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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.
- h) To do all such 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 21st April 2010 at 7.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 21st April 2010 at 8.00pm at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please email any Bulletin contributions to John Ewing at or call on . Articles for the next Bulletin need to be submitted by 1st of the next month.

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WANOSCG HONOUR ROLL

Life members

Andrew Brown
Noel Clarke
Alex George
Roy Hargreaves*
Ron Heberle*
Harry Lodge*
Don Voigt
Beryl Yates
Jean Long
Gloria Jackson

Honorary member

Ross Wilton* 11/11/2009

Honour Board

The Honour Board was suggested by Bill Burton and created by Noel Clarke in 2000. It was last published in 2008. This board lists deceased active members. As Noel stated in 2006, "over the years members have reached the end of their allotted span, and in memory of them I have made a list, some from past Bulletins and some from my fading memory."

WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY 17th March 2010

Meeting at: BGPA Boardroom.
Commencing 8.25pm

CIRCULATION OF REPORTS: Attendance Book, Correspondence list, Treasurers Report and Auditor's Report were circulated to the members

ATTENDANCE: 36 members present 5 apologies 2 visitors

RAFFLE : Kindly donated by Ramón Newman

FORTH COMING MEETINGS

21 April	General meeting
19 May	General meeting
16 June	General meeting
21 July	General meeting
18 August	General meeting
15 September	General meeting
20 October	General meeting
17 November	General Meeting

Anna Brunnbauer 1995
Gerhart Brunnbauer 1998
John Emery 1996
Herb Foote 1987 (founding member)
Ron Foreman 1994
Laurie Gibbings 1983
Harry Goodchild 1985 (founding member)
Lisa Jackson 1994
Ken Jones 1978
Pierre Milon 1991
Dick Mumford
Crawford Nalder 1994 (founding member)
Emma Saueracker 1999
Lal Sheppard 1979 (founding member)
George Spice 1983
Harry Lodge 2004
Bill Jackson 2002
Ron Heberle 2004
Roy Hargreaves 2003
Bill Mangini 2007
Katie Ward 2006
Pauline Heberle 2006

1. PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Amendments: None
The General Meeting Minutes as distributed are a true and correct record of the meeting of Nov 18th, 2009 - Moved Thea Hansen and Seconded Eric Swarts, and carried.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- The new proposed Branch By-Laws were accepted by the Committee and will now be implemented by the Southern Rivers group.

3. FIELD TRIP REPORT:

Ross Fox, retiring Field Trip Coordinator, thanked everyone for their support during the past year.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The President, Christine Lock, informed the meeting that 2 new First Aid Boxes

- have been bought – one for the Perth area and one for the Albany area.
2. Noel Clarke brought to the attention of the meeting and the committee three constitutional matters, which will be considered by the committee. The 3 points related to:
 - a. The Registrar and Conservation Officer positions are not formally covered by the Office Bearers as listed in Clause 3 of the Constitution. Should these positions be formalised and included Clause 3?
 - b. The management of the affairs of the Group is vested in the Management Committee, as per Clause 15. Other non-Management Committee members may attend the Committee meeting – consideration should be given to allowing general members to also attend Committee meetings as observers.
 - c. Proper process, according to Clause 10, was not observed when Gloria Jackson was made an honorary member. Noel Clarke made the further point that a dangerous precedent may have been set by the Group paying for 2 people to attend the DEC Conservation Awards dinner, and for a member to attend a conservation seminar. A written submission relating to these points was handed to the Secretary, which will be considered by the Committee at the next available meeting.
 3. The Conservation Officer, Eddy Wajon, read and discussed the Conservation Report
 4. Donna Wajon informed the meeting that orders for Group shirts and jackets will be taken, with payments, at the next meeting in April 21st.
 5. Noel Clarke informed the meeting that the commercial TV area in Dianella is to be vacated, and a local group is trying to get the area set aside for conservation.
 6. The President discussed the fact that the Group is intending to become more involved in research topics, and will be looking for volunteers to participate in the activities.
- 5. PRESENTATION**
 Andrew Brown, from DEC, gave a presentation on "WA's Undescribed Spider Orchids"

6. GROWERS TABLE

No plants were brought to the meeting

7. RAFFLE DRAW

Raffle was drawn by the presenter, Andrew Brown – the winner of the raffle was Russel Thomas.

MEETING CLOSED: 9:45 pm

NEXT MEETING: 8.00 pm Wed April 21st

MEMBERSHIP

All members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due. The annual family membership fee is now **\$30**. Payment can be made in person to the Treasurer, or by mail with cheques made out to WANOSCG and sent to [REDACTED]

Or by electronic transfer to the club's bank account Bankwest

BSB - 306 044

A/C number - 549 246-8

If using an electronic transfer please send details of the transfer to WANOSCG website.

