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### Separation of DEC

Our Group has a long and successful association with the Department of Environment and Conservation and we participate in some of their programmes. The DEC is undergoing a re-organisation. The following was published on the DEC website on the 1st July: ( <http://dec.wa.gov.au/> )

“The Department of Parks and Wildlife and the Department of Environment Regulation commenced operations on 1 July 2013 following the separation of the former Department of Environment and Conservation.”

| Department of Parks and Wildlife  | Department of Environment Regulation   |
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| The new department focuses on nature conservation and the community's enjoyment and appreciation of Western Australia's world-class network of national and marine parks.<br><br><a href="http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au">www.dpaw.wa.gov.au</a> | The new department focuses on environmental regulation, approvals and appeals processes, and pollution prevention.<br><br><a href="http://www.der.wa.gov.au">www.der.wa.gov.au</a> |



## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at  
7.30 pm at the Boardroom, Kings Park Admin. Office

## WANOSCG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, 19 June 2013**

Meeting held at: BGPA Boardroom, Kings Park.

Meeting opened: 7:35 PM

**CIRCULATION OF REPORTS:** Attendance Book and Treasurers Report were circulated to the members

**ATTENDANCE:** 32 members present 5 apologies 1 visitor

**RAFFLE:** Kindly donated by Jeanette Wheatley

### 1. PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Amendments: None

It was moved by Kevin Uhe and seconded Bill Burton that the General Meeting minutes as distributed are a true and correct record of the meeting of 15 May 2013. Carried

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Plans for the 40th year of the club's existence: If you have any ideas please contact John Ewing, Marina Karyagina, Jeanette Wheatley, Urszula Kokosinski or a Committee member.

2.2 Membership Fees: A reminder was sent instead of the June Bulletin to non-financial members. Note added after the meeting: Unfortunately, following changes as to how our list of financial members is kept some members incorrectly received a reminder message instead of the Bulletin. The Committee extends its sincere apologies to those members.

2.3 Supper Roster: There was a call for volunteers for the months of July, September and October. Kim Hanson reminded members that he would reimburse them for the cost of providing supper. At the conclusion of the meeting volunteers were still needed for July and October.

| 2013 General Meetings  |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| March 20 <sup>th</sup> | August 21 <sup>st</sup>    |
| April 17 <sup>th</sup> | September 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| May 15 <sup>th</sup>   | October 16 <sup>th</sup>   |
| June 19 <sup>th</sup>  | November 20 <sup>th</sup>  |
| July 17 <sup>th</sup>  |                            |

2.4 Dictaphone: this idea was dropped as the Secretary felt that this would hinder him in getting out the minutes.

2.5 Honour Roll: This is not going on to the website due to issues of personal privacy, however it will be in the first bulletin of each year.

2.6 Photo bank: Members were reminded to take a variety of photos of orchids including leaves, habitat and close up shots of salient features for inclusion in a photo bank. It is envisaged that at some point in the future this bank will be linked to the website. The committee will need help from members in organising this process. Members interested in contributing photos, please contact Paul Winthrop.

### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

*For the period 1<sup>st</sup> February to 30<sup>th</sup> May:* The balance in the bank at the beginning of the period was \$4791. Income over the period was \$3350. Expenditure was \$574 and outstanding cheques presented totalled \$626, leaving a balance in the bank of \$6940 at the end of the period. In addition the club's term deposits held \$67 775 at the end of the period.

