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One of our first flowering orchids for the year is *Praecoxanthus aphyllus*, the Leafless Orchid.

Found between Pinjarra and Albany, this highly fragrant orchid loves sandy soils in Banksia, Sheoak and Jarrah woodlands and flowers from March to May.

This specimen is from Nine Mile Swamp Nature Reserve, Coolup, 7th April 2013.



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 8th May at 7.30 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 17th April at
7.30 pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office

WANOSCG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20th 2012

Meeting held at: BGPA Boardroom, Kings Park.

Meeting opened: 7:45 pm

ATTENDANCE: 35 members present 9
apologies 1 visitor

The meeting was chaired by John Ewing

1. PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Amendments: - None

The Annual General Meeting Minutes as distributed are a true and correct record of the meeting of March 21 2012.

Moved Sarah Atkinson Seconded Margaret Fox
Fox Carried

2. Presidents Report

2013 General Meetings	
March 20 th	August 21 st
April 17 th	September 18 th
May 15 th	October 16 th
June 19 th	November 20 th
July 17 th	

John Ewing read his report and stated that the full report was in the Bulletin.

2.1 Southern Rivers Report

This was read out to the meeting by Jay Steer and accepted by all members present.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Kim Hanson who stated that membership amounts were slightly down on last year.

Moved Phil Hill Seconded Ross Fox that the Treasurer's report be accepted as a true record of the club's finances for the year 2012.

Carried

4. WANOSCG Award 2012

This award was presented to Matz Dahlkamp for all the past work she had done for the club over the last 13 years.

5. ELECTIONS

Christine Lock was nominated as the Returning Officer and no Scrutineer was required for the Committee elections.

	Nomination	Nominator	Seconder	Action
Patron	Steve Hopper	John Ewing	Matz Dahlkamp	Elected
President	Jay Steer	John Ewing	Tom Burbidge	Elected
Vice President 1 Year	Ramon Newmann	Kim Hanson	Donna Wajon	Elected
Vice President 2 Years	Ian McLean	Kevin Uhe	Margaret Petridis	Elected
Secretary	Tom Burbidge	Margaret Fox	Kim Hanson	Elected
Treasurer	Kim Hanson	Ross Fox	Sarah Atkinson	Elected
Field Trip Coordinator	Margaret Petridis	John Ewing	Sarah Atkinson	Elected
Committee Member#1	Russell Thomas			1 Year Left
Committee Member#2	John Ewing	Margaret Petridis	Urszula Kokosinska	Elected
Committee Member#3	Thea Hanson			1 Year Left
Committee Member#4	No nomination			
Registrar	Christine Lock	John Ewing	Noel Hoffman	Elected
Auditor	Phil Bunny	Kim Hanson	Christine Lock	Elected
Supper Coordinator	Urszula Kokosinska	Margaret Petridis	David Hill	Elected
Librarian	Jay Steer	Sarah Atkinson	Bill Burton	Elected
Conservation Officer	John Ewing	Eddy Wajon	Clive Pegler	Elected
Editor	Paul Winthrop	Urszula Kokosinska	Donna Wajon	Elected

Motion: That WANOSCG has a Conservation Officer for 2013.

Moved Eddy Wajon Seconded John Ewing
Carried

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Eddy Wajon asked that a vote of thanks be recorded for all the years that Donna Wajon had done the job of Supper Co-ordinator.

AGM CLOSED: 8:55 pm

NEXT AGM MEETING:

7:30 pm Wednesday March 19th 2014

WANOSCG Award 2012 presentation.

Matz Dahlkamp receiving her award from Jay Steer, the new President, for all the past work she had done for the club over the last 13 years.



SOUTHERN RIVERS BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT 2012

In 2012 a total of 64 club members and five visitors attended eight field trips which were lead by three different trip leaders. Unfortunately, a severe storm meant the extended field trip to Wickepin was cancelled. Hopefully this trip can be offered in 2013.

Locally it was a dry season, however, an increasingly wider range of genus and species were found as members have become more familiar with identifying orchids and their habitats. Field trips further north and east also gave rise to "new" finds making each field trip so much more rewarding. Visits to a large tract of forest over a period of months enabled members to see the vast range of orchids which flower in the one area.

It was noted over the year that more club members attended field trips offered by both branches. Everyone benefited from the interactions which evolved into boisterous discussions about all things orchids.

I wish to thank all club members and visitors for their continued support throughout the year.

