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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 13th July at 7.30 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 20th July 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

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

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Don Voigt (left) with Field Trip Coordinator Iain McLean at the *voigtii* site standing in front of the Cristata Compound. Photo - Gary McDonald

Vale Don Voigt

Don Voigt of Esperance had passed away last month. He was a Life Member of our Group. Since January 1976 Don shared with us his great love of native orchids, his deep knowledge and never ending enthusiasm. In 1977 Don discovered on private property near Salmon Gums the new species of caladenia at the time thought to be extinct *Caladenia cristata*. The small area of land was fenced with financial help from the Australian Orchid Foundation and called the Cristata Compound. When in 1986 the real *Caladenia cristata* was found near Miling it was apparent that the orchid found by Don was a new species. This beautiful plant was named *Caladenia voigtii* in his honour. Last year the club members had the chance to meet again with Don on trip to Esperance. We were privileged to be guided by him on our tour around Cristata Compound and other orchid spots around Esperance. He will be greatly missed by our group members and all orchid lovers.



WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 15 June 2011

Meeting held at: BGPA Boardroom, Kings Park.

Meeting opened: 7:31 pm

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

ATTENDANCE: 38 members. and 1 visitor, Erica Kampon. Apologies from Russell and Christine Thomas, Urszula and George Kokosinski, Bill and Margie Gaynor, Christine Lock, Donna Wajon, Iain McLean, Wayne Merritt and Louise Little, and Andrew Brown.

RAFFLE: Kindly donated by Sarah Atkinson.

1. PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the General Meeting on 18 May 2011 as distributed are a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Ross Fox Seconded: Kim Hanson
Carried.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The general correspondence list was circulated to members present. This included a letter from Noel Clarke.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was circulated. The Treasurer indicated that the Post Office Box renewal cost \$172. The high cost was because it was for 2 years in advance. The Treasurer reported that the Lotterywest Project was now complete. This means the group can now seek exemption from GST. MD is not an authorised person to seek this exemption so she will liaise with Gerald Stack and/or Mike Harper to investigate the procedure to be followed

Acceptance moved: Gary McDonald
Seconded: John Ewing Carried

6. FIELD TRIPS

6.1 Reports

Margaret Petridis reported sightings of *C. drummondii* at Perenjori, at the West Perenjori Reserve and at Canna Dam (the latter 2 being new populations) and also found *E dilatatus* subsp *brevifolius* (Blunt-leaved Bunny Orchid) at Kalbarri John Ewing reported that *E helonomos* is at Lacey St Reserve in Sawyers Valley and that *L fimbriata* is at Coppin Rd Mundaring Ramon Newmann found *Pt rogersii* (Curl-tongued Shell Orchid) at Moses Rock.

Malcolm Rowcliffe found *Pt vittata* at Swan View Cemetery Phil Bunny reported *Pterostylis vittata*, *Pterostylis aspera*, *Praecoxanthus aphyllus* and *Parasophyllum aff parvifolium* at Manneer park, Bunbury Planning

6.2

The proposed trips are in the bulletin Mt Lesueur next Sunday (19/6). Members who have not notified their intention should contact Eddy Wajon who is leading the trip. Ninghan Station (just south of Paynes Find). Date to be finalised, but will almost certainly be the last weekend in August (27th and 28th). Accommodation can be booked at Ninghan Station which also has facilities for caravans. Ph Don (caretaker) 9963 6517

7. GROWERS TABLE

Nil

8. CONSERVATION

Jandakot Airport Holdings has cleared more bush at the airport and has sought permission to burn the timber. This breaches the environmental conditions of their development and permission has been refused by the Shire of Cockburn, DEC and the Commonwealth Government.

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 CB Radios. The group does not have CB suitable radios for use on field trips. The Committee recommends the

purchase of 2 CBs. Stuart Harris recommended the purchase of 5 watt CBs to give sufficient range when in use.

