



# WANOSCG

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## *“How native orchids have affected my/our life journey.”*

As many members would be aware, the Western Australian Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024. We would like to include a series of articles in 2024 Bulletins written by club members, on the positive impact native orchids have had on your lives, families, careers or relationships. Rather than more general biographies, we would like to focus on how native orchids and/or WANOSCG have impacted your lives. Although these articles will not be used until next year, feel free to send them this year so they are ready for next year's Bulletins.

Your stories should be emailed to [wanoscg@gmail.com](mailto:wanoscg@gmail.com) with the Subject Line: 50 Year Celebration, to assist with filing. Peter Gee and Ramón Newmann

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## President's Musings October

September is usually my set-aside month for all things orchid but, sadly, this year I was struck down with ill health and I have done very little exploring or club level activities, as I am struggling to recover. But thanks to Ramón and Graham for jumping in and running the September meeting. By all accounts it went very well.

A special thank you to the members who bravely volunteered to share their orchid experience and to those who shared their orchid-based craft work.

October will be an informal meeting with Dave Lawson given free rein to fill our evening with an orchid-based quiz night. Dave did a version a couple of years ago that was lots of fun, but we were pressed for time so hence a full evening this time.

Don't be intimidated if you think your ability to identify orchids is not great, because the quiz is a great way to improve your abilities in this area.

While I have been incapacitated it has been nice to see the photos that members are posting on our Facebook site and there have certainly been some superb shots. So, make sure you get some of these into the WANOSCG photography competition by 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Enjoy your orchid adventures, share your experiences, do your bit and watch your step.

Jon Warren

## ADORP NEWS

Welcome to Felix Nicholls, Fiona and Ray Anderson and Nola Cruickshank who have recently joined ADORP and we hope they enjoy being involved in the project.

To date it has been a season of mixed results with early surveys in the northern areas coming up with good numbers though, from mid-August, both the northern and eastern areas have suffered from very dry conditions. This has resulted in some surveys in both these areas being aborted due to lack of plant numbers or plants finishing before surveys could be undertaken.

Initial surveys in the southern areas have been lower than last season, but still in good numbers. Most of the remaining surveys for the season will be focussed in the southern areas, though it remains to be seen if the forecast hotter spring curtails some of the late spring, early summer flowering species.

In pleasing news, new locations for three Threatened species, *Caladenia williamsiae*, *C. melanema* and *C. drakeoides*, have been recorded, which has increased the knowledge and distribution of these particular orchids. As some of our species have been actively surveyed for ten years or longer, some will revert to a longer cycle between surveys, as there is good data to support how these populations are doing. This will allow more time for teams to visit other suitable habitats in the hope of finding new locations.

It has been encouraging that a number of non-members have been reporting finds of Priority orchids to ADORP, which assists in alerting teams of new locations. Given the large number of people now looking for orchids, it provides many more eyes on the ground, and people outside our group are starting to become aware of what we are trying to do for orchid conservation.

Kevin Uhe

## Hello Team WANOSCG

A quick reminder to encourage you all to actively take part in your commitment, as WANOSCG members, to the conservation of our wonderful native orchids by **noting your orchid sighting locations** and forwarding them to the WANOSCG Registrar, Ramón Newmann; or, for Priority or Threatened species to Kevin Uhe.

Ideally your WANOSCG Sightings spreadsheet is the most useful for full details - addressed to either Ramon or Kevin - and forwarded to [WANOSCG@gmail.com](mailto:WANOSCG@gmail.com). If you don't have the spreadsheet, please request one via the Secretary using the same email address.

Each and all of our orchid species are special and deserve protection - this is where you step in, as eyes on the ground, letting those who make the decisions about conservation funding and urban development know where they are.

Editor

## WANOSCG SEPTEMBER MEETING – Craft Show

The September meeting bought out a wonderful selection of creative items from some members as well as interesting stories of orchid journeys from others.

The large table gradually filled with a varied selection of members' hobbies as we marvelled at what people manage to create.

