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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 50th 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 with the Subject Line: “50 Year Celebration”, to assist with filing.

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President's Musings November

2024 Here we come!

As this year draws to a close it is time to think about WANOSCG 2024. There are several items members need to consider so please read to the end.

WANOSCG will turn 50.

Yes, it will be the 50th anniversary of WANOSCG in 2024 and, as there were no takers to organise a book to celebrate the event as was done for the 40th year, the management committee has decided the best approach would be a series of articles in the Bulletin.

At the moment, and I say at the moment because we need people to write these articles, the plan is to have some personal stories, some ADORP stories and some biographies of members who have made a significant contribution to the function of WANOSCG over the past 10 years. So, get thinking and writing if you want to be part of WANOSCG's 50-year legacy.

WANOSCG Management 2024

As is required in the constitution all committee positions finish each year and you must formally nominate each year if you wish to take up a committee or subsidiary position.

Nomination forms are on the Members Only section (in the Constitution area) of our web site or can be requested via wanoscg@gmail.com.

I will be nominating as President for one more year but will take a break after that, if voted in that is, so if you are thinking of taking on the role, a year as Vice President is a good way to learn the ropes.

I know some current committee members, who have served for many years, wouldn't mind a break and some new approaches and ideas would be great.

There are also several subsidiary positions for which you may be interested in volunteering, with the positions listed in the membership section of our web page. One way to lessen the work load for any of these positions is the share the role with someone else.

Nominations must be with the current management committee by February 21st 2024, but hey, why wait, nominate now.

Making Management just a bit easier 2024

A lot of members are not in position to take on roles but there are some very simple things all members can do to make the lives of those who do volunteer a little bit easier.

1. Pay your membership on time.
2. Pay the correct membership amount.
3. Pay your membership into the correct bank account.
4. Send email responses to the requested email address.
5. When registering for field trips include your emergency contacts details as requested.

But above all read the messages in the Bulletin and emails sent to you and follow the instructions.

Nowhere in the secretary's or treasurer's role is there a requirement for them to sort out your inability to do things properly.

Cost of membership 2024

Under the current circumstances the Management Committee has resolved to keep membership fees unchanged for 2024.

Ordinary \$35, Associate \$20, Family \$45, Associate Family \$40.

For more information on what constitutes the membership categories check out the membership section on the WANOSCG website.

The due date is by **31st March 2024**, with later payments creating extra work for the Treasurer and Secretary.

Payment by electronic transfer to our Commonwealth Bank account is much preferred but payments to the Treasurer in person or by cheque are also possible.

Payment details are on the website and are also in this Bulletin to provide another information resource on the matter.

WARNING WARNING!

As pointed out on several previous occasions the old Bankwest account will be closed so make sure you are sending any payments to the right account.

WANOSCG Award

One more item for your consideration over the summer. The **WANOSCG Award** is awarded to a member of the group who has gone above and beyond to contribute in some way to the success and well-being of WANOSCG and its members. We are therefore requesting you to put on your thinking caps and let us know who you think has made an outstanding contribution to benefit the group.

Traditionally, the WANOSCG Award has been made at the Annual General Meeting of which the next is currently scheduled to take place on 20th March 2024, but submissions need to be with the management committee by 15th February 2024, for consideration at the yearly planning meeting. To assist in your decision, The WANOSCG Award past recipients are noted in: <https://wanoscg.com/general/>.

November Meeting

November meet will be a formal general meeting with the winners of the photography competition announced, followed by a presentation from Eddy Wajon on “Some orchids of Tasmania, NSW and Lord Howe Island”.

As a way of rewarding members who provided supper and raffle prizes over the past year there will be a special draw of those members for a special award.

Many Thanks

I would just like to finish by sincerely thanking the many members whose various contributions have been significant in enabling all aspects of WANOSCG to function successfully over the year.

