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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 May 2010 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 19th May 2010 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 next month.

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FORTH COMING MEETINGS

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

WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 21st, 2010

Meeting held at: BGPA Boardroom, Kings Park.

Meeting opened: 8:10 pm

CIRCULATION OF REPORTS:

Attendance Book and Treasurer's Report were circulated to the members

ATTENDANCE:

24 members present 7 apologies
no visitors

RAFFLE :

Prize kindly donated by Donna Wajon

1. PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Amendments: None

The General Meeting Minutes as distributed are a true and correct record of the meeting of March 17th 2010.

Moved: Eric Swarts and Seconded Kim Hanson and carried

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Christine Lock apologised for omitting Bill Burton from the Group's Honour Roll by mistake at the last General Meeting.

2. Following the written submission of a number of constitutional points by Noel Clarke at the last meeting, a written personal response will be provided by the Committee to Noel.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The list of correspondence was circulated to the General Meeting. This was supplemented with Conservation related correspondence as reported by the Conservation Officer in his report as presented to the General Meeting

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

5. FIELD TRIP REPORT:

1. The Field Trip Coordinator, Iain McLean, reported that the field trips are in the planning stage. As part of this, Iain is reviewing previous trips as listed in back issues of the Bulletin, and will consult the Group's Database.
2. Big burns were reported in the Badgingarra area, and 2-3km north of the Western Flora Caravan Park either side of the Brand Highway.
3. On the last day of the Southern Rivers Branch week-end field trips (Sunday April 18th) at Tindale Road, Denmark, it was found that orchids viewed by the Group the previous day had been dug up. There were spade marks around where the orchids had been. The matter will be reported to DEC.
4. Members are asked to be vigilant and report any removal of orchids to DEC, and if possible provide photographic evidence of the removal. Anyone who is found to be digging orchids can be prosecuted.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. This meeting is the last day for taking order of T Shirt and jackets- samples and order forms were available after the meeting.
2. Noel Clarke queried a \$390 expenditure against the Conservation Council as reported for 2010 in the Bulletin (2009 expenditure was \$90 for annual fees). Christine Lock will investigate this.
3. Eddy Wajon presented his Conservation Report.
4. A copy of the new Branch By-Laws was circulated to the meeting. Christine Lock asked for ideas to be submitted on how to best celebrate the formal formation of the new Southern Rivers branch. Gerald Stack suggested we have a banner or certificate to commemorate the occasion – Christine Lock moved that Gerald investigate this further, seconded by Sarah Atkinson, and carried.

7. PRESENTATION

Due to the scheduled speaker not being able to attend the meeting, Ramón Newmann presented a series of photographs taken on a number of the Group's field trips in 2009.

8. RAFFLE DRAW

Drawn by Ramón Newmann - winner of the raffle: Eric Swarts.

MEETING CLOSED: 9:35 pm

NEXT MEETING: 8.00 pm Wednesday
May 19th, 2010

MEMBERSHIP

All members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now overdue. The annual family membership fee is now **\$30**. Payment can be made in person to the Treasurer, or by mail with cheques made out to WANOSCG and sent to [REDACTED]

Or by electronic transfer to the club's bank account
Bankwest
BSB - 306 044
A/C number - 549 246-8

If using an electronic transfer please send details of the transfer to WANOSCG website.

HONOUR ROLL (Correction / addition)

Our apologies to our active plant grower/exhibitor whose name was omitted in last month's bulletin. Also on the club's honour roll

BILL BURTON

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

See previous bulletins : Note all items are to have GST added to the quoted prices

FIELD TRIPS

The committee has endorsed the concept that there should be some differences to some of our field trips this year. It was announced at the April meeting that some trips will be 'search and find' trips. This means

- a) that on some trips we will be going to sites not usually visited by the club to find and document any orchids we discover at that site. Part of this will be revisiting the same nature reserve/s at different times during the year and perhaps over a number of years.
- b) to look for new populations of the rare and poorly known orchids by going to a known site and then spending the rest of the trip looking for a similar habitat in the general vicinity.
- c) going on a weekend trip to a central base, dividing into sub-groups of about 4 people on Saturday, with each group exploring different directions, to see what can be found. On Saturday night there is a collating of information (maybe even a slideshow) and on Sunday visit the most appealing site/s.

