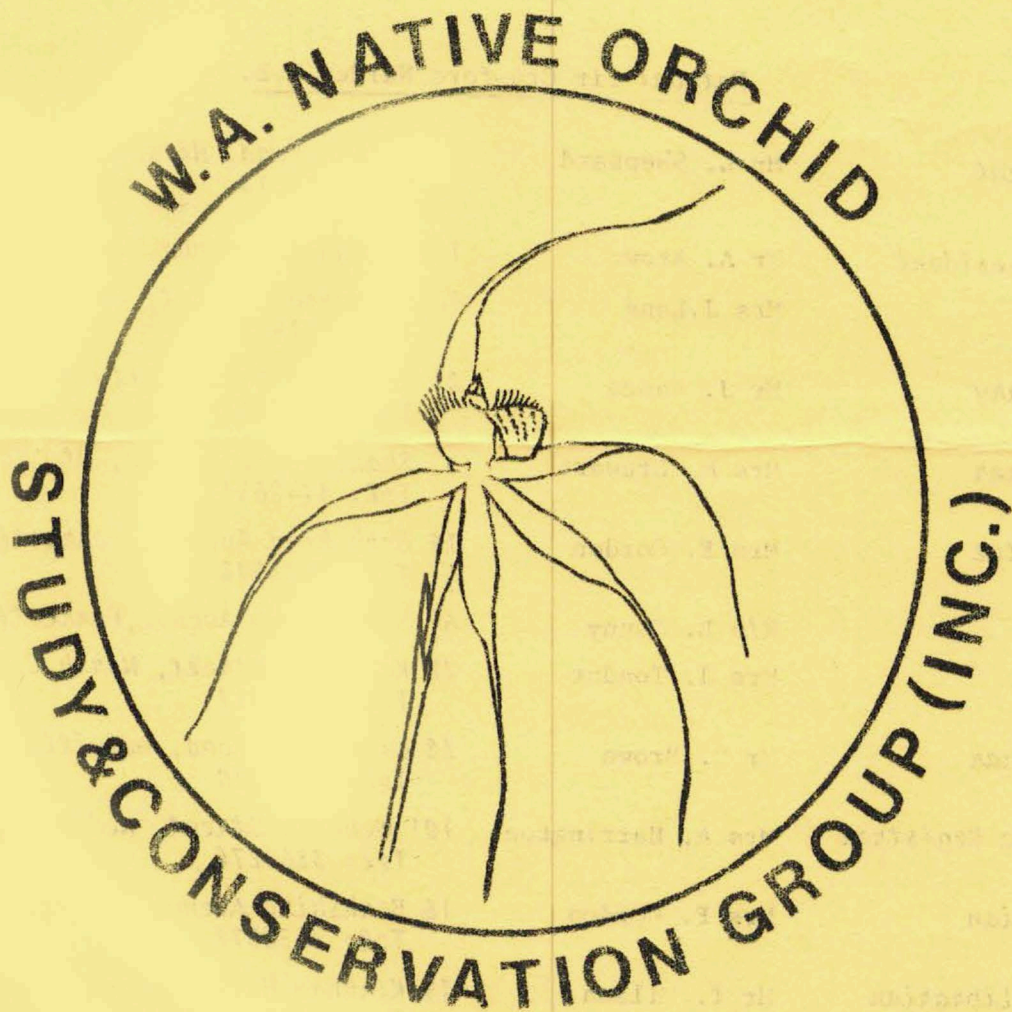


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The next Committee meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs Alison Harrington, [REDACTED] on Tuesday 2nd October 1979.

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The next General Meeting will be held on Friday 5th October at the Film Room, Department of Agriculture, Jarrah Road, South Perth. Visitors welcomed.

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#### President's Report

The September meeting was experimental in that we had routine as far as the minutes of the Committee meeting, then the topic of the evening, which was "Variations within the Species" given by Ron Heberle. Two projectors were used one to show the species which was termed the accepted shape and colour and on the other projector the variations within the species. This talk was long but when I spoke to Ron on this subject, I realized that he came from Albany and could not make it in two parts, so therefore it was lengthy to clear it up. It also brought out the fact that natural hybrids do occur and it is time to start to give varietal names to some of these hybrids that have become established. Thanks Ron for illustrating this need.

Committee activity was good as we had reports from Goomalling of an area within the Shire which contained orchids. Then the possibility of planting native orchids in a 3 acre plot of land which could be developed as a native garden at W.A.I.T. This will be discussed next month as there is no immediate hurry on this.

#### Reports

Received a letter from Mrs McDowell of Merredin asking about the Greenhoods of the Metro Area. She also sent a pressing. This greenhood was Pterostylis scabra var. robusta and we have large colonies of this orchid in the Metro Area.

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Sunday 16th September the stands at The Royal Show will be available and several members have said that they will be there to start on the displays. Alison and Margaret are going moss collecting to Green Rock in the Jarrahdale - Serpentine area on the morning.

