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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 19th April 2006 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 19th April 2006 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park. Guest speaker will be **Noel Clarke – The *Caladenia magniclavata* complex** and also slides from members using our new digital projector

BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are needed for every edition of the BULLETIN.

No matter how long or how short your report may be, please send to John Ewing (by email – see front cover). [redacted] by 1st May 2006.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Group's financial year commences on 1 February. Annual fees are \$25.00 for singles & families. New membership joining fee is \$10.00 and if joining after 30 June membership fee is adjusted prorata.

The digit after your name on the address label is the year for which you are financial and is updated as far as practicable. ALL MEMBERSHIPS WITH ADDRESS LABELS BEARING THE NUMBER 5 ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL BY 1 MAY 2005

Please send fees to The Treasurer,
P.O. Box 323, Victoria Park, 6979.

FOR SALE – Contact the Treasurer (Sales now subject to GST)

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

Group wineglasses \$7.50 each.

Both the above are ideal as presents.

Car stickers \$1.50 ea

History of WANOSCG \$3.00.

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

Name badges \$10.00 each

Rufa Trip Report \$10.00

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

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

Note – all our copies of Orchids of SW Australia
have been sold. This book is now out of print, so
we await a new edition

Colour Guide to Spring Wildflowers - \$18.00 each.
(Contact Eddy Wajon)

Part 1: Kalbarri & The Goldfields

Part 2: Perth & The Southwest.

Part 3: Esperance & The Wheatbelt

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday April 19 – General meeting

Wednesday May 17 – General meeting

Wednesday June 21 – General meeting

Wednesday July 19 – General meeting

Wednesday August 16 – General meeting

Wednesday September 20 – General meeting

Wednesday 18 October - General meeting

Wednesday 15 Nov - General meeting

SUPPER

A light supper is provided at General Meetings as arranged by the Supper Co-ordinator.

A modest fee of \$1.00 per person applies to everyone staying for the supper, and this amount is to be left in the container on the supper table for collection by the Treasurer.

Please rinse out your cups when you have finished with them.

The MEGA-Prasophyllums of Western Australia

Thanks to Mike Duncan for this item and picture, which appeared in the ANOS Victoria Bulletin, February 2006.

As the orchid season wanes in south-east Australia and largely retreats to the alpine areas, it's still in full swing in Western Australia. With more than 370 recognised species in the south-west land division, and a flowering period largely restricted to the August-December period, there are plenty of spectacular orchids still to see in late November. In particular, there are many late flowering *Caladenia*, *Diuris*, *Prasophyllum* and *Thelymitra* species. In 2005, I spent nine amazing days studying some of the more beautiful, bizarre and enormous orchids WA has to offer.

In late spring, while the diminutive, 10-15 cm spikes of the Fragrant Leek Orchid (*P. suaveolens*) flowers in Victoria, there are some giant *Prasophyllum* species in flower in WA. The Christmas Leek Orchid, (*P. brownii*), the Swamp Leek Orchid (*P. drummondii*), the King Leek Orchid (*P. regium*), and even the Fringed Leek Orchid (*P. fimbria*) are all in flower. The average plant of each of these species is comfortably greater than 1 m, and in the case of *P. regium*, the average plant is about 1.5 m tall – it's not the 'king' of the leek orchids for nothing. All are easily larger than Victoria's biggest *Prasophyllum*, the (not so) Tall Leek Orchid (*P. elatum*).

As evidence, I offer this picture taken near Bridgetown. In a burnt swamp, I was soon surrounded by a forest of enormous *Prasophyllum* spikes, before being confronted by a huge *P. regium* plant of more than 2 m. Now, it's not very often that I have to look up to anything (some would say that's due to my generally poor attitude and lack of respect, but that's another story), but for the first time ever I encountered an orchid that was taller than myself. I'm easily taller than 1.9 in my

boots, and my hand is reaching up to the top of the spike. My estimation is that it was a massive 2.1 m tall !



