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STUDY AND CONSERVATION GROUP
(INC)

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OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

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- 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 recognise 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.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING -
Wednesday, 21 August 1996 at 7.00 p.m.,
Kings Park Administration Centre.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING-
Wednesday, 21 August 1996 at 8.00 p.m.,
Kings Park Research Laboratory. (NOTE

CHANGE)



EDITOR'S RAVE

It may seem that the bulletin is a little sparse this month, and that is due to the fact that I, yet again, have had NO contributions from our members. This is your bulletin and will only survive if you can contribute to it, otherwise it becomes a bulletin board for meeting dates and field trips. Only the members contributions can make this bulletin work. I'm sorry if this sounds heavy handed, but I do not have the time to chase up articles for the bulletin, I rely on them being sent to me.

John Haynes

BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS



Contributions are needed for every edition of the Bulletin. Articles should be sent to John Haynes [redacted]

The article submission deadline for the next issue of the Bulletin is 1 September, 1996.

Please send in anything remotely newsworthy which relates to our group, to our members (ie, birthdays, special occasions, pen portraits, etc), grower's tips, rescue digs, field trip reports, native orchids and conservation activities. Anything (almost!) will be published, provided it is of interest to our group.

1996 FIELD TRIPS

The field trips for 1996 have been announced!! and here they are;

Weekend, 24-25 August, Walpole Area for *Thelymitra spiralis*. Meet at the Backpackers at the Eastern end of town at 11.00 am

Weekend 31 August, 1 September, Chiddarcooping Reserve Camping trip. Meet at Corner of Warrachuppin North and Morrison Rd at 11.00 am. Trip leader: Noel

Clarke, Please phone Noel on [redacted] before the 20th of August if you intend to go.

8 September, Wandi + Kings Park burn areas, Meet at Corner of Warton Rd and Forrest Rd 10.00 am

15 September, Secret Harbour, burn areas. Meet at Corner of Fremantle and Anstey Rd Secret Harbour 10.00 am

28,29,30 September, Stirling Ranges?

Weekend 5-6 October for *Pterostylis rufa* Location to be announced.

John Arends



ANNUAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE!!

1996 Membership fees are now due! If you, have a red dot on your bulletin, you have not paid your membership, you are now an unfinancial member and cannot speak or vote at meetings! The group membership fees are as follows:

Single Membership	\$20.00 pa
Family Membership	\$20.00 pa
Junior Membership	\$ 2.00 pa

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

August 21.. General Meeting
September 18.. General Meeting
October 16.. General Meeting
November 20.. General Meeting

Supper Cost

Each month, our Supper is generously donated by group members (per the list on the back of the Bulletin), while the group supplies the tea, coffee, sugar and milk.

To recoup some of the cost of these supplies, a modest fee of 30 cents applies. This can be left on the supper table and will be collected by the Treasurer at the end of the evening. Also, please rinse out your tea and coffee cups when you have finished with them.

CHANGE OF VENUE

The grinding wheels of bureaucracy have done it again!! The Administration Center has been double booked and we have had to find a new venue for our meeting next month!! The August meeting will therefore be held in the Kings Park Research Laboratory (Not too far away from our usual meeting place, see map) at 8.00pm