Jon Warren
President

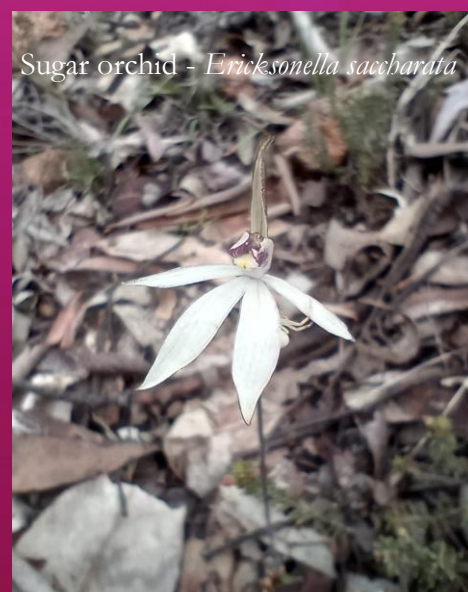
Northern Wandoo National Park Area Field trip 2nd September Peter Gee

Nine WANOSCG members gathered at St. Ronan's Nature Reserve on a field trip inspired by the records kept by late life member, Noel Clarke.

This year's inland orchid season has been a lot drier than recent ones, resulting in fewer flowering orchids being observed. However, the St. Ronan's Nature Reserve had a good variety of orchids, possibly due to its geology. The Sugar Orchid (*Ericksonella saccharata*) was nearing the end of its season – Cheryl and I saw many more flowering plants on our reconnaissance trip a week earlier.

One lonely Dancing Spider Orchid (*Caladenia discoidea*) was prominently showing off its sepal clubbing. Caladenias were the most commonly found, with Chameleon Spider (*C. dimidia*), Little Pink Fairy (*C. reptans reptans*), Fringed Mantis (*C. falcata*) and Clubbed Spider (*C. longiclavata*) and, of course, Cowslips (*C. flava flava*), recorded.

Other flowering orchids included Common Donkeys (*Diuris corymbosa*), Little Laughing Leek (*Prasophyllum gracile*), Jug Orchid (*Pterostylis recurva*), Dark Banded Greenhood (*P. sanguinea*) and Lemon-scented Sun Orchid (*Thelymitra antennifera*). Hare Orchid (*Leporella fimbriata*) leaves were prolific as were Red Beaks (*Pyrorchis nigricans*) with a couple of plants in bud, preparing to flower without an obvious prior bushfire.



Sugar orchid - *Ericksonella saccharata*

Dancing Spider Orchid - *Caladenia discoidea*



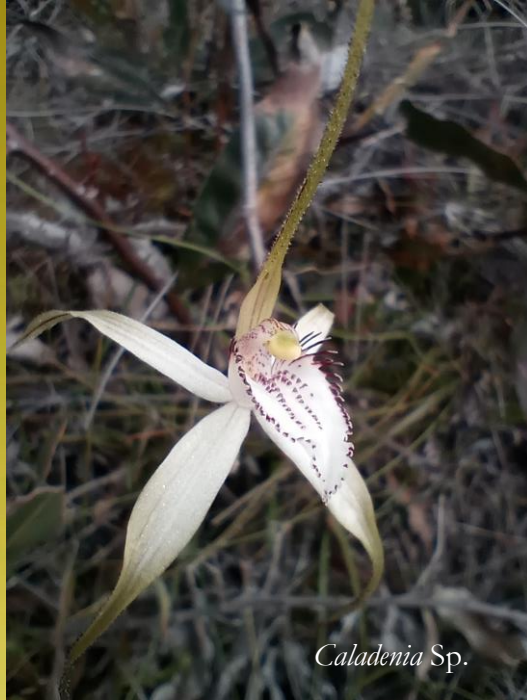
A second brief stop close to the Great Southern Highway revealed a population of Fringed Mantis Orchids (*Caladenia falcata*). This location is becoming degraded with weeds.

We lunched at the Mount Observation Lookout, an attractive location with picnic tables and a toilet, with water tank and well stocked with toilet paper! Orchid hunting resumed closer to the Great Southern Highway. Here, Clubbed Spider (*Caladenia longiclavata*), Bird Orchid (*Pterostylis barbata*) and Dark Banded Greenhood (*P. sanguinea*) were found.

