



BULLETIN
of the
**Western Australian Native Orchid
Study and Conservation Group (Inc.)**

April 1987

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THE WEST AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID STUDY & CONSERVATION GROUP

OBJECTS 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 natural environment.
- c. To learn their habitats and keep records.
- d. To have field days and learn to recognise the different genera and species.
- e. To hold meetings for the exchanging of knowledge and furthering of interest in Western Australian 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 other lawful things as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

15th April 7.00pm
Kings Park Administration Building.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

15 April 8.00pm
Kings Park Administration Building.

Guest Speaker....Jeff Harrison will present a talk on "Tropical Terrestrial and Epiphytic Orchids of Queensland". Jeff is visiting Perth from Townsville and has agreed to share with us his interest in growing and studying the orchids of Queensland. This exciting and colourful talk should not be missed.

FIELD TRIP

Sunday 3 May - Brookton/Corrigin.

PLEASE NOTE - the trip is on the 3rd not the 2nd May.

Intrepid orchidologists to Meet in Brookton at the Roadhouse on the Perth side of the railway line, on the Brookton Highway. Time of meeting to be 10.30am on Sunday 3rd May.

The first trip of the year is to see *Prasophyllum nigricans*. The distribution of the orchid extends from Corrigin through the eastern wheatbelt and out across the coastal Nullabor Plain to Eucla. The closest location for this small *Prasophyllum* is west of Corrigin and it is this area that the group will visit.

Included in the trip will be a chance to see and photograph *Caladenia drummondii* the Winter Spider Orchid and *Eriochilus dilatatus* the White Bunny Orchid.

COPY FOR OUR BULLETIN

We need more contributions to our Bulletin. Deadline for all copy is the 1st of the month and all copy should be either typed or written carefully with double spacing.

Reports on field trips are always welcome and if members who are willing to share their local knowledge could contribute a sort of "field trip report in advance" other members planning holidays or trips would find the information useful.

Last year we received a good selection of contributions and the groups Bulletin was a great success.

We look forward to a full Bulletin in 1987.

FIELD TRIPS FOR 1987

May 2nd	Corrigin area	<i>Prasophyllum nigricans</i> . <i>Caladenia drummondii</i> .
June 27th	Bunbury area	<i>Pterostylis rogersii</i> . <i>Pterostylis angusta</i> .
Sep 5, 6th	Mt Jackson area	
Sep 19th	Pithara area	<i>Caladenia cristata</i> .
Sep 26,27,28th Long weekend	Busselton/Augusta area	
Oct 17,18th	Walpole	Search the summer burn.
Nov 21, 22nd	Cosy Corner	<i>Caladenia</i> ?

TERESTRIAL CULTURE FOR APRIL

This month sees the first blooming of the new season. *Prasophyllum nigricans* will have been in bloom since late March and should continue through to early May. Early flowering *Leporella fimbriata* will be around especially in 'banana-treated' pot cultured plants.

For the remainder of the collection, watering should have commenced. This precedes the break of the season but promotes better growth and earlier flowering which for late flowering species means a slightly longer flowering period.

All potting should be well and truly completed but a few last minute pots can be attended too. However very great care will be needed to ensure that developing underground shoots and roots are not damaged. If you are anticipating repotting plants and haven't done so, now is the time before root systems become too well developed. I recently potted a fully leafed-up *Pterostylis nutans* and the plants have responded well. However the rule should be always repot when plants are dormant (mid-late summer).

Watch Points:

1. Don't let those few hot days of April scorch premature leaves.
2. Slugs and snails are active now - bait and inspect your collection regularly.
3. Keep plants moist if watering has commenced.
4. A $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ strength soluble fertilizer application to more vigorous genera (*Pterostylis*, *Diuris*, *Cryptostylis* some *Caladenia*) can be of benefit. Once every month is sufficient and DON'T be tempted to overdo.
5. As the days get shorter don't be afraid to start reducing shade especially by May. *Caladenias* flower a lot better with more intense colour (especially *C. huegelii* group) in full winter sun.

As this is a continuing series of cultural notes we want contributions from a member each month on their success with a particular genus. Please help others to succeed where you have - a phone call or a few lines to the President or Editor will go a long way.

