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# BULLETIN

OF THE WESTERN  
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE  
ORCHID STUDY &  
CONSERVATION GROUP  
(INC) (1974 - 2005)



Pterostylis sargentii

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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 habits and keep records.
- To have field days and learn to recognize the different genera and species.
- To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of interest in W.A. orchids.
- To affiliate with kindred organizations.
- 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, 21 September 2005 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 21 September 2005 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park. This is members' slide and photo night. Bring along all the results of this year's field trip photography, which can be in slide, print or electronic form.



## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Sat-Mon 24/26 September (Long weekend)

### Field trip Jerramungup.

Saturday 1 October – CALM survey \*

Sunday 2 October – Field trip Boddington

Saturday 8 October – Field trip Dawesville \*

Saturday 15 October – CALM survey \*

Sunday 16 October – CALM survey \*

Wednesday 19 October - General meeting

Sat/Sunday 29/30 October - Field trip

### Augusta/Scott River

Wednesday 16 Nov - General meeting

Sunday 20 Nov – Field trip Karragullen

## CALM SURVEYS

CALM has requested our assistance in surveys for *Caladenia huegelii* on Saturday 1st October (as well as the Dawesville field trip on Saturday 8th October), and for *Diuris purdiei* and *Diuris drummondii* on Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th October in the Pickering wildfire area.

CALM Officers would accompany us in a suitable ratio depending on our numbers, and members would assist with identifications.

These dates make our calendar pretty crowded, but members are requested to support these surveys if possible. See details below.

## FIELD TRIPS

### PLEASE NOTE CALM SURVEYS LISTED \*

#### 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

Refer to previous BULLETIN issues for further details.

Please advise Ross Fox no later than 5 pm Sunday 18th September [redacted] or John Ewing [redacted] after that date if you are attending if you change your mind.

**HERRON POINT, SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER** – CALM Survey for *Caladenia huegelii*. Meet at 9.30 am, in Herron Point Road on the corner of Old Bunbury Road, approx 15 km southwest of Pinjarra.

For arrangement of their resources, CALM request to be advised on numbers attending ASAP. Please advise Ross Fox no later than 5 pm Sunday 18th September [redacted] or John Ewing [redacted] if you will be attending.

## 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.

Please advise Ross Fox after 8.00 am Thursday 29 September if attending.

## DAWESVILLE, SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

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

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

## DALE AREA, SATURDAY 15 and SUNDAY

**OCTOBER 16** – CALM Surveys. On both these days, meet at 9.30am in Ashendon Road, near the corner of Brookton Highway.

As CALM have requested three weeks notice if possible to arrange their resources, please advise Ross Fox [redacted] as soon as possible if you are able to attend, so that he can liaise with CALM.

## AUGUSTA SAT/SUN 29/30 OCTOBER

Meeting time and place to be confirmed in the October BULLETIN.

### **\*\* EXTRA FIELD TRIP \*\***

#### KARRAGULLEN, SUMMER BURNS,

##### SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

Meet at 10.00am at the car park of the Rocke Inn Tavern, south side of Brookton Highway Karragullen, approx 1km south of Canning Road. Garry Brockman will be leader.

Please advise Ross Fox [redacted] if you are attending if you change your mind.

## GROUP WEBSITE

Mention was made at the August General Meeting of some difficulty in accessing our website on the Internet.

The address to be used is on the front page of this Bulletin, as follows –

*wanativeorchidsociety.net*

Alternatively, by using *wanoscg* you should also get the Home page, then go to the links.

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Please see August BULLETIN for details.



## BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are always needed for every edition of the BULLETIN. Long hand is okay as long as I can read it; a floppy or CD is very handy, and will be returned.

Contributions from country members are especially welcome.

Please send to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The deadline for the next issue is 1st October.

## FIELD TRIP PROCEDURES

There has been another breach in field trip convoy procedures, so it is again necessary for a reminder of the primary requirement.

At all times, there must not be any deviation through any fork in the road, or a turn at any corner or T intersection, until the trafficators of the following vehicle are indicating that it is going to follow. Do not turn the corner then wait, because the following vehicle driver may not see where you are waiting around the corner.

