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STUDY AND CONSERVATION GROUP
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THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID STUDY & CONSERVATION GROUP

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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 environments.
- c. To learn their habitats 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 Western Australian orchids.
- f. To affiliate with kindred organisations.
- 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 objectives.

NOTE: The opinions expressed by contributors to this bulletin are not specifically endorsed by the group.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 20th June, 1990 at 7.00 pm at the Kings Park Board Administration Centre.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 20th June, 1990 at 8.00pm at the Kings Park Board Administration Centre.

Bill Jackson will talk about orchids in the Walpole area.

BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are needed for every edition of the Bulletin. Articles should be sent to Marie French,

The article submission deadline for the next issue of the Bulletin is 5th July 1990.

FIELD TRIPS

NEXT FIELD TRIP June 24th (Sunday) Australind/Bunbury area for Pterostylis rogersii and P. angusta. Meet at the Australind Service Station opposite the Australind Shopping Centre at 10.00am.

Saturday August 18th Day trip to the Bindoon area, for early flowering orchids. Meet at the Bindoon Tavern at 10.00 am.

Sunday August 19th AUSTRALIND - for Corybas, Thelymitra variegata and maybe T. spiralis. Meet at 9.00 am at the Australind Garage.

September 1/2/3 MT. JACKSON There are lots of interested members but NO TRIP LEADER. Anyone with any knowledge of the area, and maps, plus the time to spare, please contact the Field Trip Coordinator ASAP.

September 8/9 MARCHAGEE area. Private property. An indication of interest please before any further planning preferably before the end of June.

Please note: Anyone wishing to attend a trip, please contact the Trip Leader or Coordinator so that we know who to wait for, and so we can leave promptly, 10 minutes after the meeting time.

Ian Greeve

FIELD TRIP REPORT

A reasonable turnout of members and guests was good to see at our first group outing for the year. After a couple of rainy days, the weather decided to clear up and provided a very pleasant day for orchid photography.

We all met at 10.00 am at the Roelands Service Station before Ian Greeve led out the convoy. Our first stop was about 10km east of Collie for a quick look around. Here we found Pterostylis recurva, Lyperanthus nigricans and diuris leaves as well as a few Eriochilus dilatatus flowers. Just as we were about to leave someone found a nice little colony of Leporella fimbriata flowering within a metre of our cars (typical).

From here we drove back about one kilometre towards Collie, to the site Ian originally had in mind. This site consisted of allocasuarina and eucalypts over a mixed shrubland on white sandy soil. Here we found several Caladenia aphylla, a few Eriochilus dilatatus and a very large colony of Leporella fimbriata flowering. Prasophyllum parvifolium and Pterostylis vittata were found in bud, and leaves were found for the following:- Thelymitra sp., Pterostylis pyramidalis, P.recurva, P.nana, Diuris sp., Drakea glyptodon, Lyperanthus nigricans and Caladenia longicauda.

From here we moved on to a recreation area near Collie for lunch. This was an old coalmine that had been flooded to form a lake. Although no orchids were to be found there, one of the group satisfied any botanical desires we may have had over lunch by finding a fossil leaf imprint in a piece of coal.

After lunch we looked at the allocasuarina thicket next to the town cemetery. We found most of the orchids already mentioned and also a few Leporella fimbriata plants with three flowers.

At this stage Chris and I left the group and the others went on to look over Goodale Reserve near Pinjarra. There they found Caladenia aphylla in some numbers and also most of the orchids we had seen earlier..

Derek Mead-Hunter

TUBER BANK SUBCOMMITTEE

The tuber bank subcommittee is in the process of forming and will meet for the first time on Sunday 10th June.

At this stage, the subcommittee is composed of the following members:

Bill Burton
Peter Gee
Juliet Reynolds
Matthew Tiong

Immediate goals of the subcommittee are to formulate a tuber bank management policy and catalogue the available stocks of tubers.

The subcommittee requests members to consider the following points:

1. Information on tubers held on behalf of the club which came from WANOSCG rescue digs. We would like to know this information so that a register of species and quantities can be kept.
2. Information on tubers which are expected to be surplus to the individual's personal requirements (e.g. through propagation) at the end of the current growing season.
3. Members interested in being foster parents to tubers on behalf of the club.

