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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 21st MAY 2008 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be Wednesday 21st MAY 2008 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please email any Bulletin contributions to John Ewing at [redacted] or call on [redacted]. Articles for the next Bulletin need to be submitted by 1st of the month

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

21 May General Meeting
18 June General Meeting
16 July General Meeting
20 August General Meeting
17 September General Meeting
15 October General Meeting
19 November General Meeting

PLANNED FIELD TRIPS

The trips planned so far include

JUNE 22 to Mogumber to look for *Thelymitra apiculata* [Cleopatra's Needles – H&B p256]
Meet at 10.30am opposite the Mogumber Hotel which is on the corner of Mogumber Rd West and Bindoon-Moora Rd

JULY 26&27 First of Wheatbelt Orchid Studies being conducted by Mark Brundrett. We will look for the Underground Orchid (*rhizanthella gardneri*) at Munglinup (South Coast). Mark Brundrett will be there 2 or 3 days before then. Contact him if you would like to help search before the start of the weekend. We will stay at the Munglinup Beach Caravan Park. Ph 90751155 You should book early.

AUGUST 13-18 {weekend is 16th&17th} at Eurady Station which is just North East of Kalbarri. This trip is to assist in a survey for *C. wanosa* [Kalbarri Spider H&B Pg61], *Dk. barbarella* [Small Dragon H&B Pg 191], *C. bryceana* subsp *cracens* [Northern Dwarf Spider H&B Pg 131] and *Paracaleana terminalis* [Smooth-billed Duck H&B Pg 212]
The contact up north for this trip is Leanne Ph [REDACTED]

AUGUST 28-31 [weekend is 30th & 31st] at Mukinbudin. This trip is to survey rocky outcrops in the surrounding area in conjunction with the local Wildflower Society. There are some cabins available at the Mukinbudin Caravan Park. Book early on 90471103

SEPTEMBER 7 in the Mullering area. This is a possible trip where we would meet with locals. More details will come in a later bulletin

SEPTEMBER 14 in the Toodyay area. This is also a possible trip to look for *Calochilus stamenicola* (MS) [Wandoo Beard H&B Pg 275]

SEPTEMBER 18-21 {weekend is 20th&21st} at Dragon Rocks area. This is the second of the Wheatbelt Orchid Studies under Mark's leadership. The trip is to survey *C. hoffmanii* subsp *graniticola* [Pingaring Spider H&B Pg 419]. Places to stay are Hyden Caravan Park (98805023), Tressies Caravan Park (98895043), Hyden Motel (98805052)

Other trips are intended for October and beyond. Details will be in future bulletins.

If you are coming on any of these trips will you let Ross Fox know as early as possible. With the rising cost of fuel it will also be helpful if you can let Ross know if you wish to 'get a ride' or whether you would be willing to take a passenger (or 2) with you. In these cases, sharing the cost of fuel will make it less expensive for everyone.

WANOSCG MEETING MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 16 APRIL 2008

OPENED: meeting opened at: 8.12 pm

VISITORS: There were three visitors, Luda Korzinski, Win Groves, Meg Griffiths

ATTENDANCE: 26 members attended the meeting, as per the Attendance Book and five apologies.

RAFFLE: Donated by Anna de Haan

MINUTES TO THE MEETING: 19
April 2008.Moved: Noel Clarke, Seconded: Thea Hansen, that the Minutes as circulated were a true record of the meeting. **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. The Honour Board (virtual) is now complete
2. The Conservation Officer, Eddy Wajon, appeared on ABC1 Stateline with great effect, and has written items and media releases for the local media. He tabled copies.

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

1. The Field Trip Coordinator, Ross Fox, advised that there would be a trip to Walpole in search of *Leporella* in the 1st weekend of May (3-5 May). Members wishing to go should contact Ross direct.
2. He advised of the next field trip for 22 June to Mogumber seeking *Thelymitra apiculata* Cleopatra's needles. Meet at 10.00 am opposite the Mogumber Hotel.

Watch the Bulletin for further details.

