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CONSERVATION GROUP  
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### OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

- To promote interest in and preserve Western Australian indigenous orchids.
- To learn the best means of cultivation and do all things possible for the conservation of native orchids in their environment.
- To learn their habits and keep records.
- To have field days and learn to recognize the different genera and species.
- To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of interest in W.A. orchids.
- To affiliate with kindred organizations.
- To make rules for the governing of the Group's domestic affairs.

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### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 16 March 2005 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting 2005 and next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 March at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park.

All Committee positions except one Vice President (Noel Clarke) and two Committee members (Margaret and Ross Fox) are open for nominations. **Please consider making yourself available, either by nomination or by volunteering, for one of the vacant positions.**

The speaker for the General Meeting will be Bill Burton; his topic is "*Cryptostylis ovata* - Below Ground Level."



## MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Group's financial year commences on **1 February and fees are now due.**

Annual fees are \$25.00 for singles & families. New membership joining fee is \$10.00 and if joining after 30 June membership fee is adjusted prorata.

**Please send fees to The Treasurer, P.O. Box 323, Victoria Park, 6979. Prompt payment will ease the effort for the Secretary, Treasurer and Editor, and enable the benefit of bulk postage costs.**

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

General meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month until November.

## BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are needed for every edition of the Bulletin. Please send to Tom Blinco at [redacted] or phone [redacted]

Contributions from country members are especially welcome. The deadline for the next issue is 1 April 2005.

## YORK FIELD TRIP 4 SEPTEMBER 2004

Twenty members and four visitors met at Inkpen Road and in thirteen vehicles proceeded to the first location, which was burnt the previous summer.

At this location we found *Caladenia discoidea*, *longiclavata*, *saccharata*, *falcata*, *flava/flava*, *reptans/reptans*, and *macrostylis*; *Diuris* aff *corymbosa* pg 388, *brumalis* and possibly another *Diuris* species; *Pt barbata*; *T antennifera*, *spiralis*, *benthamiana* (1), *crinita* (1), *villosa* (1); *Cyanicula deformis* and *gemma*; *Py nigricans*; and *E brunonis* (bud).

At the next location we found *C footeana*, *hirta/hirta*, *flava/flava*, *denticulata* and *pendens/talbotii*?; *Cy deformis*; *D aff recurva* pg 387, aff *corymbosa* pg 388; *T antennifera*; *Pt sanguinea* and *recurva*.

At the third location we found *C falcata*, *denticulata*, *chapmanii*, *reptans/reptans*, *cairnsiana*, *saccharata*, *flava/flava* and *discoidea*; *Cy gemmata*; *E brunonis*; *D aff corymbosa* pg 388, aff *recurva* pg 387; *Pt sanguinea*, *sargentii*, *recurva*, and *Pt aff rufa* in bud.

At the fourth location, which some others and I did not visit (the hour being late and the

weather threatening) and for which Matz has supplied the list, the orchids found were *C longiclavata* or *magniclavata*, *xantha*, *longicauda/clivicola* and *reptans/reptans*, *Cy deformis* and *sericea*, *Pt barbata* and *recurva*, and *P gracile*.

Thanks Tom for a well-organised and successful trip but please exercise more control over youthful visitors.

**Bill Burton**

(Bill's 'chauffeur' for the day was his 'youthful' grandson Jarrad, who not only caused Bill to be the field trip reporter by arriving last and late, but later had everyone exhausted after a long trek through the bush to see a "butterfly orchid" that turned out to be the common *Caladenia falcata* (Green Spider Orchid)!! (Ed).

## ALBANY FIELD TRIP 4/5 DECEMBER 2004

This well attended trip was disappointing for orchids on Saturday. The area was dry and the locals were bemoaning the lack of rain. We did manage to find lots of *D setacea* on the Mt Taylor track and at Mt Clarence.

The Mt Taylor track also had *T crinita*, *T aff macrophylla* and *T fuscolutea* just finished. Mt Clarence also had *Cryptostylis ovata* and *M media/media* finished.

By now it was lunchtime, which we enjoyed at Middleton Beach.

Our next destination was Sharp Point, scene of a large fire last year, but that was desolate. Returning along the track we found *Cr ovata*, *E emarginata*, *M media/media* and *D setacea*, as well as an idiot P plate driver who gave Stuart Harris nowhere to go except off the road edge.