2010 PLANNED TRIPS

Sunday MAY 30th – meet at corner of Brookton-Corrigin Rd and Wickepin-Corrigin

Road at 10am. (to see Winter Spider Orchid - *C. drummondii*)

Sunday JUNE 20th - meet at 10am at Mogumber Tavern (on Moora Bindoon Road at corner of Mogumber Road West) (to see *T. apiculata* and then have search and find. Also to find sites for various forms of Banded Greenhoods – *Pt. sanguinea* – see table in April bulletin)

[NOTE – check at June meeting for a weather report, since sun orchids need sun!!!]

JULY 25&26th – meet at corner of South Coast Highway and Mandalay Beach Road (Chrystal Springs) at 10.30am (to see South Coast Spider Orchid – *C. meridionalis* and many other things. Overnight stay in Denmark and visiting sites along Albany Highway on way home.)

AUGUST 15&16th – Meet at Visitors Centre in Wongan Hills (Railway Station, Wongan Road) at 10am. Over night in Wongan Hills.

AUGUST 28&29th – meet at Western Flora Caravan Park at 10am.

SEPTEMBER – Day trips in or near Perth on dates to be decided to build the data base information for the Metro area. There could be more than one location on any day.

SEPTEMBER 24-26th - Esperance. Meet at 12 midday in parking area on beachfront at corner of Norseman and Goldfields Road (Norseman Road is the main road into town –this corner is before you get into town – it has a fishing jetty right next to it.)

OCTOBER 23&24 - Collie and surrounds. Meet at 10am in Darkan at the War Memorial (on the Collie-Darkan Road) –overnight in Collie

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER –Christmas trip still to be decided.

FIELD TRIP REPORT

17 April 2010 :

DENMARK TO FERNHOOK FALLS

Our trusty new trip leader, Iain, met the initial group of eleven at the Denmark Visitors Centre. Iain was on a fact finding mission investigating possible future field trips to the Great Southern region. We are looking forward to new locations for future trips. At Tindale Road we met a further 7 club members already enjoying the limited number of *Eriochilus pulchellus* (Granite Bunny Orchid).

On to the Mandalay Beach Road club site we found *E. dilatatus* subsp. *dilatatus* (White

Bunny Orchid) but no *E. dilatatus* subsp. *multiflorus* (Common Bunny). Our next stop at Railway Parade Road had a significant number of *Leporella fimbriata* (Hare Orchid), many double headers. Stephen's eagle eye and boundless energy led us all to an incredible patch of *Praecoxanthus aphyllus* (Leafless Orchid) in full bloom. A single *Eriochilus dilatatus* subsp. *magnus* (Easter Bunny Orchid) was located. Close examination of the *L. fimbriata* leaf and bract structure were pursued by some enthusiastic members. This stop was the highlight of the field trip. Mt Burnett provided the welcome shaded picnic tables for lunch. Last year's *E. dilatatus* subsp. *magnus* (Easter Bunny Orchid) which provided the unusual spectacle of growing out of a tree fork was only just an immature stem this time. *E. dilatatus* subsp. *multiflorus* and *E. dilatatus* subsp. *magnus* were scattered throughout the nearby bush. Only a day or two ago, the very corrugated Broke Inlet Road had been "rearranged" by a bulldozer blade making driving only more difficult. The granite rock was incredibly dry with the moss crackling underfoot. Only one flower of *E. pulchellus* was found on the northern face whilst two more flowering plants were located at the base of the eastern slope. The Thomas family found a novel use of the corrugated Broke Inlet Road sending tired children to sleep. They were duly rewarded with about 60 *E. dilatatus* subsp. *multiflorus* and *E. dilatatus* subsp. *magnus* flowering plants in a small burn near the end of the road. Onto the very, very dry Fernhook Falls. Only one *Eriochilus helonomos* (Swamp Bunny Orchid) and three *E. dilatatus* subsp. *multiflorus* were found. Several members continued due westwards, whilst others turned due east. On our return to Albany we stopped on the edge of the burn near the Peaceful Bay Road turnoff. Along the old railway embankment, which was not as burnt as the surrounding bush, *E. dilatatus* subsp. *multiflorus* were found in full bloom. The numbers of plants found in each location were very limited indeed, though all expected species were found over the 306km round trip. Stops parallel to the south coast had received more rain than those further inland, thus the decrease in the number of orchids found later in the day.

