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**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID
STUDY AND CONSERVATION GROUP
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NOTE: - This Bulletin is early to allow members to consider the Walpole trip.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 18 April 2001 at 7.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 18 April 2001 at 8.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

GUEST SPEAKER

Matt Barrett will talk about "The Orchids of the Kimberley".

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

18 April	General meeting
13-16 April	Walpole trip
16 May	General meeting
20 June	General meeting
18 July	General meeting
15 August	General meeting
19 September	General meeting
17 October	General meeting
21 November	General meeting

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

The Groups financial year commences on 1 February. 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 \$10.00 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 May 2001**. 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 \$10.00.
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.
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.

AUDIT REPORT

Because of lack of space the audit report will be published next month.

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.

Please consider car pooling, particularly on metro trips.

WALPOLE FIELD TRIP 13-16 APRIL

Stuart Harris is overseas for two months. To get the season under way if anyone wants to see the early orchids *Praecoxanthus aphyllus*, *Leporella fimbriata* & *Eriochilus* species Bill

Jackson suggests the Easter weekend 13 – 16 April at Walpole. Other species should be flowering, he thinks, for a total of eight. He will not be available on 14 April. Accommodation could be scarce because of the holidays. CALM has a campsite at Crystal Springs on a first in first serve basis. There is no power, but there is a BBQ. Anyone interested contact Bill, phone [REDACTED]. I suggest meeting at the park opposite the shops at noon on Good Friday 13th April. Good hunting. Remember no phone call, no trip.

RHIZENTHELLA GARDNERII TRIP

Mark Brundret in his talk said that the wheels had been set in motion to survey *Rhizanthella gardneri* sites to compare the northern & southern populations. Past trips have taken place between the end of May and the end of June. As I will be away from 4th to 18th May and the May Newsletter will have to be printed early the best way to ensure all members who wish to see the orchid is to make a list so that you can be advised when and if the trips proceed. Remember only ten people will be allowed on each trip. Phone Gary Brockman, [REDACTED] to register your interest.

MOORA BUSH – REPLY FROM CALM

Dear Mr Blinco

“VEHICLE USE ON RESERVE

THREATENING ORCHIDS – MOORA”

I refer to your letter dated 25 February 2001 and must firstly apologise for not replying to your letter dated 6 October 2000.

I have been able to establish that the area of bushland you are concerned about is vested in the Shire of Moora. To obtain an explanation of the proposed future management of the area, you will need to speak to the Chief Executive Officer at the Shire, Mr Peter Stubbs on 96511401.

As the situation concerns protected flora, I will monitor the area throughout the year in an effort to prevent further degradation of the native vegetation. If any of your members observe people in vehicles damaging the bushland by driving off the current access tracks, it would be beneficial if they could provide a detailed description of the vehicle, including registration number, and the driver so that I might be able to follow the matter up further.

A word of caution, PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH ANY POSSIBLE

OFFENDERS. Gather the information at a safe distance and report it to me by phone on [REDACTED] or mail to PO Box 328 Moora 6510.

Yours faithfully,
Warwick Roe

District Wildlife Officer.

Members please note the requirements and your assistance to stop the degradation will be a great help.

The patch of bush, I record, contains *C exilis* ssp *vanleeuwenii*, *D recurva*, *Pt aff nana* pages 348 & 349, *Pt picta*, *Pt scabra* & *Pt spathulata*. The area is worth saving. I have heard that they survived the floods of last year.

ANOTHER NEW ORCHID

Judy Williams from Brookton has found a new orchid in her area. Andrew Brown advised me that it is in the *C longiclavata* complex with some affinity to *C magniclavata*. It is to be named after Judy though the name in CALM News is not correct. Another informant, Ian Greeve, described it as a small plant under 150mm tall with a big leaf, the flower is about the colour and size of *C sigmoidea* with a *C huegelii* labellum. Both said it was unlike anything else they had seen. Flowering time is late August to early September. It is currently known from only one location. I can feel a club field trip coming up this year to look for more populations.

CALADENIA REVISION

For some time now rumours have been around of a revision of the *Caladenia* complex. Andrew Brown now expects it to be published in Nuytsia about June/July. It will be in two volumes. More information will be provided closer to the time, including how you can obtain copies of the publication.