Please contact Bill [REDACTED], or Peter [REDACTED] if you have any information, thoughts or queries which may be of benefit to the subcommittee.

Peter Gee

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

W.A.N.O.S.C.G. GENERAL MEETING
16th May, 1990

PRESENT and APOLOGIES as per the Attendance Book.

MINUTES

- 1 The minutes of 16th May 1990 were read by the Secretary.
- 1 Moved MERRITT/EATON "That the minutes be accepted as read."
- 2 The minutes of the General Meetings of WANOSCG will in future be printed in the Bulletin, so that they may be read prior to the next meeting and so save some time.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- 3 Letter to be sent to Kings Park Board about this year's Wildflower Show.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inward

- 4 As tabled.

Outward

- 5 Nil.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6 As tabled.
- 7 Still some Orchids of Western Australia available,, also Orchid Growing, stickers, and Pat Dundas' cards. Club badges are available at \$6.50 each.
- 8 Moved FRENCH/STAPLETON "That the Treasurer's Report be accepted".

CARRIED

MEMBERSHIPS

- 9 Patricia Shelley of Australind and Lionel Page applied to be, and were accepted as members.

CONSERVATION

- 10 At the University of WA on the 21st of June from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm will be held a training session on campaigning and environmental law. Attendance will cost approximately \$20.00.
- 11 There will be an ACF lecture programme by Bob Pierce on June 13th at UWA, starting at 7.30 pm.
- 12 The Canning Shire Council is involved in court proceedings against the Minister for Lands over re-zoning of land against the Shire's decision. WANOSCG supports the Council because of its interest in preserving the site of the rare and endangered Diuris purdiei.

FIELD TRIPS

- 13 Chris French will lead the Bunbury trip on 24th June. More details next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 14 Wayne Merritt gave some very useful advice on orchid growing.
- 15 Ron Heberle gave a very interesting slide show and talk.
- 16 A question was raised as to the possible benefit of altering meeting commencement times. This was deferred for discussion at the next meeting.
- 17 The raffle was supplied by M. George and J. Rogers and the supper by Mrs A. Harrington.
- 18 Next meeting is to be held on 20th June.
- 19 Meeting closed 10.30 pm.

CONSERVATION

Conservation Lecture

The New Minister for the Environment, Bob Pearce will speak on "The Living City" at 7.30 pm on Monday 18th June at the Social Sciences Lecture Theatre, University of WA.

This is an ideal opportunity to question the Minister on the protection of rare and endangered orchids, (especially Diuris purdiei) which are in imminent danger from the expansion of the metropolitan area.

Remember: the protection of these plants and their habitats is dependent on public pressure, as CALM is limited by lack of money from protecting habitats and most politicians and developers prefer dollars to orchids.

INTERESTED IN CONSERVATION?

The training session described below will be run by the Conservation Council of W.A. It may help you to protect those plants, animals and bush areas special to you. This is of specific interest to people wishing to protect Diuris purdiei or other rare plants found in and around the metropolitan area.

HOW TO USE THE LAW TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Over the last 12 months the conservation movement has been using the courts effectively to obtain justice on major issues. We have had some valuable successes in the Supreme Court and in the Mining Wardens Court. The recent Helena Valley decision was a landmark for the conservation movement as it established our standing in the courts and resulted in a win against a powerful government agency which had illegally re-zoned rural land for housing.

There are many such issues around at present and it is possible that the courts have a major role to play in ensuring that the law is obeyed by all proponents. For this reason we will devote this year's training session to a discussion of "How To Use The Law To Protect The Environment".

Expert speakers will address areas such as planning law, environmental law, wildlife conservation, mining law and the role of the ombudsman. There will be ample opportunity for discussion of the procedures. We hope that the proceedings will become part of a legal handbook the Council is planning to produce.

The training session will be held on Saturday 21 July 1990 at Lotteries House, 79 Stirling St, Perth WA 6000. For further information or to register for the session contact Rachel Siewert on [REDACTED].

The charge will be \$20 waged and \$10 unwaged to cover the costs of food and organisation etc.

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June A. Evans
July J. Eaton

RAFFLE ROSTER

June B. Yates
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Forthcoming Field Trips

24th June AUSTRALIND/BUNBURY