3 The Munglinup survey would be an extended field trip for week of 24 July. Those putting in the week days would have their accommodation expenses covered – contact Mark Brundrett to arrange. Other members were welcome to join the survey on the weekend 25/26 July. The team would stay at the Munglinup Beach Caravan Park. The weekend survey would be seeking the underground orchid on the Saturday, and coastal orchids on the Sunday.

4 A day trip to the Mullering Swamp would be held in early August for white spider orchids.

5. There would be a long distance trip to Eurardy Station, 25 km north of Murchison on about the 3rd weekend of August. Accommodation and food on site at the station. There will be further advice in the Bulletin.

6. There would also be the 50th anniversary of the WA Wild Flower group at Mukinbudin at the end of August.

7. In late September, Don Smith would lead a field trip for the Wandoo Beard Orchid. The date and other details to be confirmed in the Bulletin.

8. There would also be the extended survey at Dragon Rocks, and there would be burns to explore in early October.

9. John Ewing reported seeing the *Praecoxanthus aphyllus* Leafless Orchid in the Capel nature reserve.

10. Ross Fox saw *Leporella* appearing at this time on the Mundaring walking track. Also at the top of Welshpool Road, past Pomeroy Rd.

11. Christine Lock reported *Leporella* coming in Roleystone, also *Eriochilus dilatatus* subsp. *dilatatus* and *E. dilatatus* subsp. *Multiflorus*.

12. David Lawson reported seeing Slipper Orchids (*Cryptostylis ovata*) flowering at Warren River

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Luda Korzinski was introduced to the group. She was a potter of Walpole who wished to learn more from the members of WANOSCG about orchids. She was working on an exhibition of 20 – 30 sculptural pieces. The Exhibition would be at the Heathcote Gallery in September 2008 titled "Orchidaecae" She was seeking help with proofing her interpretive statement, and seeking any tales and insight into Bill Jackson.

2. Andrew Brown revealed some early proofs

of the new book he is drafting with Pat Dundas, with an expected publication date in September 2008.

Andrew also has an article published in the current issue of Landscape. There is also an article in Western Wildlife, and both can be obtained by contacting Penny Halsey at Dept of Environment and Conservation.

3. Noel Clarke reported that there were 2 new *Caladenia* described in *Nuytsia* (2007) by Brown A.P. and Brockman G. *C. petrensis* was *C. sp Rothsay* and the other, *C. saxicola* was *C. jaudiensis*.

4. Mark Brundrett was seeking any photos of WANOSCG members on field trips, which could be used in art work for brochures and banner posters. He asked members to please email him any copies of such outings.

Presentation on the Orchids of Tasmania, by Ross Fox

Ross Fox then provided an interesting and informative presentation of photos of Tasmanian Orchids, recently studied on his trip to the island.

RAFFLE DRAW: The raffle was drawn by Ross Fox and won by Ramon Neumann.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next general meeting will be held on 21 May 2008

Meeting closed at: 9.15 pm

PRASOPHYLLUM INCORRECTUM

At the April 2008 meeting Ross Fox presented an interesting slide show on Tasmanian orchids seen during a visit to Tasmania last year.

One of the orchids pictured was *Prasophyllum incorrectum*, the name of which caused some interest with members present.

An item about this name was printed in the August 2004 edition of the WANOSCG BULLETIN, and for information it is reproduced hereunder.

"PRASOPHYLLUM INCORRECTUM

Have you ever wondered about the naming of some orchids? Then read on.

This item is from the ANOS GEELONG GROUP BULLETIN, APRIL 2004.

The *Prasophyllum* growing at Campbell Town, Tasmania, has now been given a new name, *Prasophyllum incorrectum*. There is quite a long path to this name.

The name first given to the *Prasophyllum* on the old railway line west of Bairnsdale [Victoria] was *P. chasmoganum*, however this was described from a wrong specimen.

When this was discovered a new name of *Prasophyllum correctum* was given to this orchid, which derives from the Latin *correctus*, correct or made right.

