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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.
- To do all such lawful things as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 18th October 2006 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th October 2006 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park. The speaker is Andy Brown, topic "Recently Discovered & Remote Orchids". No Committee or General minutes for September.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please send Bulletin contributions
by email to by post
to

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

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Oct 14/15 – Field trip Boyup Brook

Wednesday November 15 - General Meeting.

XMAS PARTY

It has been the habit over a number of years to have a special Xmas get together sometimes at a restaurant sometimes on a field trip. Your committee has decided on a field trip this year to the Denmark area on 2nd & 3rd December.

MOORA BUSH

The Shire of Moora is moving in the right direction to have the bush area on the edge of town where *C vanleeuwenii* grows vested in the Shire with the area eventually fenced. Good news, we started this project about 6 years ago.

LOTTERY WEST GRANT

Part of the Lotteries West grant that we applied for 2 years ago to cover study of our bush orchids has finally been approved. Because of the large sum of money involved it has been split into 2 lots.

SEPTEMBER TALK by DAVE DOBAK

It was good to meet up with our American members Jan & Dave Dobak but it's a long way to come to pay their subs. Dave's entertaining talk was on the orchids, other plant life & their habitats in an area of Southeastern Italy & Switzerland. How the orchids survive is astonishing because they often grow in open fields where cattle graze while the plants are above ground. The quality of the slides was excellent. The stems of the orchids looked fairly thick so wind would be no problem.

FIELD TRIP REPORT – MANJIMUP, 30 SEPTEMBER – 2 OCTOBER 2006 by TOM BLINCO

There was overnight and early rain for those already there, and early morning rain for those travelling on the day, but Saturday morning was sunny with some cloud as 20 participants gathered at

Bridgetown at 10 am for the Manjimup field trip.

We welcomed visitors from Tasmania Roger and Betty Hay (members of ANOS Victoria), and four recent members attending their first field trip – Trevor and Jean Cunningham from Albany, Maxine Has and Etienne Delannoy from the Metro area.

Two late withdrawals resulted in a little delay at the start, before the convoy of ten cars proceeded along the Bridgetown - Nannup Road, still one of the most scenic drives in WA.

Three sites of past bushfires (times uncertain) were inspected, the first being the most productive. Here were found *Cyanicula sericea*, (Silky Blue Orchid), *Caladenia macrostylis* (Leaping Spider), *C. nana* subsp *nana* (Little Pink Fan), *C. nana* subsp *unita* (Pink Fan), *C. flava* subsp *sylvestris* (Karri Cowslip) and a nice *C nana* x *flava* hybrid, and *Pt. aff nana* (Slender Snail Orchid). A quick stop at the second fire site was unproductive, whilst at the third site, only *Cyrtostylis huegelii* (Midge Orchid) was added to the list.

We then turned back to look along Nannup Scenic Drive, and near the corner of Sears Road, most of the above were again seen. This area was quite picturesque with karri trees and wattle.

Next stop was Eastbourne Road (Diamond Tree), where there were, amongst other things and not in a burnt area, numerous *Prasophyllum regium* (King Leek) that were quite pale in colour, and a black-stemmed *P fimbria* (was it?) (Fringed Leek). Whilst here there was the loud noise of approaching traffic on the highway that turned out to be a touring motor cycle group comprising about 65 very noisy machines.

Next stop was a burn at a bush track off Muirs Highway, not far from Manjimup. Here were *Pyrorchis nigricans* (Red Beaks), *Cy. sericea*, *C. flava* subsp

sylvestris, *C. nana* subsp *nana*, a *Diuris* species not familiar to anyone present but could be mistaken for *D. magnifica* or a small *D. amplissima*, a small *P. fimbria* (?), and a very pretty *C. flava* x *nana* hybrid. Along the way some attention had been paid to a certain football match in Melbourne, and the final siren sounded whilst we were here.

Peter then took us to another track off Muirs Highway to attempt to identify a *Cyrtostylis* (possibly *tenuissima*), but it had finished. A *Pterostylis* aff *barbata* (Bloated Bird Orchid) was seen here.

After arrival back at Kin Kin, Wayne and Etienne went looking in the nearby bush, finding *C. reptans* subsp. *reptans* (Little Pink Fairy), *C. flava* subsp *sylvestris*, *C. macrostylis*, and *Cy. sericea*.

On Sunday, with two members using the Manjimup Caravan Park and the de Haan family staying at their farm not far from Manjimup, we met on Muirs Highway at the corner of Wheatley Coast Road. Four neighbours joined us here for part of the day.

