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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 for the governing 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, 18 September 2002 at 7.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 18 September 2002 at 8.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

GUEST SPEAKER

Members slides and photos.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 15 September | Field trip The Spectacles |
| 18 September | General meeting |
| 22 September | Field trip Ken Hurst Park |
| 28-30 September | Field trip Pemberton / Northcliffe |
| 6 October | Field trip Yeal Swamp |
| 16 October | General meeting |
| 19 October | Field trip Perth to Martup Pool |
| 20 November | General meeting |

ANNUAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEES

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE.

The Groups financial year commences on 1 February.

The membership fees are as follows:

Single membership \$20.00 pa.

Family membership \$20.00 pa.

New membership \$10.00 joining fee and if joining after 30 June membership fee for the year adjusted prorata.

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, PO Box 323, Victoria Park, 6979.

RED STICKER

Do you have a red sticker on the address label?

If you do it means that according to our records you are an unfinancial member and

this will be your last Bulletin.

If you have paid since the last meeting please ignore this warning.

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 October 2002. 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

Donna & Eddy Wajon have produced a new sighting form including suggested alterations. It will be a lot easier to use. These forms are now available. Please help get our database off and running.

When you fill in the form please provide as much information as you can. If you can only provide the location as District or Shire and road name this will suffice. The vegetation and land details are for historical records and need not be filled in.

Chris French is waiting with his fingers poised over the keyboard to enter the data you provide into the computer.

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.

Part 3: Esperance & The Wheatbelt

Car Stickers \$1.50.

Pat Dundas Cards \$8.00.

Bush Survival Kit \$4.00.

History of WANOSCG \$3.00.

Eddy Wajon 2003 calenders –

Large \$9.00

Small \$4.50

NAME BADGES

Group name badges can be ordered from the Treasurer. The cost is \$10.00 each.

FIELD TRIP PROCEEDURES

Remember the rule, keep the following vehicle in sight. If it falls behind then slow down till it catches up.

Most importantly when you turn, stop at the turning point till you are sure the following vehicle is going to turn.

No participant in a field trip is exempt from these two important rules.

FIELD TRIPS

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

Please advise the Field Trip Coordinator, phone [REDACTED], or the field trip leader, if you intend participating.

It is important that you advise the Field Trip Coordinator because then you can be advised of any change of plans, etc.

The field trips listed are proposed and are subject to change if needed.

Please consider car pooling, particularly on metro trips.

FIELD TRIP 15 SEPTEMBER TO THE SPECTACLES

Christine Lock is trip leader, phone [REDACTED]. Please advise Christine if you are attending. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Spectacles car park in McLaughlan Rd.

FIELD TRIP 22 SEPTEMBER TO KEN HURST PARK

Eddy Wajon is trip leader, phone [REDACTED]. Please advise Eddy if you are attending. Meet at 10 a.m. on Sunday 22 September in Hollingsworth Way, Leeming.

FIELD TRIP 28-30 SEPTEMBER TO PEMBERTON & NORTHCLIFFE

Christine Lock is trip leader, phone [REDACTED]. Overnight at Pemberton.

Note - Accommodation is usually fully booked at Pemberton for this long weekend, so get in early if you intend going on this trip.

Meet near the Pemberton Tourist Bureau at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 28 September.

Please advise Christine if you intend participating.

FIELD TRIP 6 OCTOBER TO YEAL SWAMP

Christine Lock is trip leader, phone [REDACTED]. Meet in Ziatas Rd near Pinjar Rd (approx 7.5k from Wanneroo Rd), Pinjar (UBD map 127 refers) at 10.00 a.m. We will be looking for *T flexuosa* x *T pauciflora*.

Please advise Chris Lock if you intend participating.

FIELD TRIP 19 OCTOBER TO ALBANY HWY, PERTH TO MARTUP POOL

Stuart Harris is trip leader, phone [REDACTED]. Meet at parking area in Robinson Rd near Albany Hwy at 10.00 a.m. on 19 October. Please advise Stuart Harris if you intend participating.

