



**BULLETIN**  
*OF THE*  
**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID  
STUDY AND CONSERVATION GROUP  
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**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, 21 June 2000 at 7.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, 21 June 2000 at 8.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

James Dugie – "Bush Plan Update".

**VALE JOHN TONKINSON**

John Tonkinson, a member since October 1983, passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> March. We extend our belated condolences to John's wife and family. John served on the committee and was a vice president. He introduced us to the Mt. Jackson site.

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

4 June	Trip to Watheroo
21 June	General Meeting
2 July	Trip to Mt Cooke
19 July	General Meeting
23 July	Trip to Cataby
16 August	General Meeting
19/20 August	Trip to Busselton
3 September	Trip to Martin
17 September	Trip to Tutanning Reserve
20 September	General Meeting
30/1/2 October	Trip to Peaceful Bay
18 October	General Meeting
21/22 October	Trip to Frankland
15 November	General Meeting
19 November	Trip to Casuarina

**ANNUAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEES**  
**MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE**

*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.**

**Please send fees to The Treasurer, P.O. Box 323, Victoria Park, 6979.**

**NAME BADGES**

Group name badges can be ordered from the Treasurer. The cost is \$9.25 each.

**BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS**

Contributions are needed for every edition of the Bulletin. Articles should be sent to Noel

Clarke, 20 Randall St., Dianella, 6059. The article submission deadline for the next issue is 1 July 2000. Country members we would love to share your orchid adventures (or misadventures). Many private field trips are undertaken, how about sharing them with the membership via the Bulletin.

**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.*

**FOR SALE**

Rufa Trip Report \$10.00.  
Caladenia flava Badges \$4.00 members, \$5.00 non-members.  
Name Badges \$9.25.  
Orchids of WA (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed) \$9.00.  
Orchids of SW Australia \$45.00.  
Orchid Flowering Times \$5.00  
Wildflowers of WA Pt 1 \$ 17.95 (Eddy's Book)  
Car Stickers \$1.50.  
Pat Dundas Cards \$8.00.  
Bush Survival Kit \$4.00.  
History of WANOSCG \$3.00.

**HISTORY OF WANOSCG**

Noel Clarke has produced a brief history of the Group over the first 25 years in A5 format. The price is \$3.00. The Treasurer will take orders.

**WANOSCG ORCHID SIGHTING FORMS**

These forms are now available from the Secretary.  
Please help get our database off and running.

**REVISION OF AUSTRALIAN THELYMITRA**

Jeff Jeanes of the National Herbarium, Victoria has received a research grant to do a taxonomic revision of Australian *Thelymitra*, which will take 3 years to complete. The result in the preparation of an account of the genus will be published in volume 47 of Flora of Australia. Jeff will be collecting material on at least two field trips and is asking members to assist him by collecting fresh specimens while out in the field. Note you MUST have the appropriate collecting permit and DECLARED RARE FLORA MUST NOT BE COLLECTED AT ALL. *Thelymitra* specimens travel well in the

post wrapped in damp tissue inside a sealed plastic bag placed inside a crush-proof container.

In addition photos or slides of all *Thelymitras* would be appreciated.

Any members who can assist are urged to do so. The contact address for correspondence and forwarding of specimens is National Herbarium, Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra, Victoria 3141. The e-mail address is [jjeane@RBGMELB.ORG.AU](mailto:jjeane@RBGMELB.ORG.AU).

#### FIELD TRIPS

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

Please advise the Field Trip Coordinator, phone [redacted] if you intend participating. The field trips listed are proposed and are subject to change if needed.

#### FIELD TRIP 30/1/2 OCTOBER TO PEACEFUL BAY

As this is the start of the school holidays it is suggested you book early. You have a choice of two. Committee preferred site is Peaceful Bay C.P.

Peaceful Bay Caravan Park has 6 on site vans and 60 power sites and 60 non-powered sites, phone (08) 98408060.

Valley of the Giants Ecopark has limited on site accommodation and nature based facilities for camping & caravanning, phone (08) 98401313.

The W.A. Nat's will be camping here.

#### FIELD TRIP 21/22 OCTOBER TO FRANKLAND

The Frankland caravan park is a small park with only 9 sites, phone (08) 98552354.

Our members Eve & Jim Parry live next to the caravan park owner. We might have to use long cords!

#### FIELD TRIP 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TO MT COOKE

Meet near Albany Hwy & Jarrahdale Rd at 9.30 a.m. on Albany Hwy near Jarrahdale Rd. We hope to see *Pt* aff *vittata* pg 361, *vittata*, aff *nana* & whatever else.

#### FIELD TRIP 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY TO CATABY

Meet at Regans Ford near the garage at 9.30 a.m.

The main object of this trip is to see *T. aff variegata* pg 456. Others that should be in flower are *Pt vittata*, aff *vittata* pg 363, aff *nana* pg 348, *D recurva* & *C hiemalis*.

#### SOUTH COAST NOTES by BILL JACKSON

"For lo the summer is gone and Orchids spring up upon the Earth." (A Nonny Mouse).

Following good late summer and autumn rains our native Orchids did indeed spring up around Walpole.

March – *Eriochilus dilatatus* ssp *multiflorus* & ssp *dilatatus*.

April – *Prasophyllum* aff *parvifolium*  
*Leporella fimbriata*  
*Pterostylis vittata* ssp *vittata*  
*Praecoxanthus aphyllus*  
*Eriochilus valens*

May- *Eriochilus pulchellus*.

