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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 habits and keep records.
- d) To have field days and learn to recognize the different genera and species.
- e) To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of interest in W.A. orchids.
- f) To affiliate with kindred organizations.
- g) To make rules for the governing of the Group's domestic affairs.
- h) To do all such 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 this Group.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 20th September 2006 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th September 2006 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park. The speaker is Dave Dobak and his topic is "European Orchids".
No Committee or General minutes for August

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please send Bulletin contributions
by email to [REDACTED]

The deadline for the October issue is 1st October. Any articles received after then will be carried over.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday 20 September - General Meeting.

September 30/October 2 (Long Weekend) - Field trip Manjimup area.

Wednesday 18 October - General Meeting.

Oct 14/15 - Field trip Boyup Brook

Wednesday November 15 - General Meeting.

2006 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Get your shutters clicking. It is approaching the time for *Diuris longifolia* to flower.

FIELD TRIPS

MANJIMUP AREA LONG WEEKEND 30 Sep to 2 Oct

Meet at Bridgetown Park alongside the river approx 500 metres passed the bridge at 10 am. We will be staying at the KinKin Retreat 25 km from Manjimup, 16 km along Muir Hwy turn right into Wheatley Coast Rd for 4 km then left into Cutting Rd approx 4 km. There is accommodation for 30 people, 2 to an ensuite cabin with a mix of single, QS & KS beds. Tariff is \$85 per night less 10% for seniors, which includes a continental breakfast, tea & coffee making, bedding & linen. Food can be cooked in the kitchen/dining room. For bookings contact Sandi or Pete Cook on (08) 9773 1268. It is a long weekend & start of the school holidays **so book early**. Ross will be away so please advise Christine Lock on [REDACTED] if you intend coming.

KINKIN LOCATION MAP

Refer to August Bulletin.

FIELD TRIP 14 - 15 OCTOBER TO BODDINGTON, KOJONUP & BOYUP BROOK AREA.

Meet at Boddington Council Chambers on 14 Oct at 9.30 am. We will overnight at Kojonup. The Commercial Motel has 18 units, phone (08) 9831 1044.

Please advise Ross Fox on [REDACTED] if you intend coming.

Note - Ross has a mobile number for field trips - [REDACTED]

Caladenia huegelii SURVEY PROGRAM FOR 2006

Below is the survey program dates for 2006. Details & anyone wishing to attend even for half a day email

September: -

11 - 15 Myalup State Forest (South of Kooljerrenup) & adjacent reserve.

17 Kooljerrenup Nature Reserve & McClarty Nature Reserve.

18 - 22 Yalgorup National Park.

24 Buller Nature Reserve.

25 - 29 Yalgorup National Park.

October: -

3 - 6 Beelair Regional Park & adjacent areas.

8 Local Gov Reserves in Banjup south to Wattleup area.

9 - 13 Pinjarra unnamed reserve, east side of Denis de Young nature Reserve & areas of Jandakot Regional Park.

15 To be decided.

16 - 20 Banksia & Leda Nature Reserves, Cooloongup bushland & adjacent UCL / VCL 7 State Housing Commission land.

PARACALEANA REVIEW

The review of Genus *Paracaleana* has been published. There are 13 species for WA. There are 4 new species that are not in Hoffman & Brown, second edition with supplement. Those in H & B that have been named are: -

P. disjuncta - pg 210 (ex linearifolia)

P. dixonii - pg 210

P. hortorum - pg 440

P. lyonsii - pg 439

P. nigrita - pg 208

P. parvula - pg 209

P. terminalis - pg 212

P. triens - pg 211

New species described in the publication are *P. alcockii*, *brockmanii*, *gracilicordata* & *granitica*.

PRASOPHYLLUMS - A TALK BY GARY BROCKMAN

Gary illustrated his talk with excellent photos of lots of WA *Prasophyllums* from the tall growing to the tiny species.

He commenced with *elatum* being visited by a wasp that pollinates *Caladenias*. *Prasophyllums* apparently are happy to entertain any insect as a pollinator. He told us that *P elatum* is an Eastern State specie therefore we should call it *P aff elatum*. Note there is another *aff elatum* in Hoffman & Brown. There is a large variation in this specie.