BUSSELTON FIELD TRIP REPORT 17/18 AUGUST by MARY HARRIS

Seventeen members met at Bunbury at the start of a fine sunny weekend.

Our first stop was at Capel, on Gavins Rd that was a good place to start, as our visitor Peter, Christine's brother found *T variegata* after only a few minutes search. Despite it being early morning the single flower was open enough to photograph. Only one plant was found. Here we also found 2 *Diuris* sp, Western sandplain ms?, several *Pt vittata* & *recurva* and a lot of *Pt aff nana* (limestone snail). Across the road were *C reptans* and a single *Pyrochis nigricans* in flower.

Site 2 was the Ruabon Reserve on the Ludlow Hethergreen Road. Here we saw the *Diuris* we had seen at Capel and the first of many *Cyrtostylis huegelii*, very robust plants with many flowers. We also saw *Prasophyllum parvifolium*, *Pt vittata*, *pyramidalis* & *aff nana* (limestone snail). There were many *Leporella* leaves with one plant still in reasonable flower. There were leaves of *T benthamiana* & *Cyrtostylis ovata* and several *Caladenia* & *Paracaleana* in bud.

Site 3 was in the Tuart Forest on Ludlow North Rd. Not a lot here (apart from Arum Lilies) but we did see more *Cyrtostylis huegelii* & *Pt aff nana* (short eared snail).

Site 4, the last for the day was the picnic area on Tuart Drive in the Ludlow forest. Once again *Cyrtostylis huegelii* was the main species seen, some very big plants ranging in colour from very pale to almost dark chocolate. One *Caladenia flava* was seen, and many leaves of *C latifolia* & *L menziesii*. *Pt aff nana* (short eared snail) was present in little colonies.

Sunday was clear and fine, a bit cool to start the day at 9 a.m. at Locke Reserve on Caves Rd. The object of the search here was *Corybas* and we were leased with our search. We found *Corybas despectans* & *recurvus* in good numbers, some pollinated and a lot still in bud. Even the photographers were happy.

Cyrtostylis huegelii was again the order of the day, in huge numbers. *Pt aff nana* (short eared snail) was here too.

From Locke Reserve we drove out to Meelup Beach where we found *C caesarea* ssp *maritima* among the rocks. *Cyrtostylis*

huegelii, *Prasophyllum parvifolium* & *Pt aff nana* (short eared snail) were also found. After a pleasant lunch stop on the grass overlooking beautiful Meelup Beach we dispersed, some going back to Perth, others having a little extra time in Busselton. A good weekend despite the dry season. Thanks Noel, thanks Christine.

FIELD TRIP REPORT 18/19 AUGUST 2002 - Tom Blinco

Following the successful Busselton field trip I had some other business in Pemberton, and following are some details of orchids seen on the next two days.

Jalbarragup Road, near Lilly Road - *Pterostylis aff nana* (Slender Snail)

Pemberton, near Beedelup Falls - *Corybas recurvus* (Helmet Orchid), *Pt. aff nana* (Slender Snail)

Northcliffe, Orchid Road. Not much along here at present except one location where there was *Corybas recurvus*, although there were plenty of "flying ducks" overhead and lots of kookaburras making a lot of noise each time I started walking - perhaps they were giving me the message!

Bridgetown, Mersea Road - lots of *Cyrtostylis huegelii* (Midge Orchid, both green and brown forms), a few *Pt. vittata* (Banded Greenhood), and some *C. flava ssp flava* (Cowslip Orchid) in bud.

Bridgetown, South Western Highway, north of Mersea Road - *C. reptans ssp reptans* (Little Pink Fairies), *C. flava ssp flava* and *Pt. vittata*, with some *T. crinita* (Blue Lady Orchid) leaves.