Anna de Haan

QUEENSLAND REPORT from David James 27-29 March 2010 Girraween National Park, Queensland Orchid Ramble Report

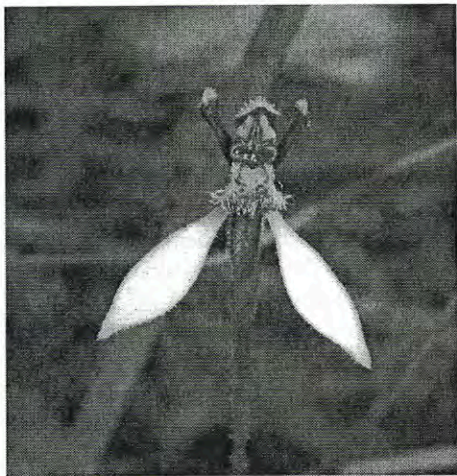
A weekend orchid ramble to Girraween National Park commenced for four of the seven rambles at 6:30 pm on the evening of Friday 26 March 2010 with dinner at a Chinese restaurant in Stanthorpe. The dinner conversation included planning for Saturday morning for the period until the other three rambles were scheduled to arrive at the Dr Roberts Waterhole and Underground Creek car parking at 10:00 am and what was likely to be in flower and where. For the previous four years the orchid rambles to Girraween National Park had been in September, October, November or early December when thirty to fifty-one of the seventy-three species reported by the National Parks and Wildlife to grow in the area could be in flower. Only sixteen species had a possible flowering period in March. Most of these species were considered to be more likely to occur in moist areas. A whiteboard at the amenities block at the Castle Rock camping area often indicates what the rangers know is in flower and where. Therefore the plan for Saturday morning was to leave Stanthorpe around 8:00 am and check this whiteboard and then do an hour recognitor along the track to Dr Roberts Waterhole.

Saturday morning started on a promising note with the ranger's whiteboard indicating 'Look out for flowering ground orchids'. No indication of what or where.

The recognitor also located two different flowering species. These being a couple of flowers of the pink form of *Eriochilus cucullatus* and a couple of inflorescences of *Acianthus exsertus*. The colonies of *Acianthus exsertus* leaves probably numbered in the hundreds but only a couple of plants had open flowers. A handful more plants had inflorescences developing.



Eriochilus cucullatus (Pink)



Eriochilus cucullatus (White)



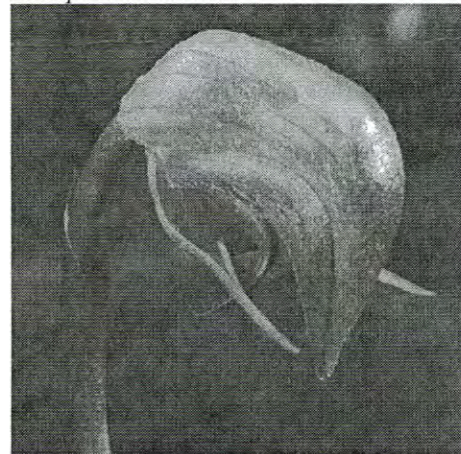
Acianthus exsertus

The group reassembled at 10:00 am at the Dr Roberts Waterhole and Underground Creek car parking to meet the other ramblers and commence the official ramble. From 10:00 am until late lunch at 2:00 pm the area around the Dr Roberts Waterhole and Underground Creek walking tracks was investigated for flowering ground orchids. After lunch the area along Pyramid Road to the north of the Dr Roberts Waterhole and Underground Creek car parking was investigated. Of course the initial part of the ramble was to show the new arrivals the orchids found during the recognizer.

