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

Wednesday, 20 September 2000 at 7.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 20 September at 8.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

GUEST SPEAKER

Noel Hoffman – “Problems with Orchid Classification from Early Days to Present”.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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
 2 December Xmas Party at Kings Park
 Note – Xmas party is Saturday 2nd December, not Sunday 3rd December.

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.

Those who have not paid by the September meeting, this will be your last Bulletin.

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

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Do you have a red dot on your Bulletin?

This means that you are unfinancial and THIS WILL BE YOUR FINAL BULLETIN. If you have paid since the last meeting please ignore the red dot.

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 [redacted] The article submission deadline for the next issue is 1 September 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.

WANOSCG ORCHID SIGHTING FORMS

These forms are now available from the Secretary. Steve Phillips is eagerly awaiting your sighting reports.

Please help get our database off and running.

FOR SALE

Rufa Trip Report \$10.00.

Caladenia flava Badges \$4.00 members, \$5.00 non-members.

Name Badges \$9.25.

Orchids of WA (2nd Ed) \$9.00.

Orchids of SW Australia \$45.00.

Orchid Flowering Times \$5.00.

Colour guide to Spring Wildflowers by Eddie Wajon \$ 18.00 each.

Part 1: Kalbarri & The Goldfields.

Part 2: Perth & The Southwest.

2001 Orchid Calendars (Eddy's) - Large \$9.00.

2001 Orchid Calendars (Eddy's) - Small \$4.00.

Car Stickers \$1.50.

Pat Dundas Cards \$8.00.

Bush Survival Kit \$4.00.

History of WANOSCG \$3.00.

PHOTO BOARD

Photo boards consisting of plastic envelope sheets to take your orchid prints is being provided curtesy of Eddy Wajon. Many of our members use print film. This is a chance for you to show other members your masterpieces. No longer will the slide brigade have it to themselves.

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 17 SEPTEMBER TO TUTANNING RESERVE

Meet at Brookton Sports Ground at 10 a.m. We hope to find 12 *Caladenias* and some *Cyaniculas*, *Diuris* and *Pterostylis*.

FIELD TRIP 30/1/2 OCTOBER TO PEACEFUL BAY

Meet at Peaceful Bay Rd and South Coast Hwy at 11 a.m.

You have a choice of two caravan parks. 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 REPORT 17 TO 20 AUGUST TO KALBARRI by NOEL CLARKE

Ron & Beth Kinsey, Dave Parker & I did a quick trip to the Eneabba, Northampton and Kalbarri areas. The weather was kind, beautiful sunny days, and just the thing for *Thelymitras*. I had a few wanted photos on my list and the Kinseys were after anything.

Our first stop was on the Brand Hwy at the Arrowsmith River. Here I was after Tinkers donkey orchid which doesn't get a mention in H & B. I duly photographed *D aff magnifica* pg 432, which incidentally was in great abundance everywhere. From here we proceeded to a limestone cutting about 38k from Eneabba. Lots of orchids here including *C bicallata*, a green form that is self-pollinating. A burn a couple of kilometres further produced more of what we had already found. We made our base at Horrocks. Next day we investigated the hill overlooking Horrocks looking for *C bryceana* ssp *cracens*. The effort was fruitless, possibly because of the low rainfall this year. We did however find lots of mostly finished *Pt aff aspera* pg 442. The flowering plants did not have rosettes. We then investigated Suckling Rd, Swamp Rd and Yerina Springs Rd. There were lots to see at all three sites. At Swamp Road the bees were very active causing a new record for the 100-meter

dash. We found the rare and endangered *C elegans* and *Pt aff cycnocephala*. Saturday again was a fine day. We met Marj & Robin Moyle at the Galena Bridge (Murchison River) where we found only one small *Pt macrocalymma*. Undaunted we continued up the NorthWest Coastal Hwy for about 20 km and found a rufa type with a medium sized rosette in bud. The next track up was better; many small rosettes in bud, but the troops didn't want to get out of the cars because of the beehives alongside the track.

The *Drakonorchis barbarella* site is now 4WD drive from the start or a long walk from the Kalbarri Rd. We found lots of leaves but only one flower thanks to Robin's 4WD.

About 16 km from the Zbend Rd we found *T campanulata*, *D aff magnifica* and *C pachychila*.

The Zbend was its usual feast, with *C wanosa*, *C flava* ssp *maculata*, *C reptans* ssp *impensa*, *C flava* x *C reptans*, *Paracaleana terminalis*, another *Paracaleana* with a large leaf in bud, *Pt aff nana* pg 349 and pg 348, and *Drakea concolor* in late bud.

The next day till we neared Perth was good. We were introduced to a nice population of *T aff variegata* pg 446 near Eneabba. We photographed *Pt aff nana* pg 444 at the gravel pit on Brand Hwy, under umbrellas. Our fine sunny period was over.