We proceeded along Muirs Highway to Frosty Road, where there was a great display, including *Paracaleana nigrita* (Flying Duck Orchid), *P. disjuncta* (Little Duck Orchid – previously *P. linearifolia*), *Drakaea livida* (King-in-his-Carriage), *D. glyptodon* (Warty Hammer Orchid), and hybrids between these two and some unidentifiable other hybrids or variations, *C. plicata* (Crab-lipped Spider Orchid), *C. cairnsiana* (Zebra Orchid), *C. macrostylis*, *C. nana* subsp *nana*, *Py. nigricans*, and *Elythranthera brunonis* (Purple Enamel Orchid).

A brief stop was made on Tonebup Road, but this area was very dry and nothing was found in flower.

The next stop was on Muirs Highway before Thomson Road, where there were

T. antennifera (Lemon-scented Sun Orchid), *T. flexuosa* (Twisted Sun Orchid), and *C. pectinata* (King Spider Orchid).

At Thomson Road were *D. longifolia* (Purple Pansy Orchid), *Pt. barbata* (Bird Orchid), *C. christineae* (Christine's Spider Orchid), *C. flava* subsp *flava* (Cowslip), *C. ensata* (Stumpy Spider Orchid), *C. pectinata*, *C. macrostylis* and *Cy. sericea*.

Further along Muirs Highway were *Microtis orbicularis* (Dark Mignonette Orchid), *Pt. aff nana* (Snail Orchid type, broadish labellum, unidentified), *C. flava* subsp *flava*, *C. barbarossa* (Common Dragon Orchid), *C. harringtoniae* (Pink Spider Orchid) and *C. latifolia* (Pink Fairy) and possible hybrids between these two.

Next we stopped at a burn adjacent to Red Lake, but only *Cy. sericea* was seen here.

Next stop was on Southfield Road, where there was *T. crinita* (Blue Lady), *C. discoidea* (Bee Orchid), *C. longicauda* subsp *eminens* (Stark White Spider Orchid), *E. brunonis*, and probably the most exciting find of the field trip, a lone

C. erythrochila (Lake Muir Blood Orchid). This little, inconspicuous orchid was discovered by Ross Fox, after being requested to look at a white spider orchid flowering quite closely nearby.

Further on, near a creek line, there was a *Caladenia* not positively identified that looked like *C. evanescens* but was probably a pale looking *C. luteola*. (I was not there but it is definitely not *C. evanescens*. I saw this orchid in the days when *C. luteola* was known as *C. caesarea* ssp *subdita* and there was some doubts about it then. I have not heard of any new name for it. Noel Clarke.).

At Tonebridge Campsite it was very dry, but *C. cairnsiana*, *flava* subsp *flava*, *C. vulgata* (Common Spider), *T. flexuosa* and *T. antennifera* were found. Nearby, at the Tonebridge settlement, were *C. barbarossa*, *flava* subsp *flava*, *longicauda*

subsp *eminens*, *vulgata*, and (after much discussion) *C. rhomboidiformis* (Diamond Spider Orchid).

On Monday the party met in Manjimup, allowing for any refuelling as necessary, then proceeded along South West Highway to Seaton Ross Road, then to a swamp area that was found to be not nearly as swampy as it has been in better seasons. Even so, found here were *T flexuosa*, *Pt aff nana* (? two species of Snail Orchid), *C. christineae*, *C. uliginosa* subsp *patulens* (Frail Spider Orchid), and *M. orbicularis*.

From here to a track off Hester Road, where there were *T. macrophylla* (Scented Sun Orchid), *Pt. aff turfosa* (Boyup Bird Orchid), *D longifolia*, *D. corymbosa* (Common Donkey Orchid), and a lone *C. nana* subsp *nana* (or *unita*?).

The final site was at Press Road off South West Highway; seen were *D. longifolia*, *C. macrostylis*, *C. flava* subsp *flava*, *C. discoidea*, and an unnamed little white *Caladenia*.

After here only three cars were left to return to Perth, and we paused for lunch near Balingup at a favourite spot of the writer where we have stopped many times over the years. Here were *D. longifolia*, *C. macrostylis*, *longiclavata*, *flava* subsp *flava*, *longicauda* subsp *eminens*, (with all five flowering in one small area the size of a dining table), *D. corymbosa* and *C. attingens* subsp. *attingens* (Forest Mantis Orchid).

Kin Kin Retreat

As the base for this field trip was a departure from the usual caravan parks, park cabins, motels or camping, a word about Kin Kin Retreat may be appropriate.

In each room there was an information sheet for guests, and the first sentence reads - "Thank you for choosing to stay at Kin Kin, we hope your stay outshines your expectations".