Moved Stuart Harris Seconded Sarah Atkinson that up to \$500 be spent on a pair of CBs. Carried Ian Greeve recommended they be purchased from a reputable CB store, not a camping store.

- 9.3 Five Year Plan. JE explained that the Committee is considering putting together a 5 year plan for the group. Items could include
- Orchid studies including Adopt an Orchid
 - Local area study groups
 - Membership including attracting younger members
 - Contacting private property owners especially in rural areas
 - Use of funds that WANOSGC has
- Members were asked to consider whether such an idea was worth pursuing and if so what other topics might be included. The committee intention is that the plan would apply for 2012 – 17.

Margaret Petridis endorsed the concept and suggested that the study of the life cycle of an orchid might be a topic.

Noel Clarke indicated that the concept of studying orchids in particular location had been tried before and had failed.

- 9.4 Southern Rivers Group. A committee member had been contacted and had been asked about whether there could be some avenue of finding out when the Southern Rivers Group was holding field trips. JE advised that decisions to hold field trips was often only made in the week before the trip and that trips were generally on Saturdays. Kim Hanson will contact Trevor Cunningham (and Anna De Haan) to have advice emailed to Perth and this information will then be made available by email to all members on the Bulletin email list. It will not be possible to advise members not on the email list. What will be provided is the time and place of meeting. Members considering going on such a trip should advise either Trevor or Anna by either email or by phone. In addition,

members who will be in the area could call Trevor or Anna by either email or by phone to determine whether a trip is planned and whether they could join in.

- 9.5 Adopt an Orchid. Andrew Brown was unable to come to give some more details due to illness. Kim Hanson showed members the lists of who had been allocated what so far. Other members were encouraged to add their names to be considered via the application slips that were at the meeting. Kim reminded people that this is intended to be a long term commitment of 5 years plus.
- 9.6 The meeting was advised of the passing of Don Voigt. Don was a life member and was credited with the discovery of a new *Caldenia* which bears his name (*C. voigtii* – the Mohawk Spider Orchid). The meeting was advised that JE will investigate the whereabouts of Don's relatives and send a card of condolence.
- 9.7 Noel Clarke raised the issue of his reply to the President's visit to his home. He read from a written reply as follows:
- NC complained about John Ewing and his attitude and approach
 - NC indicated that the WANOSGC Committee was not complying with the constitution
 - NC indicated that WANOSGC should not participate in general conservation and should only participate in orchid conservation. He criticised conservationists who protested as a 'dirty unwashed group' while others were true conservationists
 - NC complained about changing the duties of the Secretary in contravention of the Constitution
 - NC does not want any of the funds of the group spent on anything other than orchid conservation
 - NC indicated that he is unhappy for any of his orchid sighting data to be used by the group and wants his disk returned and all of his data erased. John Ewing to investigate the feasibility of meeting NC's request.

9.8 Alan Hind queried whether WANOSGC had a qualified person to operate first aid equipment. He suggested that the group should arrange to have a number of people undertake a first aid course. In the course of discussion it was pointed out that other than an unforeseeable death over 10 years ago there had never been a serious accident on a field trip. The Committee has looked at this issue for many months and not yet been able to resolve this issue. While WANOSGC has a duty of care to its members on field trips, John Ewing indicated that if there is a policy of having a qualified person on all field trips it will mean the level of liability will increase. Eddy Wajon indicated that there is a need to review the recommendations of 'In Safe Hands' with regards to our responsibilities.

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 WANOSGC and sent to [REDACTED]. Or by electronic transfer to the club's bank account:



Perth is a rapidly growing city with little forethought and consideration for reservation of native vegetation within the urban envelope. A number of orchid species have since become locally extinct from the Perth area as a result of urbanisation. Those orchids that remain live in highly altered ecosystems, where the orchid's web of ecological interactions is slowly unravelling. Will these orchids also become locally extinct or will some species persist, exploit and flourish in these new ecosystems? This talk outlines the threats and issues associated with urbanisation and presents some of the findings of a study into the ecology of Perth's urban bushland.