Balingup, South Western Highway - *Pt. vittata*, *Pt. aff nana* and *C. flava ssp flava*, two double-headed *Caladenia xantha* (Primrose Spider Orchid), which I looked at more than twice because of their large size, and a single *Caladenia magniclavata* (Big Clubbed Spider Orchid) which had one flower and two buds. PS - After leaving Busselton I chose to go to Nannup via Jalbarragup Road. For anyone whom has not used this road I would say "beware" - the early part of the gravel section of this road was quite scary, having probably the loosest surface of any gravel road on which I have driven for a long time, and even at 60 k/h very careful driving was required. Also, some intersections along this road are somewhat different to the way that they appear on the road map. I managed to not head in the wrong direction or get lost, but if there is a next time I think that I will use Vasse Highway!

FIELD TRIP REPORT 22 AUGUST 2002 - Tom Blinco

On this day I went to Wambyn Nature Reserve with Helen and Dary Furniss. As is usual for this location at this time of the year there were lots of *Caladenia longicauda ssp eminens* (Stark White Spider Orchid) in flower, with lots of these already finished and many still in bud.

There appeared to be both *Diuris brumalis* (Winter Donkey Orchid) and *D. corymbosa* (Common Donkey Orchid), all being fairly short in stature. Also seen were *Cyanicula deformis* (Blue Fairy Orchid), *Pterostylis recurva* (Jug Orchid), *Caladenia flava ssp flava* (Cowslip Orchid), *Caladenia falcata* (Green Spider Orchid) and *C x cala*, the hybrid between *C longicauda ssp eminens* and *C falcata*.

FIELD TRIP REPORT TO BUNBURY 31 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER by MATZ DAHLKAMP

The weather report for the weekend was more than discouraging but including the leader for the day, 5 orchid fanatics turned up. Before we set off, Chris showed us sketches of *Pt aff nanas* that we might see. At our first stop in Coronation Rd we found lots of *Pt aff nanas*; a few common names Short-eared Snail, Limestone Snail, and some others that did not fit the descriptions given in the H & B. We also saw *Pt aff vittata* pg 363, *recurva*, *barbata*, *pyramidalis*; *C latifolia*, *reptans ssp reptans*; *D aff corymbosa* pg 391, *aff magnifica* pg 395 and *Drakea glyptodon* in bud.

The next stop was on Johnson Rd. Again we saw many types of *Pt aff nana*, *recurva* & *vittata*, *Cyrtostylis huegelii*, *C discoidea* & *noblis* (one open & the rest in bud), *speciosa* & *flava ssp flava* in bud & *D aff magnifica* pg 353.

On we went to "The Old Mill" site. Here we got not only orchids but also rain, luckily only in a short shower. Found, seen & photographed *C flava ssp flava*, *D aff magnifica* and according to Chris *D nicholsoniarum*, *Cyrtostylis huegelii*, *Pt aspera* in seed, *recurva*, *pyramidalis* and four species of *aff nana*.

We proceeded to Bagieau Rd where we found - what else but *Pt aff nana*. We also found in bud *E brunonis*, *C flava* & *noblis* and in flower *C noblis*, *D aff magnifica*, *Pt pyramidalis*, *recurva* & *barbata*. *C reptans ssp reptans* on a tree trunk were past their best. Chris left us here to return to Perth & the remaining 4 carried on to Bunbury.

Approximately 21k before Bunbury Christine Lock showed us some *Pt rogersii* (some dying but 2 were still in flower), *Pt recurva*, *C flava* & *nobilis* (just opening).

Sunday – Sherry Thomas led us through their property in Lowden. We went up and down and right and left and it was great. In flower we saw *Pt pyramidalis*, *barbata*, *vittata*, *recurva* and maybe *aff sanguinea*. As we did not have an expert with us your guess is as good as ours. As usual on this trip we also saw many *Pt aff nana*. *C reptans* ssp *reptans* were everywhere we walked. In bud we saw *C macrostylis*, *flava* & *falcata*, *Leptoceras menziesii* & *Lyperanthus serratus*.