If dusty or other road conditions have caused the convoy to spread out, and bearing in mind that not all drivers or vehicles may be adept in handling those conditions, waiting at any road deviation is even more important.

If any following vehicle has dropped behind and is out of view, stop until it has rejoined the convoy.

## ORCHID SIGHTING REPORT

Donna Wajon has revised the design of the Orchid Sighting Report Form, and for local recipients a copy is attached to this BULLETIN.

The new form has space to record sightings from more than one site, and descriptions of land types are no longer provided for.

You may care to use the clean form to obtain your own extra copies before use, or obtain copies from the Field Trip Co-ordinator.

When completed, please forward to the Registrar, Chris French, at the address shown on the front page.

## TRIP REPORT CATABY 24 JULY 2005

We car-pooled this trip with Matz Dahlkamp and Christine Lock and left early at 7:00am.

We were ahead of time so we stopped on Brand Highway opposite the Moore River National Park at some wandoo trees. Matz had stopped there before with Bill and Noel. That little stop caused us to be last, or should I say, "Eddy" couldn't help himself from taking a photo, which ended up making us last at the starting point. So Eddy should be writing this

report, but because he is busy on another project I have been drafted to do so.

Our meeting place had *Pterostylis vittata*, or was it *sanguinea*? There were some hairy *Caladenia* leaves with red colouring on the underside, some with buds, that I took to be *Caladenia flava* subsp *flava* but I don't know how to identify species by leaf alone (maybe a topic for a guest speaker).

The first stop was on Brand Highway at Mullering Brook swamp, which still had water in it. There were a few *Prasophyllum parvifolium*, lots of *Pterostylis aff nana* (Broad Petal) and *Pt. dilatata*.

At the next three stops along Brand Highway we looked for *Thelymitra aff variegata* (Northern Queen of Sheba). We did find some spiral leaves in the burn area, and three flowering plants with two buds each but not quite open. If we had a hot sunny day they might have been open, but sadly it was not to be. One plant was a little more open than the others and some photos were taken. You could see the possibility of colour. The sepals were yellow with red spots and the petals looked purple but really not open to tell much more. They were growing in white sand.

On the back road to Moora we stopped on Kiaka Road where *Cyanicula deformis*, or is it *Caladenia* now (help, I'm confused), were flowering (see footnote. Ed), one *Diuris brumalis* and there were a lot of *Caladenia* leaves. According to Ross they are *C. exilis* subsp *vanleeuwenii*.

At the Moora Reserve we were delighted with a great variety of colour forms of *Caladenia exilis* subsp *vanleeuwenii*, and large numbers of *Pterostylis scabra* and *Pt. aspera*. There were also two *Pt. aff nana* species but no one put a name to them. This reserve is getting more degraded with grass and rubbish and hundreds of aluminium cans, and I don't think Moora Council really values or cares for the area. I hope we don't lose this orchid site in the future.

We missed out on the last stop, but it was late so we drove home, a 500 km round trip. Thank you Ross for leading the trip even without Margaret. Donna Wajon

(Technically the botanical name for the Blue Fairy Orchid is neither *Caladenia* nor *Cyanicular*. In "The Orchadian" Vol 13, page 411 (2001) the abstract says, "A new classification is proposed for *Caladenia*



(Orchidaceae)", and there are numerous changes in addition to renaming of "*Cyanicular deformis*", some still under dispute. The name used on CALM Florabase is "*Pheladenia deformis*", as formally described. We are happy with the "common" version used in H & B for the time being, but either is accepted. Ed).

#### TRIP REPORT KALBARRI 13 AUGUST 2005

What looked to be a wet and miserable weekend thankfully turned out to be dry, with orchids galore. A good crowd (8 cars) arrived at the first site, at low-lying scrub on Northampton/Port Gregory Road, to find heaps of *Caladenia elegans*. Also found were *C longicauda* subsp *albella* (or *borealis*), *C. vulgata*, *D. laxiflora*, *D. recurva*, *Pr gracile*, and *T. antennifera*. The highlight was a few plants of *C. hoffmanii* subsp *hoffmanii* that had recently opened.