When the Campbell Town *Prasophyllum* was found it was thought to be the same as *Prasophyllum correctum* and has been known under that name, however molecular study has found that the Tasmanian and Victorian orchids are different. The new name *incorrectum* derives from the Latin *incorrectum*, incorrect or wrong, referring to the mistake made in including the species in *P. correctum*."

Tom Blinco

PHOTO COMPETITION FOR 2007

This year's subject will be "**CLUMPS OF ORCHIDS**". The competition night is at the November meeting.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

ESPERANCE

The Editor (and his wife)

Kaye had to work in Esperance from Saturday 19th April, and so your faithful editor decided to have a holiday, just to keep her company you understand. While Kaye went to work, so did I. The first trip was to Condingup about 70Km east of Esperance. In the townsite I found some *Praecoxanthus aphyllus* [the Leafless Orchid]. The next day I went to the Rotary Lookout and on the granite rocks found many *Eriochilus dilitatus* subsp *dilitatus* [White Bunny]. A trip to the small town of Salmon Gums saw us pass through the hamlet of Scadden. Kaye and I took a detour up a side street leading to the golf course where we stopped on the side of the road. On getting out Kaye called me over to look at an "orchid-like" plant. She had not seen a Pygmy Orchid [*Corunastylis tapperi*] before, but she found one. She can find orchids just anywhere. When we reached Salmon Gums the trees were simply fantastic. Another trip to Helm's

Arboretum yielded a patch of *E. dilitatus* subsp *dilitatus* that had 300+ plants in an area of only 5 metres by 5 metres.

John Ewing [Ed]

DWELLINGUP

After directions from our venerable president (Is she really venerable? Well she is a reliable guide!!) Tom Blinco, Etienne Delanoy and yes you guessed it, the editor, set out on April 26 for Dwellingup. We stopped at the big granite rock on Del Park Road where many *Eriochilus dilitatus* subsp *pulchellus* [Granite Bunny] found. Then on to the grounds of 'The School of Wood' in Dwellingup and it didn't take long to find a wide range of *E. dilitatus* subsp *magnus* [Easter Bunny]. While some discussion was had about the bewildering array of leaf sizes we concluded they were all variations of the same thing. We travelled west from Dwellingup going via Coolup and headed on Fishermans Road until we reached the Old Bunbury Road (also the corner of Herron Point Road). After some hunting and trekking into the bush a range of *Praecoxanthus aphyllus* [Leafless Orchids] were located. It was a good day for the first official Ewing/Delanoy/Blinco combination.

WALPOLE

Starting on Friday May 2nd Ross and Margaret Fox together with Matz Dahlkamp started south, stopping first at Press Road near Bridgetown. Lots of *E. dilitatus* subsp *magnus* [Easter Bunny] were found here. On a large rock just before Shannon they found both *E. dilitatus* subsp *pulchellus* [Granite Bunny] and *E. dilitatus* subsp *magnus* [Easter Bunny]. They continued to Fernhook Falls (nearly to Walpole) and found plenty of *E. dilitatus* subsp *helonomos* [Swamp Bunny]. The next stop was Sandy Beach at Walpole where Gloria Jackson guided them to a special *Leporella fimbriata* [Hare Orchid]. These particular plants are all pale green with no other darker colouring found on most other Hare Orchids. The trio was joined on Saturday by Kim and Thea Hansen, Anna De Haan from Albany and a new Albany member, Pam Goodman. At Broke inlet more Bunny Orchids were found. At a site in Railway Parade, 16 Km from Walpole, *Prasophyllum aff parvifolium* [Scented Autumn Leek] was in bloom, together with Leafless and Hare Orchids as well as some leaves of early *Pterostylis* species. Stops at the burn in the Shannon National Park and at 9 Mile Lake yielded more of the same species found earlier in the trip.

BEJOORDING ROAD

Despite doubts from some about being too early, your intrepid editor took to the road on Sunday 10th May, drove through Toodyay to the above road. Here he was greeted with hundreds of *Eriochilus dilitatus* subsp *undulatus* [Crinkle Leaf Bunny], including an 'albino' one. And No!, I was not too early as at the site were many *Caladenia drummondii* [Winter Spider] with many still in bud.

