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

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The December meeting was our usual Christmas get-together with a short meeting, and a very relaxing evening in delightful surroundings and we must again thank Roy and Meg Brown for allowing us to enjoy a delightful evening.

The Group have been involved in negotiations, which it started some time ago, to have an area at Bakers Junction declared an "A" Class Reserve. Representation was made to the Government and supported by the Albany Wildflower Society. In this reserve, the Main Roads Department and the Albany Shire required small areas. These areas were away from the main Flora habitats, and did not interfere with the unique wildflowers that grow in the area.

At the December Meeting Mr. Alex George made the announcement that the Bakers Junction area has been made an "A" Class Reserve and it gives the Group great satisfaction as this is their first big success in conservation.

That one is a success story and we are about to go into another venture and we hope to have results in this one, too.

There is a move afoot to fence in the area where <u>Caladenia cristata</u> occurs. We feel that this is important as this is so far the only area in which <u>C. cristata</u> has been sighted in forty years and feel it should be protected.

An approach is going to be made to the Orchid Foundation and the Government. This area is on private property, but the owner has given permission to have it fenced.

Hollywood Reserve is at a standstill at present owing to the hot weather, but the Nedlands Shire Council have had a gang of men working on the outskirts of the reserve. This is particularly good as it will reduce the Veldt grass seed from blowing on to the reserve.

We received another \$25 from the Horticultural Society for prize money for our stand at the Royal Agricultural Show, bringing the total to \$75 in all.

Another new member has joined and we welcome him into our midst.

Mr. Stewart Hopwood of

February is our Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers for 1978. Also fees fall due.

It was decided by the Committee to include the mailing fee in the dues so that every member or family members receive a bulletin. This is to be upgraded by an editing committee.

The fees for 1978 will be :

\$4.00 A Single

\$5.00 A Double

\$3.00 A Single - Country

\$3.50 A Double - Country

There is also a fee for juniors in a family group.