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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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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING -
Wednesday, 17 April 1996 at 7.00 p.m., Kings
Park Administration Centre.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING-
Wednesday, 17 April 1996 at 8.00 p.m., Kings
Park Administration Centre.

Noel Clarke will be speaking about "Field Trips".

EDITOR'S RAVE



I have now gone Hi tech and articles can be sent to me via the internet!!! (this would be great as I will not have to re-key them. So for all of you who have internet access send your articles or gossip or just say hi at [redacted])

[redacted] (complicated isn't it. I hope to get a more meaningful name soon, but until then here it is)

John Haynes

BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS



Contributions are needed for every edition of the Bulletin. Articles should be sent to John Haynes [redacted] or [redacted]

The article submission deadline for the next issue of the Bulletin is 1 May, 1996.

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

1996 Membership fees are now due! If you, have not paid your membership, you are now an unfinancial member and cannot speak or vote at meetings! The group membership fees are as follows:

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

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

April 17.. General Meeting
May 15.. General Meeting
June 19.. General Meeting
July 17.. General Meeting
August 21.. General Meeting
September 18.. General Meeting
October 23.. General Meeting
November 20.. General Meeting



Supper Cost

Each month, our Supper is generously donated by group members (per the 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 30 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 tea and coffee cups when you have finished with them.



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.

NEW ORCHIDS

It seems the *Diuris* Genra is expanding all the time without us knowing with the Albany Advertiser publishing a picture of the famous donkey orchid (*Diuris famosii* perhaps??) (27 September 1994) Funny, to me it looks like a *Caladenia longicauda* but the papers know best!! Are there any other Media Watch specimens out there!! Thanks to Bill Jackson for this one.

John Haynes

FINANCIAL OBJECTIVE

The Financial Objective sub-committee have had one meeting and kicked around some suggestions and are now putting together some costings.

To gauge the response ad slide quality and with the blessing of the Committee, could members please provide slides of any *Cyaniculas* at the April meeting. These will be viewed and returned ASAP. Country members are also invited to participate

Noel Clarke

NOVICES CORNER

Last year I was asked by a new member what makes a plant an orchid and how their genera and species names are derived.

Most authors of orchid books cover the question "What is an orchid?". In essence, there are three distinguishing features.

- 1 The flowers consist of 3 petals and 3 sepals which may be fused or modified such as the petal that is known as the lip or labellum.
- 2 The reproductive organs are housed in a single fleshy column projecting from the centre of the flower.
- 3 They have parallel leaf veins.

Orchid plants come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes and grow in diverse habitats. To assist in identification, botanists divided them into genera, lumping together those with similar basic characteristics. Choosing the name of a genus should reflect an identifying characteristic, e.g. *Caladenia* meaning beautiful glands.

To differentiate between plants with similar characteristics, a species name is added, e.g. *Caladenia longiclava* and *Caladenia hugelii* (Note the genus name starts with a capital, but the species name is in lower case.) The species name may reflect an identifying characteristic or someone's name.

A further subdivision is sometimes required to separate similar plants with different geographical distributions or flowering times. Orchid authors have used the term "variety" (var) to indicate this subdivision. The term subspecies (ssp) which has been in use by botanists in other fields for years and which is more specific is favoured by Dr. Hopper and Messrs. Brown and Hoffman.

If you are interested in the derivation of plant names then "Western Australian Plant Names and Their Meanings" by F. A. Sharr is recommended reading. There is a copy in our library and public libraries also have it.

Noel Clarke

NEW COMMITTEE

Well, we have a new committee for 1996 and here it is!

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| | Tony Lock |
| Field Trip Coordinator: | John Arends |
| Librarian: | Bill Burton |
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FOR SALE

New *Caladenia flava* badges. \$4.00 to members, \$5.00 to non-members

MINUTES OF W.A.N.O.S.C.G. GENERAL MEETING - 20 March 1996.

VENUE: Kings Park Board Administration Centre.

Meeting commenced after AGM.

ATTENDANCE: As per register.

MINUTES: Moved Blinco/Greeve that minutes of General Meeting held on 15th November be accepted.
Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: As Circulated. Secretary told members that Homes West want to develop Lots 2 & 3 Nicholson Rd, Forrestdale and had asked for information on *Caladenia hugelii*.

TREASURERS REPORT: As Circulated.

FIELD TRIPS: Nil

PLANT TABLE: Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Noel Clarke advised members that the Financial Objectives subcommittee have had one meeting that suggested different ways of processing members slides. Alan Hind to get more details.

Wayne Merritt, our Conservation Council delegate advised that the State Government is moving to convert B & C class reserves to A class where suitable with the rest to become vacant crown land. A list of B & C Class reserves is needed. Steve Phillips to speak to a politician he knows.

Also a fire watch section is being formed. The group should advise CALM of any areas that should not be burned with reasons.

Tom Blinco advised that a start has been made on the fence at the *Epiblema* Beechborough site.

Members were advised that the committee decided not to do anything about a display at the Adelaide Conference as plants cannot be used and flowers would not last.

The raffle provided by Noel Clarke was won by Tony Lock.

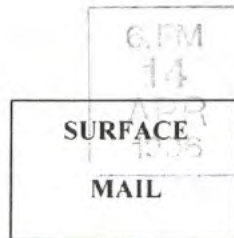
Ian & Joan Greeve, Noel Clarke & Graeme Anderton provided a selection of slides from last years field trips, orchids to flower in the next two months & some Victorian orchids.

Meeting closed at 2130.

| SUPPER ROSTER | RAFFLE ROSTER |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| April: Melissa Haynes | April: |
| May: Margaret Wilton | May: |
| June: - | June: Wayne Merritt |

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Forthcoming Field Trips