Altogether eight members provided crafts,

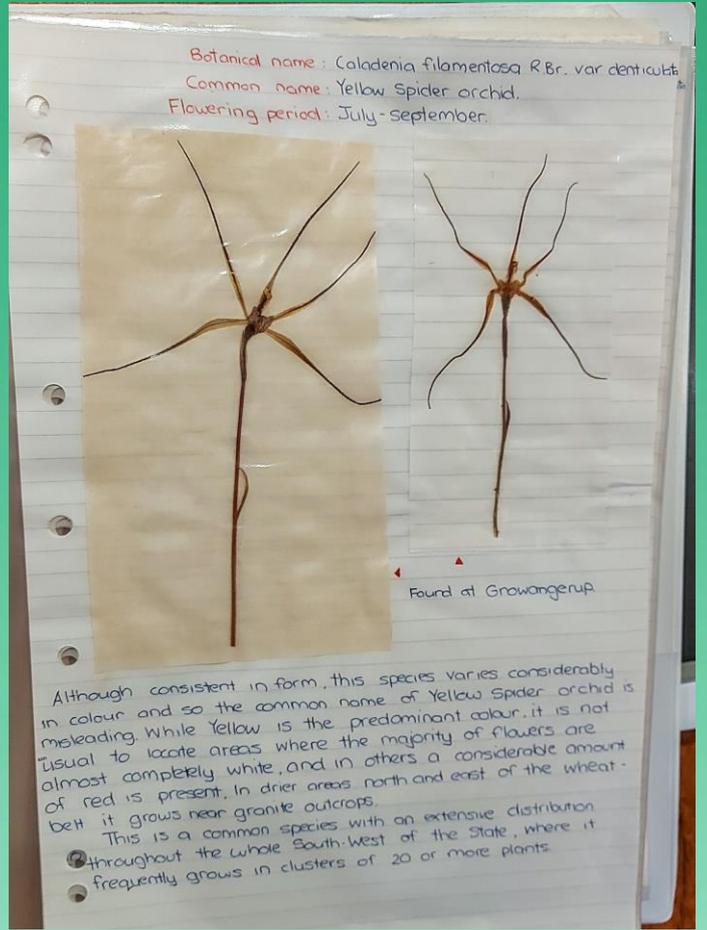
Aly Mollica: paper orchids;  
Felix Nicholls: screen printed T-shirt;  
Martina Fleischer: mugs printed with orchid photographs;  
Varena Hardy: travel book, Bertie's Travels;  
Margaretha Roepen: ceramics and oil paintings;  
Margaret Petridis: watercolour pencil drawings and photo book;  
Debbie Proudfoot: cross stitch cushion cover;  
Trish Newmann: botanical watercolour and ink drawings.

With so much interest in orchid crafts, it would be great to make it an annual event. So, get crafting in the off-season!

Trish Newmann









## GOOD YEAR FOR “THE KING” IN BREMER BAY

In a recent visit to the Great Southern, we were fortunate to spend a few nights at the Bremer Bay Resort.

Not only was the hospitality of Resort staff outstanding, so were the king spider orchids growing in the landscaped grounds.

Bremer is a great location for orchiding and this year was no exception throughout the townsite and surrounding areas.



The picture (above) shows King spider orchids (*Caladenia pectinata*) in the entry statement with beautiful colour variations – there are seven plants in this photograph taken on 11<sup>th</sup> September this year.

Elsewhere in the townsite there were many orchids flowering.

Locals directed us to the John Street reserve that has several varieties in seasonal flower along well organised walk trails.

Tim Hodgkins

## WANOSCG Limerick Competition

To Ric, Debbie & Lisa,  
Your poetic attempts are rippa,  
You wrote some good lines,  
Of all manner of kinds,  
It's now for Committee to picka!  
(oohhh.....sorry)

### Official Entires as follows:

1.

Whilst hunting for orchids is fun,  
A sun orchid really needs sun,  
You can drive through the night,  
See a bud in dim light,  
then go home as the weather has won!  
Lisa Wilson

2.

There is a hobby I can do every day,  
It brings me so much pleasure I have to say,  
So beautiful to see,  
All there for you and me,  
They're called native orchids of WA.  
Ric Woodland

3.

For the ORCHID Spiculaea Pseudocopulation,  
Ensures Effective Cross Pollination,  
The Labellum is Deceptive,  
A male Thynnid is Receptive,  
Alas! Victim of Pheromonic Sexploitation.  
Debbie Bettenay

To all members we're allowing another 3 weeks for more entries;  
(deadline to send in is 20<sup>th</sup> October) where they will appear in the  
November Bulletin.

The Winner to be announced at the 15<sup>th</sup> November WANOSCG monthly  
meeting.