MUD MAP FOR NEW MEETING PLACE

SNIPPETS FROM THE NET - ADELAIDE CONFERENCE

FIELD TRIPS - WE WANT TO SHOW YOU SOME OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S NATIVE ORCHIDS

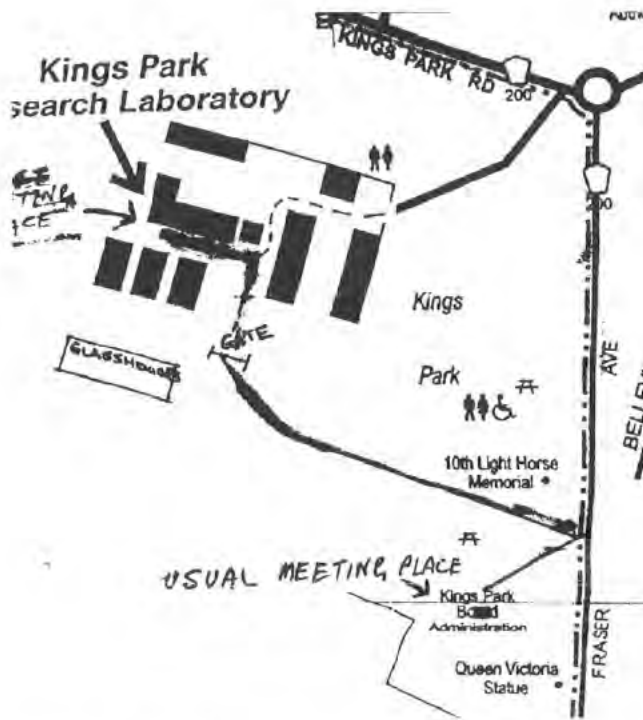
September is the best month to see native orchids in the bush near Adelaide. Some 100 species of terrestrial orchids occur in the Adelaide Hills area (*Caleana major* is one example), making it one of the richest orchid areas in Australia. Local experts on South Australia's native orchids have offered their services as field excursion guides. Two formal excursions are being organised and many very exciting terrestrial orchid species will be seen. Additional informal outings, both before and after the Conference, are also being arranged.

WARRAWONG SANCTUARY EVENING TOUR In 1969, Dr Warmsley bought Warrawong as a 25 acre dairy farm, devoid of any vegetation. By 1980 over 50 000 native plants had been established. In 1882 Dr Wamsley designed and build a vermin proof fence around the sanctuary. By 1985, brush tailed bettongs, eastern bettongs, rufus bettongs, long nosed potoroos, tammer wallabies and red necked wallabies had been reintroduced and were thriving in the natural and protected setting provided by the sanctuary. In 1988 platypus and southern short nosed bandicoots were introduced. Since 1991, Warrawong has purchased an adjacent 34 acres. The area has been replanted with 10 000 indigenous plants. A platypus dam and three observatories have been built to allow research into platypus behavior. Evening tours allow visitors to see and photograph the mammals listed above as well as kangaroos, possums, quolls, pademelons and hydromys, in a wild environment, free of cages.

BAROSSA VALLEY POST CONFERENCE TOUR

The picturesque Barossa is one of Australia's best known destinations. Its strong wine heritage (some 40 wineries), beguiling Germanic culture, natural beauty and hospitality provide the ingredients for a perfect day. It is Australia's most awarded wine region with wineries receiving numerous gold medals at major domestic and international competitions. A post conference bus tour of the region complete with a barbecue lunch will be organised for delegates and families.

The Australasian Native Orchid Society encourages all orchid enthusiasts to attend the Conference and Show, to be held at the Flinders University in Adelaide, South Australia, from 26 to 30 September 1996. In addition to an exciting technical program, the Third Australasian Native Orchid Conference and Show promises lots of fun through its social activities (we hope everyone will know everyone by the end of the Conference), and there is so much to see and do in South Australia and nearby States.

**FIELD TRIP REPORTS**

Please don't forget to send in reports of all your orchid hunting field trips. We want to hear all about the trips that group members are making, not just the official field trips. The reports are a very useful tool for other members to use to plan future field trips and for you to report on your discoveries.

Field Trip reports don't have to be long and witty, so don't feel daunted. A brief description of locations visited and orchids found is all that you need to supply. Of course, long entertaining stories will also be reproduced.

**1996 WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL
20-30 SEPTEMBER ORCHID DISPLAY**

What an opportunity we have this year to display the grandeur of the most exciting part of Western Australia's flora to the thousands of people visiting the Wildflower Festival.

Once again we need your help to create a display at the festival which will have people queuing up to gaze upon the range of colours and forms of some of the worlds most advanced plants.