Next stop was a breakaway on Yerina Spring Road. More *C. elegans*, *C. longicauda* subsp *albella* (or *borealis*), *flava* subsp *maculata*, and *vulgata* and a beautiful little orchid most were convinced were *Caladenia footeana*. Another interesting find on the top of the breakaway was *Diuris* aff. *laxiflora* – more white and diminutive than true *D. laxiflora*. Also found was the Northern Bee Orchid – *D. aff laxiflora* (p404 H & B), and *T. antennifera*.

Next stop along this road was the *Thelymitra macrophylla* site – many buds but no flowers. The cool weather was to blame. The highlight here was the first sighting for many in the Group of the Northampton Midget Greenhood (*Pterostylis* aff *cycnocephala*), Donna's sharp eyes finding the first of many. Other orchids here included *Pt. aff rufa* (bud), *Pt. aff nana* (Hairy-stemmed Snail Orchid), *D. laxiflora* and *C. vulgata*.

From here we headed to the *Caladenia bryceana* subsp *cracens* site. Confusion with convoy procedures delayed the convoy somewhat. We all jumped into the 4WDs to get to this site. Our enthusiasm was dampened by a lengthy but fruitless search for these elusive orchids. We only ended up with a few leaves and bud for our troubles.

Kalbarri was our overnight destination – many staying at the Tudor Caravan Park and enjoying a good seafood meal at the local fish diner.

Sunday greeted us with good weather and the first stop was the Z-bend. There was immediate excitement here with the finding of *Caladenia wanosa* – a first sighting for many. At least 15

plants were found with many *C. flava* subsp *maculata*, *C. reptans* subsp *impensa*, *Pt aff nana*, *D. recurva*, *Paracaleana terminalis*, *C. vulgata*, and buds of *Drakaea concolor*.

Next stop further down Kalbarri Road was to look for *Caladenia barbarella*. Back into the 4WDs to a small dam site. We all scoured the edges of the creek lines under the broom bushes until Donna's sharp eyes again found the jackpot – a single specimen in good flower. Many buds but no more flowers were found.

Back along the track and at the car park we found *Cyanicular deformis*; *Pt aff rufa* (bud); *Caladenia cairnsiana*, *flava* subsp *maculata*, *vulgata*, *pachychila*; *Diuris longifolia* and *recurva*; and *Thelymitra campanulata* (bud).

Our last stop was West Ogilvie Road between Northampton and Binu. Many *C. vulgata*, *hirta*, *pendens*, *D. recurva*, *Pt aff rufa* (bud) and a most unusual find of *Caladenia marginata*. Surprising to see it this far north and flowering early.

Special thanks to Ross Fox for organising a great weekend and for even for waiting for latecomers (me) on Saturday.

Eric Swarts.

#### AUGUST GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER

The speaker at this meeting was Eric Swarts, who commenced his talk about digital cameras for the beginner by expressing a disclaimer - that he was not speaking as an expert but as a novice wishing to pass on his experiences in learning about a new camera.

His topics included the pros and cons of each style of camera under the headings "Digital versus Film camera", "Digital camera – What do you need?" and "Macro photography – Common problems".

One of the main pointers, as we have already seen from members using digital cameras, was that results are available immediately – as against waiting until completion of a film for developing. On the other hand, digital cameras are more costly, particularly SLR models, but in compact digital cameras focussing is via a viewing screen rather than through the lens, and problems can occur, particularly with poor subject differentiation and on bright days.

Eric's address was supported by excellent photography, and one that I found quite interesting. Thanks Eric. (Ed).



## FOR SALE – Contact the Treasurer

Name badges \$10.00 each

Pat Dundas Cards (Orchid paintings – singly or in pack of four, ideal as presents) \$2.50 ea.

History of WANOSCG \$3.00.

Car Stickers \$1.50.

*Three only Club Polo Tee-shirts, surplus after orders were met, 100% cotton with embroidered club logo, one each of sizes 14, XL, and XXL. Cost is \$25.00 each.*

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

(Please contact Eddy Wajon about these).

