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STUDY AND CONSERVATION GROUP
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OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

- a) To promote interest in and preserve Western Australian indigenous orchids.
- b) To learn the best means of cultivation and do all things possible for the conservation of native orchids in their environment.
- c) To learn their habitats and keep records.
- d) To have field days and learn to recognise the different genera and species.
- e) To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of interest in Western Australian orchids.
- f) To affiliate with kindred organisations.
- g) To make rules for the governing of the Group's domestic affairs.
- h) 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, 16 October 2002 at 7.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 16 October 2002 at 8.00 p.m. at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Administration Office.

GUEST SPEAKER

Andrew Brown "Prasophyllum & Microtis".

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

16 October General meeting
19-20 October Field trip cancelled
20 November General meeting

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 November 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.

LOST

Bill Burton lost a hand held CB in the vicinity of the *D purdiei* area behind the Armadale Golf Course on 28 September. Bill is hoping members visiting the area will have better luck than he did finding it.

WEB SITE

At long last the group has started a WEB site. Thanks to web master Don Ward the group has started an account with iinet.

Email: [redacted]

Web: wanativeorchidsociety.net.

WANOSCG ORCHID SIGHTING FORMS

Keep them rolling in.

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.

AN EXPENSIVE HOLIDAY

A German orchid enthusiast holidaying in Australia decided to souvenir 66 species of Western Australian orchid plants. Luckily he was caught and received a \$10,000 fine.

URGENT HELP WANTED

Diana Papenfus is a botanist who has a three-month contract with CALM to survey DRF plants and site conditions in the CALM Swan Region. The contract end at the end of October. Diana has requested our help to complete her survey. The orchids she requires help with are: -

C huegelii & *dorrieni*

D drummondii, *purdiei* & *micrantha*

Drakea micrantha & *elastica*

Epiblema grandiflorum ssp *cyanea*

T manginiorum & *stellata*.

Any members who can help please contact

Diana Papenfus direct, phone [redacted] or [redacted]

FIELD TRIP PROCEDURES

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 19-20 OCTOBER TO ALBANY HWY, PERTH TO MARTUP POOL

This trip has been cancelled.

FIELD TRIP REPORT 7 SEPTEMBER 2002 TO WATHEROO by DON WARD

It was a misty morn as I sped up the highway – three hours later I approached the meeting place near the Watheroo NP. Several vehicles were gathered roadside and we set off to the onsite shed where we all climbed into 4 wheel drives to negotiate the tracks into the NP.

Unfortunately Noel forgot his Falcon was not 4-wheel drive and soon got stuck – not to worry real men own 4 wheel drives and a retreat was arranged. Orchids were thin on the ground however a few kms on we found several species including the rareish *P. spathulata* but alas it was triggered. Further on we discovered the interesting *D. mesocera*, *C. cristata*, *C. roei* and a few white spiders – *C. longicauda*.

It was time to return to the shed and for some to return home to Perth. I stopped at Hill River and discovered several species including *C. gemmata*, *C. discoidea*, *C. radialis*, *C. bicalliata*, *C. flava* and *C. hirta*.

By NOEL CLARKE

I spoke to the Ford people – they ran out of 4WD components when they made my vehicle. I went on to a site about 20k north of the Murchison River and walked within 3 metres of Burtons Rufous Greenhood without finding it. I returned a week later with more success.



FIELD TRIP REPORTS by JEFF & WENDY SPENCER

8 SEPTEMBER BEELAIR DRIVE, BEELAIR.

A bushfire in Banksia/Tuart/Jarrah bush on the West Side of Kogolup Lake, Beelair resulted in the usual resurgence of wildflowers. In July, there had been a high concentration of *Cyanicula deformis*. Now in September, there are a great many *C. discoidea*, *arenicola*, *flava* and *D. magnifica*. *P. aff nana* (take your pick) is also present. An interesting find was a short specimen that looked very much like *C. variegata* or *footeana*. A few *P. plumiforme* & *Pyrochis nigricans* were seen. There was an excellent spread of catspaws in full bloom.

15 SEPTEMBER THE SPECTACLES

A group of about 9 members ventured to the Spectacles Lake Nature Reserve, which is in the Beelair Regional Park at Mandogalup. It was a bit chilly, albeit fine, day after a stormy night.