If you feel you have some potted orchids which will be in flower at the time of the display it would be great if you could get in touch with me, (Andrew Batty), at Kings Park, Ph: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] or let me know at the next meeting.

Andrew Batty

What orchids will be in flower in September? Several species of *Caladenia* (Spider Orchids), *Diuris* (Donkey Orchids), *Thelymitra* (Sun Orchids), and *Pterostylis* (Greenhood Orchids) should all be seen. *Chalochilus robertsonii* (Old Man Beard), *Glossodia major* (Wax Lip Orchid), *Microtis sp.* (Onion Orchid) and *Prasophyllum sp.* (Leek Orchids) should also be seen.

Australian orchids have evolved extraordinary mechanisms of deceit and entrapment to effect natural pollination and we would like to point out some of these to you in the field. We also want to show you some of our Sun Orchids; -the colours are spectacular with many colours represented. Many are beautiful shades of blue, - uncommon in the orchid world.

No! South Australia does not have any epiphytic orchids. Our summers, in particular the months of January and February, are too hot and too dry for their survival. There will, however, be a spectacular showing of Australia's epiphytic orchids at the Conference and Show.

ORCHID TEE-SHIRT LOGOS

We have some prices to get the Clubs logo printed on a tee-shirt or sweater, if any member is interested, see Don Manners or a Committee member.

Cost of tee-shirt and printing, with single colour screening on Aussie made tee-shirt, all sizes, print front or back, one only:-

Made in China tee-shirts	\$12.00
Windcheaters	\$10.00
Supply of own tee-shirt, single print only	\$17.50
	\$ 2.00

Cost of club supplying own art work and making a screen to last ~1000 prints which then becomes club property \$18.00

All these costs are based on single printing, however multiple printings would enable the supplier to be able to keep costs down.

Don Manners

MINUTES OF W.A.N.O.S.C.G. GENERAL MEETING - 17 July 1996.

VENUE: Kings Park Board Administration Centre.

PRESENT: As per attendance book.

VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS: Nil

MINUTES: It was moved Burton/Wilton "that minutes of General Meeting of 19th June 1996, be accepted."

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: As per correspondence list. Meeting venue change for August 21st. Meeting to be held in laboratory lecture room

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurers Report was circulated.

FIELD TRIPS: List in bulletin

Tentative field trip in September to Ostrich Farm. Owner travelling, so no definite date yet

Noel Clarke reported seeing *Cyanicula deformis* and *Caladenia varians* subsp *drumalis* 1 1/2 kms north of the Murchison River.

Ian Greeve spoke of a return trip by the WA Naturalists Club to Waymbyn Reserve. *Pterostylis sanguinea* (red and green) *P. sargentii*, and *P. dilatatus* were found.

PLANT TABLE: Don Manners and Bill Burton listed plants, and members named the orchids they bought in.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Don Manners, Chris French, Wayne Merritt want copies of 'Orchids of Victoria' if available.

John Haynes presented a report concerning the threat to *Calanthe triplicata* and rare and endangered orchids in respect to the proposed tip site for the Southern Landfill Facility in a rainforest area of NSW.

Moved Merritt/Greeve 'that a letter be sent expressing our concern at the proposed development of a new landfill facility at the Red Head and Cedar Road sites.'

Carried

Our guest speaker was Ron Heberle, who gave us a very informative talk, with many beautiful slides, of *Caladenias* and their variants.

The raffle was provided by F K Ward and was won by Ross Wilton, and supper was provided by Joni Eaton.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.

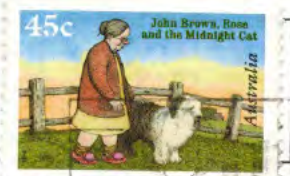
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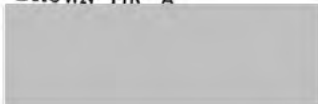
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John Brown, Hero and the Midnight Cat

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Forthcoming Field Trips

24/25 August Walpole

31 August/1 September Chiddarcooping

8 September Wandi/Kings Park