Also seen were leaves of the Eastern Curly Locks (*Thelymitra maculata*) and Custard Orchids (*T. villosa*) in bud. I returned a few weeks later with the hope of seeing the Custards in flower but could find no evidence of them – perhaps a consequence of the unusually hot weather we had in September and early October?



Clubbed Spider - *Caladenia longiclavata*



Caladenia Sp.



Bird Orchid - *Pterostylis barbata*

Dark clouds were accumulating in the south-west, so we decided to travel to a winter-wet area in Qualen Road in the hope of finding the red wine coloured *Thelymitra* hybrids seen there last year, but the weather was not working in our favour.

Orchids found there were the Lemon-scented Sun Orchid (*Thelymitra antennifera*), closing up as the light and temperature reduced, and Talbot's Spider (*Caladenia pendens talbotii*), Splendid Spider (*C. splendens*), Stark White Spider (*C. longicauda eminens*) and another *Caladenia*, possibly a hybrid. All the *Caladenia* species found at this location were debated at length on site, followed by an email discussion later!

Overall, it was an enjoyable day, although a few members became disoriented by the overcast conditions, thick bush and eventually rain. Thank goodness for two-way radios, 'cooe' calls and car horns!

Noel Clarke Memorial Field Trip No.5 By Dr Paul Armstrong

Some people may have considered the locations of Noel Clark Memorial Field Trips (NC #5) I was allocated as being difficult to access. Not for me – I enjoy driving along the gravel tracks with very few other vehicles! Two of the sites were located adjacent to the Great Southern Highway, the remainder scattered throughout the Wandoo National Park.

There was only one track that was a bit rough; the remainder were good gravel, although that one rough track claimed two victims; a bogging at a creek crossing and a blow-out of my rear tyre!

The first trip, on 9th August 2023, I did not get myself organised until too late to arrange any club members as assistants. So off I went, surveying the northern sites; NC21 to NC24, NC47 and NC49.

The most common orchids recorded in flower were the Little Pink Fairy (*Caladenia reptans*), Small Flowered Donkey (*Diuris porrifolia*) and Banded Green Hood (*Pterostylis vittata*).

I was a bit more organised for the next trips with five and six members participating on 6th and 9th September respectively. On the 6th we surveyed the southern sites; NC25 to NC28, NC33 and NC35. Then returning on the 9th to the northern sites; NC22 to NC24, NC47 and NC49 adding NC36. In September the most common orchids flowering were the Cowslip (*Caladenia flava*), Brookton Highway Spider (*C. fluvialis*), White Spiders (*C. longicauda*), Primrose Spider (*C. xantha*) and Common Donkey (*Diuris corymbosa*). One of the nominated sites was not visited at all; NC34.

There were a number of orchids that were in flower but too immature or too mature to identify, as well as many sterile leaves.

Being out in the bush looking for and finding many orchids in flower, how could it not be a great day! I hope everybody enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

The species recorded in flower over the three trips were:

9th August 2023

Caladenia reptans ssp. *reptans* - Little Pink Fairy
Diuris porrifolia - Small Flowered Donkey
Ericksonella saccharata - Sugar
Pheladenia deformis - Blue Fairy
Pterostylis concava - Cupped Banded Greenhood
Pterostylis recurva - Jug
Pterostylis sanguinea - Dark Banded Greenhood
Pterostylis sargentii - Frog
Pterostylis vittata - Banded Green Hood

