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**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.
- g) To make rules for the governing of the Group's domestic affairs.

*Note: The opinions expressed by contributors to this Bulletin are not specifically endorsed by this Group.*

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**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, 17 August 2005 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 17 August 2005 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park. The speaker will be Eric Swarts, and his topic is "Digital Photography for the Beginner".

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday 17 August - General meeting  
Sat/Sun 20/21 August - **Field trip Perenjori**  
Saturday 3 September - **Field trip (tentative)**  
**Jarrahdale – see below.**  
Sunday 4 September - **Field trip Brookton**  
Sunday 11 September - **Field trip Dale and**  
**Mundaring area, forest burns.**  
15/18 September – WA Orchid Spectacular at  
Victoria Quay, Fremantle (see below, also  
the June Bulletin for further details).  
Wednesday 21 September - General meeting  
Sat-Mon 24/26 September (Long weekend)  
**Field trip Jerramungup.**  
Sunday 2 October – **Field trip Boddington**  
Saturday 8 October – **Field trip Dawesville**  
Wednesday 19 October - General meeting  
Sat/Sunday 29/30 October - **Field trip**  
**Augusta/Scott River**  
Wednesday 16 Nov - General meeting  
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## FIELD TRIPS

For the following field trips, except as shown,  
please advise Ross Fox [redacted] if you  
are attending or if you change your mind.

### PLEASE NOTE THE ADDITIONS TO THE FIELD TRIP LIST

#### **KALBARRI 13/14 AUGUST**

For any late acceptances or change in  
attendance please contact John Ewing, phone  
[redacted]

#### **PERENJORI 20/21 AUGUST**

For any late acceptances or change in  
attendance please contact John Ewing, phone  
[redacted]

#### **JARRAHDALe SATURDAY 3rd SEPTBR**

This is a tentative field trip, possibly with the  
Jarrahdale Walking Group, which is  
conducting a mystery orchid walk at 1pm on  
this day. For confirmation and details  
contact Christine Lock, phone [redacted]

#### **BROOKTON SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER**

Meet at Brookton Sports Ground, when  
approaching on Brookton Highway from  
Perth, at 10.00am.

#### **DALE/MUNDARING AREA SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER**

Meet in Ashendon Road at the corner of  
Dale Road, 5km north of Brookton  
Highway, at 10.00am. Looking in forest burn  
areas, some of these roads are gravel.

## JERRAMUNGUP SEPTEMBER 24/25/26

### (Long Weekend)

Meet at 10.00am Saturday 24 September in  
Chester Pass Road, at the intersection of the  
Gnowangerup - Jerramungup road, approx  
5km north of Borden

Overnight at Jerramungup both nights.  
Various types of accommodation are  
available here, including the Jerramungup  
Caravan Park which also has available  
chalets and park cabins (phone 9835 1174).

Donna and Eddy Wajon have advised that  
restricted accommodation is available at their  
southern ecology block, approx 30km from  
Jerramungup. Contact them for further  
information.

Please be aware that this is a school  
holiday period, so reservation of  
accommodation would be advisable.

### **BODDINGTON SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER**

Meet at the Boddington Shire Office, in  
Bannister Road, at 10.00am. Boddington is  
128km from Perth, turn off Albany Highway  
at Bannister Road, Bannister.

Apart from finding what we can, we will  
be assisting a former member in looking for a  
possibly unidentified (?) *Caladenia* species.

Please advise Ross Fox after Thursday  
29 September if attending.

### **DAWESVILLE SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER**

As well as finding what we can, this trip will  
be part of a Spring survey for *Caladenia*  
*huegelii*. Meet in Southern Estuary Road near  
the corner of Old Coast Road, South  
Dawesville, at 9.30am.

Please advise Eric Swarts, phone  
[redacted] if you are attending or if you  
change your mind.

### **AUGUSTA/SCOTT RIVER SAT/SUN 29/30 OCTOBER**

Further details to be advised.

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

A photography competition will again be  
held this year for judgement at the November  
meeting. The choice of photograph is  
*Cyanicular gemmata* and the requirements  
are the same as for last year –

- entries may be from either print or  
digital means but need to be submitted  
in print format only.
- photographs to have been taken this  
year, and to show date and location.

## ORCHID SPECTACULAR

### WA Orchid Spectacular at Victoria Quay, Fremantle (see the June Bulletin).

From 13th to the 18th of September, at the Fremantle Passenger Terminal an Orchid Spectacular will be held. This event has attracted people from across Australia and from around the world. While much of the attention is being focussed on cultivated orchids, especially from tropical areas, there will be considerable interest in West Australian terrestrial orchids.

Our Group is to have a display that may include some potted natives, but will have a main focus on photographs that our members have taken on our many field trips. We shall have both static photos plus a fairly constant series of slide shows. Members can contribute photos or slides by contacting John Ewing, phone [redacted] [He is very keen to hear from you!!!].

Also, our display is to be manned on Saturday and Sunday by volunteers who can chat to people. The roster below shows that there are vacancies for others to be part of our contribution to this event.