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

#### Mail received for the period 16 May to 19 June 2013:

4.1 Hard copies of the May and June Bulletins from: ANOS Geelong, ANOS Victoria, N & E Districts Orchid Society

4.2 Certificate of term deposit Police & Nurses Society

4.3 Annual membership fees –cheques and emails confirming electronic payment

4.4 Consumer Protection Re: Change in Charitable Collections Act

#### Electronic correspondence received for the period 16 May to 19 June 2013:

4.5 Murray Baker Re: Orchid Society of Western Australia

Lisa Bruce Re: Nominate now for the CSBP Environment Award

Jessica Chapman Re: World Environment Day 5th June

Catherine Jordan Re: Australian National Botanical Gardens Library

- Anna De Haan            Re: Southern Rivers  
Group AGM and photo night.
- 4.10 Ross Coghill        Re: Pollination of  
Eriochilus dilatatus multiflorus
- 4.11 Gavin Waugh        Re: Identification of small  
oval shaped ground hugging  
Leaves
- 4.12 Gail Reid            Re: Road into Kalbarri  
Gorges closed until the end of  
October 2013
- 4.13 Kelvin Taylor        Re: Photos of hare Orchid  
pollinator
- 4.14 Kathy Samulkiewicz    Phytophthora  
Dieback conference & more planting days
- 4.15 May and June bulletins received from  
ANOS Illawarra, ANOS N'letter, ANOS  
Sydney  
Newsletter, Orchidophile, NOSSA  
Journal

#### **Outgoing correspondence:**

- 4.16 Gavin Waugh            Re: Identification  
of small oval shaped ground hugging  
Leaves
- 4.17 Phone call to Consumer Protection Re:  
Charitable Collections Licence
- 4.18 Emails to ANBG Library: Them not  
receiving WANOSCG bulletins. This has  
been rectified.

#### **Business arising from the Correspondence**

Gail Reid: The Kalbarri Gorges Rd closures:  
Jeremy Storey told the meeting that not all roads  
to the Gorges were to be closed and if members  
were planning a trip there they should check the  
National Parks website or DEC website and the  
Kalbarri Visitors Centre. Margaret Petridis added  
that only the Z Bend access road will be closed  
until October.

### **5. FIELD TRIP REPORT**

- 5.1 Corrigin Trip 25/26 May: Dry but reasonable  
habitats were seen. Robyn Campbell will  
keep an eye on these habitats.
- 5.2 Regan's Ford and Dongara 22/23 June:  
members are to meet at the Bindoon Bakery  
at 9:30 am on 22nd. They will be stopping  
the night at Western Flora Caravan Park
- 5.3 Shell Orchid Trip 21 July: We will be going to  
Bagieau Rd and Marriott Rd and Bunbury to  
look for shell orchids.
- 5.4 September Field Trips (dates have not been  
finalised): Planning is underway for trips to  
Bindoon (15th), Corrigin (21/22nd) and  
Bremer bay (28 to 30th).
- 5.5 Rufa Trip 5 – 12 October: There are 20  
people interested in this trip.

- 5.6 Mt Lesueur area 5/6th October: to help DEC  
survey for *Thelymitra stellata* (Star Orchid)  
Personal Field Trips
- 5.7 Paul Winthrop: Jurien Bay area/Coomallo  
NR saw Shell orchids and *Thelymitra  
apiculata* (Cleopatra's Needles Orchid).
- 5.8 Margaret Collins: Went to Boyagin Rock and  
saw some Diuris coming up and buds of  
*Pterostylis vittata* (Banded Greenhood  
Orchid).
- 5.9 Margaret Petridis & Kevin Uhe: Went to Mt  
Hampton and saw *Caladenia drummondii*  
(Winter Spider Orchid) in three places.
- 5.10 Jeanette Wheatley: Went to Williams Rd  
and saw *Pterostylis hamiltonii* (Red-veined  
Shell Orchid).
- 5.11 Clive Pegler: went to Pomeroy Rd and  
looked in the burnt area. He will adopt this  
burn and see what orchids come up over the  
next few years.

### **6. CONSERVATION REPORT**

Banjup Stockland's site: Eddy Wajon will let the  
people on his list know when the rescue of the  
orchids is to go ahead. Any members interested  
in this rescue that are not on this list should  
contact Eddy.

### **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Dieback procedures: Members were asked  
to make sure that they follow club  
procedures when entering and leaving  
potential dieback areas – i.e. if on foot, clean  
soil from boots and spray them with 70%  
Methylated Spirits. If in a vehicle, make sure  
to remove mud and soil from tyres and the  
underside of the vehicle. These precautions  
applied to club and personal field trips.
- 7.2 ADORP meeting: Removal of Tags from the  
Bush: Andrew Brown has requested that  
members do not remove tags from the bush  
as this can compromise research and  
conservation activities. ADORP members  
requested that in future DEC put initials on  
tags so they look official. In the discussion at  
the June general meeting it was agreed that  
club members only remove our "own" tags.  
Contact Kim Hanson if you have queries  
about tags as he knows and is in contact  
with DEC district officers. Be aware that  
DEC uses pink tags for Dieback Research  
plots.
- 7.3 Website: Matz Dahlkamp pointed out that  
the date on the club's web site for the June  
General meeting was incorrect and

misleading and that the wording on the web site needed to be changed to a statement such as "general meetings are held every third Wednesday of every month".

