

W.A. NATIVE ORCHID STUDY
AND
CONSERVATION GROUP (INC)

NEWSLETTER

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PATRON: SIR C. NALDER K.B.

President: Mr H.E. Foote
Secretary: M/s Linda Penny
Treasurer: Mrs Dot Lander

February 4th, 1977 was the Annual General Meeting, and the election of officers. Positions filled are as follows:

Patron: Sir C. Nalder K.B.
President: Mr H.E. Foote
Secretary: M/s L Penny
Treasurer: Mrs D. Lander
Vice Presidents: Mr A. Brown
Mrs J. Long
Registrar: Mr R. Brown
Librarian: Mr R. Lander
Asst. Librarian: Miss M Groves
Pot Culture: Mr G. Kierath
Committee: Mr F. Bishop
Mrs F. Hoffman
Mr H. Goodchild
Mr L. Sheppard

Reports for the 1976 year are:

PRESIDENTS REPORT

After two years as a group within the Orchid Society of W.A., the W.A. Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group (Inc) has passed the milestone of its first year as a separate identity. It is an incorporated body. It is affiliated with The Orchid Society of W.A. (inc) and has applied for affiliation with The Australasian Native Orchid Society. The year has been one of advancement and membership now stands at 96.

The committee has met monthly and attended to all the business of the Group. Committee minutes were read at General meetings to keep members informed of the work of the committee. Meetings have been well attended and the talks have been educational and interesting.

Field days have ranged over a wide area from Canning Vale to Albany, including Bakers Junction, The Stirling Ranges, Bunbury, Capel Brockton, Walpole (where *Corybus unguiculatus* was found) and Merredin (where the 'winter spider orchid' *Caladenia drummondii* was seen). The new car stickers make recognition of group cars quite easy and lapel badges were designed to use the Group insignia also.

We exhibited at Expo '76 and at the Royal Show, both exhibits giving the Group good publicity. Owing to the clash of dates with the Royal Show, the Group did not exhibit at the Orchid Society Spring Show. The donation of a projector stand by Vice Pres. Mrs Jean Long proved a useful aid for exhibits as did the cabinet of dried orchid plants loaned by Miss Annette Wilson. A great deal of work went into the Royal Show Exhibit but many helpers made the task of preparation a pleasure - even the moss gathering.

The Registrar, Mr Roy Brown, showed the patterns forming over the map of W.A. from the recording of findings of the various species of orchids in his talk at the July meeting. This reflected the field work of Group members and will prove a valuable quick reference.

The Secretary, Mr Lal Sheppard, has done stirring work in laying the foundations of the Group in recording and keeping in touch with all contacts. It is with regret that we learn that owing to pressure of other duties he has to relinquish the office of Group Secretary and I extend my personal thanks to Lal for a job well done. We are pleased to learn that he will be able to carry on with the monthly newsletter. \$36.00 was donated towards the cost of Nicholls "Orchids of Australia"

I must also thank Mrs Charmaine Brown for carrying out the duties of treasurer this first year to see the Group onto its feet. Having seen that the finances are safely on the right side she informs us that she must relinquish this office.

Many Group members have helped to start the Hollywood Reserve project, but especially there has been a 'solid core' of workers who have given considerable time and effort to make this a going concern. They need all the help available to get this project established. Several scout troupes have given help here.

The Christmas meeting was a pleasant climax to our first year and I must thank Mr & Mrs Roy Brown for their help.

I thank the officers and the committee for their untiring work and support and especially thank all Group Members for their support and friendship throughout the yearHerb Foote.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen with pleasure I present the Treasurer's report for the year 1976.

The credit stands at \$162.66 which gives a good start for the 1977 season. During the year a raffle was inaugurated and this has provided a good source of income.

Car Stickers. Fifty have been sold which covers the cost and the balance when sold will be extra in the Group's funds.

Nicholls Book was bought for the library at a cost of \$50.00 and donations from members amounted to \$36.00 and I take this opportunity to thank members for their response.

The mounted prints and orchid books have been selling steadily. The money was outlaid in 1976, so therefore it is stock on hand.

I would like to apologise for not being able to attend regularly at meetings and also thank members for their co-operation and wish the new treasurer every successC. Brown

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am very pleased to be able to present to you this, the Third Annual Registrar's report.

During the past 12 months many very successful Field Days were held, and from the data gathered from the Field sheets, I was able to continue recording the habitat and flowering times of the different genera and species of native orchids. I would like to thank those members who took the time to record their findings, as several new species not previously recorded by the group were found this season.

The following native orchids have been recorded in the Register.

Acianthus	3	Eriochilus	2
Caladenia	43	Gastrodia	1
Caleana	1	Leporella	1
Calochilus	1	Lyperanthus	3
Corybas	2	Microtis	4
Cryptostylis	1	Monadenia	1
Cymbidium	1	Prasophyllum	11
Diuris	6	Pterostylis	13
Drakaea	2	Spiculaea	1
Elythranthera	2	Thelymitra	14
Epiblema	1		

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Of the 25 genera of native orchids listed in Nuytsia, the Group have recorded finding 21, and of the 165 species, 114 have been found and recorded.

The February meetings topic, slides were shown and these showed scenes of places visited and some very unusual orchids. These were natural hybrids and show the variations that are in the natural bush. A set of slides taken by Mr Foote showed the positions of the labellum of the Flying duck (*Calceana nigricans*) when triggered to trap an insect, as this is the means of pollination.

Fees are now due for the 1977 year plus \$2.00 mailing fee for the newsletter if you wish it to be posted.

The topic for the March meeting:

<i>Caladenia aphylla</i>	<i>Pterostylus sargentii</i>
<i>Pterostylus vittata</i>	<i>Eriochilus dilatatus</i>
<i>Leporella fimbriata</i>	<i>Eriochilus scaber</i>