Branch Convenor



Eriocholus helenomos – Swamp Bunny Orchid, flowers
April - July

WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting opened: 8.45 PM

CIRCULATION OF REPORTS: Attendance Book and Treasurers Report were circulated to the members

ATTENDANCE: 35 members present 9 apologies 1 visitor

RAFFLE: Kindly donated by Tom Burbidge

1. PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The amended General Meeting Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting of 21 November 2012. Moved: Donna Wajon and Seconded Ross Fox *Carried*

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Ist Aid Training: John Ewing informed the meeting that the dates for the 1st aid Training were 13 and 27 April 2013 at 2:00 pm. It will held at the Fox residence

It will consist of two days of 3 hours each day.

2.2 Pink Tags: John Ewing will purchase 1000 for the club's use.

2.3 Canna: After a submission from Eddy Wajon and John Ewing the application for clearing the land (about 900 hectares) at Canna was withdrawn. This information came from some locals who sent Eddy an email.

3 TREASURER'S REPORT

This was circulated to members at the AGM and showed that income was \$4,404.34 plus the balance came to \$7,204.60 and an expenditure of \$3,039.82 giving a balance at the end of the period of \$4,164.78 With the 3 Term Deposits there is a balance of \$69,700.10. For the period from the 1st Feb 2013 to the 20th March 2013 there was no income or expenditure and therefore the amounts for this period were exactly the same as reported to the AGM.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter CCWA re General Meeting Delay.

Australian Orchid Foundation.

7 Bulletins from other orchid societies

7 Membership Fees enquiries.

Letter from Tom Blinco re reinstating the Honour Roll. See bulletin for details.

Letter from Margaret Collins re Lucid Key.

Letter from Alice Trend re Thanks

WANOSCG for help with Plant Energy

Biology 2013 Calendar.

5 FIELD TRIP REPORT:

The upcoming trips that are planned for the May are looking for the Leafless orchid in the Caves Road and Augusta area as well as what Bunny Orchids and others there are flowering; 25/26 May to look for *Rhizanthella gardeni* on private property as well as the Winter Spider (*Caladenia drummondii*) and *Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. undulatus*. Margaret Petridis will liaise with Andrew Brown re this.

6. CONSERVATION REPORT:

Canna: This is reported at 2.3.

Banjup *Caladenia huegelii* (Grand Spider Orchid) 24 Sept 2012: A report has been submitted to Stockland. There were 24 *Caladenia huegelii* found plus some other significant orchids. These were as follows: *Caladenia falcata* (Green Spider Orchid) *Thelymitra benthamiana* (Leopard Orchid) *Thelymitra campanulata* (Shirt Orchid) *Diuris aff. brumalis*.

A GPS location has been supplied to Stockland and Paul Winthrop created a map of the orchid sites.

Eddy has asked Stockland for a formal map and update and status of the project.

Eddy has not received a current update from Stockland.

Eddy has a fear that Stockland are preparing to clear more land than originally proposed.

Also there is a fear that there will be a loss of *Caladenia huegelii*.

7. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Christine Lock gave us a short talk on the current state of the club's database. This gave us a very good idea of what is on the database and what could be on it. She also showed us what New Zealand have done as a database for their orchids and pointed out that we could do the same if members would give her reports.

8. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Jay told the members that an audit of the library was done last November. There is one outstanding loan by Mark Brundrett, who is using this for his book. There is now a list of publications on the Web Page. Also there are a lot of slides and a lot of bulletins from other Orchid Societies around Australia.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 A vote of thanks was recorded for

Urszula Kokosinska for doing the Editor's job. She recognised that it had been an enjoyable but sometimes challenging task over the past two years to put together the WANOSCG Bulletin.

9.2 Lucid Key: Jay Steer outlined why he felt that WANOSCG should support Margaret Collins request for seed funds to buy a laptop computer and the Lucid Key program (as per the pdf circulated with the March Bulletin). John Ewing reported that Andrew Brown gave his full support to the project and would like to see it go ahead. Eddy Wajon pointed out that he has a club computer which is not utilised but is about 5 years old. Some members at the meeting felt that the old computer may not be suitable for Margaret's needs.

There was discussion as to who would own the copyright to the completed Lucid Key of Western Australian Orchids once Margaret Collins had completed it. At the time of formalising our arrangement with Margaret and any granting body, the issue of WANOSCG's share or otherwise of copyright and access to the completed Lucid Key needs to be agreed upon and a written agreement drawn up.