During Saturday fifteen to twenty flowering plants of *Eriochilus cucullatus* in various shades between white and pink were seen together with three flowering plants of *Acianthus exsertus*, one flowering plant of *Genoplesium archeri*, seven to ten plants of a possible *Genoplesium* sp., upwards of thirty to fifty possible *Genoplesium* plants, one flowering plant plus two buds of *Pterostylis nutans* and six to ten flowering plants plus five to ten buds of *Bunochilus vitreus*. *Bunochilus vitreus* is one of the *Pterostylis longifolia* complex. This species has never been described as a *Pterostylis*.



Genoplesium archeri



Pterostylis nutans



Bunochilus vitreus

Editor's Note : To read the rest of this report, you will have to obtain an electronic copy, which has the photos in colour (so you can see the difference between the *eriochilus* species) and has the other photos as well. Space in the hard copy limits what can be included (also hence the 'micro print size')

OTHER REPORTS – Next month will have articles from Margaret Broadhurst (NSW) and Etienne Delanoy (France)

CONSERVATION ISSUES

*** DIGGING UP OF ORCHIDS ***

FROM THE COMMITTEE

'Please help us all in stopping the digging up of plants and fungus. Could members keep a look out and report to DEC then a Committee member any suspicious activities that they see. Please note the time, date, place and also make, colour, registration of any vehicle(s), with photos if possible. The Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 Amended provides for fines of up to \$10,000 and the possibility of seizures.'

FROM LAST MONTH

[Editor's note - Apologies to all members and to Eddy Wajon in particular for an omission in last month's report from the Conservation Officer. Some lines of text were inadvertently omitted. Below is the correct version of the end of Eddy's report.

Roe Highway Stage 8

Forum to discuss Multi Criteria Workshop 19 February 2010

Off-Road Recreation Areas

Letter written to WA Planning Commission regarding provision of authorised off-road recreational area and avoidance of areas with significant orchid populations.

Reply received indicating planning has been occurring for some time and that a Strategy was presented to the relevant Minister (Sport and Recreation) in May 2008. Government established a committee to cost the recommendations but has yet to make a decision.

DEC is conducting its own study into the feasibility of a dedicated trail bike track through lands they manage.

APRIL DEVELOPMENTS - Jandakot Airport

Below is the first part of a letter written by Eddy

The Honorable Peter Garrett
Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts

PO Box 6022 □

Parliament House, CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

JANDAKOT AIRPORT MASTER PLAN 2009 APPROVAL

We note that the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government has recently approved the Master Plan for Jandakot Airport for the expansion of aviation

facilities and that you have approved the proposed clearing of 167 ha including crucial habitat for the Grand Spider Orchid and Carnaby's Cockatoo.

We are dismayed with your approval, despite you claiming that this decision is a fantastic outcome because of the very strict environmental conditions and the provision of an unprecedented 10:1 offset. None of this protects the in-situ habitat which is essential for the ongoing health and survival of the Grand Spider Orchid and Carnaby's Cockatoo.

There is real no provision in the offsets or environmental conditions for additional habitat for the Grand Spider Orchid and Carnaby's Cockatoo. The offsets are not providing suitable habitat nearby for the Grand Spider Orchid. The proposed 1600 ha of offset habitat (which is likely to be in the Wheatbelt or Darling Scarp) is not suitable for the Grand Spider Orchid and not in the place needed by populations of the Carnaby's Cockatoo over-wintering on the Swan Coastal plain. The proposed revegetation of the abandoned sand mines is a very long term project and will not provide habitat for the Carnaby's Cockatoo in less than 20 years, if indeed the revegetation is successful (which is not assured). In any event, it is not planned or required to re-introduce the Grand Spider Orchid into this area, so we will have lost 100 ha of prime Grand Spider Orchid habitat as well as the orchids themselves.

This further protest, together with other actions has now led Jandakot Airport Holdings to action to reaffirm that no member of this group is allowed to make a private entry on to Jandakot Airport bushland. Please ensure that you observe this restriction very carefully from now on.

