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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.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 8th June at 7.30 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 15th June at **7.30 pm**
at the Lecture Theatre, Kings Park Admin. Office.

Please note a new time for commencement of the general meetings 7.30 pm.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please email any Bulletin contributions to Urszula Kokosinska at [redacted] or call on [redacted].
Articles for the next Bulletin need to be submitted by 1st of next month.

2011 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

15 June	General meeting
20 July	General meeting
17 August	General meeting
21 September	General meeting
19 October	General meeting
16 November	General meeting



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WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 18th MAY 2011

Meeting held at: BGPA Boardroom, Kings Park.
Meeting opened: 7:40 pm

CIRCULATION OF REPORTS: Attendance Book and Treasurers Report were circulated.

ATTENDANCE: 33 members. Apologies from Gerald and Scilla Stack, Alison Higgins. Margie Gaynor, Christine Lock, Jay Steer

RAFFLE: Kindly donated by Ross and Margaret Fox

1. PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting on 20 April 2011 as distributed are a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved : Ramon Newmann Seconded : Margaret Fox Carried.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Bill Burton requested that correspondence John Ewing had received from Noel Clarke be made public. John indicated he regarded the correspondence as confidential, but he did say as in the previous meeting that he and Noel disagreed about a range of issues. John asked Bill to resolve the issue directly with him.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The general correspondence list was circulated to members present.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE Nil

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was circulated. Acceptance moved Kim Hansen Seconded Donna Wajon Carried

6. FIELD TRIPS

6.1 Reports Foxes have seen a range of *Eriochilus* locally plus *Leporella fimbriata* and leaves for *Diuris brumalis* and *Prasophyllum elatum*. They have travelled south to Walpole area and have seen *Prasophyllum parvifolium* and *E. pulchella*.

Margaret Petridis reported further sightings of various *Eriochilus* in the Dwellingup area with *Prasophyllum* sp „early“ plus *Praecoxanthus aphyllus* in the Busselton area and further *Eriochilus* species in the Augusta area. These included *E. dilatatus* subsp *magnus* and *E. helonomos*

John Ewing reported that *C. drummondii* and *E. undulatus* are flowering east of Toodyay.

6.2 Planning. The proposed trips are in the bulletin.

7. GROWERS TABLE Nil

8. CONSERVATION Nil

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 The position of SECRETARY is still vacant. Any member who feels they could take on this role to contact John Ewing.

9.2 The Committee nominated Ramon Newmann to fill the casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Liz Ryan. Moved John Ewing Seconded Donna Wajon Carried

9.3 Proposal for new Website. John Ewing outlined changes in the proposal from that provided to members last month. These included having a single password category for all members and removing the data base from direct website access. Data would be able to put in on the website, but would only be able to be accessed by the Registrar as is the present procedure. There was then considerable debate about having Field Trip reports and information about proposed field trips on the website. John Ewing then amended the proposal so that no field trip information would be available to the public (which is less than presently is the case) and that only password holding members would have access to this information. After this there was also comment about need for password control.

The President then asked the meeting to vote on whether a vote should be taken at this time on the proposal for a new website.

Moved John Ewing. Seconded Kim Hansen. Carried 19 votes for, 10 votes against

Prior to the vote, further discussion began and included:

- the website would automatically log all users
- a request for a demonstration
- whether a new website would be different enough to warrant spending the \$1000 design cost and the on-going ISP user account
- the current use of the existing website
- whether there should be a single control of the website (as is presently the case with Don Ward) or a range of controllers
- some members indicated they did not realise that members had been invited to contribute to the existing website
- some members indicated they did not think dissemination of the task amongst a range of people would work.

The President then withdrew the motion to have a vote about accepting the new website unless another member wished to put up that motion.

Motion to have a vote on the acceptance of the new website as published, but with the provisos about no field trip information being available to the public. Moved Jeremy Storey. Seconded John Ewing. Lost 8 votes for, 18 votes against.

The president asked all members to send any further comments on the website to the committee so that discussion could continue.

9.4 Mark Brundrett has been nominated by Gerald Stack for the Sherman Eureka Prize for the Wheatbelt Orchid Rescue Project.

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 10 Eckersley Heights, Winthrop WA 6150. Or by electronic transfer to the club's bank account:

9.5 John Ewing indicated that he has the Group's old computer and it is available to anyone who wishes to have it. The computer has no commercial value and has had all of the Group's information deleted from the hard drive.

9.6 Adopt an Orchid. John Ewing gave an outline of the key elements of this project that the WANOSCG co-ordinator Kim Hansen had distributed to interested members at the end of 2010. Members were shown the list of species to be studied and were asked to „sign up“ with their preferences on provided forms, if they wished to be involved. It will be the task of the Committee to decide who is to study which orchids. It is anticipated that Andrew Brown will give a bit more detail at the next General Meeting about workshop training and other DEC requirements.

10. PRESENTATION – Ross Fox

Ross gave an account of travels to Kangaroo Island in South Australia. He showed us a range of beautiful flowers including the rare Kangaroo Island Spider Orchid. There were plenty of interesting landscapes and a dramatic photo of the arrival of the ferry at night with the full moon in the background. His presentation was concluded with species found in Queensland where he and Margaret Fox had been guided by David James.

11. RAFFLE DRAW

Won by Ramon Newmann.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.05 pm
NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm
Wednesday 15 June 2011

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Members Field reports

Southern Rivers Group

Denmark 14th May 2011


On Saturday 14th May a small group of club members set out from the Denmark Visitors Centre to look for the local emerging orchids. First port of call was to a town rock where *Eriochilus multiflorus* (Common Bunny Orchid), *E. dilatatus subsp. dilatatus* (White Bunny Orchid) and *E. pulchellus* (Granite Bunny Orchid) were all located along with *Prasophyllum subsp. "early"* (Scented Autumn Leek Orchid).