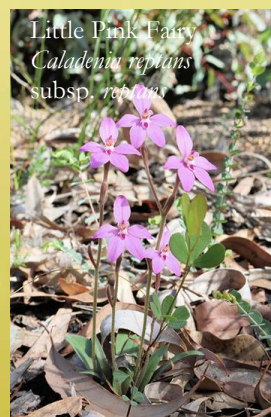
6th and 9th September 2023

Caladenia discoidea – Dancing Spider
Caladenia falcata - Fringed Mantis
Caladenia filifera - Blood Spider
Caladenia flava subsp. *flava* - Cowslip
Caladenia fluvialis - Brookton Highway Spider
Caladenia longicauda - White Spider
Caladenia longiclavata - Clubbed Spider
Caladenia macrostylis - Leaping Spider
Caladenia pendens subsp. *talbotii* - Talbot's Spider
Caladenia splendens - Splendid White Spider
Caladenia xantha - Primrose Spider
Diuris brumalis - Winter Donkey
Diuris corymbosa - Common Donkey
Elythranthera brunonis - Purple Enamel
Ericksonella saccharata - Sugar
Leptoceras menziesii - Rabbit
Pheladenia deformis - Blue Fairy
Prasophyllum cyphochilum - Pouched Leek
Prasophyllum gracile - Little Laughing Leek
Prasophyllum ovale - Little Leek
Pterostylis barbata - Bird
Pterostylis brevisepala - Short-eared Snail
Pterostylis recurva - Jug
Pterostylis sanguinea - Dark Banded Greenhood
Pterostylis sargentii - Frog
Pyrorchis nigricans - Red Beaks
Thelymitra antennifera - Vanilla
Thelymitra crinita - Blue Lady
Thelymitra graminea - Shy Sun
Thelymitra villosa – Custard

Dr Paul Armstrong



Sugar
Ericksonella saccharata



Little Pink Fairy
Caladenia reptans
subsp. *reptans*



Frog
Pterostylis sargentii



Rabbit - *Leptoceras menziesii*



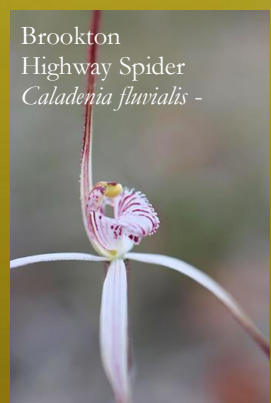
Little Laughing Leek
Prasophyllum gracile



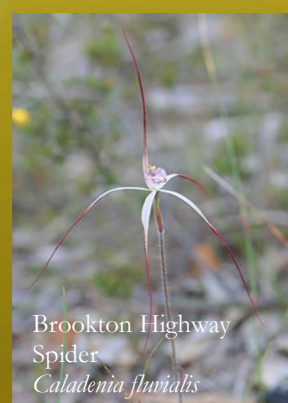
Primrose Spider
Caladenia xantha



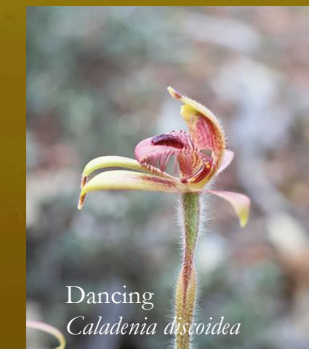
Primrose Spider
Caladenia xantha



Brookton Highway Spider
Caladenia fluvialis



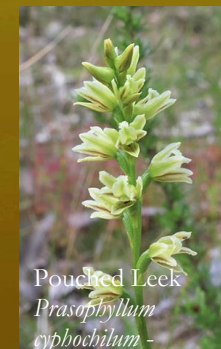
Brookton Highway Spider
Caladenia fluvialis



Dancing
Caladenia discoidea



Leaping Spider
Caladenia macrostylis



Pouched Leek
Prasophyllum cyphochilum

ADORP NEWS

It is very pleasing to report that the Queen of Sheba (*Thelymitra variegata*) has been now listed as Threatened Flora and is ranked as Critically Endangered. This means that it is now protected under State legislation.

Thanks must go to Graeme Walker and his helpers who have surveyed the species for many years as well as spending time surveying other suitable habitats to enable a Threatened nomination to be prepared with the data they collected. It is by this long-term monitoring of species that enough data on population sizes, threats and trends can be assembled to prepare a Threatened nomination which has to go through a vigorous assessment by an expert committee before it can be recommended to the Minister to sign off and be gazetted.