## **8. GROWERS TABLE**

Mark Brundrett brought in flowering specimens of *Pterostylis sanguinea* (Wheatbelt Form) and *Pterostylis aspera*.

## **9. PRESENTATION**

Mark Brundrett gave members a stimulating talk on his forth coming orchid book. He indicated how his keys to identifying orchids would be reasonably easy to use. In addition he presented the view that orchid variation within species may be a consequence of them copying local variations of the plants they mimic. His talk was well received by members.

## **10. RAFFLE DRAW**

**Drawn by** Mark Brundrett – the winner being John Hills.

**MEETING CLOSED: 8:50 pm**

**NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm Wednesday 17 July 2013.**

## **PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Issues with the Bulletin mail out list**

Unfortunately, following changes to how our list of financial members is kept, some members incorrectly received a reminder message instead of the Bulletin. The Committee extends its sincere apologies to those members. As of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013 WANOSCG had 113 memberships on its Bulletin mail out list.

## **The 40<sup>th</sup> Year working Party**

The working party and committee are still looking for ideas/suggestions from the membership. Christine Lock has suggested including some information from Ron Heberle's account of the history of collecting orchids in WA. Thanks Christine.

## **Field Trips**

The Bagieau Rd and Bunbury area field trip to look for Shell orchids and Greenhoods is on the 21<sup>st</sup> July. Contact our Field Trip Coordinator Margaret Petridis on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] if you are interested in going on this trip. John Ewing will lead a trip to survey Bulbarnet Reserve on 25<sup>th</sup> August. Please contact John [REDACTED] if coming on that trip.

## **UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS**

### **BREMER BAY FIELD TRIP: SEPTEMBER 2013**

We are organising a field trip to Bremer Bay for the long weekend, 28th – 30th September.

If you are planning to come, it would be advisable to contact the local caravan parks to book accommodation or camping sites soon.

Contact details are:

Bremer Bay Caravan Park: 98374018

Bremer Bay Beaches Resort & Tourist Park: 98374290

## **REMINDER ABOUT THE JULY PRESENTATION**

Identification of Shell Orchids and Greenhoods: a discussion of member's slides and pictures  
Please don't forget to bring along your pictures on a thumb drive.



## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

### FIELD TRIP REPORT: Southern Rivers Group Sat. 15th June 2013

Five enthusiastic hunters attended the above Field Trip between Lowlands and Madfish Bay on a very chilly but clear morning.

First port of call was Lowlands, where part of the Bibbulmun track was searched. The only brave orchid to show its face was the *Prasophyllum* sp. 'early' (Scented Autumn Leek Orchid). The track had been widened by destructive slashing and the broken pieces were pushed to the sides of the track making it difficult to see under bushes. No point in wasting time here for *Pterostylis rogersii* (Curled-tongue Shell Orchid)!

Next stop was Ocean Beach where we did find a colony of *Pt. rogersii* in good numbers. Many more rosettes were found. Also found at this site were *Pt. vittata* (Banded Greenhood) in flower, *Corybas recurvus* (Helmet Orchid) in bud, and a healthy collection of *Cryptostylis ovata* (Slipper Orchid) leaves.

On to the next stop to two sites at William Bay. At the first stop we found a good number of healthy plants of *Pt.* sp. 'coastal' (Coastal Banded Greenhood), leaves of *Cyrtostylis robusta* (Mosquito Orchid) in bud, as were the *Pt.* sp. 'limestone' (Limestone Snail). There were leaves of *Erochilus dilatatus subsp. Multiflorus* (Common Bunny Orchid) but no sign of them having flowered.