WANOSCG Branch By-Laws

1. These By-Laws shall be known as Branch By-Laws
2. These By-Laws are adopted by the Management Committee of WANOSCG pursuant to Clause 15(b) of the Constitution.
3. Pursuant to Clause 15(b) of the Constitution the Management Committee has the power to make additional By-Laws and to vary or rescind any or all of these By-Laws.
4. The objects of the Branch shall be those of WANOSCG; in particular to:
 - (a) Assist members to meet and share common interests related to native orchids
 - (b) Arrange field trips; and

- (c) Arrange functions to promote the Objects of WANOSCG in the region.
- 5. The existence and activities of the Branch shall not in any way exclude other members of WANOSCG from being active in that region and the activities of the Branch shall at all times be subject to and for the benefit of WANOSCG and all its members.
- 6. Participation in the Branch shall be open to any member of WANOSCG.
- 7. There shall be no additional membership fees payable for membership of the Branch.
- 8. Subject to the Constitution of WANOSCG and these By-Laws, the proceedings of the Branch shall be administered by a Branch Committee made up of
 - (a) A Branch Convenor;
 - (b) An Assistant Branch Convenor;
 - (c) A Branch Field Trip Co-ordinator; and
 - (d) Such other Branch Committee members as are elected by the Branch from time to time.
- 9. The inaugural Branch Convenor, Assistant Branch Convenor, Branch Field Trip Co-ordinator and other Branch Committee members shall be elected by the Branch at the first meeting of the Branch to be convened following the adoption of these By-Laws and thereafter the Branch Convenor, Assistant Branch Convenor, Branch Field Trip Co-ordinator and other Branch Committee members shall be elected by the Branch at an Annual General Meeting of the Branch to be convened prior to the Annual General Meeting of WANOSCG in each year.
- 10. Meetings of the Branch shall:
 - (a) Be chaired by the Branch Convenor or in the absence of the Branch Convenor by the Assistant Branch Convenor and in the absence of them both by such member as the members present may decide.
 - (b) Be held at such places within the region and at such times as are decided by the Branch from time to time;
 - (c) Be held as often as the members of the Branch determine;
 - (d) Not be held on the same day as any other meeting of WANOSCG; and
 - (e) A Branch meeting shall have a quorum of three members.
- 11. The Branch will have the right to raise funds after approval by the Management Committee for the purposes of the Branch and WANOSCG as a whole but shall do so in such a manner as not to conflict with the

- activities and interests of WANOSCG as a whole.
- 12. All funds raised and held by the Branch shall be controlled by the Branch Convenor and/or Assistant Branch Convenor.
- 13. The Branch Convenor shall ensure that accurate financial records are maintained by the Branch and shall make those records available to a member of the Management Committee of WANOSCG as required by the Management Committee of WANOSCG from time to time.
- 14. Prior to conducting any WANOSCG activity, the Branch shall provide written notice to the following Management Committee members in sufficient time to enable the activity to be approved and subsequently being published in the next WANOSCG Bulletin:
 - (a) Field trips: Field Trip Co-ordinator and Liaison Officer
 - (b) All other activities: Liaison Officer
- 15. The Management Committee of WANOSCG shall have the right to approve or refuse any proposed field trip, function or other activity of the Branch.
- 16. For the avoidance of doubt, no Branch member, including any Branch Committee members shall have the right to make public statements or representations on behalf of the Branch or WANOSCG without the prior approval of the Management Committee of WANOSCG.
- 17. All property of the Branch is at all times the property of WANOSCG.
- 18. Pursuant of Clause 15(b) of the Constitution the Management Committee of WANOSCG has the power to disband the Branch by making the decision to do so and by rescinding these By-Laws.
- 19. In the event that the Branch ceases to be active or is disbanded by the Management Committee of WANOSCG, all property and funds of WANOSCG held by the Branch or its members shall be delivered to the Management Committee of WANOSCG in a timely manner.

These By-Laws were adopted by the Resolution of the Management Committee of WANOSCG on the seventeenth day of March 2010.

	Raffle Roster	SPEAKERS 2010
MAR	Ramon Newmann	Andrew Brown - New Caladenia species
APR		Ramon Newmann – slides from 2009
MAY		Kingsley Dixon
JUNE		Mark Brundrett
JULY		John Ewing – Orchids of South Australia
AUG		
SEPT		
OCT		
NOV		Photo competition and members slides

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FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS

May 30th Corrigin

June 20th Mogumber

July 25&26th Walpole and Denmark

August 14&15th Wongan Hills

August 28&29th Eneabba

September – various around Perth and environs

September 24,25&26th Esperance

October 23&24 Collie and environs