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OF THE

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID
STUDY AND CONSERVATION GROUP
(INC)

July 1994

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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 environments.
- 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 for the governing of the Group's domestic affairs.
- h. To do all such other 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 the group.

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OF GROUP

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING -
Wednesday, July 20, 1994 at 7.00pm,
Kings Park Board Administration
Centre.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING -
Wednesday, July 20, 1994 at 8.00pm,
Kings Park Board Administration
Centre.

TOPIC FOR GENERAL MEETING

Judy Williams, one of our members from Brookton, will be giving us a talk entitled "Orchids of the Brookton Area".



THANK YOU TO ALL

Bill and Gloria Jackson would like to express their thanks to all those group members who were able to provide support during their recent bereavement. Thank you to those who were able to attend Lisa's funeral, to the group for the orchid tribute and to all who have made contact through cards, telephone calls or in person.



BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are needed for every edition of the Bulletin. Articles should be sent to Chris French [redacted]

The article submission deadline for the next issue of the Bulletin is August 1, 1994.

Please send in anything remotely newsworthy which relates to our group, to our members (ie, birthdays, special occasions, pen portraits, etc), grower's tips, rescue digs, field trip reports, native orchids and conservation activities. Anything (almost!) will be published, provided it is of interest to our group (or should that be read "of interest to your Editor"?).



ANNUAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEES

1994 Membership Fees are now due!

The group membership fees for 1994 as follows:

Single Membership	\$20.00 pa
Family Membership	\$20.00 pa
Junior Membership	\$ 2.00 pa

FIELD TRIPS



As discussed last month, we need new locations to visit. We all have locations close to us, or places that we know of that have good populations of orchids that we visit on our own. If you have an area like this that you know of, either in the metro area or in the country, that you consider is worth a visit from the club, and that you would like to lead the group to, then please let John Arends know. We need to know where the area is, a rough idea of the orchids that grow there, the best time to visit the area and the dates that you could lead the group on.

Help us to help you make orchid hunting more exciting. The more new locations that we go to helps everyone to view many orchids that we may not normally find by ourselves.

The quicker you get the information to John, the quicker we can organise your next trip.

Please send the details of your proposed trip to

John Arends
[redacted]

or give the information to John at any club meeting.

FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS AND MEETINGS

August 6 & 7, Walpole Area

Bill Jackson will lead this field trip to look for *Eriochilus scaber* "subsp. orbifolia"

We will meet at the Tingle Backpacker's (formerly the Seagull Autel, where we have met on past trips to Walpole) at 11.00 am. and will search burnt areas along Long Point Track and Mandalay Beach Road.

Accommodation is available at:-

Walpole Hotel Motel (098) 40 1023
Tingle Backpackers (098) 40 1041
Coalmine Beach Caravan Park (098) 40 1026
Rest Point Caravan Park (Units and Caravans) (098) 40 1032

Please let John Arends or Bill Jackson [redacted] know if you are going to attend so that you don't get left behind at the meeting place if you are running a little late.

August 17, Ordinary General Meeting

August 21, Darling Ranges

This trip is planned to investigate burnt areas in the Darling Ranges close to Perth. At this stage a Field Trip Leader is required before the trip can proceed.

September 3 & 4, Watheroo Area

Ian Greeve has volunteered to lead this weekend trip to the Watheroo area to survey *Caladenia cristata* and other orchids. Further details will be included in next month's Bulletin.

September 11, Perth Metro Area

John Arends will lead a trip in the Perth Metro area to survey areas burnt last summer.

September 21, Ordinary General Meeting

October 19, Ordinary General Meeting

October 22 & 23, Walpole Area

Once again Bill Jackson has offered to lead a trip to the Walpole and Muir Highway areas to look for *Pterostylis* species (bird orchids and snail orchids). Of course there will also be plenty of *Caladenia*, *Diuris*, *Thelymitra*, *Prasophyllum* and other species to be found.

October 15 & 16, Scott River

Ron Foreman will lead a trip to look at later flowering *Caladenia*. This trip has yet to be confirmed.