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

WANOSCG wine glasses	\$15.00
Pat Dundas cards	\$2.50
History of WANOSCG	\$3.00
Rufa trip report	\$10.00
Orchids of Western Australia	\$9.00
Historical : Orchids of WA : Cultivation and Natural History	\$5.00
Badges : Name Badge	\$15.00
Caladenia Flava	\$4.00
30 th Anniversary	\$4.00
Car Stickers	\$2.50

JACKETS AND SHIRTS

Donna Wajon [REDACTED] is still taking orders up to the next meeting (April 21st). money has to be paid at the time of the order. Short and long sleeves with or without separate pockets are available. Contact Donna to order AND PAY asap.

AUDITORS REPORT I have examined the books, vouchers and bank transactions of the Western Australian Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group (Inc) for the year ended 31 January 2009.

The attached Statement of Receipts and Payments is in accordance with these records. It represents a fair and reasonable account of the financial affairs of the group.

Phil Bunny Auditor

WANOSCG**Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the year ended 31 January 2010****Receipts**

Memberships
Nomination Fees & Badges
Car Stickers
Embroidery Garments
Flava Badges
Publication -History of WANOSCG
General Postage
Interest Received
Publication- Orchid Flowering Time
Publication -Orchids of WA
Publication -Orchids of WA (2008)
Pat Dundas Cards
Raffle
Rufa Survey Report
Supper
GST
Donations
Lottery West
Transfer from GCMA *
Wineglasses

Expenditure

Bulletin Copying
Bulletin Postage
Conservation Council Award Evening
Conservation Council Annual Fees
Embroidery Garments
General Postage
GST
iiNet
Insurance
Name Badges
Post Office Box Renewal
Presentation
Rent
Stationery
Supper
Universal Press (new book)
University of WA
Transfer to GCMA *
Advertisement
Car Stickers
Wineglasses

31/01/2010

31/01/2009

		2,600.00		2,529.50
		515.00		375.00
		30.00		27.00
		-		19.40
		-		12.00
		-		3.00
		-		6.00
		571.20		1,211.94
		-		5.00
		-		29.00
		130.00		6,760.00
		-		77.00
		424.80		430.00
		-		40.00
		171.55		203.10
		111.00		8,622.00
		52.97		148.75
		211,054.80		36,603.60
		56,485.09		33,464.35
		115.20		-
		272,261.61		90,566.64
		418.00		291.70
		417.45		432.72
		-		30.00
		390.00		90.00
		-		147.00
		38.30		21.75
		6,899.00		3,378.00
		-		46.40
		643.50		632.50
		323.00		337.50
		75.00		70.00
		55.85		16.00
	2010	495.00	2008 & 2009	990.00
		59.35		556.05
		142.07		167.05
		-		5,940.00
		208,494.43		97,558.26
		55,000.00		19,000.00
		80.52		-
		352.00		-
		547.00		-
		274,430.47		129,704.93
Excess Payments over Receipts		-\$ 2,168.86		-\$39,138.29

Cash at Bank

Balance - February 1
Plus Receipts

2009/10

7,533.28

272,261.61

279,794.89

Less Payments

274,430.47

Balance - January 31

\$ 5,364.42

2008/09

Incl. u/p chq's 46,671.57

90,566.64

137,238.21

129,704.93

\$ 7,533.28

Investments

2009/10

2008/09

Term Deposit			
Balance - February 1		8,212.91	7,597.22
Interest		398.57	615.69
Balance - January 31		<u>\$ 8,611.48</u>	<u>\$ 8,212.91</u>
Gold Cash Mgmt Acct			
Balance - February 1		8,713.64	23,177.99
Details above *	(Net)	<u>1,485.09</u>	<u>14,464.35</u>
Balance - January 31		<u>\$ 7,228.55</u>	<u>\$ 8,713.64</u>
Bank Funds 31 January 2010		\$ 21,204.45	\$ 24,459.83

FIELD TRIP REPORT

SOUTHERN RIVERS GROUP

27th March 2010: Gull Rock Area

Mid day was still overcast as eight club members and one guest set out to find as many *Praecoxanthus aphyllus* (Leafless orchids) as possible. Last weekend there were three small flowers. Today the group found 16 flowering plants. The season has begun. The area has been cleaned up of all loose litter as good use was made of the orange garbage bags. A couple of enthusiasts went further along the road but no other genus was found. Anna de Haan

FIELD TRIP: SATURDAY 17TH APRIL DENMARK TO FERNHOOK FALLS

Meet at 8.30 am Denmark Visitor Centre car park or 8.50 am corner Tindale Road and South Coast Highway. Finish at Fernhook Falls at about 4pm. If wishing to attend this field trip please ring Anna on [REDACTED] at 7pm except on Tuesday evenings. The field trip is the last weekend of the school holidays, thus if I am away and you get no answer please ring Jean and Trevor Cunningham on [REDACTED]

OTHER FIELD TRIPS Still to be advised

MEMBER PROFILE

ERIC SWARTS – our new Vice-President

Eric has been a member of the group since 1984. He is married with 4 children, one of whom is still hanging on at home. The other three are married themselves and there are two grandchildren (so far). One of Eric's sons, Nigel is working in orchid research. Eric works at Royal Perth Hospital where he is a bio-engineer. This means he is involved with research and development of artificial materials that are implanted into the body. Eric's interest in orchids began as a child. He grew up in the Wilson/Riverton area and while bike riding and walking found many orchids in what was then bushland. In a course of study at Mt. Lawley Technical College he took Botany as a subject and that furthered his

interest. Trail bike riding as a youth allowed him even wider bush experience and then 25 year ago he discovered WANOSCG. It was a great surprise to him that there were so many others interested in orchids, just as he had now become.