Belinda Newman
Research Scientist

10. PRESENTATION

Eddy Wajon gave an excellent presentation about the recovery of his property at Tenterden after the fire in 2003. He showed us a few photos of the property before the fire and then what it looked like immediately after. We were then treated to a superb study of the plants that flowered on a year by year basis. Many species took 5 years or more to flower and even after 8 years some had still not flowered, including the jarrah trees. The end of the presentation was greeted with spontaneous applause, this being an acclamation of the quality of and interest in what members had been shown.

11. RAFFLE DRAW

Won by Ramon Newmann.

MEETING CLOSED: 9:45 pm
NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm
Wednesday 15 June 2011

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20th July 2011 – Guest Speaker

Belinda Newman

Perth's Urban Orchids



Members Field reports

WANOSCG Trip Report : Meenaar Reserve, 29th May, 2011

The trip to Meenaar Reserve started with a short visit to Kwolyine Reserve on Inkpen road, just off the Great Eastern Highway. The 11 WANOSCG Members and two young budding orchid hunters found two hare orchids (*Leporella fimbriata*) and a number of Red Beak orchid (*Pyrorchis nigricans*) leaves. Unfortunately we also found two 20 litre drums of what looked like sump oil dumped in the bush, partly burnt after an attempt had obviously been made to light them. This was duly reported to the DEC pollutions phone number.

From Inkpen road the 7 vehicles made their way to Meenaar Reserve where we found approximately 20 crinkle-leaf bunny orchids (*Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. undulatus*); 6 winter spider orchids (*Caladenia drummondii*) and one solitary hare orchid (*Leporella fimbriata*).

Coming up to noon, the group pressed on to Mortlock Reserve for a lunch stop. Here we found 8 more winter spider orchids (*Caladenia drummondii*) and 2 more crinkle-leaf bunny orchids (*Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. undulatus*).

Four of us headed home via the Mount Observation area where we found 9 crinkle-leaf bunny orchids (*Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. undulatus*) plus greenhood (*Pterostylis sp.*) and Red Beak orchid (*Pyrorchis nigricans*) leaves.



At all of the stops the conditions were very dry, with evidence of some of the native bushes and trees suffering badly though the lack of water. At the Meenaar Reserve it was amazing that the winter spider orchids were able to push their way through the baked soils.

Ramón Newmann



8th July 2011

Moora & Mogumber Rd Trip

After our month long trip to Poland we couldn't wait to go to the bush.



On our very short trip we saw 4 *Thelymitra apiculata* (Clopatra's Needles) plants – 3 still flowering with 3 flowers each.

Not far away was standing lonely *Pterostylis dilatata* – Robust Snail Orchid.

In Moora Shell orchids were in much smaller numbers with many rosettes still appearing but not many plants in flower. One of them was *Pterostylis scabra* (Green-veined Shell Orchid) on the left.

Urszula & George Kokosinski



The Australian Orchid Council Conference, held every three years, will be held next year 2012 in Perth for the first time since 1991 and promises to be even more spectacular than all previous conference successes. All the information about time line, guest speakers , tours, registration at AOC Conference web site:

http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm

	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. 14th August - **York and environs** -- meet at The Lakes at 9am.
2. 27/28th August - **Ninghan Station** -- meeting times 8.30am and 1pm at the Homestead -- please advise Iain McLean ASAP if intending to go on this trip.
3. 17/21st Sept - **Jerramungup-Ravensthorpe-Hopetoun-Lake King** -- commencing at Jerramungup, Saturday 17th Sept. at 11am and concluding at Lake King around 2pm, Wednesday 21st Sept. If you are interested and require further information contact Trevor Cunningham in Albany on [REDACTED] or by email [REDACTED]
4. 26/27th Oct - **Cape Arid**
5. Oct - day trip to look at **Sun Orchids**
6. Nov - day trip to **Paganoni Rd.**

Additionally, those members who are involving themselves in the Adopt an Orchid project will be organising their own trips with their respective orchids.