On behalf of the group I would like to thank Sherry & Barry for their hospitality and the time they took to show us around. Also many thanks to Chris French for leading us on Saturday. About 2.30 pm. the weekend “orchid trip” ended. I hope everyone returned safely home and enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

TALK ON DRAKEA BY GARY BROCKMAN AND PARACALEANA BY CHRIS FRENCH

Gary Brockman showed slides of all the currently known *Drakea* species. He referred to the early checkered history of *Drakea elastica*, which was named by John Lindley originally, and later by Richard Rogers as *Drakea jeanensis*. The later name is no longer used. Along the track someone transposed the two. For some time it caused confusion because the endangered *D elastica* was common whereas *D jeanensis* was prolific. The confusion has now been rectified. Gary showed slides illustrating the slight variations within some *Drakea* species. Chris French also used slides to illustrate his talk on *Paracaleana* species. He showed several slides of *P triens* complex including the one that grows on Sullivan Rock in the moss in November. He also showed *P lyonsii* and suggested looking for it on the south side of spinifex clumps. Referring to Horts duck its very close as to who found it first, Fred Hort or Gary Brockman.

WANOSCG – MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 21st AUGUST 2002

Meeting commenced at 8.05pm

ATTENDANCE:

25 members were present and 4 apologies as per the attendance register.

NEW MEMBERS:

Nil

VISITORS:

Nil

MINUTES

Moved. Chris French / Tom Blinco Minutes of General meeting of 19th June 2002 as presented in the Bulletin be confirmed.
CARRIED.

Matters Arising:

The president addressed the meeting regarding the lack of response from members to provide supper at meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE:

As per list circulated with attendance book.

Members were advised of the proposed Bush to Beach Walk and fliers were made available for anyone interested.

Other matters have been dealt with at committee level but open for comment and discussion at this meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The treasurer was unable to report to the meeting.

Her report next month will include the previous 2 months activity.

Matters Arising:

Nil

FIELD TRIPS:

1. Andrew Brown reports seeing *Thely. variegata* in the Joondallup bushland.
2. Christine Lock reports trip to Capel Busselton last weekend.
 - Proposed Bunbury trip 31 August
 - Proposed Watheroo trip 7-8 September
 - Proposed trip to Spectacles 15 September
 - Proposed trip to Ken Hurst Park 22 September
 - Proposed trip to Pemberton October long weekend.
3. Mike Harper asked the meeting for a trip leader for the proposed Kojonup trip on 19-20 October. Stuart Harris obliged.
4. Mike Harper advised of the Beelair Road burn discussed at committee.

PLANT TABLE:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The orchid sighting report forms are available from the field trip co ordinator. Thanks to Eddy & Donna for both putting the form together and the printing. This form was used on the recent Capel Busselton trip and the first forms presented to be included in the database.

2. The meeting was advised by the president that members with outstanding fees would be advised this is their last bulletin.
3. Eddy Wajon advised that his new (2003) orchid calendars were available. These depict some of our most spectacular orchids and make excellent, and easy to post, gifts.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Garry Brockman and Chris French presented a different approach to the genera Drakaea and Paracaleana.

Some great slides and information regarding these two unusual genera were enjoyed by those present.

RAFFLE:

The raffle was donated by Sarah Atkinson and won by Tom Blinco.

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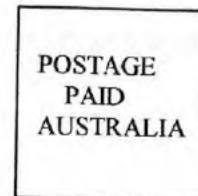
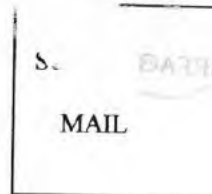
Supper was not provided however members enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee after the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.

| | SUPPER ROSTER | RAFFLE ROSTER | SPEAKER |
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| MARCH | | | |
| APRIL | Virginia Bird | Ross Fox | Ron Heberle |
| MAY | Margaret Fox | Tom Blinco | Alex George |
| JUNE | Nancy Clarke & Sarah Atkinson | Noel Clarke | Eric McCrum |
| JULY | Matz Dahlkamp | Stuart Harris | Raquel Carter |
| AUGUST | | Sarah Atkinson | Chris French & Gary Brockman |
| SEPTEMBER | | Jeff Spencer | Members Slides |
| OCTOBER | Stack Family | Don & Eva Smith | Andrew Brown |
| NOVEMBER | Beth Kinsey | Len Stewart | Members slides & Awards Night |

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