Matz Dahlkamp suggested that the computer should revert back to WANOSCG when Margaret has finished the project. It was pointed out that the intention was that the computer and software would only revert back to the club if the project did not go ahead.

Jay Steer then proposed the following motion:

That WANOSCG (Inc) provide Margaret Collins seed funds of \$2320 in order that she can purchase a laptop and the software (Lucid and MS office) needed to

start work on constructing a Lucid Key of WA Orchids"

Eddy Wajon then moved the following amendment to the motion:

That WANOSCG (Inc.) provide Margaret Collins with a laptop computer and software (Lucid builder and reader and MS office) up to a value of \$2500 so she can start work on constructing a Lucid Key of WA Orchids. Should the Lucid Key project fail to progress beyond 2013 the computer and software will revert to WANOSCG (Inc)" Seconded John Ewing. Carried

9.3 Rosters: Members were asked to add their names to the two tabled lists.

9.4 Diuris laxiflora: Kevin Uhe mentioned that there has been a revision of the Diuris laxiflora complex and the one in the book named Diuris laxiflora is now not this as David Jones and Chris French have now described four new allied species – *Diuris septentrionalis*, *Diuris segregata*, *Diuris insignis* and *Diuris decremenda*.

10. GROWERS TABLE

Nothing was brought in this month

11. PRESENTATION

Phil Hill gave a short talk on one of the ADORP orchids.

10. RAFFLE DRAW

Drawn by Phil Hill – the winner being Jeanette Wheatley.

MEETING CLOSED: 9:45 pm

NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm Wednesday 17 April 2013.

CLASSIFICATION OF ORCHIDS

In spite of the huge amount of field work and research into type specimens a great deal of confusion still exists in identification of many species within complexes such *Diuris laxiflora*, *Caladenia longicauda*, *Caladenia filamentosa*, *Thelymitra macrophylla* and *Pterostylis nana*. Unfortunately orchid photography, regardless of how good it is, does not always portray subtle variations within closely related species.

In the March 2013 issue of the Australian Orchid Review a paper was submitted by D.L. Jones and C.J. French entitled The Characterisation of *Diuris laxiflora* Lindl. and the description of Four New Allied Species from Western Australia. It is stated in relation to *Diuris laxiflora* “although often considered to be an undescribed taxon, this species matches the type collection of *Diuris laxiflora* which is housed in the Lindley Herbarium at Kew. The species commonly attributed to *Diuris laxiflora* (e.g. Hoffman and Brown 2011) is described as *Diuris decremента* in this paper”. *Diuris decremента* “also has affinities with *Diuris micrantha*” D.L.J ones, with which it can be sympatric, but differs by a much shorter habit and larger flowers” . It is also stated that *Diuris decremента* is “widely distributed in the lower South – west from south of Mandurah to east of Esperance”.

The orchid illustrated as *Diuris laxiflora* (page 482 Hoffman and Brown 2011) was photographed in a winter-wet area along Warrigal Rd, west of York where it is quite common. The location could hardly be described as Lower South West. It grows to some 30 cm in height and while recent research has shown it to be shorter than true *Diuris laxiflora* my observations are that it cannot be confused with *Diuris micrantha*.

Obviously there is need for a thorough re-examination of the orchids of the *Diuris laxiflora* complex in the water catchment area west of York.

Noel Hoffman



A *Diuris* from Qualen Road

DIURIS LAXIFLORA DEFINED

On many occasions during the orchid season I have often wondered about the identity of some of the bee donkey orchids (*Diuris laxiflora*) that I have come across. Many of them have not seemed to conform with the known ones and whilst *Diuris* can vary considerably it has been a source of frustration not knowing which bee donkey I have seen.

Thanks to David Jones and Chris French in a recent article in the Australian Orchid Review the dilemma of identifying some of the *Diuris laxiflora* has been made easier and some species have been officially named.

Their research has discovered that the original *Diuris laxiflora* was a robust form that grew near Perth from Gingin through York and in a broad band to the east of Albany to Esperance. Consequently the type form of *Diuris laxiflora* is a tall robust plant growing to 50cm tall with bigger flowers and prefers swamp margins, drainage lines and winter-wet flats.

The *Diuris laxiflora* outlined in the latest edition of Hoffman and Brown is a smaller orchid and has been named *Diuris decremента*. *Diuris decremента* is smaller than *Diuris laxiflora* and grows from 10 to 30cm with smaller flowers and is found south of Mandurah to the east of Esperance growing white gum flats, moist heath areas margins of winter wet swamps and moss pads on margins of granite domes. It is named after the Latin decrementum meaning diminishing, lessening in reference to the short habit and small flowers.