Good numbers of all the above species were seen in various habitats from coastal dunes to granite outcrops and forest burns. Three species were within the Walpole townsite.

The "Easter Bunny" (*E dilatatus* ssp *multiflorus*) turned up in one of our native garden beds uninvited! Last year a *Microtis media* took up residence alongside a fuschia plant outside our back patio.

Joan & Ian Greeve visited during the Easter break and joined us for a trip along the South West Hwy searching summer burns for the elusive *E valens*. After two unsuccessful stops, we were joined by Joff Start (late as usual!) at a flat just north of Wye Rd. Success at last – Joff found the first of some two dozen plants. Also seen nearby were *Pt* sp rosettes – aff *barbata* or *sparsa* ms. They should be in flower early August.

Early May we travelled to Hopetoun to see first hand the wash away of the road into the Fitzgerald National Park, and to photograph a *Darwinia* specie known to grow East Mt Barren. Our friend assured us we could still reach East Mt Barren via a 3km walk along the beach (at low tide?). Fortunately Merle Bennet (Ravensthorpe Herbarium) and Helen Taylor found us a population of the *Darwinia* on the Hopetoun Rd. I was very disapointed at missing out on the 3km walk along the beach!! Orchids seen were *E dilatatus* & *Prasophyllum* aff *parvifolium*. I should have taken fishing gear – herring & sand whiting were being caught at the beach. Saw some good habitat for *C longifimbriata*. (Are you going to mount an expedition to look for it this year? Noel).

### **MAY MEETING TOPIC**

Don Manners apologised for being unable to talk on growing terrestrial orchids at this stage. He will give his talk in October.

We were fortunate to have Ph.D. students Nura Abdul Karim and Penny Hollick talk to us about their honours research. Both investigated the effect of fungi on propagation of orchid seed.

Nura concentrated on the fungal association of epiphytes against terrestrials. She is working on a grant from Singapore University and as epiphytes are their main group she concentrated on Kimberley orchids. She whetted our appetites with slides of Kimberley orchids. The flowering period is from mid January to late February and you need a helicopter to get around. This rather dampened our enthusiasm.

Penny's research was to endeavour to hasten the growth of the first tuber when grown from seed. Seedlings are prone to drop off the perch at the drop of a hat, whereas once the tuber has formed the plant is almost indestructible. (Have we got news for Penny). She illustrated her work with overheads and slides. Although she didn't succeed herself, someone else has succeeded.

### **WANOSCG – MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2000**

Meeting commenced 8.10 PM.

Vice President Noel Clarke chaired the meeting in the absence of President Mike Harper (apology).

#### **ATTENDANCE**

36 members, 5 apologies and 2 guest speakers as per attendance book.

#### **VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS - Nil.**

Don Manners apologised for his inability to complete guest speaker spot this month, but has been listed for later.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved D.Parker/J.Ward that the April meeting minutes be confirmed.

**CARRIED.**

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

1. Scilla Stack has been in contact with Doreen Brewer regarding letter about the Shenton Park bushland, and no further attention required at present.
2. Eddy Wajon reported on a further meeting concerning Ken Hurst Park on 12th April. A concept plan had been submitted by the Melville City Council without Working Group input; it had caused lots of

acrimonious discussion but had been passed by the Council at a meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May. Objections have been raised. The document will now be advertised for public comment.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

As per correspondence list.

#### **Matters Arising**

1. From Jeff Jeanes, Botanist, Royal Botanic Garden, Melbourne concerning taxonomic review of Australian *Thelymitra* under grant from Australian Biological resources Study, and seeking assistance with specimens from authorised collectors as well as locations.
2. Advice in ANOS Macarthur Group newsletter of winding up of ANOS Hawsbury Group.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's Report was circulated. No queries raised.

### **FIELD TRIPS**

Robin Moyle informed the meeting about road works and speed restrictions on Great Northern Highway which will affect journey time to Regan's Ford for the next field trip, and sought indication of members attending.

Donna Wajon was pleased about a solo trip to find *G.nigricans*.

Other reports were from Beth Kinsey on the Warradale Road site, Boyagin Rocks and Koondoola Open Space, and from Eddy Wajon on Ken Hurst Park.

### **PLANT TABLE**

Bill Burton tabled and discussed *Eriochilus dilatatus ssp. pulchellus*, *C drummondii*, *Pt. sanguinea* and *Pt. aff.sanguinea* (?).

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The meeting was advised that Orchid Sighting Report forms are available from Secretary, and that the database when compiled will only be available to contributors.

The supper was supplied by Scilla Stack.

A cash raffle prize was provided at short notice by N.Clarke and T.Blinco and was won by Karl Anderson.

A photo board for prints was provided by Beth and Ron Kinsey.

The guest speakers were Penny Hollick and Nura Abdul Karim, Ph.D.students, who gave interesting talks with slide and overhead backup on their research on orchids for Honours projects last year and their follow up so far this year. They were thanked in the usual way and presented with club badges.

Meeting closed 9.15pm.

	<b>SUPPER ROSTER</b>	<b>RAFFLE ROSTER</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
<b>MARCH</b>			
<b>APRIL</b>			
<b>MAY</b>			
<b>JUNE</b>	Noel Clarke	J. Williams	James Duggie
<b>JULY</b>	Joan Greeve	F. K. Ward	Alex George
<b>AUGUST</b>			Ron Heberle
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Scilla Stack		Noel Hoffman
<b>OCTOBER</b>			Don Manners
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			

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**FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS**

- 2 July - Mt. Cooke
- 23 July - Cataby