Stuart & Mary, with Christine & Gerald on high aboard Ian's 4WD, as the party reformed after Stuart's car was rescued unharmed.

Matz Dahlkamp photo

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Near Quaranup Rd we found a moth eaten *D emarginata* that Glen Read photographed (below) while Eddy waited (better examples were found in a wider search –Ed.).



Noel Clarke photo

We decided to investigate a site on Two Peoples Bay Road where we had found *Epiblema grandiflorum* three years ago. The site was dry and too thick to walk in, without even thinking of snakes.

At the last stop for the day, also on two Peoples Bay Road, only *T crinita* was found.

Next day the group had better luck. That is a tale for Tom Blinco.

Noel Clarke

**ALBANY FIELD TRIP 4/5 DECEMBER 2004**  
Some members were unable to stay for Sunday, but for the others there was an early start to meet at 8.30am on the Denmark-Mt Barker Road near Blue Lake Road.

Without too much looking *D setacea* was found but there was a wide search before finding a lone *T fuscolutea* that had just started to flower - of course it was still closed due to the early hour. Nearby there was *P brownii*, with *T benthamiana* in seed.

Earlier, Tania and Bob had seen some *Thelymitra* sp. in very early bud on a track about 3km away so we stopped by for an inspection, but flowering was some time away.

Next stop was on Hinker Road, where everyone was pleased to find *Caladenia pholcoidea* ssp *pholcoidea* (Albany Spider Orchid). Also here were *Pras. drummondii*, *C radiata*, and at least three *Microtis* types - *M densiflora*, *media/media* and *aff alba*. At the last minute a pair of Western Rosellas

arrived - I know that I'm not on my own in admiring these colourful parrots.

We next stopped at a burn along Muirs Highway. Found over a wide area were *E emarginata*, *C pholcoidea* ssp *pholcoidea*, *radiata*, *serotina*, *D setacea*, *P drummondii* and possibly *P regium*, *M alba*, *aff alba* and *quadrata*. As at the previous stop, the *Microtis* types were the subject of some discussion. This was the last stop on the agenda, and those still in attendance went home on their own ways.

Matz and I stopped at a swamp south of Bridgetown. In the swamp, which was dry but still with some dampness under foot, were *M aff alba*, *C radiata*, *C serotina* in two forms, possibly *C brownii* in decline, and some hybrids possibly *C serotina x brownii*. Outside the swamp there were *P brownii* and lots of *C serotina* and *E emarginata*.

Along Coast Road south of Mandurah we stopped to look on Bagieau Road for *Pt aff picta* (Tuart Rufous Greenhood), only to discover that a recently made firebreak had destroyed about four metres in width of quite a length of road verge, just where we wanted to search.

As well as being well attended this field trip was very well planned - many thanks to Anna and Christine for all your efforts. Oh, and Anna's cheesecakes served at the BBQ on Saturday night were great, and much appreciated by all.

Tom Blinco

#### SEARCHING FOR THELYMITRAS

When the club visited an area on Muirs Highway near Thomson Road on 5th December I spotted two robust blue orchids in full bud - probably *T canaliculata*. But the day was overcast and no flowers were open. They were growing in the moist edges of a little gully that had dried out.

In the area there were also many late flowering *Caladenias*, *Microtis* and a *Prasophyllum*.

I would have to return.

By the time I had managed that on December 24th there had been a world of change in just 20 days! Gone were the *Caladenias* and *Prasophyllums*. The *Microtis* were in the very last stage of their flowering.



The big blue *Thelymitra* was all big seed capsules. A very short flowering season.

On the site for *T fuscolutea* on the Denmark – Mt Barker Road several plants were still flowering well.

On the track found by Tania and Bob there were 4 or 5 more plants and a couple on the edge of the road. Some of these plants were tiny – only about 15cm tall - with sometimes only two flowers. They like the sunnier spots in clear spaces on ironstone gravel. Apparently they take some time to develop into more robust specimens.

*T fuscolutea* evidently enjoys a much longer flowering period than does *T canaliculata*.