WHAT TO FIND THIS MONTH AND NEXT

Many of the March and April orchids will still be in flower this month. For the list see last month's bulletin.

Here is the May list

68	Winter Spider	<i>Caladenia drummondii</i>
157	Blue Fairy	<i>Pheldenia deformis</i>
256	Cleopatra's Needles	<i>Thelymitra apiculata</i>
302	Scented Autumn Leek	<i>Prasophyllum aff parvifolium</i>
327	Underground Orchid	<i>Rhizanthella gardneri</i>
338	Brown-veined Shell	<i>Pterostylis aspera</i>
340	Green-veined Shell	<i>Pterostylis scabra</i>
341	Narrow-hooded Shell	<i>Pterostylis angusta</i>
343	Robust Snail	<i>Pterostylis dilitata</i>
348	Broad-petalled Snail	<i>Pterostylis aff nana</i>
350	Slender Snail	<i>Pterostylis aff nana</i>
362	Banded Greenhood	<i>Pterostylis vittata</i>
442	Kalbarri Shell	<i>Pterostylis aff aspera</i>

Here is the June list

31	Dwarf Common Spider	<i>Caladenia hiemalis</i>
39	South Coast Spider	<i>Caladenia meridionalis</i>
41	Moora Spider	<i>Caladenia exilis</i> subsp <i>vanleewenii</i>
141	Pink Candy	<i>Caladenia hirta</i> subsp <i>rosea</i>
226	Mosquito Orchid (Large Gnat)	<i>Cyrtostylis robusta</i>
255	Queen of Sheba	<i>Thelymitra variegata</i>

301	Autumn Leek	<i>Prasophyllum parvifolium</i>
309	Fringed Leek	<i>Prasophyllum fimbria</i>
335	Curled-tongue Shell	<i>Pterostylis rogersii</i>
337	Red-veined Shell	<i>Pterostylis hamiltonii</i>
357	Cupped Banded Greenhood	<i>Pterostylis concava</i>
359	Dark Banded Greenhood	<i>Pterostylis sanguinea</i>
360	Coastal Banded Greenhood	<i>Pterostylis aff sanguinea</i>
363	Small Banded Greenhood	<i>Pterostylis aff vittata</i>
389	Winter Donkey	<i>Diuris brumalis</i>
449	Pale Banded Greenhood	<i>Pterostylis aff sanguinea</i>
456	Northern Queen of Sheba	<i>Thelymitra aff variegata</i>

Note that some of these may not be readily found until later. Notably *C exilis* subsp *vanleewenii* and *T aff variegata*

NEWER MEMBERS

If you wish to know specific location for these orchids, there are experienced members who will be able to give you some help

EXPERIENCED MEMBERS (and newer members)

While this is not really a competition the editor would like to be kept informed of the 'first find' of each of these species.

In future months further lists will be published (yes I know the lists will be longer). As the year goes on you can put a tick in the bulletins for each species you personally have found. What is your target for the year????

[*** Editor's brag – of the March/April species I have seen 8 out of 10 and one of the May species - BEAT THAT!!!]

	RAFFLE ROSTER 2008	SPEAKER 2007
MARCH	Gerald Stack	Mark Brundrett – The current state of orchid conservation in WA/ the Lotterywest Project
APRIL	Anna De Haan	Ross Fox – Orchiding in Tasmania
MAY	Ross & Margaret Fox	TBA – come and find out – it will be a surprise for the editor as well
JUNE	Stuart Harris	
JULY	Donna Wajon	
AUGUST	David Lawson	
SEPTEMBER	Jack Eborral	
OCTOBER	Kim & Thea Hansen	
NOVEMBER	John Ewing	Photo competition and members slides

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FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS

June 22 – Mogumber
July 26&27 – Munglinup
August 17&18 Eurady Station
August 30&31 Mukinbudin
September 7 – Mullering Swamp
September 14 – Toodyay
September 20&21 Dragon Rocks
October onwards - yet to be advised