## FIELD TRIP REPORT 27/28 AUGUST

Glenys and I had a quick trip to Jerramungup, planned around forecast adverse weather in the region for Sunday, and we visited one section of the summer wildfire as well as some other sites.

In the burnt area where we looked there were numbers of *Pyrorchis nigricans* in bud with two starting to open, also *Caladenia saccharata*, *Pt recurva*, and a *Pt aff nana* type. There was also a great display, both in and out of the burnt area, of *Cyanicular caerulea* subsp *apertala*, the Western Tiny Blue Orchid.

Another location just along the road was not so productive, but that was all the time we had. However, there were lots of orchids just south of the town at a regular site.

One the way home we stopped at several sites after we had driven out of steady drizzle and light rain, and saw lots of orchids.

Incidentally, the Jerramungup Caravan Park owner advises that members staying there at the long weekend need to take adequate blankets.

Tom Blinco

## SUMMARY OF MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING 20 JULY 2005

Meeting opened at 8.15pm, Vice President Christine Lock deputising for the President. As per the attendance book there were 20 attendees, one visitor, 7 apologies, and new member Tom Burbidge was welcomed.

Supper was donated by Joni Eaton and the raffle by Noel Clarke - thanks to them for their support. Minutes of meeting 15 June 2005, Treasurer's Report and Correspondence were dealt with in the normal manner.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. WA Orchid Spectacular. This is scheduled for the weekend of 18/19 September 2005.

(a) Members were invited to provide slides to be used in a slide display.

(b) Members were asked to fill in the roster with a time they could attend the display, particularly on the Sunday (19 Sept).

(c) Anyone who could assist as an Orchid Cultivator would be welcomed.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Eddy Wajon reported on one item of current correspondence, namely the forthcoming AGM of the Conservation Council of WA where changes to the Constitution were proposed dealing with governance of funds. Eddy will be the Club delegate. He also reported on recent changes to the Federal funding of the Conservation Council, which will remove \$75,000 yearly support. He urged members to write objecting to the changes.

## FIELD TRIP REPORT:

Ross Fox reported that he would be away for the next two meetings. In his absence John Ewing will collect names of those attending the field trips and act as local coordinator. Burn areas at Mundaring are possible sites for visiting.

## PLANT TABLE:

Bill Burton spoke to 3 plants he tabled, *Diuris brumalis*. This has a long tuber, which separates well and will flower after a couple of years. It is relatively easy to care for, provide some water at the drop of temperatures, but not too much, and protect from the sun's heat.

Phil Bunney presented *Pterostylis aff nana*, which he protects with shade cloth and gives no water in summer and it thrives. He also had *Cyrtostylis robusta*, which he did give some water in summer.

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Orchid Spectacular. There was an update on planning and an invitation for members to tend the display on the Sunday 19 September.
2. Letters were received from CALM inviting members to participate in their annual orchid surveys - the first was for *C. huegelii* on the 2nd or 9th October in metropolitan Perth, and the other was to search burnt areas in Pickering Brook for *D. purdiei* and *D. drummondii* on 15/16 Oct.

GUEST SPEAKER: John Ewing presented slides and talked of his discoveries of "Orchids in the UK".

Meeting closed at: 9.25 pm.

The Minutes of the General Meeting 17 August 2005 are not available at printing time.



	<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>		Ian Greeve	Members slides
<b>OCTOBER</b>		Ross Fox	Phil Bunney
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		Don Ward	Photography comp.

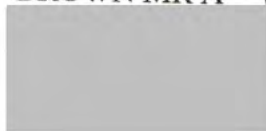
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#### **FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS**

September 24/26 – Jerramungup  
October 1 – Herron Point (CALM Survey)  
October 2 – Boddington  
October 8 – Dawesville (CALM Survey)  
October 15 – Pickering Brook area (CALM Survey)  
October 16 – Pickering Brook area (CALM Survey)  
October 29/30 – Augusta/Scott River  
November 20 - Karragullen