

BULLETIN

**OF THE WESTERN
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ORCHID STUDY &
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 habits and keep records.
- d) To have field days and learn to recognize the different genera and species.
- e) To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of interest in W.A. orchids.
- f) To affiliate with kindred organizations.

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 May 2005 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 May 2005 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park.

The speaker will be Garry Brockman, and his topic will be "Botanical Nomenclature".

BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are needed for every edition of the Bulletin. Please send to Tom Blinco at Contributions from country members are especially welcome. The deadline for the next issue is 1 June 2005.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Group's financial year commences on **1 February and fees are now due.**

Annual fees are \$25.00 for singles and families. New membership joining fee is \$10.00 and if joining after 30 June membership fee is adjusted prorata. Please send fees to The Treasurer, P.O. Box 323, Victoria Park, 6979.

The digit after your name on the address label is the year for which you are financial. Please make due allowance in time for updating to occur.

Prompt payment will ease the effort for the Secretary, Treasurer and Editor, and importantly, enable the benefit of bulk postage costs.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday 29 May - Field trip Corrigin area

15 June - General meeting

20 July - General meeting

Sunday 24 July Field trip - Cataby area

Sat/Sunday 13/14 August - Field trip

Kalbarri area

17 August - General meeting

Sat/Sun 20/21 August - Field trip Perenjori area

Sunday 4 September - Field trip Brookton area/Weam Reserve

21 September - General meeting

Sat-Mon 24/26 September (Long weekend) - Field trip Bridgetown area

19 October - General meeting

Sat/Sunday 29/30 October - Field trip

Augusta/Scott River

16 November - General meeting

FIELD TRIP TO CORRIGIN SUNDAY 29 MAY 2005

Meet at the corner of the Brookton - Corrigin and Wickopin - Corrigin Roads, approx. 12km west of Corrigin, at 10.00am.

Please advise Ross Fox if you are attending or if you change your mind.

Please note - Further details of later field trips will be advised in future editions.

FIELD TRIP PROCEDURES

Please remember these important rules -

1. *Advise the Trip Leader if you are attending so that you can be advised of any change to arrangements. Advise the Trip Leader also if you later change your mind about attending.*
2. During the field trip keep the following vehicle in sight. If it falls behind then slow down or wait until it catches up. Not every one drives at the same speed, or there may be a problem - it happens!!
3. When you turn, slow down or stop at the turning point until you are sure that the following vehicle is going to also turn.
4. Please ensure that you have sufficient fuel to get you through the field trip.
5. As an incentive to get everyone involved, the last to arrive at the appointed meeting place may be asked to write the field trip report and provide it to the Editor so that others can read all about it. There is no drama with this little job - plenty of others are there to provide assistance.
6. Accommodation for weekend trips is your own responsibility.
7. All proposed field trips are subject to change.

FOR SALE (Contact the Treasurer)

Personal name badges \$10.00 each

Group wineglasses \$7.50 each.

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

Orchids of SW Australia \$45.00

Pat Dundas Cards (orchid paintings) \$10.00 (pack of four)

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

Colour Guide to Spring Wildflowers by Eddy Wajon - \$18.00 each.

Part 1: Kalbarri & The Goldfields

Part 2: Perth & The Southwest.

Part 3: Esperance & The Wheatbelt

Club Polo Tee-shirts, 100% cotton with embroidered club logo, varying sizes, surplus after orders have been met. Cost is \$25.00 each. Please contact Donna Wajon.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Your Committee recently discussed the payment of membership renewal fees.

Even though the point is always made right from the March issue of BULLETIN in each year that our financial year starts from February 1, by June it is usually necessary to issue reminders and by August even to discontinue sending Bulletin issues.

Once that happens the current membership list is such that we lose our ability to attract a bulk postage rate from Australia Post, which requires at least 100 copies, and that presently causes an added cost of about \$13 per month.

When late fees are received the despatch of back issues causes further postage costs at normal postage rates, further adding to our expenses.

A Red Dot on the address label of this issue signifies that fees are outstanding and will need to be paid by 1 July 2005 in order for the July Bulletin and subsequent issues to be received.

Accordingly, members are urged to please renew membership as soon as possible.

WANOSCG WEBSITE

Have you visited our website recently? I know, not every one is on the Internet but free access is usually available at the local public library.

After a considerable period of time on the sick list, Webmaster Don Ward is now back on deck and that is great to hear.

Don has recently been updating our website, which has a very colourful look with lots of information and some great colour photography.

I recommend that you check out the web address shown on the front page.

Thanks Don.

LIBRARY BOOK MISSING

Our Librarian advises that Volume 14 No 7 of the June 2004 edition of The Orchadian is still missing from the binder in the Library.

If you have any information on this item please contact Bill Burton.

THE BIOLOGICAL BULLDOZER

For nearly 150 years an introduced microscopic organism called *Phytophthora cinnamomi* has been quietly devastating the natural heritage of the South west of Western Australia, including the Swan Region.

This biological bulldozer, commonly known as dieback, is a soil-borne disease with the potential to be more devastating to the environment than salinity.

The *Phytophthora* pathogen invades a plant's roots and stems to take nutrients for growth and reproduction. This process kills plant cells and reduces the plant's ability to transport water and nutrients. The disease is not restricted to native flora or natural bushland, but is also prevalent to domestic gardens.

Currently, there are no eradication methods, therefore limiting the spread is the most effective way to manage the disease.

The Dieback Working Group recently received almost \$70,000 on Natural Heritage Trust funding through the Swan Catchment Council, to build on existing projects to protect the natural diversity from dieback throughout the Swan Region. This group was also successful in obtaining \$3,257 in Swan Alcoa Landcare Program funding.

The project aims to educate and train stakeholders, map the presence of the pathogen within high conservation bushland reserves and to develop and implement management plans for these high conservation reserves.

Reprinted from The Swan, Issue 14 March 2005, newsletter of the Swan Catchment Council, copy held by the Librarian.

FIELD TRIP DESTINATIONS

If you are prepared to lead a field trip, or if you wish to see a particular orchid, your offers or suggestions are welcome. Please contact Ross Fox, the Field Trip Co-ordinator

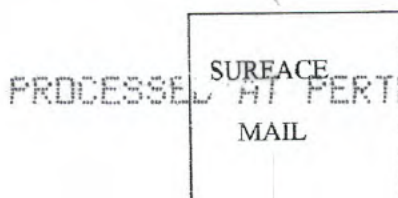
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 20 APRIL 2005

The Minutes are unavailable for inclusion in this issue and will be presented orally at the next meeting.

	SUPPER ROSTER 2005	RAFFLE ROSTER 2005	SPEAKER 2005
MARCH	Donna Wajon	Tom Blinco	Bill Burton
APRIL	Noel Clarke	Christine Lock	TBA or slides
MAY	Margaret Fox	Gerald Stack	Garry Brockman
JUNE	Matz Dahlkamp	Sarah Atkinson	
JULY			
AUGUST		Del Hayward	
SEPTEMBER		John Eaton	
OCTOBER			
NOVEMBER			

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