**Jack Eborall**

#### **WARRADALE ROAD, WEST DALE - VEGETATION DESTRUCTION**

On 21/10/2004 Noel Clarke wrote to the Minister for the Environment, copied to the Manager, CALM Mundaring, as follows -

“I visited this site, which used to be a very good orchid site, on 8th October. I was gratified to observe that the roadside had been banked up and the temporary shelter and bike storage area had been dismantled. The site had been left in a state that vehicles of any kind were denied access, to persons that had even half a brain. At last I thought the remaining colonies had been saved. Some colonies had not survived the regular traffic of off road bikes.

The orchid I was interested in was in bud.

I revisited the site on 19th October. I was dismayed to find trail bike tracks all over, a new temporary shelter built, a new bike storage area and recently used campfire. This was not all; the site was littered with empty tin food and cool drink cans and brown paper bags. It would appear that the group camps there overnight. There was also yellow tape and a sign to proceed to Walkers Road at the corner of Brookton Hwy & Warradale Road. It is evident that the group can be classified among the irresponsible members of society.

I have been advised that the governing body admitted that they should not be using that site. It would appear that the only way to deal with these vandals is to hit them in the hip pocket.

They may be able to read so a sign at the site barring access to any type of vehicle, including motor bikes, may have the desired effect.

Incidentally the orchid I was interested in photographing had been pollinated and was in seed, another trip next year if it survives.”

In letter dated 3/12/2004 the Minister replied as follows –

“Thank you for your letter dated 21 October 2004 outlining your concerns over the threat posed by unauthorised motorbike use to orchids in the Warradale and Walkers Road area of State forest at West Dale.

The problems created by unauthorised motorcycle use and associated informal camping have been recognized by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) on many areas of State forest located within a two hour drive of the metropolitan area. The increased occurrence and prevalence of such motorcycle riding is likely to be an outcome of closure of other near-metropolitan motorcycle areas.

Unfortunately some people undertaking this activity do not have an awareness of the fragility or importance of the area at West Dale for protection of flora, including the orchid population. CALM's increased efforts have resulted in the discovery and removal of a number of illegal camps including two 'squatter' shacks that had been used for overnight accommodation. Rehabilitation work was carried out on the impacted sites following the clean-up operation.

As you would appreciate, the open woodland nature of much of State forest in the Dale area makes it difficult to restrict access to motorcyclists as riders are able to avoid virtually all barriers. A number of alternative methods of restricting motorbike access have been used including signage, personal contact with riders, information brochures and liaison with peak motorcycle groups. Regrettably, signage tends to have a very short life with most signs being destroyed or removed within one or two weeks of being installed.

In addition to the educational and policing strategies, CALM has attempted to accommodate the growth in this recreation activity by upgrading two gazetted Off-Road



Motorcycle areas in the Gnangara and Pinjar pine plantations.

Staff from CALM's Perth Hills District office will continue to patrol the area at West Dale and rehabilitate impacted sites where possible in an attempt to prevent ongoing damage.

If you are aware of any other areas being impacted by this inappropriate motorcycle activity or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact the Department's Perth Hills District Manager, Mr Mike Meinema on 9295 1955.

Thank you for drawing this matter to my attention."

*This matter was previously referred to CALM on 24 April 2000, reported in the BULLETIN of July 2000. The damage then was bad enough, but was nothing compared to the current destruction. Is there anything else that CALM should be doing? (Ed).*

#### **ROE HIGHWAY STAGE 7**

Approval to construct Roe Highway Stage 7 has been received from all environmental authorities and Main Roads WA through the Roe 7 Alliance is busy planning for and undertaking clearing.

At request of the project's Environmental Reference Group, Roe 7 Alliance agreed to allow a small number of representatives from the Friends of Ken Hurst Park (FoKHP), Wilson Wetlands Action Group, Canning River Regional Park Volunteers and WANOSCG to undertake a plant salvage operation on Saturday 5 February 2005. Only a small dieback free area was available but six hours were spent rescuing (digging up) and collecting seed from as many whole plants as possible.

The FoKHP rescued about 50 sedges, grasses, and shrubs, some of which have been divided and re-potted by students at Murdoch TAFE. Hopefully the plants will all survive with a little TLC, for replanting in degraded areas and along superfluous tracks in Ken Hurst Park later in the year (May-June).