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Mick Leece reported that the "Green Fingers" photographing was highly successful and will be shown on Friday 5th October at 10.20pm and again at 12.45pm Sunday 7th October. These times are unfortunate as they clash with our meeting and field day.

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FIELD TRIP TO MT. RIDLEY 26th August 1979 by Don Voight

Mt Ridley is approximately 40 km east of Grasspatch Townsite, the last 15 km are bush track along survey grid lines. (The area is due for release in the future for farming.)

After good mid-winter rains, we had thoughts of the track being too wet, but for a few patches of water on the track it was fairly good going although one patch of mud blocked us. We spent 10 minutes clearing a detour, but on looking across the other edge discovered one already made. After checking it for soundness, used it to pass the mudhole.

On the last leg near Mt Ridley we found the track inundated for about 40 metres. After checking the bottom and driving through it, we drained it by cutting a ditch on the lower side - the grader had built banks as it levelled the track.

Just before the Outcrop we passed the Old Well used by pioneers as they drove stock to Stations East of Norseman.

The party consisted of W.A. Group members Mr & Mrs Keally Holt and family Frank Magaganotti from Salmon Gums and myself driving up from Esperance. After combing the southern slopes, Caladenia deformis, C. hirta, C. filamentosa, Acianthus reniformis (flowers all chewed on Acianthus) all these were abundant. We then diverted upwards climbing along a gentle gradient checking all depressions and cracks. Diuris longifolia in seed or chewed off. Prasophyllum macrostachyum var. ringens, Caladenia flava with faint red stripe only but flowers 60mm. This was the only depression with Caladenia flava growing in it that we saw. The plants of Pterostylis vittata had large capsules all nearing shedding stage, these plants up to 20cm tall.

Along a small crack at the summit were eight plants of Pterostylis rufa ssp? thriving on the extreme north edge of a sheer drop. The flower spikes 8 cm tall already. A very good position for seed dispersal as winds would give access to all the surrounding area.

Orchids recorded on and around Mt Ridley:

In Flower

C. filamentosa  
C. flava  
C. hirta  
C. deformis  
C. dilatata var falcata  
C. saccharata  
C. patersonii  
C. cairnsiana  
C. caerulea  
P. mutica  
P. nana

In Bud

C. gemmata  
C. menziesii  
T. nuda (small buds)  
T. antennifera

In Seed

P. vittata  
D. longifolia  
E. dilatatus

Showing leaf only

M. unifolia  
L. nigricans  
L. serratus

Praso. macrostachyum var. ringens.

All this area was burnt including the mountain in the summer of 1976/77



Denise and Dianne Hill from New South Wales have asked would any member who wishes seed culture and green and dry mericlone of orchids and also tissue culture of plants to send their material to:

The Laboratory: Microflora

11 Gibbes Street

Chatswood

New South Wales 2067.

Denise works at Wondabah Nursery and Dianne works at a new laboratory and will be working full time on the orchid work. Dianne is also working on the fungus association with terrestrials.

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Herbe Foote kindly donated an orchid plant for the raffle and Alex George was the lucky winner - good growing Alex.

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Mrs Judd of Busselton is preparing for the long week-end for the Metro people and the itinerary is Saturday afternoon searching close into Busselton, vicinity of the golf links then return to Busselton for a buffet tea, and here she wishes to ask would we bring with us slides which could interest the Busselton people. I will arrange for Faye and the Group's slide library. Sunday is along the West coast where a thorough search will be beneficial. Monday is left for a visitor's choice.

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#### Smyth Road Reserve

Orchids are coming up all over the place and many more new plantings have been made by the wardens. Several species are already in flower and others will be by the first week in September. These include *Caladenia gemmata*, *dilatata*, *flava*, *huegelii*, *longiclavata*, *latifolia*, *menziesii*, *filamentosa* and *hirta*. The blue enamel with the pink to flower later. Greenhoods - *barbata* and *recurva*. Sun orchids - *crinita*, *nuda*, *antennifera*, with *fuscolutea* later on. Leek orchids - *fimbria* and *elatum*. Where else could you see so many orchids in just half an acre. There are at least thirty species.

New members may like to know where to come. Our block is in Smyth Road, Nedlands, just opposite the croquet club. Enter by the small gate and look around. Small white markers will give the abbreviated botanical names and numbers of plants for each year. Note the magnificent stands of kangaroo paws, catpaws etc. Pull up some veldt grass if you have time. If you would prefer an escorted tour one Sunday morning ring Dave Emery on [redacted]. See you there soon.

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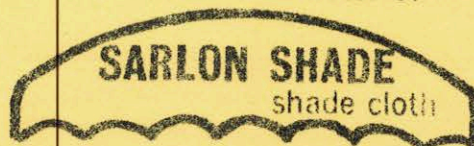
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