There are a variety of walking trails through bushland around the Lakes at the Spectacles. We chose the Banksia Walk through relatively high Banksia woodland and found many *C. discoidea*, *arenicola*, *longicauda* ssp *calcigena*, *latifolia*, *flava* and *Diuris* (considerable discussion as to whether these were *corymbosa* or *magnifica*).

Other finds were *Pt recurva* & *P. plumiforme*. *M. media* was seen in abundance near the edge of the Spectacles Lake. There was a good showing of *Hovea pungens*. *Pyrochis nigricans* leaves were seen.

We moved to a second spot along Millar Rd at the end of Johnson Rd in a "Bush Forever" site. We enjoyed lunch and then moved into bushland again finding numerous *C. discoidea*, *flava*, *latifolia*, *longicauda* ssp *calcigena*, *D. magnifica* and one short eared *Pt aff nana*.



Lunch at Millar Rd

**16 SEPTEMBER TO
DUNSBOROUGH/YALLINGUP**

The bush directly behind (south) Yallingup Caravan Park had some excellent blooms of *C gardneri* (cherry spider) and a few specimens of *C huegelii*. *C chapmanii* was in bud and ready to open within a week. *D amplissima* was abundant. *C nivalis* was prolific and in full flower in the coastal granite overlooking the beach directly west of the caravan park (on the Cape to Cape track).

FIELD TRIP IN SEPTEMBER TO WHITE LAKE, DIXON RD ROCKINGHAM by JACK EBORALL

There was a mass flowering at White Lake, northern end.

This Tuart and Paperbark woodland had a "jungle" understorey of *A saligna*, cutrushes, sedges and creepers and in my memory had never been burnt. It did that and fiercely last summer. All of the above are quickly regenerating in the ash bed left.

Much of this area was disturbed many years ago when pits were opened for extracting limestone marl for roads and the earthworks for Millars' rail line from Jarrahdale to Rockingham. The rail formation can still be seen here.

There are colonies of *C latifolia*, pink and white forms, and *L menziesii* both pink and all white forms. In one place approximately 50 stems of *P giganteum* could be counted. There were also occasional colonies of unusually large leaves of *Cyrtostylis* species.

WANOSCG – MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 18TH SEPTEMBER 2002

Meeting commenced at 8.20pm

ATTENDANCE:

24 members were present 4 apologies as per the attendance register.

NEW MEMBERS:

Nil

VISITORS:

Peter Olsen (joined group) & Diana Papenfus

MINUTES

Moved. Tom Blinco & Eric Swarts Minutes of General meeting of 21st August 2002 as presented in the Bulletin be confirmed.

CARRIED.

Matters Arising:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

As per list circulated with attendance book.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The treasurer's reports for August & September circulated with attendance register.

Matters Arising:

Nil

FIELD TRIPS:

1. Christine Lock reported on Spectacles trip.
2. Christine Lock reminded members of the Yeal Swamp & Kojonup trips and advised members to organise their own accommodation at Kojonup.
3. Tom Blinco & Noel Clarke had been to Dunsborough and found a few *C viridescens*, *C rhomboidiformis*, *D longifolia* & *L serratus*.

PLANT TABLE:

Bill Burton displayed *D longifolia*, *micrantha* & *laxiflora*.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Don Manners displayed 4 samples of tee shirts. A range of colours & sizes will be available. An order form with details will be provided to the editor for inclusion in the next Bulletin.
2. Diana Papenfus has a three-month contract with CALM to review DRF orchids & site conditions in the Perth Region. Members who have knowledge that could assist were asked to contact Diana Papenfus direct.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Members slides & photos. Noel Clarke showed slides of *T variegata* from various districts and *Corybas despectans* also from various districts. There was one slide of *C despectans* taken by Sid Gibbings that could have been the "Busselton corybas". He also showed slides of the 1982 trip to look for *C lavendulacea* that we now know is a hybrid.

Ian Greeve showed slides of general nature subjects.

Tom Blinco, Ron Kinsey, Eddy Wajon & Jack Eborall displayed their photos.

RAFFLE:

The raffle was donated by Jeff Spencer and won by Noel Clarke.

SUPPER:

Margaret Fox provided supper for the second time this year. Thankyou Margaret.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

	SUPPER ROSTER	RAFFLE ROSTER	SPEAKER
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

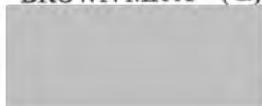
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FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS

19 - 20 October – *Kojonup trip cancelled.*