The trip was fast and exhausting, but worth it. We saw the following orchids:

Caladenia bicallata ssp *bicallata* (green), *crebra*, *elegans*, *flava* ssp *flava*, *flava* ssp *maculata*, *hoffmanii* ssp *hoffmanii*, *longicauda* ssp *borealis*, *pachychila*, *radialis*, *reptans* ssp *impensa*, *roei*, *wanosa*, *crebra* x *longicauda* ssp *borealis*, *hoffmanii* x *longicauda* ssp *borealis*, *radialis* x *longicauda* ssp *borealis*, and *flava* ssp *maculata* x *reptans* ssp *impensa*, *Cyanicula gemmata*, *Diuris aff laxiflora* pg 404, *aff magnifica* pg 432, and *recurva*, *Drakea concolor* (late bud), *Drakonorchis barbarella*, *Paracaleana terminalis*, *Prasophyllum fimbria*, and *gracile*, *Pterostylis aff aspera* pg 442, *aff cycnocephala*, *macrocalymma*, *aff nana* pgs 348, 349 & 444, *aff rufa* pg 445 (in bud), *sanguinea*, and *vittata*, *Thelymitra antennifera*, *campanulata*, *aff macrophylla* pg 268, *variegata* and *antennifera* x *aff macrophylla*.

FIELD TRIP 19-20 AUGUST by MARY & STUART HARRIS

On 19&20 August we went to Busselton in the hope of finding *Caladenia caesarea* ssp *maritima* as we had always been too late for that particular orchid. The weather forecast was a bit daunting but we were lucky in that

Saturday was mainly fine. We had been given directions by Katie & Joe Ward so went straight to Eagle Bay on arrival, and within a few minutes searching had found quite a number of the orchids in flower, with a lot still in bud.

The only other orchid in flower was *Caladenia longicauda* ssp *clavicola*, which was just coming out. However the *Calothamnus* (one-sided bottlebrush) was lovely & full of bees. The rain set in Saturday night & followed us back to Perth Sunday, but it couldn't dampen the orchid photographer's spirits!

FIELD TRIP 30 AUGUST TO JOHNSON RD, CASUARINA by NOEL CLARKE

Beth & Ron Kinsey & I visited the enclosure on Johnson Rd to look for *Diuris micrantha*. We were successful in finding several plants in full flower. Wellies were the order of the day. We could have done with a floating mattress as the plants were in about 30mm of water. However photographs were still taken without getting too wet.

We also visited another site on the other end of what used to be Johnson Rd without success.

TRIP TO MANDURAH 4TH SEPTEMBER by NOEL CLARKE

Dave Parker introduced me to an area South of Dawsville on White Hill Rd. There are some peppermint trees and lots of thick growth of various shrubs. The area was alive with the short eared coastal *Pterostylis* aff *nana* pg 353 and the limestone snail *Pt* aff *nana* pg 346. Another growing profusely there is *Cyrtostylis huegelii*. The highlight was a couple of populations of *Corybas despectans* sadly with only two flowering plants. How Dave found them in the first place is pure - - - (luck); they are growing on a steep sandbank in very thick scrub. You have to hold on to the shrubs as you work your way down to the populations. This sighting extends the range for *Corybas despectans*.

TALK BY RON HEBERLE

Ron joined our group in 1975 after reading a notice placed in the newspapers inviting people to join the recently formed Western Australian Native Orchid Study & Conservation Group by Herb Foote. They subsequently became good friends.

The Australasian Orchid Conference was held at the Sheraton Hotel, Perth in the late seventies. The group won 1st prize for its display of native orchids.

At the World Botanical Conference in Sydney Ron showed slides of hybrids he had seen. It was suggested that he should present a paper

on native orchid hybrids. After offers of help in preparing the paper he finally agreed. (Ron's fascination with hybrids is well known to older members).

In 1983 he was a guest speaker at a conference at the Ryde Agricultural College, Sydney.

In 1985 he provided an article entitled "History of Orchid Collecting in South Western Australia, 1791 - 1971" for the first Group book, "Orchids of Western Australia".

He wrote a paper on *Pterostylis* bird orchids that increased them from 2 to 8. Now there are lots more.

In 1990 while suffering a serious illness he received a letter from WANOSCG with a Life Membership Certificate. He attributes his recovery to the honour of the life membership afforded him.

Through his interest in orchids he got to know many residents of Manjimup whom he converted to conserving small areas of their properties.

He met Ron Oliver, head master of schools round Albany. Ron was working on a book and used to run orchid shows for the school children who collected 76 species from the Albany area.

Some orchids in the three Bakers Junction swamps were placed on the rare and endangered list because they were little known at the location. This was because there had been no fires. 86 species have been found there. It is a good location well populated by snakes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 2000

Because of space considerations these minutes will be read at the September meeting.


	SUPPER ROSTER	RAFFLE ROSTER	SPEAKER
MARCH			
APRIL			
MAY			
JUNE			
JULY			
AUGUST			
SEPTEMBER	Scilla Stack	Wendy Spencer	Noel Hoffman
OCTOBER		Sarah Atkinson	Don Manners
NOVEMBER		V & G Brockman	

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