Time	Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> September
Set up	John Ewing	
9-10am	John Ewing	Tom Blinco
10-11am	John Ewing	Matz Dahlkamp
11am - 12	John Ewing	Matz Dahlkamp
12-1pm	John Ewing	Matz Dahlkamp
1-2pm	John Ewing	Eddie Wajon
2-3pm	John Ewing	Donna Wajon
3-4pm	John Ewing	
4-5pm	John Ewing	

Time	Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> September
9-10am	Gerald Stack	Scilla Stack
10-11am	Gerald Stack	Scilla Stack
11am - 12	Noel Clarke	
12-1pm	Noel Clarke	
1-2pm	Noel Clarke	
2-3pm	Noel Clarke	
3-4pm	Donna Wajon	Eddie Wajon
4-5pm	Donna Wajon	Eddie Wajon
Take down		Eddie Wajon

**Please contact John Ewing if you are available to assist.**

## ORCHIDS WITH JOHN EWING

During 2004 John was in Britain on an exchange teaching appointment. He spent seven months there and during that time had some time available to search for orchids.

Britain has about 60 different species of orchids and John was able to find about 12 of these. He showed the photos of these, pointing out some similarities, but mostly commenting on the differences. In a couple of panoramic views of the Common Spotted Orchid and the Pyramidal Orchid he showed the vast numbers to be found in open grass covered fields. These orchids and others are very brightly coloured in an array of reds and purples.

Only 30 miles from the centre of London is the Lea Valley, where a magnificent display of Marsh orchids was found. These flowers stood up to a metre tall and varied in colour from red to bright mauve through to white.

John also visited a reserve called Yockletts Wood, where Fly Orchids, Spotted Heath Orchids, Lady's Tresses and Twayblades were found. In between the slides of orchids, John showed a huge field covered in lovely red poppies.

After showing his own photos there were further pictures of some of Britain's unusual orchids. Pictures and information covered flowers such as the Military Orchid, the Ghost Orchid, the Lizard Orchid and the Monkey Orchid.

There were also pictures of the famous Lady Slipper Orchid. This very rare species is only in two places where, when in flower, it is guarded 24 hours a day. This is to prevent it being dug up and stolen, to be sold to a collector. Fortunately Kew Gardens scientists are successfully propagating this flower from seed and so its survival should be assured.

It is clear that the issues of conservation of are very prominent in Britain, just as they are here in WA. Many of the orchid societies in Britain are very active in preserving and restoring habitats. They are very keen about their flowers. We, however, have many more, and in John's view (and perhaps yours), more interesting flowers than in Britain.

*Many thanks to John for making available the notes of his address for this item (Ed).*

## DESPATCH OF THE BULLETIN

The BULLETIN is normally despatched on the Wednesday preceding the next meeting.

In taking account of a printing delay and delays in the Australia Post system for the July issue, and to allow time for some personal matters of the Editor, this issue is being despatched earlier than usual.

Please check the date of the next meeting.

The Minutes of the July General Meeting are not available at printing time.

## GENERAL MEETING 15 JUNE 2005

Following are condensed Minutes of the above meeting, which were not included in the July BULLETIN –

**MEETING OPENED** at 8.05pm, with 17 members present, also Guest Speaker Nigel Swartz, and there were six apologies.

Minutes of the previous meeting, correspondence and matters arising, and the Treasurer's report, were handled in the usual manner.

### FIELD TRIP REPORT:

Ross Fox reported that the already arranged trips are listed in the Bulletin. Other trips are being investigated to areas burnt last year.

Members wishing to do the Kalbarri and Perenjori trips are asked to nominate at the July meeting to enable proper coordination of these extended trips.

Many members reported on trips of exploration to Ludlow Forest, Mogumber, Stirling Range, Augusta, Perenjori, Kojonup and Roleystone, with mixed but promising results.

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Orchid Spectacular. John Ewing confirmed that a powered exhibition booth had been booked. A display would require members to attend, most particularly on the Saturday and Sunday (17/18 September) between 08.00 and 17.00.

Planned for the display are slide presentations, brochures and promotion of the Group's website.

2. Noel Clarke tabled a copy of the grant application to LotteryWest for a data projector/computer package for \$6,000, with the Club to contribute \$1,000.

3. Photography competition. Christine Lock called for suggestions for the nominated orchid to be photographed in 2005.

After winnowing suggestions, the selection was

*Cyanicular gemmata*. The photographs are to be presented at the November meeting for assessment by the members, who will use the red dot method of voting.

4. Don Ward spoke about the Group's website, which has been recently updated. The Group should set guidelines for the website given (a) the 30Mb size limit and (b) the requirements of regular maintenance of the site. Don was seeking a deputy whom he could train for this maintenance. There was discussion about the following points

- Use of a monthly gallery of photos to limit the file size
- Target the website to (a) members and (b) visitors, and for the latter a suggestion was to show slides of the orchids flowering in the following month.
- Field trip information was needed for inclusion in the web
- Membership application should be available on the web.
- Email to the WANOSG contact must be maintained promptly.