Lastly was a site off William Bay Road where we found the *Prasophyllum* sp. 'early' (Scented Autumn Leek Orchid) in flower, an early leaf of *T. benthamiana* (Leopard Orchid), a small number of *Corybus recurva* (Helmet Orchid) and a very small number of *Cyrtostylis robusta* (Mosquito Orchid) in bud. As seen in previous years there are masses of *Pyrorchis recurva* (Red beaks) leaves, but no indication of flowering stems sprouting.

Our wanderings took us over parts of the new Munda Biddi Trail, which has opened up new areas on the consolidated sand dunes and the possibility of new orchid sites in time to come.

Juliet McKenzie



*Corybus recurvus* (Helmet Orchid)



*Prasophyllum* sp. early (Scented Autumn Leek Orchid)



*Pterostylis rogersii* (Curled-tongue Shell Orchid)



*Pterostylis* sp south coast (South Coast Banded Greenhood)

### FIELD TRIP REPORT: REGAN'S FORD - DONGARA 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June

On Saturday 22nd June, 10 members and one friend met at the Bindoon Bakehouse and set off to the nearby Udamung Nature Reserve off the Great Northern Highway.

Here we found numerous banded greenhoods and general consensus decided they were *Pterostylis vittata*, sp. 'coastal' and *sanguinea*. Considerable variations were found between plants. Plants of *Eriochilus dilatatus* subsp *multiflorus* were seen in seed.

We then headed across Hay Flat Rd to the Bindoon-Moorra Rd and up to Gillingarra where on the roadside reserve we found more variable banded greenhoods in flower, and *Diuris* and *Caladenia* plants in bud. *Eriochilus dilatatus* subsp *undulatus* leaves and seedpods were also found.

We headed west and visited a gravel pit where around 10 plants of *Thelymitra apiculata* were found. One plant had four flowers out, to the delight of the members who had not yet seen this orchid. *Leporella fimbriata* and *Pterostylis sanguinea* flowers were also found here.

Regans Ford was the next stop where we found *Pterostylis* sp. 'coastal', *sanguinea* and *dilatata* in flower, the latter being a new species for some. *Pterostylis* sp. 'slender' was found in bud and various *Caladenia* leaves were seen, and again *Eriochilus* leaves and seedpods.

As it was a beautiful warm, sunny day, and we were a small group, we decided to look for more *Thelymitra apiculata* in the open laterite areas and were rewarded with 10 plants in flower and one gone to seed. We noticed that there was considerable variation in size, colour and markings of the flowers.

Half the group departed here to return to Perth and the rest of us headed north to Western Flora Caravan Park for the night. On the way, we called into the gravel pit near Cataby where we saw

a few banded greenhoods, *Eriochilus* in seed, and one sharp-eyed and far-wandering member found *Pterostylis* sp. 'broad petals' in bud and early flower.

At Western Flora we met up with Gary and Sue MacDonald who had come down from Kalbarri to join us. In the morning, they showed us some *Leporella fimbriata*, banded greenhoods (probably *Pterostylis* sp. 'Dongara' and *vittata*) and *Pterostylis* sp. 'broad petals' in flower in the grounds of the park.

We headed north to just south of Dongara where, after careful searching, we located a few small populations of the Kalbarri Shell orchid, *Pterostylis microglossa*. This population has vastly reduced following a summer fire in 2012. We felt that the regenerating mallees were making too much shade at present for the shells to flower much, and that there would likely be more when the vegetation had grown up in a few years.

Following directions from local enthusiast Gail Reed, we found several different bunny orchids, including *Eriochilus* subsp. *brevifolius* and subsp. *undulatus* along Allanooka Springs Rd. They were mostly in seed or leaf, but one late flower was found. Here we also saw some banded greenhoods, *Pterostylis* sp. 'Dongara' and sp. 'northern' we think, and some leaves of *Caladenia reptans*.

At another spot further east, Gail showed us a population of the early flowering donkey, *Diuris perialla*. We were thrilled to see a large clump of this recently named orchid and many photos were taken. In the same area we also found *Pterostylis* sp. 'northern', *Pterostylis* sp. 'hairy' (snail) in flower and leaves of *Caladenia reptans*.