He showed us many photos of *P fimbria* with their heavily fringed white labellum, Some with pink plates others white. The flowering period is from July to November always after fire. Most *Prasophyllums* are fire stimulated. He referred to *P gracillimum* as being another Eastern States specie.

He spoke about his successful search for *P odoratissimum* & *triangulare*.

He did not neglect the smaller species showing a comparison between the tallest specie *regium* & the shortest *calicicola*. After compressively dealing with both small & large species he showed us a few hybrids. By virtue of the genus being amenable to multi pollinators there should be lots of hybrids.

Thanks Gary for a very informative talk.

ESPERANCE FIELD TRIP REPORT by TOM BLINCO

Four of us visited the Esperance region 24-30 August 2006.

For Margaret Fox the prime target was *Caladenia sigmoidea* (Sigmoid Spider Orchid), and these were found in profusion at four sites, the best being near Lake King and Styles Rock.

There were spectacular displays of *Caladenia* species and hybrids on Cape Le Grand Road, and on Coolinup Road, northeast of Esperance.

During the seven days we think we saw 68 species, excluding hybrids, in 13 genera - a quite successful trip.

19 JULY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting opened at 8.05 pm.

The President welcomed visitors

Attendance - 29 members as per attendance book.

Raffle - donated by Wayne Merritt

Minutes of meeting: 21 June

Moved Scilla Stack and Seconded Bill Burton that these were a record of the meeting.

Correspondence: circulated with attendance register.

Treasurer's Report: Dealt with by the Committee. Copy circulated with attendance register.

Field Trip Report: Ross Fox advised members of arrangements for the Moora, Manjimup & Boddington trips. Details in the Bulletin.

Wayne Merritt advised of a burn approx 20 km south of Dwellingup that needs checking later in the year.

General Business

1, Eddy Wajon reported on the translocation done as part of the Roe Hwy 7 works.

2. Eddy also reported on other rescue operations that had some success, but digging by wild animals and leaf eaters. He suggested protection be provided for future translocation.

Guest Speaker: Dr Steve Hopper spoke of his experiences & the knowledge gained during his years as a botanist & a member of WANOSCG.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Field trip to Hopkins rd. Nature Reserve 30th August by Beth & Ron Kinsey

We travelled up Wanneroo rd to Nowergup/Wesco rd to Hopkins rd, and North along here to a burn. Had an interesting hour or so finding a good variety of orchids.

These were what we found - *Caladenia georgei*, *hiemalis*, *flava*, *arenicola*, *georgei* x *flava*, *latifolia*, *Leptoceras menziesii*, *P. nigricans*, *Diuris corymbosa* and *Cyanicula gemmata*.

RIP GENOPLESIMUM NIGRICANS

The new name for *Genoplesium nigricans* is *Corunastylis tapperi*.

FIELD TRIP CONVOY PROCEDURES

Just a reminder - keep your eyes on both the car in front & behind. **If you lose the car behind stop.** Also stop when you turn till the car behind acknowledges the turn.

	RAFFLE ROSTER 2006	SPEAKER 2006
MARCH	G & T Blinco	Noel Clarke - "Orchids of South Australia" courtesy of Barb and Ken Bayley
APRIL	Donna Wajon	Noel Clarke - The <i>Caladenia magniclavata</i> complex
MAY	Ross Fox	Nigel Swarts - <i>Caladenia huegelii</i>
JUNE	G & S Stack	Noel Clarke - The <i>Caladenia longicauda</i> complex
JULY	Wayne Merritt	Dr Stephen Hopper - WA Orchids in Retrospect
AUGUST	Mike Harper	Garry Brockman - Prasophyllums.
SEPTEMBER	Sarah Atkinson	Jan & Dave Dobak - European orchids.
OCTOBER	Noel Clarke	Andy Brown - Recently discovered & remote orchids
NOVEMBER	Christine Lock	Photo competition

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FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Long Weekend 30 September/2 October - Manjimup area

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 October - Boddington/Kojonup overnight/Boyup Brook