If you want to take part in judging, you're very welcome. Please flick a vote  
through to the WANOSCG Secretary – [wanoscg@gmail.com](mailto:wanoscg@gmail.com) .

Voting deadline, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Looking forward to reading more from our very talented membership.

Editor

## Noel Clarke Memorial Field Trips – Package 2

Roland, Susan and I managed to do our fifth and final Noel Clarke package mid-September along Brookton Highway. We really noticed the progression over the six weeks from when we started doing the packages and have managed to revisit a few sites over the weeks to see new orchids flowering, which has been interesting.

This trip, our eyes were primed, our two-ways were at the ready and we were like well-oiled orchid spotting and reporting machines. “Hey, so I’ve spotted another *flava*”, ”Roger that”!

We were also on the same page not to venture down boggy roads as we were only in one car. So that precluded a couple of sites, but it goes without saying we might check them out another day!

We saw cowslips (including the Brookton Highway cowslip), lots of white spiders (perhaps splendid and stark whites), lemon scented suns, little laughing leeks, pouched leeks, lots of suns in bud, green spiders, tiny little elbows about to flower, purple enamels, leaping spiders, club spiders, wispies (maybe Brookton Highway, Talbot or common), dancing spiders, jugs, blue chinias, rabbits, blood spiders, flying ducks, Hort’s duck, common bee, dragon spiders, pink candy (including a *lutea*) and primrose spiders. Here is a selection of pics, enjoy!

Abby Attwood





*Dinris* sp.



*Caladenia* sp.



Hort's Duck



Primrose Spider



*Caladenia* sp.



The puddle that prevented us going any further this time





Dragons



Elbows



## Regional Field Trips

The upcoming field trips are;

### 1. WANOSCG End-of-Year Orchid Trip

Andrew Brown has organised the End of Year Trip to happen in Albany and Walpole areas we have proposed to set possible dates to be **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

Saturday will be meeting in the Albany Area at about 10.45 am. Then moving on to Walpole later in the afternoon for dinner at the Walpole Pub at 6 pm. Sunday we will meet in Walpole to start the day at 10 am. Once we have you all registered, I will send out the final trip agenda to you all with the relevant the information and data on meeting spots.

**Registration is open for this trip so:**

- i. **Book your accommodation in the Walpole region for Saturday night; please note you need to book your accommodation ASAP to avoid the Christmas holiday rush.**
- ii. **Please book your place on this trip and confirm you are attending the dinner at the Walpole Hotel on Saturday night at 6.00 pm.**
- iii. **We are only booking the tables at the Walpole; payment for the meal and drinks are your responsibility.**
- iv. **Please note numbers must be confirmed two weeks before the day therefore booking for this trip will cease on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

### 2. Collie

We are working with some local input from DBCA to organise a number of field trip packages to carry out surveys throughout the Collie area sometime in October. Please register your interest and, once we get the information we need from DBCA, we will come back to you with firm dates and locations.

**Spaces are available.**

### 3. Diuris ID Field Trips x 1

John Ewing has only one field trip and educational moment left for those wishing to identify the *Diuris* genus.

- a. Trip 4 is joining the club trip to Albany and Walpole but with some extensions. John will go down one day early (Friday, 1st December), make some extra stops on the way to Walpole and then come home over at least two more days (Monday and Tuesday) via Augusta. **Spaces are available.**

### 4. Noel Clarke Memorial Field Trips

As you have all read in previous Bulletins, we have tried a different approach to the commemorative field trips that targets orchid conservation and information under a mutual obligation process.

The process is simple; for this year the WANOSCG obligation is to provide a member with a package of sites that Noel had visited in and around the Wandoo National Park east of Perth.

The member's obligation is as follows:

- a. Let the Field Trip Coordinator know of your interest.
- b. Take on the role as field trip leader.
- c. We have put together five packages to date with data to assist those who would like to participate, either with a group or on their own, to retrace Noel's footsteps.
- d. Round up 2-10 fellow members to join you.
- e. Car-pool to limit number of vehicles.
- f. Visit the sites and record orchids found.
- g. If not confident with the identification, use photos and appropriate measurements.
- h. After the visit prepare a short report, with photographs, for the WANOSCG bulletin.
- i. Report orchid finds information via the WANOSCG-Sightings-Template-1.08.2023. Found on the WEB Site.
- j. Both reports to be submitted to the Field Trip Coordinator.
- k. Once you have the package, you can then visit the site whenever you and your fellow members wish but packages are best around September to November. We will leave it to the group to go whenever suits them.