Prior to this exercise, Andrew Batty and Nigel Swartz of the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority translocated 20 *C huegelii* from several areas of bushland along the alignment as part of the approval process for Roe Highway Stage 7. A number of people

including members of WANOSCG, Roe 7 Alliance and CALM were present to witness the exercise. Among the orchids translocated was a 28-cm long, 12-year old orchid with about 7 old tubers. The oldest plant translocated was a 45-cm long 17-year old specimen.



*Matz Dahlkamp with Eddy Wajon at the rescue dig.*

Following this exercise, Bob and Tania Tatum, Matz Dahlkamp and Eddy and Donna Wajon, recovered and translocated several orchids. They included one *Caladenia* sp. (probably Carousel Spider Orchid), two lots (4 potato-like tubers) of *Pterostylis recurva*, three *Prasophyllum* (though not sure whether it was viable, or whether the plant is an annual since the tuber was very brown and shrivelled) and possibly *Thelymitra* (small pea-like tuber).

**Eddy Wajon**

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#### **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 17 NOVEMBER 2004**

OPENED: 8.20 pm

APOLOGIES: Noel Clarke, Don Ward, Ross Fox, John Eaton, Scilla Stack, Phil Bunney

ATTENDANCE BOOK: Circulated with the Treasurer's report and the list of correspondence current today. Twenty members attended.

SUPPER TONIGHT: Donated by Joni Eaton.

RAFFLE TONIGHT: Donated by Jim and Ruth Downes, with thanks to them for their support



MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 20 Oct 2004  
Distributed with the Bulletin. Moved Bob Tatum seconded Donna Wajon that these are a true record of the meeting. AGREED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence has been attended by Committee.

MATTERS ARISING FROM

CORRESPONDENCE:

A request from Trevor Walley for assistance with growing orchids was referred to Bill Burton to contact Trevor and help where possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report for the previous months has been tabled and matters dealt with by Committee.

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

1. The Albany field trip has been organised and orchids laid on for inspection. There will be a BBQ at the Happy Days Caravan Park on Saturday night, 3 Dec 2004, for a Christmas social. The trip will start at 9.30 am at the Happy Days Caravan Park on Saturday 4 Dec 2004.

2. Bill Burton reported on a trip to Eneabba to locate *Paracaleana dixonii*. They found 10-12 plants at a farm at Carnamah, and with help from Allan Tinker of Western Flora Park, found another 12 plants at Robb Road.

3. Eddy Wajon reported a trip to Mondurup View finding *Caladenias* and *Thelymitra*, making 50 species in total identified on the property. He reported separately finding some 100 *Diuris setacea*.

PLANT TABLE:

Bill Burton tabled a pot of *Corybas recurva* leaves, and stunned the meeting with a description of his observations of the habit of this plant at flowering. Once pollinated, the column grew downwards, entered the soil and established a separate tuber. A truly exciting report.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Bill Burton raised his concerns regarding the Group's library collection held in the office of the BGPA. An A5 binder of copies of *The Orchadian* has been taken without record in the loans system. The Secretary is to write to the BGPA requesting their assistance to secure these valuable items.

2. Eddy Wajon reported on the outcome of the Roe Highway Stage 7 (Roe 7) community review, which had resulted in the protection of two large sites containing *C huegelii* and the setting aside of lesser pieces of land. There is also extensive research proceeding into the botany of the species, and into the techniques for successful translocation. The project has to obtain Commonwealth approval and then there will be opportunities for translocation and salvage. WANOSCG is recognised as a noted interest group, invited to participate directly or as observers of the translocation. Members wishing to participate should contact Eddy Wajon as he is the coordinator for many interest groups. There was group recognition of the wonderful work that Eddy has done in this project and the recognition that this has given to WANOSCG.

3. The WA Orchid Spectacular scheduled for September 2005 was brought to the Group's attention. The organisers are looking for support from like-minded groups. There is an opportunity for a special print run of Orchid Calendars (for 2006), which could be available at the Conference. Interested members are asked to contact Eddy Wajon expressing their support as he has to make arrangements and underwrite the print run of 3000 copies.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION:

Photographs entered for the *C flava/flava* competition were presented on display panels. Each member present was given two coloured dots to put beside their choice. After checking by scrutineers, there were two photos with 10 votes apiece. Settled with a toss of a coin, Bob Tatum was deemed the winner and awarded the President's Prize, with the equal first prize commendation awarded to Del Haywood.