David Jones and Chris French also took the opportunity to name the following bee donkey orchids which have been recognised in Florabase.

The *Diuris* sp. 'northern' has been named *Diuris septentrionalis* and has a range extension from Regans Ford to inland of Kalbarri. It has been named from the Latin septentrionalis meaning north, northern in reference to its northerly distribution. It grows in winter wet soils which are shallow loam over laterite.

Diuris sp. 'Northampton' now becomes *Diuris segregata* and is found between Eneabba and Kalbarri growing around the margins of ephemeral lakes and winter wet flats. This orchid is named from the Latin segregatus which means set apart, separate in reference to *Diuris septentrionalis* which also grows in the same area.

The *Diuris* sp. 'Muir Highway' now becomes *Diuris insignis* and is found along the Muir Highway between Strahan to the east of Rocky Gully extending north to Tonebridge. It is found in moist grassland verging on swamps. *Diuris insignis* is named after the Latin insignis which is remarkable, notable in reference to its colourful flowers with bold markings.

Hopefully this will enhance our knowledge and recognition of the laxiflora family and further details can be found in the February/March edition of the Australian Orchid Review.

Kevin Uhe



A *Diuris* from near Yarina Springs

PTEROSTYLUS 'RUFA' FIELD TRIP: OCTOBER 2013

This trip will run for 8 days from 5th – 12th October and head north to Wubin then east to Coolgardie, south to Mt Ridley and back to Perth via Lake King and Hyden.

This will be strictly a 4WD only trip and people will need to be self-sufficient with food, water, petrol and camping supplies.

We are aiming to have a maximum of 20 people. If anyone will have room for an extra passenger please notify Margaret Petridas.

Please contact our Field Trip Coordinator Margaret Petridas on [redacted] or [redacted] by the end of July to register your interest for the trip.



MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2013

All members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due. The annual single or family membership fee is **\$30**. Payment can be made in person to the Treasurer or by mail with cheques made out to WANOSCG and sent to: WANOSCG PO BOX 323, VICTORIA PARK, W.A. 6979 Or by electronic transfer to the club's bank account:

BSB: 306044

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Account number: 5492468

If you choose to send money electronically please advise Kim Hanson our Treasurer by e-mail [redacted] that you have done so. Please note that if the fees aren't paid by the end of May you will be a nonfinancial member and will not receive the Bulletin anymore.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please email any Bulletin contributions to Paul Winthrop at wanoscg.newsletter@gmail.com or call on [redacted]. Articles for the next Bulletin need to be submitted by 1st of May 2013

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.*

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2013	ROSTERS		SPEAKERS 2013
	Raffle	Supper	
MAR	Tom Burbidge	John Ewing Urszula Kokosinska	ADORP progress
APRIL	Paul Winthrop	Pam Hill Bill Gaynor	Eric McCrum
MAY	X X	X X	<i>Eriochilus</i> Photos from Members, Ramon demonstrating the "Lightroom" software for digital photograph processing
JUNE	X X	X X	Mark Brundrett
JULY	X X	X X	Snails, Shells & Banded Greenhoods
AUG	X X	X X	Margaret Collins
SEPT	X X	X X	Bill Kosky – Victorian Spider Orchids
OCT	X X	X X	Etienne Delannoy
NOV	X X	X X	Photo competition. Members slides.

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PROPOSED FIELD TRIPS

2013 field trips are being discussed. The time and direction of most of them will be advised in near future. Details of Southern Rivers Branch field trips will be distributed by e-mail as they become available. Our members will continue also on their own Adopt an Orchid projects from last year. If you would like to join ADORP please contact Project Coordinator Kim Hanson [REDACTED]. Please contact our Field Trip Coordinator Margaret Petridis on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] to register for the trip/s and to find out meeting place details.

Date	Place	Targeted species/Notes
4 th - 5 th May	Caves Rd, Augusta	Leafless Orchid, Hare and Bunny orchids
25 th - 26 th May	Corrigin	<i>Rhizanthella gardneri</i> , <i>Caladenia drummondii</i>
22 nd - 23 rd June	Regans Ford	Shell orchids
21 st July	Johnson Rd and Australind	
25 th August	Bulbarnet Reserve	
28 th -30 th September	Bremer Bay	

Please note:

- Field trip leaders are to be appointed for each separate field trip.
- The last person to arrive at meeting point of orchid field trip will write the trip report.