TALK BY MARK BRUNDRET

Marks talk was centred round three topics, the last supported by slides from Warwick Open Space Reserve.

The first topic was a list of Kings Park researchers and the areas of research they were involved in. The outcome of some of the research could lead to our bush orchids becoming garden plants.

The second topic concerned the Orchid Conservation Congress from 24-28 September 2001 and the Kings Park Wildflower Festival from 21 September – 1 October. The festival theme is “A world of orchids”. To be a success they will need the strong support of our members. For more information on the congress contact the IOCC Congress Secretariat, Congress West, PO Box 1248, West Perth W.A., Tel (08) 93226906.

The third topic was a proposal for saving the orchids in Perth’s bushland. Funding has been requested for the project. The aim is to identify the most important factors threatening Perth’s orchids and suggest management options to

community groups and government agencies that care for urban bushland. To do this, key site factors for the decline of orchid populations, condition of remnant vegetation and understanding of habitat requirements is necessary. Members of our group can assist by providing information on their local bush sites, current status and observation of the effects over time.

Funding has also been requested to study the underground orchid status and look for new populations. There is some thought that the northern and southern populations might be different. (Another new orchid coming up?). Trips limited to 10 persons will be undertaken.

Please note that by law to look at existing populations and also to search for new locations the permission of the Minister is required. This is in the process of being obtained. Our members who have not seen or wish to see the underground orchid again will be invited to attend.

(Watch this space for more on the underground orchid trip proposal. Ed.)

WANOSCG – MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 21st MARCH 2001

Meeting commenced 8.20 PM.

ATTENDANCE

26 members and 11 apologies as per attendance book.

NEW MEMBERS –

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved G.Brockman/N.Clarke that the minutes of the November meeting be confirmed. CARRIED.

Matters Arising

1. There is no response as yet to application to the Lotteries Commission for grant to fund computer system.

CORRESPONDENCE

As per correspondence list.

Matters arising

1. CALM Albany has invited us to participate in a survey for *Drakaea confluens* in the Stirling Ranges in September/October long weekend. Matter will be considered when a field trip programme is planned.
2. Margaret Collins advised that site clearing for Kinross school, of which she provided notice to the Committee earlier, has been delayed. She will be contacted when the clearing is to be carried out, with a view to a rescue dig.
3. Editor will print response from CALM Moora concerning motor vehicles using the

bush area on the outskirts of Moora on the Walebing Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report was circulated. No queries were raised.

FIELD TRIPS

Nil

PLANT TABLE

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. As shown in BULLETIN, the Committee has discussed a proposal from Don Ward for the creation of a website, and a sub-committee to consider terms of reference prepared by Noel Clarke. Margaret Collins suggested the need for an E-mail address. Don Ward, Eddy Wajon, Don Manners and Phil Bunney are interested in the sub-committee. Mark Brundret also indicated his interest and added that Kings Park may be able to assist.
2. The latest issue of CALM News reports the finding by Judy Williams of a new *Caladenia* species near Brookton, and it is to be named after her. Garry Brockman indicated that it is like a small *C. longiclavata*.
3. The meeting was asked if the whereabouts of a poster on "Orchids of Canning Regional Park" is known. Mark Brundret will enquire at Kings Park. Any member with knowledge of this poster is requested to contact the Secretary.
4. In response to question, Eric Swartz advised that Canning Shire has indicated that the Canning Vale waste disposal site is not to be expanded further and the Shire has given help in preservation of the area.
5. In response to question about information supplied in May last year to Jeff Jeanes of the Royal Botanic Garden Melbourne to assist in taxonomic revision of *Thelymitra*, Noel Clarke replied that he had received no contact at all.
6. Retiring Secretary Tom Blinco thanked Noel Clarke for his assistance during the Secretary's absence in October and December/January, and for his assistance and advice to a computer illiterate during the past three years.

	SUPPER ROSTER	RAFFLE ROSTER	SPEAKER
MARCH			
APRIL	Donna Wajon	Glenys Blinco	Matt Barrett
MAY	Margaret Fox	Ross Fox	Eddy Wajon
JUNE	Wendy Spencer	Helen Furness	
JULY	Kate Ward	Joe Ward	
AUGUST	Delyce Hayward	Eva Smith	
SEPTEMBER			
OCTOBER		Ian & Joan Greeve	
NOVEMBER		Gary Brockman	Andrew Brown

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