RAFFLE DRAW: The raffle, donated by Ruth and Jim Downes, was drawn by Bob Tatum. It was won by Joni Eaton.

President Mike thanked all members for helping make 2004 a successful year and invited them all to meet in Albany for the final social event for the year on 4 December.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next general meeting will be held on 16 March 2005  
Meeting closed at 9.20 pm



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES 17 MARCH 2004

Meeting opened at 8.55pm

ATTENDANCE

30 Members and one apology as per attendance book.

No visitors were present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 2003 AGM were as printed in the BULLETIN and distributed to all members.

*MOTION: Moved Eddy Wajon seconded Christine Lock. That the minutes of the 2003 AGM from the 19 March 2003 as presented in the Bulletin be accepted as a true record of that meeting. CARRIED.*

The President declared all positions vacant except committee members Matz Dahlkamp and Ian Greeve and called for nominations for a Returning Officer. Tom Blinco was volunteered and was unopposed. It was deemed by a show of hands that no scrutineers were required.

The acting President then vacated the chair and the Returning Officer called for nominations for the vacant positions.

The following nominations were received and accepted.

If an election is necessary, this will be by show of hands from members present.

PATRON

Steve Hopper nominated by  
Garry Brockman/John Eaton CARRIED

PRESIDENT

Mike Harper nominated by  
Christine Lock /Stuart Harris CARRIED

VICE PRESIDENTS

One year term created by the resignation of Don Manners.

Garry Brockman nominated by  
Eddy Wajon/Bill Burton CARRIED

Normal two year term

Noel Clarke nominated by  
Garry Brockman/Bill Burton CARRIED

SECRETARY

Gerald Stack nominated by  
Christine Lock/Phil Bunney CARRIED

TREASURER

Matz Dahlkamp nominated by  
Mike Harper/Christine Lock CARRIED

COMMITTEE

One-year term created by the resignation of Matz Dahlkamp.

Phil Bunney nominated by  
Christine Lock/Del Hayward CARRIED

Two positions of two years:

Margaret Fox nominated by  
Donna Wajon/Bill Burton CARRIED

Ross Fox nominated by  
Margaret Fox/Donna Wajon CARRIED

FIELD TRIP CO-ORDINATOR

Christine Lock nominated by  
Donna Wajon/Joni Eaton CARRIED

LIBRARIAN

Bill Burton nominated by  
Stuart Harris/Ian Greeve CARRIED

EDITOR

Tom Blinco nominated by  
Donna Wajon/Matz Dahlkamp CARRIED

AUDITOR

Ross Wilton nominated by  
Garry Brockman/Tom Blinco CARRIED

SUPPER COORDINATOR

Donna Wajon nominated by  
Matz Dahlkamp/Don Smith CARRIED

CONSERVATION OFFICER

Eddy Wajon nominated by  
Donna Wajon/Bill Burton CARRIED

REGISTRAR

Chris French nominated by  
Virginia Bird/Christine Lock CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

The President resumed the chair and thanked the returning officer.

There was no general business before this meeting.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor's report was circulated with the attendance book for members to view.

*MOTION: Moved Chris French seconded by Don Smith - That the meeting endorses the Auditor's report as presented to the meeting. CARRIED*

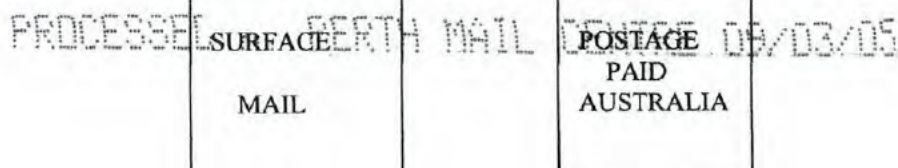
Annual General Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.  
Signed by President Mike Harper.

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	<b>SUPPER ROSTER 2005</b>	<b>RAFFLE ROSTER 2005</b>	<b>SPEAKER 2005</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	Donna Wajon	Tom Blinco	Bill Burton
<b>APRIL</b>			
<b>MAY</b>			
<b>JUNE</b>			
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#### **FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS**

To be arranged following election of Committee members at the Annual General Meeting. If you have an interest in a particular orchid, or are prepared to lead a field trip, please bring it to notice.