Eric's most interesting places are the Jerramungup area (and many who were there last year will agree to that) and the Stirling Ranges where he is pictured next to a Royal Hakea.



Can you identify Eric's favourite flower and say how many other subspecies are in this group?



CONSERVATION ISSUES

CONSERVATION REPORT – 7 FEB 2010

Woodanilling

Letter written early January (no reply as yet)

- asking for agenda/schedule of activities to repair / remove stockpiles at Reserve
- asking for reason/status of Martup Pool clearing and piles of vegetation
- making comments on ongoing clearing of Robinson Rd

DEC investigation of suspected illegal clearing: emails sent asking for status have not been answered.

Toodyay

Wrote further letter to Minister of Environment complaining about overlooked requirement in cover letter to appeal on clearing permit for community consultation to occur and inadequate offsets (no reply as yet)

Shire of Toodyay has been required to undertake another spring survey at appropriate time for *Thelymitra stellata*

No clearing happening yet.

Jandakot

Decision delayed to early March to probably allow joint discussion and announcement on EPBC Act referral and Master Plan
Protest held Dec 21st, 2009 received lots of encouragement from motorists

JAH proposed further activities/actions to Canning City Council which were on agenda at Council meeting but these were discussed in private. Eddy Wajon asked 6 questions prior to meeting about orchids to make sure Councillors remained aware of what was at stake. JAH proposal was defeated and Council re-affirmed opposition to JAH revegetation of open barren sand mines
Eddy Wajon has had belated contact from Dennis Jensen's press secretary with respect to a workshop or consultation regarding siting commercial development on the open barren sand mines.

Reply received indicating planning has been occurring for some time and that a Strategy was presented to the relevant Minister (Sport and Recreation) in May 2008. Government established a committee to cost the recommendations but has yet to make a decision.

DEC is conducting its own study into the feasibility of a dedicated trail bike track through lands they manage.

Eddy Wajon – Conservation Officer

BANDED GREENHOODS

Over the years there has been much discussion/heated argument over 'which one is that' in reference to various banded greenhoods. The table that appears on the next page is an effort to provide a comparative guide.

I would like to thank Andrew Brown for his help with this guide. The guide has no column for plant height or leaf characteristics as Andrew suggests that these vary so much depending on conditions that they have limited value in distinguishing which species a particular plant might be.

For some of the flowers you will need an accurate ruler as part of the distinction is about size. However, as Andrew says, it is a matter of taking all the elements into consideration. With the great *vitatta/sanguinea* debate it is often location that is a key as well as time. Find a *vitatta* early and you will be right.

With the sp '*coastal*', the sp '*northern*' and the sp '*Dongara*' identification is quite tricky. They are probably/possibly forms of *sanguinea*, but each is consistent within the geographical areas in which they are found. This helps a bit, but they overlap somewhat, meaning that what you need to find is one that is as distinctive as possible. In the guide there are occasional words underlined and these are hopefully the key aspects.

While the specific locations for most are not given, there are a couple indicated and members are welcome to contact the editor about those two. What would be of great use would be photos and specific GPS locations for middle 6 species (ie not the first 2 or the last one). These can be sent to the editor and/or Christine Lock (President and also the Registrar, who is keeping the club's data base up to date)

EASTERN STATES READERS

A special note/request to you all.

I had a delightful email from David James (Queensland) about a recent orchiding weekend he enjoyed, with lots of lovely photos.

It will appear next month

If you have been out in your area and can send me some photos plus a little write up I would be glad to publish them (particularly over the next 2 months when there is still not a lot happening in WA)

We here in the west will look forward to hearing from you.

Editor (John Ewing – email on front cover)

[Editor's note – members who are on the email list may have a copy of the letter sent to JAH and various politicians by Eddy on October 29th last year. Just ask!]

Roe Highway Stage 8

Forum to discuss Multi Criteria Workshop 19 February 2010.

Off-Road Recreation Areas

Letter written to WA Planning Commission regarding provision of authorised off-road recreational area and avoidance of areas with significant orchid populations.

BANDED GREENHOODS

See separate page showing table

Editors note – I drew up the table in landscape,
but I can't make it fit into this electronic
version

	Raffle Roster	SPEAKERS 2010
MAR	Ramon Newmann	Andrew Brown - New Caladenia species
APR		John Ewing - – A Trip to South Australia
MAY		Mark Brundrett
JUNE		
JULY		
AUG		
SEPT		
OCT		
NOV		Photo competition and members slides

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FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Saturday 17th Denmark to Fernhook Falls

Others to be advised