Next stop was further out at Poison Point (named after nothing more sinister than the *Gastrolobium bilobum* - Heart Leaf Poison - which grows there) where we walked down to the Inlet shore to enjoy a magnificent view of glass-still water reflecting a multitude of birdlife. A few more of the above *Eriochilus* were viewed on the way back up the hill. The view was still good from the top so we made this our morning tea break.

We then travelled out to Lights Beach and took the Bibbulmun track over the consolidated sand dunes for approx 1km to a lake (The earlier recce. revealed too much of a rough, damp track with a snake too many to take the party to another nearby lake!) The Bib. Track revealed more *Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. dilatatus* (White Bunny), *E. dilatatus subsp. multiflorus* (Common Bunny) and *E. dilatatus subsp. magnus* (Easter Bunny) with the granite rocks around the lake revealing *E. pulchellus* (Granite Bunny). Again a beautiful vista, this time of the lake, with the rocky outcrop on one side, white sandy shore around the other, green trees and paddocks as a backdrop, beautiful sunshine and blue water. By now it was time for a late lunch, so we took over the best viewing spot on a platform overlooking the Southern Ocean and enjoyed our picnic watching the crystal clear waves roll in. It was decided that William Bay could not offer anything more than we had already found so headed for home about 3pm.

Julie McKenzie



As our 2011 Orchid Season was opened last weekend with great trip to Meenaar Nature Reserve and an “expedition” to the Lesueur National Park is quickly approaching refreshing course in trip guidelines would be very useful for all our members.

ORCHID TRIP GUIDELINES

1. Stick to the roadside wherever possible. The best orchids are often seen in gutters or along roadsides.
2. If leaving the roadside and going into the bush, follow marked trails.
3. If there are no marked trails follow well-pounded kangaroo trails.
4. Use the same trails at every visit to a certain flower spot and avoid creating new ones.
5. Make people aware that walking in single file is the best way to avoid damage to soil structure and flora. By sacrificing the area of one narrow trail we save the surrounding plant life, leaf litter and its inhabitants.
6. Inconspicuously mark trails if necessary with twigs, stones, taking note of logs etc
7. Watch your feet. Be careful what you're stepping on in your enthusiasm to see an orchid.
8. Don't step on fragile soil.
9. Help save plants' lives by not treading on anything green.
10. Don't all rush to a spotted orchid.
11. Maximum of three people at a time to a rare orchid, one looking, one spotting dangers to plant and habitat and one photographing.
12. NO “gardening”, clearing around an orchid to get a better picture. Get someone to hold back vegetation if necessary. Prickly vegetation, branches, litter help survival by keeping kangaroos at bay, fertilizing plant and protecting from sun damage.
13. Tag found orchid, take picture then move away to allow someone else to see it and photograph it. Last person takes tag away. Take GPS if necessary.
14. Remove unmarked tags from the bush.
15. Minimise handling of orchids and disturbance of soil around orchids as this seems to encourage herbivores.
16. Do not collect any orchid specimens unless you have a license from DEC.
17. Even if you have a license to collect specimens, do not collect more than 5 specimens of any one individual species.
18. Split large groups if necessary. Go to different spots and then swap over.
19. Restrict number of people on some trips especially to fragile areas and rare orchids.
20. Don't bring dogs on orchid trips. If you need to bring a dog then it should be on a leash. It could trample orchids and other flora and stress or kill fauna by chasing it.

21. Teach children in your care to be careful as they are the next generation's teachers.
22. Remove mud from boots and spray with methylated spirits before leaving the roadside to help prevent spread of dieback.
23. Check for mud on car tyres, wheel arches, side steps and suspension, even bumper bar attachments and remove if necessary to help prevent dieback.
24. Do not go to restricted areas without a DEC person present.
25. Hone skills that enable us to search, find, photograph and observe without disturbing the orchids or the habitat that produces them.
26. Work together to remind each other of trip procedures while on trips.
27. Reduce impact by educating people of possible consequences of their behaviour.
28. Collect rubbish at sites visited.





**Meenaar Nature Reserve
Field Trip – 29th May 2011
Photo Gallery**

Leporella fimbriata



Caladenia drummondii



Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. *undulatus*

	Raffle Roster	SPEAKERS 2011
MAR	John Hills	Mark Brundrett – Final Report on Wheatbelt Orchid Rescue Project that has been funded by a Lotterywest grant
APRIL	John Ewing	Rod Peakall
MAY	Ross & Margaret Fox	Ross Fox – “Orchids from our Travels”
JUNE	Sarah Atkinson	Eddy Wajon – “Wildflowers of Western Australia” Andrew Brown – “Adopt an Orchid”
JULY	Jack Eborall	Belinda Newman – “Urban Orchids in Perth Region”
AUG	Tom Burbidge	TBA
SEPT	Thea & Kim Hanson	TBA
OCT	Jay Steer	TBA
NOV	Ian Greeve	Photo competition and members’ slides

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PROPOSED FIELD TRIPS

1. Sunday, 29th May - to Meenaar Nature Reserve. Leaving the Lakes on Great Eastern Hwy at 8.30 am.
2. **Sunday, 19th June** – to Lesueur National Park. Meeting at Coomallo Rest Area (Brand Hwy/Jurien Rd) at 10.00 am.
3. August – to Ninghan Station.
4. September – to Cape Arid.
5. November – to Paganoni Rd.

In September possible trip together with the Southern Rivers Branch. More details will be available later in the year. If you are coming on any of these trips please let know Iain McLean as early as possible

Any suggestions regarding future trips are also welcome.