Well, for us the expectations were certainly exceeded. The accommodation was excellent, with a good-sized room, good hot showers, Queen Size double bed, and electric blankets if required. The all-timber walls and ceiling of the cabins are very pleasant. The central "Lodge" is a large building containing administration, cooking facilities, dining area, and relaxation space with open log fire. The Managers (since January) are Sandi and Pete Cooke, and in the past six months they have spent a large amount of money refurbishing floor coverings, window treatments, equipment and guest facilities, and the upgrading work is not yet complete. The Continental breakfast bar was more than ample, supplemented on Sunday morning by delicious hot chocolate muffins. On Saturday and Monday mornings, there was Sandi's home made hot bread.

Many birdcalls and twitterings are heard from an early hour, and Pete has identified 52 species of birds so far. A pair of Blue Wrens, frequenting the shrubbery around the Lodge and I understand will feed by hand, were brilliant. We may just visit there again.

Despite early reservations about the effect of the dry season, this was a very good field trip. Many thanks go to Field Trip Co-ordinator Ross (and Margaret), and those whom attended.

In conclusion, this report has been prepared in some haste to meet the (extended) deadline of the Editor, so I hope it is reasonably accurate.

Looks like the group had a good weekend; they must have taken the aeroguard. Ed.

WANOSCG MEETING MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING 16 AUGUST 2006
OPENED: meeting declared open at 8.05 pm
APOLOGIES:
Margaret Fox, Phil Bunney
NEW MEMBERS:

VISITORS: M and P Has, A Hind, E Delannoy

ATTENDANCE BOOK: 22 members present as per the Attendance Book

RAFFLE TONIGHT: Donated by Mike Harper

MINUTES TO THE MEETING: 19 July 2006.

The Minutes of the meeting of 19 July 2006 were circulated with the attendance book. Moved: Scilla Stack, Seconded: Bill Burton, that these were a true record of the meeting of 19 July 2006. CARRIED.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence has been held over to the next meeting, through the abandonment of the 16 August 2006 committee meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report for the year to 19 July 2006 will be held over for consideration at the next Committee meeting, 20 September 2006.

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

- John Ewing, Wayne Merritt and Greg Bussell had a successful trip to various points in the South West, Margaret River and Meelup. Greg Bussell may be able to advise about a burn on the coast near Margaret River, the continuation of Conto Road off Caves Road.
- Ross Fox reported on a tour of the Kalamunda ZigZag, Mundaring Road at Old Dale Road, Reservoir Road. Mostly void of flowers, few leaves showing and a few *C. nana* in bud.
- Ross advised that planning was good for the Manjimup trip on the October long weekend. The trip will commence on the Saturday and Sunday at KinKin Retreat, and the owners have advised they will hold the quoted prices for members despite the rate rises since.
- There will be a trip to Boddington/Kojonup seeking *C. dorrienii*. Meet at Boddington, then travel through to Kojonup (members to find their own

accommodation), then Franklin and Tunbridge, and Boyup Brook on the way home.

- In each case, members planning to join these trips are urged to ring the Field Trip Coordinator beforehand to help with planning and coordination.

PLANT TABLE:

A vigorous specimen of *P. nana* was tabled at the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The Secretary reported on progress with the Lotterywest grant application. The matter went to the August grant committee meeting, and while formal advice will follow, the indications were that it went well.

Guest Presentation: Garry Brockman then gave a well-planned presentation with many fine pictures to illustrate his remarks on the *Prasophyllum* genus.

RAFFLE DRAW: The raffle, donated by President Mike, was drawn by the Guest Speaker.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next general meeting will be held on 20 September 2006.

Meeting closed at: 9.25 pm

FOR SALE – Contact the Treasurer
(Sales now subject to GST)

Pat Dundas Cards (Orchid paintings) –
singly or in pack of four. \$2.50 ea.

Group wineglasses \$7.50 each.

Both the above are ideal as presents.

Car stickers \$1.50 ea

History of WANOSCG \$3.00.

Name badges \$10.00 each

Rufa Trip Report \$10.00

Caladenia flava Badges \$4.00 members,
\$5.00 non-members.

Orchids of WA (2nd Ed) \$9.00.

Note – all our copies of Orchids of SW Australia have been sold. This book is now out of print, so we await a new edition

Colour Guide to Spring Wildflowers

Part 1: Kalbarri & The Goldfields

Part 2: Perth & The Southwest.

Part 3: Esperance & The Wheatbelt

\$18.00 each. (Contact Eddy Wajon).

	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 (<i>Diuris longifolia</i>)

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FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 October – Boddington/Kojonup overnight/Boyup Brook
Saturday/Sunday 2/3 December - Xmas get together at Denmark.