

W.A. NATIVE ORCHID STUDY & CONSERVATION GROUP

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SEPTEMBER

NEWSLETTER

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Treasurer: Mrs C. Brown - [REDACTED]

The September meeting topic was given by Mr Graham Kierath on lifting and potting orchids. This talk came at a good time as members are collecting plants to transfer into the Hollywood Reserve. Graham illustrated the different root systems, with hand drawn diagrams, which gave members a very good idea of what to expect when lifting different species.

His tools of trade were interesting, as they consisted of a bent piece of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " rod flattened at the end to form a scraper to loosen the soil and a small brush to gently shift the loosened soil so as to follow the tuber stem of the Caladenia species. After removal the plant is laid in dampened Spargum moss or wrapped in a dampened cloth.

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A move has been made to have the reserve a Baker's Junction gazetted as an "A" class flora reserve. This reserve has an area of approximately 3,000 acres and contains a wealth of Western Australian flora, which can only be found in the Albany district. Orchids alone, we have recorded 67 species and they have been found flowering from April to December.

Our membership in the Albany district is steadily growing, which is not surprising as they realise that they have this wealth of flora and to have this reserve set aside will protect and conserve this flora for many years.

While on the subject of Albany, I have not been notified of the date for their Wildflower Show. Members are anxious to know as quite a few members intend to visit this show.

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Graham Kierath and Andrew Brown were jointly elected as planting controllers of the Hollywood Reserve, with the power to form a committee to control this reserve. Any member who is interested would they submit their names to Graham.

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Congratulations to Pat and Graham on the arrival of a baby daughter.

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Don Voigt was up from Salmon Gums and attended the September meeting and won the prize for the best slide.

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A Cymbidium plant was donated for our monthly raffle and won by Graham. This raffle is turning out to be a money spinner, so I must plead to members to keep the donations coming along. (anything that is useful).

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The Secretary has a country address book showing the names and addresses of country people and members. Members are urged to contact these people if they are in the district, they could give vital information on remote orchid patches.

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We welcome two new members:  
Mrs Kathleen Maltman  
and Mrs Rose Thompson

Field day - Brookton Highway

This trip is always interesting and each year starts at different places. One noticeable feature this year, relatively dry, is that orchids were not in the same state as last year. Although the hills area was quite wet, the area of Brookton was very dry. Species found on this trip:

- Cal. gemmata ant
- Cal. filamentosa (various colours)
- Cal. pattersonii Kierath
- Diuris longifolia
- Cal. dilatatus
- Lyp. serratus
- Cal. radialis
- Cal. roeii
- Drakea
- Thelymitra (Not in flower)

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The long weekend in October: a trip has been arranged to visit Walpole. Mr Terry Wilson has been scouting this district and has some very interesting places to show all those who make the trip.

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Mr Ian Stewart has made arrangements to have plastic name badges for members made, members can contact him if they are desirous of having one of these, it helps to identify members at meetings and on field trips.