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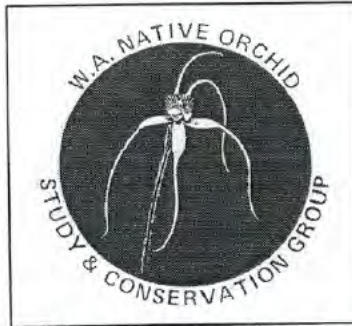
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OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

- 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 19th September 2007 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 19th September 2007 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please send Bulletin contributions by email to by post to

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

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

19 September - General Meeting
17 October - General Meeting
21 November - General Meeting

PLANNED FIELD TRIPS

September 29,30 & October 1 – long weekend. The previously proposed trip to Hyden and the Pingaring area to look for *C. graniticola* has been postponed to next year due to the lack of accommodation in the Hyden area.

A new venue is proposed and this will be the Porongorups and the Stirlings (including a burnt area). We will be based at Mt Barker Caravan Park. **BOOK ASAP**
MEETING PLACE – at 11am at first parking bay on left past hospital on Muir Hwy

October 20&21 to Jurien Bay for a survey in Lesueur National Park. This will be done in conjunction with CALM personnel
Let Ross Fox know if you are coming on these trips. Detail of the meeting place will be in the next bulletin.

Late October/early November – Albany ; details in next bulletin

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 \$8.00 each.

Both the above are ideal as presents.

Car stickers \$1.50 ea
History of WANOSCG \$3.00.
Name badges \$12.00 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)

PHOTO COMPETITION FOR 2007

The General meeting decided this year's subject will be "Orchid insect interaction". Keep your photos throughout the year as the competition night is at the November meeting.

WANOSCG MEETING MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING 15 AUGUST 2007

OPENED: meeting declared open at:8.05 pm

NEW MEMBERS: Anne Storrie, a past member, was welcomed as a rejoined member

VISITORS: Jay Steer was led to visit the club following discovery of a Northern Queen of Sheba orchid on the web. Alison Blackstock was visiting from Victoria. They were made welcome.

ATTENDANCE: Nineteen members attended and three members submitted their apologies, and they were recorded in the Attendance Book.

MINUTES TO THE MEETING: 18 July 2007.

As printed in the Bulletin and amended to show that in the third item of General Business, it was Noel Clarke not Chris French who referred to the Group's financial reserves. Moved: Wayne Merritt Seconded: Don Ward that these are a true record of the meeting
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

These were circulated with the Attendance Book.

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was received from Betty Mumford and Thelma Spice proffering their resignation from the Group which was received with regret. It was decided that Betty and Thelma be kept on the mailing list for copies of the Bulletin.

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

1. Wayne Merritt reported on trips to Torbay (*Thelymitra variegata* some 200 plants interspersed with mauve forms of *T. spiralis*), Denmark Road (about 110 *T. spiralis*), about 20kms north of Williams (*Diuris porrifolia*, *Caladenia xantha*, *C.*

reptans, *Pterostylis* aff *hamiltonii*), Albany Highway at the Woodanilling turn-off, Martup Pool and Robinson Road where there were lots of buds, inviting visits over the next two weeks. There were unbelievable *Caladenia reptans* and *Pterostylis sanguinea* at the burn in Hurley Road.

2. Wayne also reported on his visit to the Ledge Road burn at Albany (*Eriochilus scaber* and unusual forms of *Diuris*). Signs of *Caladenias* and Leek Orchids warrant a trip in late October.

3. 22 members travelled to Moora on 5 August and were met by about 30 from the district. Groups were formed and explored the bush reserve for Moora Spider Orchids (*Caladenia exilis* subsp. *vanleeuwenii*) and other native wildflowers. There were speeches and a BBQ, with talks on birds, fauna and flora of the area. A request was received for members of the Group to conduct a survey at Dalwallinu. There had been follow-up reporting on the regional ABC radio.

4. Don and Eva Ward had a successful trip to Hyden, Corrigin, Karlgarin Nature Reserve and the Brookton Highway and reported a vast range of orchids seen.

5. Matz Dahlkamp reported on finds at burns on the Brookton Highway of *Caladenia hiemalis* and *C. footeana*, *C. reptans* sp and *Cyanicula deformis*. She also travelled to Eneabba and saw the Pink Bunny Orchid (*Eriochilus scaber* subsp *scaber*), Northern Queen of Sheba (*Thelymitra* aff *variegata*) and Arrowsmith Spider Orchid (*Caladenia crebra*)

6. Eddy Wajon reported to the Group that the Bunbury Highway alignment was challenged by a population of *Drakea elastica* and measures were being considered.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Moora: An invitation was extended to members to join an orchid survey in the Lesueur National Park/Coomallo area prior to a patch controlled burn. Of particular interest

were specimens of the Declared Rare Flora *Thelymitra stellata* which flowers late October and November. DEC offered support for accommodation overnight in the Jurien Caravan Park, and arrange the die-back hygiene and access to restricted areas. The weekend of 20/21 October was selected for the trip. Note was made that this invitation, the Moora trip and other outcomes had flowed from the efforts of John Ewing in mounting a display at the 2008 WA Orchid Spectacular.

2. Noel Clarke advised that a recent inspection of the DEC Florabase website (<http://florabase.calm.wa.gov.au/>) indicated recent changes to nomenclature of *Diuris* sp. He recommended that members periodically visit and note amendments.

3. The Group Conservation Officer, Eddy Wajon, reported that he had submitted a submission opposing residential development of the bush site on Underwood Avenue, Shenton Park, owned by the University of Western Australia. About 20 orchid species had been found on the block, and while none were rare or DRF, the bush was a surviving remnant and to be preserved.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

Eddy Wajon then provided his presentation on the orchids of Mondurup View, the Wajon's block in the south.

RAFFLE DRAW: The raffle, donated by David Lawson, was drawn by Eddy Wajon, and won by the surprised Secretary, Gerald Stack

NEXT MEETING DATE: *The next general meeting will be held on 19 September 2007.*

Meeting closed at: 9.25 pm

EDITORS NOTE

This will be a disappointingly short bulletin. There have been no field trip reports or any other report material sent to the editor for this edition. I [the editor] have chosen not to write up more of my own field trip reports for this edition.

John Ewing

	RAFFLE ROSTER 2007	SPEAKER 2007
MARCH	Ian Greeve	Mark Brundrett – The current state of orchid conservation in WA/ the Lotterywest Project
APRIL	Donna Wajon	Wayne Merritt
MAY	Christine Lock	Etienne Delannoy – Orchids of France
JUNE	Stuart Harris	Noel Clarke – Varians group Martin Revell – Friends of Kings Park
JULY	Glenys Blinco	DVD 'Orchid Adventure Special' courtesy Mike Duncan
AUGUST	David Lawson	Eddy Wajon – Orchids of Mondrup View
SEPTEMBER	Noel Clarke	Jess Daniels – Millennium Seed Bank
OCTOBER	Eva Smith	Etienne Delannoy – Orchids of France part II
NOVEMBER	John Ewing	Photo competition and members slides

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29th, 30th September and October 1st — Stirling Ranges and Porongorups
October 20&21 – Jurien Bay – Lesueur National Park
Late Oct/early Nov – Albany ; details next bulletin