We thanked Gail for her assistance and all agreed it had been a very productive and interesting field trip, with 13 species in flower, 4 in bud and 2 in seed. We then broke up the convoy and everyone headed for home.

Four of us headed back to Perth via Moora where we stopped at the Candys Reserve and found *Pterostylis scabra* in early flower, with many more in bud. Small *Caladenias* were also found, in early bud and lots of *Pterostylis* 'rufa' rosettes were seen.

*Margaret Petridis and Kevin Uhe.*



*Pterostylis* sp. 'Dongara' (Northern Banded Greenhood Orchid)





*Diuris perialla* (Donkey Orchid)



*Pterostylis dilatata* (Robust Snail Orchid)



*Pterostylis microglassa* (Kalbarri Shell Orchid)



*Pterostylis* sp coastal (Greenhood Orchid)



## ADORP – ADopt an ORchid Project

One of the group's key programmes in our 5 Year Plan is participation in the Department of Environment and Conservation's "ADORP" study. Our group is currently covering the following species:

| <i>Species</i>  | <b>DEC<br/>Priority<br/>code</b> | <b>Distribution</b>   | <b>Flowering<br/>period</b> |
|---|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <i>Caladenia abbreviata</i>                           | 3                                | Cosy Corner, Lake Jasper, Crystal Springs, Gracetown, Augusta | Nov-Dec                     |
| <i>Caladenia caesarea</i> subsp. <i>transiens</i>     | 1                                | Williams  | Sep                         |
| <i>Caladenia cristata</i>                             | 1                                | Miling-Dalwallinu   | Sep-Oct                     |
| <i>Caladenia dundasiae</i>                            | 1                                | Watheroo  | late Jul-Aug                |
| <i>Caladenia erythrochila</i>                         | 2                                | Perup   | Sep-Oct                     |
| <i>Caladenia evanescens</i>                           | 1                                | Peaceful Bay  | early Nov                   |
| <i>Caladenia granitora</i>                            | 2                                | Albany  | Oct-Nov                     |
| <i>Caladenia longicauda</i> subsp. <i>Manjimup</i>    | 1                                | Manjimup  | early Nov                   |
| <i>Caladenia longifimbriata</i>                       | 1                                | Munglinup   | Late Aug-Sep                |
| <i>Caladenia luteola</i>                              | DRF                              | Woodanilling  | Sep-Oct                     |
| <i>Caladenia pholcoidea</i> subsp. <i>augustensis</i> | 1                                | Augusta   | Nov-Dec                     |
| <i>Caladenia postea</i>                               | 2                                | Jarrohdale  | Oct-Nov                     |
| <i>Caladenia</i> sp. <i>Keninup</i>                   | 2                                | Muir Highway to Boyup Brook                                   | Sep-Oct                     |
| <i>Caladenia</i> sp. <i>Muir Highway</i>              | 1                                | Muir Highway to Collie  | Septe-Oct                   |
| <i>Caladenia startiorum</i>                           | 2                                | Mt Barker   | Sep-Oct                     |
| <i>Caladenia uliginosa</i> subsp. <i>patulens</i>     | 1                                | Harvey, Nannup  | Mid Sep-Oct                 |
| <i>Caladenia x ornata</i>                             | 1                                | Pithara   | Late Aug-Sep                |
| <i>Calochilus pruinosus</i> (now DRF)                 | DRF                              | Hopetoun, Eyre  | Sep                         |
| <i>Cyanicula fragrans</i>                             | 3                                | Paynes Find, Beacon, Mullewa                                  | Aug-Sep                     |
| <i>Cyanicula ixioides</i> subsp. <i>candida</i>       | 2                                | Bindoon, York, Wooroloo                                       | Aug-Oct                     |
| <i>Diuris eburnea</i>                                 | 1                                | Arrowsmith  | Early Nov                   |
| <i>Diuris heberlei</i>                                | 2                                | Albany to D' Entrecasteaux NP                                 | Dec-Jan                     |
| <i>Drakaea andrewsiae</i>                             | 1                                | Gnowangerup, Tunney   | Sep                         |
| <i>Eriochilus dilatatus</i> subsp. <i>orientalis</i>  | 3                                |   | Apr-May                     |
| <i>Eriochilus scaber</i> subsp. <i>orbifolius</i>     | 2                                | Walpole   | July                        |
| <i>Paracaleana alcockii</i>                           | 2                                | Galena  | Sep-Oct                     |
| <i>Paracaleana gracilicordata</i>                     | 1                                | Jarrohdale and Brookton Highway                               | Late Oct-Nov                |
| <i>Paracaleana granitica</i>                          | 1                                | Jarrohdale  | Late Oct-Nov                |