There will be a note in the Bulletin seeking members to support our Webmaster Don Ward in developing and maintaining the website.

4. WANOSCG glasses (with etched orchids) require updating. The Secretary will report to the next committee meeting.

5. WANOSG is affiliated with the WA Conservation Council which has been impacted by changes to the Federal funding allocations. The Group and individual members will write to Senator Ian Campbell objecting to new the new funding policy.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Nigel Swartz spoke on his current PhD research into the germination and translocation of *Caladenia huegelii*.

The **SUPPER** was donated by Matz Dahlkamp and the **RAFFLE** was donated by Sarah Atkinson. Thanks to them both.

### RAFFLE DRAW

The raffle was drawn by our guest speaker and won by Noel Clarke.

Meeting closed 9.35pm.

## **FLORA PROTECTION - A TALK by NOEL CLARKE**

Following is a repeat of an address printed in the BULLETIN of APRIL 2000. I believe all of the details presented are still valid.

"PICKING of Wildflowers is PROHIBITED". This prohibition exists in most circumstances unless special authorisation is obtained. While it is inevitable that natural bushland areas will be reduced by development, other areas are often harmed by thoughtlessness or ignorance. Disease, fire, weeds, stock, rubbish and vehicles are major sources of damage. State laws governing flora conservation are contained in the Wildlife Conservation Act and its Regulations, which are administered by CALM.

Protected flora may only be 'taken' under specific circumstances. The term 'taken' in relation to any flora under legislation includes "to gather, pluck, cut, pull up, destroy, dig up, remove or injure the flora or permit the same to be done by any means". This covers everything from scientific sampling and hobby collecting to commercial harvesting of flowers and seed.

On Crown land, protected flora may only be taken by individuals who hold a licence issued by CALM under the Wildlife Conservation Act. People who wish to take flora for scientific study, education, hobby, propagation, or other non-commercial purposes must hold a Scientific or Other Prescribed Purposes Licence. This licence does not entitle the holder to sell any of the flora taken. The annual fee for these licences is \$10.00.

On private land protected flora may only be taken by the owner or occupier of the land or by a person who has the owner or occupier's permission. Protected flora taken from private property, whether it be harvested from natural or cultivated stands, may only be sold under a Commercial Producer's Licence or a Nurseryman's Licence held by the property owner or occupier. The annual fee for these licences is \$25.00.

If flora is being taken for commercial uses, including for sale, a Commercial Purposes Licence is required. Before a Crown Land licence can be issued, the applicant must demonstrate that they have an area on which they can harvest flora. This will include the written permission of any government agency that is managing the land. Licensees are also required to submit returns of the flora taken, and such returns must be up to date for licence

reissue. The annual fee for a Commercial Pickers Licence is \$100.00. Special restrictions apply to the taking of flora from Nature Reserves, National Parks or Conservation Parks, and such reserves are excluded to commercial pickers. Those species listed as declared rare flora MAY NOT BE TAKEN without the specific written approval of the Minister for the Environment. This prohibition applies equally to both Crown and private land; to licensed and unlicensed persons; and to owners and occupiers of land on which rare flora is found. All applications to take rare flora should, in the first instance, be referred to the Administrative Officer (Flora) at CALM's State Operations Headquarters in Hayman Road, Como. Priority Flora are many species that are known from only a few collections, or a few sites, but which have not been adequately surveyed. These flora are included on a supplementary conservation list called the Priority Flora List. Commercial harvesting on Crown land is not permitted under the commercial licence conditions.

The penalty for taking declared rare flora is up to \$10,000.00.

The penalty for taking non declared rare flora is up to \$4,000.00.

Application for flora licences should be made to the relevant CALM Regional/District office, or to CALM's State Operations Headquarters, 50 Hayman Road, Como (Locked Bag 104, Bentley Delivery Centre 6983).

	<b>SUPPER ROSTER 2005</b>	<b>RAFFLE ROSTER 2005</b>	<b>SPEAKER 2005</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	Donna Wajon	Tom Blinco	Bill Burton
<b>APRIL</b>	Noel Clarke	Christine Lock	TBA or slides
<b>MAY</b>	Margaret Fox	Gerald Stack	Garry Brockman
<b>JUNE</b>	Matz Dahlkamp	Sarah Atkinson	Nigel Swarts
<b>JULY</b>	Joni Eaton	Noel Clarke	John Ewing
<b>AUGUST</b>	Christine Lock	Del Hayward	Eric Swarts
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		Joni Eaton	Members slides
<b>OCTOBER</b>			Phil Bunney
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			Photography comp.

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**FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS**

- August 13/14 – Kalbarri
- August 20/21 – Perenjori
- September 3 (Tentative) - Jarrahdale
- September 4 – Brookton
- September 11 – Dale/Mundaring area, forest burns.
- September 26/28 – Jerramungup
- October 2 – Boddington
- October 8 – Dawesville
- October 29/30 – Augusta/Scott River