Mike meets his match in a swamp near Bridgetown
25/11/2005

CALADENIA HUEGELII REPORT

Jeff Spencer has provided an extract from the Summer 2006 edition of the CALM publication *EcoplanNEWS*, in which it is reported that a search for *Caladenia huegelii* (Grand Spider Orchid) in October 2005 had discovered a population numbering 246 plants near the Harvey Estuary.

The find makes this population the third largest known.

FIELD TRIP REPORT – SW TOUR by Wayne Merritt & Rob Halls
27/28 Dec 2005

This tour started in the banksia woodland on the Bunbury/Capel Rd where many *T. Fuscolutea* were

found including one stand of 12 plants. Also discovered were many hundreds of *Cryptostylis Ovata*. The journey went onto the Bridgetown/Manjimup Rd where, in a winter wet heathland, the variety included *M. Media/Media* and *Brownii*, *Caladenias Serotina* and *Radiata* plus hybrids, *E. Emarginata* and *Pras. Brownii*. Further along at Lake Muir were *D Drummondii* and a very late *M. Orbicularis*. The next sites were on Denbarker Rd and while *C Ultima* was not found in flower (only one finished specimen), in a swampy area burnt the previous summer, were more *D Drummondii*, *Pras Gibbosum* and *Macrostachyum*, *M Familiaris* and *T. Tigrina*. From here we ventured further south to Walpole, Windy Harbour Rd and via Muir Hwy back to Margaret River.

The variety included *C Corynephora*, *Epiblema Grandiflorum*, *T Caniculata*, *M Pulchella* and of special note on the Muir Hwy near Nyanup was *Para Brockmanii* that had some lovely double-headers.

Bird spotting was an added highlight that included Emu wrens, Red Winged wrens and a Southern Boobook owl.

CONSERVATION AT MOORA

On Sunday 2nd April 8 members of the club met with a group of people at Moora to initiate action about conserving a bush area on the Midlands road near the town boundary. Club members, led by Stuart Harris, showed locals the locations of a range of orchids that will flower in July/August including *C Exilis* sb *Vanleeuwenii* (Moora Spider). The group is seeking Shire approval for this site to be conserved. Local councillor Jim Pond, also something of an orchid enthusiast was on hand to lend active support. Local conservation enthusiast Marie Carter led the group to some other areas of interest, including the bush block over the road from her own home. Marie is seeking to have these areas preserved as well. Eddy Wajon was able to provide important advice to the Moora group about how to proceed with funding applications. This will enable fencing and signs to be erected to protect the areas from vehicle damage. A field trip will be planned to Moora to this site and others including some that Jim Pond mentioned. Marie even organised lunch for the group. This rounded out a productive and enjoyable day.

WANOSCG
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - 15
MARCH 2006

Meeting opened: 8.15 pm

ATTENDANCE: 20 members and 10 apologies as per the Attendance Book

MINUTES The Minutes of the 2005 AGM were printed in the Bulletin, distributed to all members.

Moved Noel Clarke and seconded Donna Wajon, that the minutes of the 2005 AGM from the 16th March 2005 be accepted as a true record of that meeting. CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President presented his verbal report for 2005, highlighting increased membership, and the move for the Group to register for GST as

preparation for a Lotterywest grant application. He thanked all members of the committee, with special reference to Eddy Wajon for his successful work as Conservation Officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer presented the accounts for 2005 and the Auditor's report, which had been circulated to members attending.

Moved Noel Clarke and seconded by Christine Lock that the meeting endorse the Auditor's report as presented to the meeting. CARRIED.

ELECTIONS

The President declared all positions vacant except for the continuing positions of Patron, Christine Lock, Ian Greeve and John Ewing. Tom Blinco agreed to be the Returning Officer and took the place of the President, who stood aside for the elections.