| Species                           | DEC Priority code | Distribution                                   | Flowering period |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|------------------|
| <i>Paracaleana parvula</i>        | 2                 | Cape Le Grande NP                              | Nov              |
| <i>Prasophyllum paulineae</i>     | 1                 | Albany   | Sep-Nov          |
| <i>Pterostylis frenchii</i>       | 2                 | Yalgorup                                       | Nov-Dec          |
| <i>Pterostylis macrocalymma</i>   | 1                 | Galena, Northampton                            | Sep-Oct          |
| <i>Pterostylis</i> sp. 'laterite' | 1                 | Kalgoorlie                                     | Sep-Oct          |
| <i>Pterostylis</i> sp. 'striped'  | 2                 | Lake Varley, Kulin, Mt Ridley                  | Sep-Oct          |
| <i>Thelymitra jacksonii</i>       | 3                 | Walpole, Manjimup, Pingerup Plains, Mt Barker, | Dec-Jan          |
| <i>Thelymitra magnifica</i>       | 1                 | Darling Range                                  | Oct-Nov          |
| <i>Thelymitra variegata</i>       | 3                 | Perth to Bunbury, Hyden, Albany area           | Aug-Sep          |
| <i>Thelymitra yorkensis</i>       | 3                 | York, Wandoo Conservation Park                 | Nov              |

Several species still need adopting.

If you would like to join ADORP please contact Project Coordinator Kim Hanson

<http://dec.wa.gov.au/management-and-protection/threatened-species/threatened-flora/adopt-an-orchid-project.html>

## MEMBERS ARTICLES

Not all of our members are "locals". We have several members who reside overseas or in the Eastern States. Here is an article from one of our Victorian members, Michael Duncan, reminiscing about previous travels to the west. Thanks Michael and congratulations on seeing over 200 species in one trip!

### My Weirdest Western Australian Orchid ... so far!

As penance for being tardy with my membership renewal this year I promised to write an article for the bulletin. After much deliberation and a false start or two, I've decided to share the story surrounding the weirdest orchid I've seen during my various adventures in Western Australia.

Over the years I've been lucky enough to see some pretty weird stuff as I've travelled around WA. I've seen the bizarre reclining flowers of *Caladenia multiclavia*, a delightful selection of improbable hammer orchids, and I've even seen the amazing underground orchid. However, the weirdest orchid I've seen in WA was in one of the most commonly visited natural places in the state – the Bluff Knoll car park in the fabulous Stirling Ranges.

Way back in 2001, I was lucky enough to spend 7 weeks following the orchid season around southwest Western Australia. Between Kalbarri and Esperance, '2001 – and orchid odyssey', as it became known, was a spectacular success. Although locals were forever apologising about how dry it was, I managed to see well over 200 species in flower – bliss for an eastern-stater such as myself. Along the way I joined in many WANOSCG field trips (about time – I'd been a member for more than 10 years), but I also spent a day in the Stirling Ranges with three friends from Victoria, which we declared to be an unofficial ANOSvic (Australasian Native Orchid Society, Victorian Group) field trip.

Our meeting place was the lovely Stirling Range Caravan Park (where we were all staying). After a quick roll call and run through convoy procedures etc, we were ready to go. Being an autonomous socialist collective (as we were all novices in this region), there was no designated field trip leader for the day. So, following discussion, debate, sub-committee referral, approval, and two-thirds majority support in a secret ballot, the first stop was determined to be just over the road to look for *Caladenia bryceana* subsp. *bryceana*. I'd seen six plants in flower a few weeks earlier, and we quickly relocated them, although they were a little worse for wear, but still in flower.