Good growing!!

KINGSLEY DIXON

W.A. NATIVE ORCHID STUDY & CONSERVATION GROUP (INC)Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year
ended 31 January 1987

	<u>1986/7</u>	<u>1985/6</u>
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Bank Interest	102	52
Donations	57	25
Fees	938	793
Field Trips	70	101
Profit on sale of books, cards & badges etc	949	462
Profit on raffles	155	157
Suppers	<u>59</u>	<u>65</u>
	<u>2330</u>	<u>1655</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Affiliation fees	20	20
Bulletin costs	404	623
General, stationery, petty cash etc	110	178
Postage on books	19	-
Presentations	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>559</u>	<u>833</u>
EXCESS (Income over expenditure)	<u>1771</u>	<u>822</u>
<u>Balance Sheet at 31 January 1987</u>		
Members Funds		
Balance at 1 February 1986	1751	929
Add: excess income	<u>1771</u>	<u>822</u>
Balance at 31 January 1987	<u><u>3522</u></u>	<u><u>1751</u></u>
Assets		
Cash at Bank	1939	1786
Debtors	141	21
Stock of publication etc	<u>1777</u>	<u>192</u>
	<u>3857</u>	<u>1999</u>
Liabilities		
Fees paid in advance	230	110
Sundry Creditors	<u>105</u>	<u>138</u>
	<u>335</u>	<u>248</u>
	<u><u>3522</u></u>	<u><u>1751</u></u>

Raffle Roster 1987.
March.. Noel Clarke
April.. Beryl Yates
May.. Ken Jones
June.. Lionel Johnston
July.. Peter Brown
Aug.. Val Preston
Sept.. Wayne Merrit
Oct.. Bevan Buirchell
Nov.. Harry Lodge

Supper Roster 1987.
March.. Joni Eaton
April.. Alison Harrington
May.. Noel Clarke
June.. Bill Bunton & Sarah Atkinson
July.. J.K.St. Jack
Aug... Ray Stapledon
Sept.. Joan Gibbings
Oct.. Kingsley Dixon
Nov.. Jo Lodge

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR GENERAL MEETING OF
MEMBERS 20 MAY 1987.

In accordance with the approval given by
the Deputy Commissioner for Corporate
Affairs I hereby move that the name of
the group be changed to read WESTERN
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID STUDY & CONSERVATION
GROUP (INC).

L K JOHNSTON

S VAN LEEUWEN
Hon Secretary.



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WHERE WILL YOU BE?

NOTHING PLANNED?

Then come to Bunbury on the long weekend in September, you won't be sorry. Our Orchid Spectacular includes prize money of \$500. for Grand Champion Orchid and \$200. for Reserve Grand Champion.

SHOW AND CONFERENCE VENUE

This magnificent display will be staged at the Lighthouse Inn overlooking some of the beautiful beaches surrounding Bunbury. Accommodation is available with dinning facilities and ample parking area. Book now to avoid disappointment.

DATES

25, 26, 27 September. This is a long weekend which will allow visitors travelling long distances to attend.

PROGRAMME

Friday 25 - Plants will be received Friday afternoon. A cocktail party will be enjoyed by registrants after judging Friday evening.

Saturday 26 - The show will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday. Interesting papers presented on these two days (Saturday and Sunday) will prove most beneficial to all orchid growers. Guest speakers attending are;

Mr Harry Lodge. W.A.
Mr Alvin Bryant. N.S.W.
Dr Kingsley Dixon. V.A.
Mr Bill Johnson. Vic.
Mr Mark Wheatley. W.A.
formerly of England.

Another speaker from the Eastern States will be included in later bulletins.

The opportunity to hear these important guests speak and maybe ask some questions does not come our way often enough. Take advantage and don't miss out this time.

An optional dinner held in conjunction with trophy presentations on Saturday evening will be a time to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Sunday 27 - After listening to our guest speakers the show, from which we shall all benefit in many different ways, will draw to a close at 5pm.

Registration forms available shortly.

Supper Roster..
April.. Alisson Harrington
May.. Noel Clarke

Raffle Roster..
April.. Beryl Yates
May.. Ken Jones

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