October 15, Bridgetown Area

Steve Phillips has proposed a trip to survey orchids in the Bridgetown area. This trip has yet to be confirmed.

November 16, Ordinary General Meeting



'T'-SHIRTS AND WINDCHEATERS

The prices for this year's supply of garments printed with the group's logo were included in the May Bulletin. Orders need to be placed promptly as we need a minimum of 20 garments before purchasing and printing is done.

The logo is 8.5 cm in diameter and is positioned at the left front unless you specify otherwise.

You may also have the logo printed on similar garments already owned by you, provided that the colour is suitable for white ink.

Used garments will be printed at \$4.00 per print but the group will not accept any responsibility for poor prints on used garments because the surface texture may have deteriorated due to washing, preventing satisfactory acceptance of the white ink.

Please place your orders with Bill Burton at the next meeting or by phone or mail to :-



We need to know :-

Garment Style

Size (Adult and Child)

Quantity Required

Colour

If not standard, location and number of prints on garment

If not collecting personally, your mailing address and cheque payable to the group which includes postage and packaging charges as detailed in the last Bulletin. If you have lost or misplaced the May Bulletin, then please contact Bill as above



FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Please don't forget to send in reports of all your orchid hunting field trips. We want to hear all about the trips that group members are making, not just the official field trips. The reports are a very useful tool for other members to use to plan future field trips and for you to report on your discoveries.

Field Trip reports don't have to be long and witty, so don't feel daunted. A brief description of locations visited and orchids found is all that you need to supply. Of course, long entertaining stories will also be reproduced.

June 5 & 6 -- Watheroo National Park and Pinjarrega Lake.

We awoke to a foggy, crisp morning and as the sun tried its best to glow through the trees, all our enthusiastic photographers set about trying to capture the moment. It truly was a magic moment. After breakfast, some of us decided to go for a morning walk around the surrounding bush.



We followed a firebreak which took us through areas of kwongan and low woodland. Although the long dry summer has taken its toll on most of the plant life, it still was a pleasure to look at the *Banksia*, *Dryandra*, myrtle, wattle and so on. The track had plenty of the sandplain woody pear showing off their fruits and *Banksia prionotes* had lots of flowers still blooming. There was a good stand of silver mallet (*Eucalyptus falcata*) in which we found *Leporella fimbriata* leaves and *Pterostylis* sp. coming on. We made it back to camp in time to lead out the convoy on the day's outing.

Our trip was through the Pinjarrega Lake Reserve, up to the Coorow Road. This proved to be a very interesting drive, during which we made several stops at different areas of vegetation. It was at one of these stops that one of our intrepid members trod on a snake, which gave her a nasty shock and probably gave the snake an equally nasty jolt. We found some more *Caladenia drummondii* and lots of *Pterostylis* aff. *vittata* during our stops.



Our lunch stop was in an area of woodland, which was very prolific in birds and while everyone went for a walk, I went into the *Banksia* thickets observing the birdlife. I was fortunate enough to see two tawny frogmouths here. This would be a very good area in spring for our orchids I would think.

The next stop was alongside a low-lying area, which some of the members walked into, eventually coming to a lake, which had lots of waterbirds including black swans. At one of these areas, a colony of *Pterostylis* sp. rosettes was found, and thought to be *P. scabra*.

Arriving once more at the bitumen, we had afternoon tea over near the bridge which was very pleasant.



Back at camp, a leisurely evening meal was cooked over the campfire, and we again retired to the shed for our slide show. Earlier that day, our one shower was FIXED, and we were able to have a hot steamy, shower instead of a hot dribble. Our handyman, Ian, had again come to the rescue. We even had an electric heater for those who were cold, in the shed! Ron Foreman took us on a trip through Asia, and we finished off with a member's slides of previous trips. Then it was back to our hot campfire, where we lingered for an hour or two.

Next morning, everyone packed up, some to carry on their holiday, and others to go home.

We left about 9:45, stopping on the way at a couple of spots to look for *Thelymitra apiculata*. Unfortunately, there was not a plant to be seen, they will have to wait for another time! Though I have recently heard that they were found at Mogumber in good numbers.

