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BULLETIN

OF THE

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STUDY AND CONSERVATION GROUP
(INC)

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OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

- To promote interest in and preserve Western Australian indigenous orchids.
- To learn the best means of cultivation and do all things possible for the conservation of native orchids in their environment.
- To learn their habitats and keep records.
- To have field days and learn to recognise the different genera and species.
- To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of interest in Western Australian orchids.
- To affiliate with kindred organisations.
- To make rules of the Group's domestic affairs.
- 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 this group,

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 15 July 98 at 7.00 p.m.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 15 July 98 at 8.00 p.m.

MEETING VENUE CHANGE

Please note that we are back to the normal venue of the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Centre.

GUEST SPEAKER

Members slide night. There should be lots of *Rhizanthella gardneri* & *T. apiculata*.

ANNUAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Groups financial year commences on 1 February, so all membership fees are now due. The Group membership fees are as follows:
Single Membership \$20.00 pa.
Family Membership \$20.00 pa.
The digit after your name on the address label is the year for which you are financial and is updated to the last meeting. If you have paid since then please make the allowance.

RED DOT ON YOUR BULLETIN

Do you have a red dot on your Bulletin? This means you are now an unfinancial member and as such you cannot vote at meetings. If you have paid since the last meeting please ignore the red dot.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

July 15	General Meeting
July 25	Field trip Perth Hills
August 9	Field trip Wongan Hills
August 19	General Meeting
September 5/6	Field trip Watheroo
September 16	General Meeting
Sep 26/27/28	Field trip Jerramungup
October 3/4	Field trip Boyup Brook
October 21	General Meeting
November 18	General Meeting
December 5	Xmas party.

BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are needed for every edition of the Bulletin. Articles should be sent to Noel Clarke [redacted] The article submission deadline for the next issue is 1 August 1998.

SUPPER COST

Each month our supper is generously donated by group members (per 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 50 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 cups when you have finished with them.

NAME BADGES

Group name badges can be ordered from the Treasurer. The cost is \$8.50 each.

ORCHID TALK

Have a computer? Connected to the Internet? Want to talk orchids? Give your Editor your E-mail address for publication.

Members connected to the Internet are: -

FIELD TRIPS

July 25th Saturday to Canning Dam, Lesmurdie & Zigzag.

Meet at the corner of Canning Dam Rd & Albany Hwy at 12.30 pm.

August 9th Sunday to Wongan Hills.

Meet in Wongan Hills at the information area (old Railway Station) at 10 am.

Please contact Stuart Harris if you are attending, phone [redacted]

Please ensure you have sufficient fuel to get you through the field trips.

ORCHID NAME CONFUSION

Eva and Ron Smith befriended a German orchid enthusiast couple during their recent visit to Australia. In a subsequent letter Eva & Robert Breiner comment, "The correct determination of the spider orchids is very difficult because in three books Jones, Woolcock and Hoffman/Brown there are the same plants with different names. A list of synonyms I couldn't find till now. The Australian Orchid Research is very good but the species I want are not in Vol. 2. Exists Vol. 3?"

Does this sound familiar to you? We who are closer to the scene and are being fed odd snatches of information have a hard time identifying some of the flowers we see what hope do our overseas visitors have.

We look forward to the long promised W.A. Caladenia revision.

FIELD TRIP REPORT SUN JUNE 7 TO WATHEROO by Stuart Harris.

Sixteen vehicles met at the Mogumber Tavern on a fine but cool day.

First stop was at a large bush area at Gillingarra, but it was too early for the usual orchids found at this spot. *Eriochilus dilatatus ssp undulatus* was there.

A patch of mallee on top of a rise on Watheroo West Rd was the next stop. Here *Caladenia drummondii* was found also *Eriochilus dilatatus ssp undulatus* and *Pterostylis vittata*. On the Brand Hwy just south of Cataby another stop was made to search for *Thelymitra apiculata*. One *Leporella fimbriata* was found but no *apiculata*.

Last stop for the day was on the West Mogumber Rd (now a lovely sealed highway!!) at the regular site. This was the lunch stop, and everyone grabbed food & walked. Gloria Jackson was the first to find *Thelymitra apiculata*, & many more followed. We were fortunate with the weather; another hour and the cloud would have been in. Quite a lot of colour variation between the orchids led to much changing of position for the keen photographers. By the time all photos were done, it was time to head home, after a long but fairly successful day.

WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING 19 JUNE 1998

Meeting commenced at 8.05 pm.

ATTENDANCE

31 members as per register. There were no visitors or new members.

Chairman Noel Clarke instructed that unfinancial members are not allowed to vote.

MINUTES

It was moved Joan Greeve/Katie Ward that the minutes of the General Meeting of 20th May be accepted. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Regarding notice of intention to clear 900 ha at Lancelin, Secretary had discussion with E. Wajon, received letter from member Dianne Beckingham and consequently discussed with her and Dr. J.N. Dunlop of Astron Environmental, and subsequently written to Agriculture W.A. requesting if any flora surveys have been carried out and if results can be inspected. Dr. Dunlop has provided copy of his letter to E.P.A. for formal assessment as provided under Section 38 of the Environmental Protection Act, and will advise us if anything further eventuates which will be of interest.

CORRESPONDENCE

As per correspondence list.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report circulated. No queries raised.

FIELD TRIPS

Details of planned field trips were advised by Stuart Harris and will be published in the Bulletin.

PLANT TABLE

No plants were presented.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. A new book entitled *Field Guide to Orchids of NSW and Victoria* has been purchased and is available to members.
2. Volunteers still required for some supper rosters.
3. Kingsley Dixon gave a very interesting talk and showed slides of visit to U.K. botanical gardens in connection with 300th anniversary of Liverpool Botanic Garden next year.

The raffle prize was provided by G & V Brockman and was won by Philip and Mary Sindle.

The supper was provided by Nancy Clarke.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

DONNA WAJON'S PEANUT BUTTER BLOSSOMS

Some members on the Corrigin trip asked for a copy of Donna Wajon's cookie recipe. Here it is. Good cooking ladies.

½ cup butter or margarine	1 egg
½ cup peanut butter	1 tsp vanilla
½ cup sugar	2 tbs milk
½ cup brown sugar	1 tsp baking soda
1 ¾ cup plain flour	¼ tsp salt
5.3 oz (150g) bag Hershey's Kisses Milk Chocolate (approx 30 kisses)	

1. Preheat oven 375° F (190° C).
2. Cream together butter, peanut butter, sugar, egg, vanilla and milk.
3. Sift together the dry ingredients: flour, soda and salt.
4. Blend dry ingredients into creamed ingredients and mix thoroughly.
5. Shape dough into balls (approx 30).
6. Roll balls in sugar and place on cookie sheet.
7. Bake 8 minutes.
8. Remove from oven, top each with a solid milk chocolate kiss. Press down firmly so cookie cracks round the edge.
9. Return to oven. Bake 2 to 5 minutes longer until golden brown.

FOR SALE

Rufa Trip Report \$10.00.
 Caladenia flava Badges \$4.00 members, \$5.00 non-members.
 Name Badges \$8.50.
 Orchids of WA (2nd Ed) \$9.00.
 Orchids of SW Australia \$40.00.
 Car Stickers \$1.50.
 Pat Dundas Cards \$8.00.
 Bush Survival Kit \$4.00.

WHAT SENIORS ARE WORTH

There are several senior citizens and some fast approaching the age of maturity in the group. I think even the young ones will appreciate the following article. Not knowing the author I will attribute it to anonymous.

"Remember old folks are worth a fortune with Silver in their hair, Gold in their teeth, Stones in their kidneys, Lead in their feet, and gas in their stomachs.

Some senior women have become frivolous in their old age, seeing at least five gentlemen every day.

As soon as they wake up Will Power helps them out of bed. Then they visit John. Next its time for Uncle Toby to come along, followed by Billy T. When they leave Arthur Ritus shows up and stays for the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place for long, so he goes from joint to joint. After such a busy day they are really tired and go to bed with Johnny Walker. Some even flirt with Al Zymer.

The Preacher called on one older lady. He said that at her age she should be thinking about the hereafter. She told him "Oh, I do all the time no matter where I am. If I'm in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself 'Now, what am I here after?' "

	SUPPER ROSTER	RAFFLE ROSTER
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY	Del Haywood	Noel Clarke
AUGUST		Ross Fox
SEPTEMBER	Eva Smith	Don Manners
OCTOBER		Bill Jackson
NOVEMBER		Ross & Eva Smith

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