We then headed south along Chester Pass Rd to Moingup Springs, stopping along the way at various spots to look for spectacular *Caladenia lobata* (butterfly orchid) and *Caladenia pectinata*. We found both, but unfortunately the butterflies were still in their 'cocoons'. Other species of note in this area included the colourful and photogenic *Caladenia discoidea*, *Caladenia longiclavata*, *Caladenia cairnsiana* and *Pterostylis recurva*. Magnificent clumps of *Caladenia longicauda* subsp. *eminens* were also crowd-pleasers.

In the afternoon we headed out along the Bluff Knoll road. The whole area had been extensively burnt during a bushfire the previous summer caused by a lightning strike. We made one stop for a scenic photo of the mountain and another when a dozen tall *Prasophyllum elatum* plants were spotted by the roadside. In each case numerous common fire-stimulated orchids were spotted including *Caladenia flava*, *Caladenia reptans* and *Caladenia nana*. However, our main aim was to look for *Prasophyllum cucullatum* which we'd been told had been seen around the Bluff Knoll car park. We were not disappointed. There were hundreds of these diminutive orchids in flower in the bush surrounding the car park.

As you might imagine, our excited cries of "here's one" and "wow, look at these" drew the attention of hikers in the car park, only too eager to postpone their long, steep walk, and we spent some time explaining ourselves and passing around the hand lens so they could see the delicate *Prasophyllum cucullatum* flowers. However, indoctrination of the general public into the 'cult of the orchid' ceased abruptly when one of our group found a hybrid. And what a hybrid! It was a very rare inter-generic cross between *Elythranthera brunonis* and *Cyanicula sericea*, named *(X)Cyanthera glossodioides*. I think I was later told that this was only the third record in WA.

This flower looked like nothing in any of the books. Well, the WA books anyway. You see, this orchid is named '*glossodioides*' after *Glossodia major*, the common eastern states orchid, to which it broadly resembles from a distance. They both have mauve coloured flowers with a mauve and white labellum, and yellow sessile and dark stalked basal calli. If you look closely at the labellum you can also see elements of the gland and calli arrangement of both parents, who were both growing nearby.

Now I must admit that I'd still be scratching my head, wondering what this thing was, except for a lucky coincidence. Less than a week before finding this plant, Garry Brockman had been showing me some of his orchid pics, and as chance would have it, one of these pics was of a *(X)Cyanthera glossodioides* plant he'd found near Margaret River. As a result, to the amazement of my friends, I was able to take a glancing look at this truly weird orchid flower and casually say "Oh yeah, that's *(X)Cyanthera glossodioides*". "What?, what?, what? How do you know that?" they all cried, as their jaws dropped. "Experience", I said and grinned.

Footnote: We returned the next morning to show this plant to 'Old Jack' (a retired, 84 year old Augusta farmer who used to spend 5 months of the year in the Stirling Ranges caravan park studying the wildflowers – some of you may have met him?), only to find that the stem had been chewed in 2 places by insects, and the flower was lying on the ground a few centimetres away from the leaf.

Footnote 2: Alas, I returned to the Bluff Knoll car park in 2003 only to find that a nice, new, covered picnic shelter had been built on top of the *(X)Cyanthera glossodioides* spot.

Mike Duncan





*Caladenia falcata* (Fringed Mantis Orchid)



*Caladenia discoidea* (Antelope Orchid)



(X)*Cyanthera glossodioides*

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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.*

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| APRIL | Paul Winthrop     | Pam Hill<br>Bill Gaynor            | Eric McCrum   |
| MAY   | Marina            | Margaret Petridas<br>Paul Winthrop | <i>Eriochilus</i> Photos from Members, Ramon demonstrating the "Lightroom" software for digital photograph processing |
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| Date   | Place                     | Targeted species/Notes                   |
|--|---------------------------|--|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July                        | Johnson Rd and Australind | Shell and Greenhood orchids              |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> August                      | Bulbarnet Reserve         | Trip Leader is John Ewing (0408 628 781) |
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- Field trip leaders are to be appointed for each separate field trip.
- The last person to arrive at meeting point of orchid field trip will write the trip report.