We headed south, stopping off at Minyulo Nature Reserve for lunch. Then we joined the traffic back to Perth. All in all, an enjoyable weekend, good weather, good company - if not many orchids. For those who didn't join us, you missed a good long weekend.

J. Greeve.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS PART TWO OF THE FIELD TRIP REPORT FOR THE JUNE LONG WEEKEND. THE REPORT FOR THE TRIP'S ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE 4 IS STILL TO BE PUBLISHED. LOOK FORWARD TO THAT INSTALMENT NEXT MONTH.

EDITOR.

Eastern States -- May 1994.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT FROM A LETTER RECEIVED FROM BILL AND GLORIA JACKSON TOWARDS THE END OF MAY. BILL AND GLORIA RECENTLY SPENT A MONTH OR SO TRAVELLING TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, NEW SOUTH WALES AND CANBERRA.

Have had a good trip so far. Ten days in the eastern states and not a drop of rain yet.



Spent 5 days with Thelma Spice in Clayton, Vic and really enjoyed her company and hospitality. She and George set up quite an interesting collection of native orchids over the years. Only three *Pterostylis* and one *Acianthus* in flower at this time. However Thelma took us out to a couple of locations where we found five species in flower - will list all we have seen at the end. Also met Malcolm Thomas and Geoff Jeanes, friends of Thelma's.

Malcolm has an extensive collection of pots, a large number of them from Western Australia. I think he said he exchanged Tubers with Mat Tiong. Geoff Jeanes showed us a super collection of photographs (prints) of Native Orchids. He has an extraordinary knowledge of orchids and locations in this part of the country. I was able to get a location from him for *Pterostylis longipetala* and *P. obtusa* along our route to Canberra from Melbourne, and saw both species in flower.

Travelled to Canberra via the Cann Valley Highway - really scenic country - but did not have time to look for orchids. Went to the National Botanic Gardens and caught up with David Jones - also met Mark Clements there - he showed me around the orchid collections in the gardens.

Absolutely mind boggling! Especially the epiphytes. He very kindly arranged a day to take Gloria and self out. The weather around Canberra has been so dry we went down to the Bateman's Bay area on the N.S.W - South Coast.

We arrived at his first location to find the area had been burnt, much to his horror. Fortunately the burn was patchy and we found *Corybas*, *Acianthus*, *Pterostylis* and *Chilloglottis* in flower. Other locations had similar species though not in them same numbers. On the way back to Canberra another location had *Corybas pruinosus* in flower.

Have till Wednesday 1st June in Canberra, then will be homeward bound. Will probably spend a day or so in the Flinders Ranges - probably no orchids there yet - but would like to have a look anyway. Am planning a couple of days at the Eyre Bird Observatory and may even visit Toolina Cove if possible.

Locations visited and orchids found.

Courtney's Road Reserve - Melbourne Area.

Cryptostylis leptochila
Eriochilus cuculatus
Pterostylis aff. *parviflora*
Dipodium roseum

"The Grange", South Clayton - Melbourne.

Acianthus pusillus

Thelma Spice's Collection.

Pterostylis hispidula
P. truncata
P. obtusa
Acianthus exsertus

"Leslies Track". Cann River Highway.

Pterostylis longipetala
P. obtusa

Fitzroy Falls, Morton National Park.

Pterostylis longifolia

Batemans Bay.

Acianthus fornicatus
Chilloglottis diphylla
Pterostylis tunstallii
P. grandiflora
Corybas aconitislorus
C. pruinosus

Bill and Gloria Jackson

FROM THE PEN OF OUR BUNBURY CORRESPONDENT

Searching for orchids east of Mullewa some years ago I came upon a small bare clearing in the scrub with an old mine shaft in one corner. Being a warm day I was thirsty and wandered over to the old shaft to see if it contained water suitable for drinking.



The bottom wasn't visible so I looked for something to throw down to find out how deep it was. The only thing available was an old sleeper; I dragged it over to the shaft and heaved it outwards. I counted the seconds - one - two (of course everyone knows that an object in free fall subject to gravity, accelerates at 32 ft/second/second and travels 16 ft in the first second. Mental calculation using the correct Newton Law of Motion indicated the depth to be 64 ft, a bit deep to climb down for a drink.