To date we have five people completing some of these trips – a big thank you to:

- i) Peter Gee, completed on 2<sup>nd</sup> September,
- ii) Ric Woodland completed on the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> August,
- iii) Paul Armstrong, happened on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Sept,
- iv) Annie Bowerman, completed on the 18<sup>th</sup> Aug, and
- v) Aberline Attwood, completed on the 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Spaces are available** for others to participate as the orchids are flowering until October in some of these areas.

If you are interested in attending or leading a trip then email me at [fieldtrips.wanoscg@gmail.com](mailto:fieldtrips.wanoscg@gmail.com) with dates you would like to participate in one of the trips, or lead a trip, and I will confirm these with you once we have some numbers of interest.

Oh, and one other thing, when people register for attending a field trip, they are also registering to possibly write the report for the Bulletin or recording of the orchid finds of the day. “Why?” you ask; this is because our trips are not just to get photos of the orchids it is also to record the orchid finds for the WANOSCG database. Please don’t make this the sole responsibility of the field trip leader.

Happy orchid hunting, stay safe and keep those field trip ideas rolling in.

Graham W.  
Field Trip Co-ordinator  
[fieldtrips.wanoscg@gmail.com](mailto:fieldtrips.wanoscg@gmail.com)

## The 2023 WANOSCG Photographic Competition Final Call

**Topic: “*Your best shot of WA Native Orchid in the field in 2022 or 2023*”.**

### 1. Submissions

- o Any member who is current on the Submission Due Date is eligible to enter and/or vote.
- o Only electronic submissions permitted:
  - ‘jpeg’ file format
  - File size: **MIN: 150 Kbytes MAX: 5 Mbytes**
- o **Two photos** may be submitted per eligible member.
- o Author’s name, subject’s species name, approximate location taken and date taken must be provided with each submission.
- o All entrants give consent to have their entry published in the WANOSCG Bulletin, website and/or Facebook page.
- o **Submission may have been taken during calendar years 2022 or 2023.**
- o Submissions must be emailed to [wanoscg@gmail.com](mailto:wanoscg@gmail.com), or handed to a committee member.
- o **Submission Due Date:** entries must be received by **16<sup>th</sup> October 2023** (*Monday before October GM due date*)

### 2. Voting

- o All valid entries will be placed in the October/November 2023 Bulletin for voting on.
- o Eligible members are permitted a single vote, stating the selected photograph’s reference number by email to [wanoscg@gmail.com](mailto:wanoscg@gmail.com)
- o **All votes due on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023** (*Monday before November GM due date*).

### 3. Winner

- o The Winner will be determined by the WANOSCG Committee (who may appoint adjudicators) based on the valid votes.
- o Winner declared and prize presented at the November General Meeting, due date, **15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

#### 4. **Displays**

- All valid entries are to be displayed at the October GM and October/November Bulletin.
- Winning photo and runners-up are to be displayed at the November GM and posted in the Bulletin, Website and/or Facebook page.

#### 5. **Orchid Conservation and Protection Rule**

- Due to the potential to damage to habitat and plants, populations of orchids listed as Threatened should not be visited for the sole reason of taking photos for this photo competition. If you otherwise happen upon populations during your travels, as part of an ADORP team monitoring these plants or have another official reason to visit populations you may submit photos of these species.

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### **Notice of WANOSCG October 2023 General Meeting**

We hereby give notice that the next General Meeting of the Western Australian Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group Inc (“the Group”) will take place at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The October meeting will be informal with Dave Lawson given free rein to fill our evening with an orchid based quiz night. Dave did a version a couple of years ago that was lots of fun, but we were pressed for time so hence a full evening this time.

The location of the meeting will be in the Administration Building, 1 Kattidj Close, Kings Park WA 6005.

### **WHAT'S FLOWERING THIS MONTH**

**UPDATED FLOWERING CHARTS – 2023.** including updated species names in the Members Only area.

<https://wanoscg.com/flowering-this-month/>

#### **Bulletin Articles**

Please send Bulletin contributions to the editor at [wanoscg.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wanoscg.newsletter@gmail.com).

Due to the majority of members involved with the production and editing of the newsletter travelling to Tasmania in late October, the due date for the November issue has been brought forward.

**Due date for articles for the November issue will be Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

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