Position	Nominee	Moved	Seconder	Action
Patron	Steve Hopper			(continuing)
President	Mike Harper	Matz Dahlkamp	Gerald Stack	CARRIED
Vice President - 1 year	Christine Lock			(continuing)
Vice President - 2 year	Noel Clarke	Matz Dahlkamp	Christine Lock	CARRIED
Secretary	Gerald Stack	John Ewing	Mike Harper	CARRIED
Treasurer	Matz Dahlkamp	Donna Wajon	Sarah Atkinson	CARRIED
Committee (2 yr)	Tom Blinco	Matz Dahlkamp	Noel Clarke	CARRIED
Committee (2 yr)	Margaret Fox	Gerald Stack	Matz Dahlkamp	CARRIED
Committee (1 yr)	Ian Greeve			(continuing)
Committee (1 yr)	John Ewing			(continuing)
Editor	John Ewing	Tom Blinco	Mike Harper	CARRIED
Field Trip Coord	Ross Fox	Tom Blinco	Christine Lock	CARRIED
Conservation Officer	Eddy Wajon	Eva Smith	Donna Wajon	CARRIED
Registrar	John Ewing	Eddy Wajon	Bill Burton	CARRIED
Librarian	Bill Burton	Noel Clarke	Ian Greeve	CARRIED
Supper Coord	Donna Wajon	Glenys Blinco	Matz Dahlkamp	CARRIED

Auditor	Ross Winton	Matz Dahlkamp	Wayne Merritt	CARRIED
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GENERAL BUSINESS

1. There was a belated award of Most Improved Photographer presented by the President to Bill Burton.
2. Suggestions from the floor were for the Group to advertise for memberships on community media as Access 31 and 100.1FM.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

WANOSCG MEETING MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 15 MARCH 2006

OPENED: meeting declared open at 8.35 pm.

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES:

There were 20 members and 7 apologies as per the Attendance Book.

RAFFLE TONIGHT: Donated by Tom Blinco, with thanks to the Blincos for their support

MINUTES TO THE MEETING: 19 November 2005.

The Minutes of the General Meeting of 19 November 2005, were circulated to members in the Bulletin.

Moved: Noel Clarke Seconded: John Ewing that these were a true record of the meeting CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence has been attended to by committee. The Correspondence list for March 2006 was circulated to attending members. 5 applications for membership were tabled from the floor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report for the previous twelve months and the Auditor's report were tabled at the 2006 AGM preceding this meeting.

FIELD TRIP REPORT:

Wayne Merritt reported on a trip with Rob Halls to the south west in late December and early January just gone. This report is found on Pg 3

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Group Librarian, Bill Burton, advised of two new volumes in the library - The cultivation of Australian terrestrial orchids, and the draft 2nd edition of Paracaleana sp, by Brown and Brockman.
2. Eddy Wajon reported on the recent opening of Roe Highway extension 7. The study and translocation of Caladenia huegelii is continuing. Among the positive outcomes of the collaboration are the reduction in the area cleared (6 - 19 hectares depending on calculations used); all unused road reservations handed to the Conservation Estate; lot 161 Forrest Road vested in the Conservation Estate; use of wire rope barriers to reduce the separation to significant bush reducing the clearing required. There was general recognition at the opening ceremonies of the value of conservation of flora.
3. Tom Blinco reports on a proposal to restore parts of the Zigzag railway, which would impact on the flora of the route, and recommends WANOSCG monitor the proposal.

Guest Presentation: Noel Clarke presented a photographic comparison of South Australian orchids, comparing respective species of Western Australian orchids.

RAFFLE DRAW: The raffle, donated by Tom Blinco, was drawn by the Speaker, Noel Clarke, and won by the President, Mike Harper.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next general meeting will be held on 19 April 2006.

Meeting closed at: 9.30 pm

	RAFFLE ROSTER 2006	<u>SPEAKER</u> 2006
MARCH	G & T Blinco	Noel Clarke - "Orchids of South Australia" courtesy of Barb and Ken Bayley
APRIL	<i>Donna Wajon</i>	Noel Clarke - The <i>Caladenia magniclavata</i> complex
MAY	Ross Fox	
JUNE	G & S Stack	
JULY	Wayne Merritt	
AUGUST	John Ewing	
SEPTEMBER	Sarah Atkinson	
OCTOBER	Noel Clarke	
NOVEMBER	Christine Lock	

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FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS

New season field trips are yet to be planned.