At that point a sound behind me - tokka - tokka - tokka made me take a quick look. A huge goat with gigantic horns, head down, tail up was pounding towards me intent on committing a mischief. A wild leap to the side and the goat disappeared down the gaping shaft. No sound came from below - it looked like a climb down to check whether the goat was dead or lying injured was necessary.

Another sound from behind intruded on my musing. Clip-clop-clip-clop, a stockman rode up towards me.

He said, "Goodday". I summoned up all my conversational abilities and said, "Goodday".

He said, "Don't suppose you've seen a goat around here ?".

I thought for a minute, then decided being truthful was the right thing and said, "No".

He said, "Well it doesn't really matter - he won't go far. I tied him to a sleeper".

I never did get to have a drink from that old mine shaft.

MINUTES OF W.A.N.O.S.C.G. GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 15, 1994.

PRESENT:

As per attendance book.

MINUTES:

It was moved B.Yates/D.Bright "that the minutes of the General Meeting held on May 18, 1994 be accepted." Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Bill Burton advised that clothing should be available at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

As per correspondence list.

Wayne Merritt and Ian Greeve volunteered to be our delegates to the Conservation Council.

The secretary is to write to Hon. Kevin Minson emphasising that the *Drakaea isolata* population in the Chinocup Nature Reserve is the only known population.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's Report was circulated.

FIELD TRIPS:

Very few responses from members.

Ian Greeve spoke on June long weekend trip.

5 volunteers obtained for working party to remove weeds from the Eneabba *Diuris* aff. *picta* site on 25 and 26 June.

PLANT TABLE:

Growers talked about their plants.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Marie French advised the meeting that Flo Winfield, the wife of the late Harry Winfield had passed away.

Mathew Tiong provided some plants for sale with the proceeds going to the club.

The raffle was provided by Joan Greeve and was won by Jan Evans.

A delightful supper was provided by Marie French.

The guest speaker, Doctor Stephen Hopper spoke on what constitutes a species using *Caladenia discoidea* and *C. longicauda* as illustrations.

Meeting closed at 2150.

FOR SALE.

ORCHIDS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.. 2ND ED.

WANOSCG's second publication of the cultivation and natural history of WA native orchids is now available with 14 pages of colour photographs. The book is priced at \$ 9.00 (plus \$2.00 postage for WANOSCG members or \$12.00 (plus \$2.00 postage) for non-members.

5 IN 1 SURVIVAL AID

In order to encourage safety awareness in the bush on field trips, the group purchased 50 "Survival Aids". These are basically a whistle and compass combination but also incorporate a small signalling mirror, a fire starter flint, a nylon lanyard (to hang it around your neck) and a water proof match container. In addition, the compass has a luminous dial.

We have sold around half of these items and are now offering the remaining "Survival Aids" at the discounted price of \$4.00 (plus \$2.00 for postage and handling).

I recommend members carry a whistle and compass combination of some sort. Even our most experienced members have been lost at some time in the bush.

PAT DUNDAS NATIVE ORCHID CARDS

Packs of 6 blank cards and envelopes featuring different W.A. native orchids by Pat Dundas are available from WANOSCG.

These are excellent value at a price of \$8.00. They would make a superb gift or would be a perfect way to contact friends or relatives while highlighting the colour and beauty of our W.A. orchids.

WANOSCG NAME BADGES

Be proud of yourself. Let everybody at group meetings and field trips know who you are. Buy a WANOSCG name badge embossed with your name and wear it with pride. These are available for \$7.00. (cost price).

All of the above items can be purchased from Minna George at any meeting of the group, or can be ordered from Minna by mail (address is on the inside cover). Please add \$2.00 for postage and packaging for each item.

SUPPER ROSTER		RAFFLE ROSTER	
July	J. Eaton	July	T. Lock
August	T. Bishop	August	W. Merritt
September		September	M. Tiong

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Forthcoming Field Trips

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