Going forward it is hoped that other species that are at risk can be nominated for Threatened status by utilising the data that ADORP teams have collected over many years of surveying.

Recently DBCA asked for assistance with surveys for *Caladenia hopperiana* (Quindanning Spider) and a small number of people were able to assist at short notice. Due to the possibility of mining near the populations the opportunity was taken to record plants in each population so that baseline data was available to measure any adverse impacts from mining on the species going forward.

The dry end to the season is having an impact on plant numbers and timing of flowering with many species flowering early and only lasting for a week in some cases. This has made surveying and timing very difficult for those teams involved in the later flowering species.

As the current season is drawing to a close, I wish to thank all the ADORP volunteers for their tremendous efforts over 2023 and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable off season.

Kevin Uhe

Octogenarian Night

Our October meeting is always special as we encourage the members over 80 years old to attend.

The club is enormously grateful to these elder statesmen and women who have given so freely of their time to make our club what it is today.

Two brave octogenarians, Alex George and Margaret Fox, and two nonagenarians, Noel Hoffman and Matz Dahlkamp helped others with the quiz so expertly coordinated by David Lawson.

Afterwards we all enjoyed a large cake and delicious supper provided by Varena Hardy.

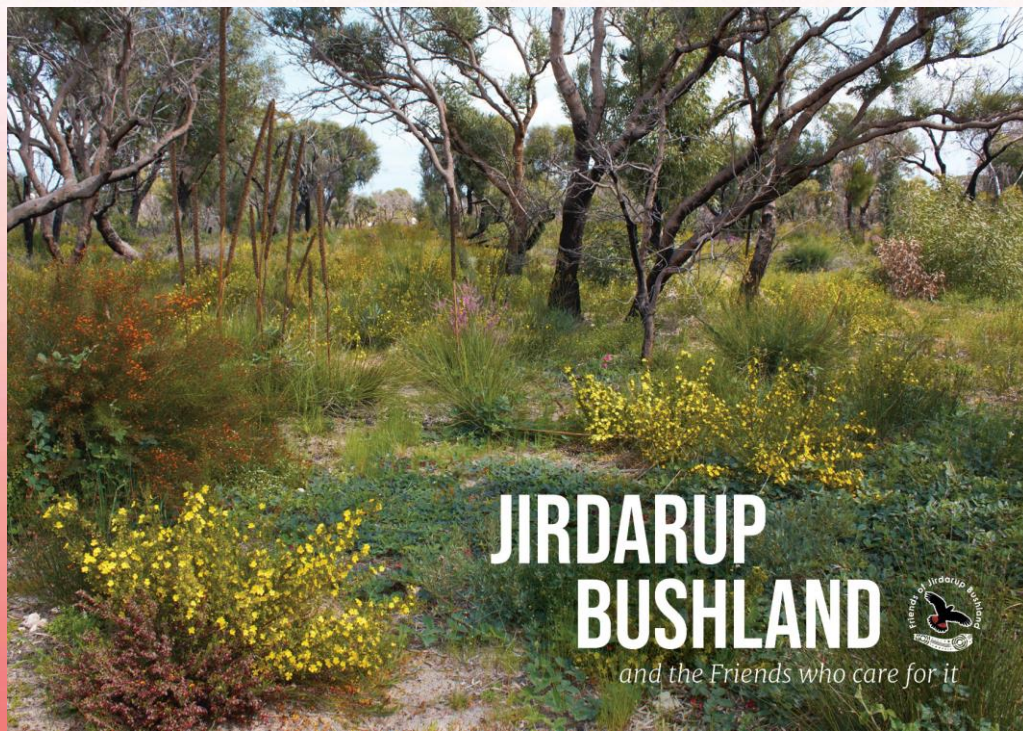
Trish Newmann



Photo - Ramon Newmann



Photo - Aberline Attwood



Orchids of Jirdarup

by Lesley van Schoubroeck, Friends of Jirdarup Bushland

According to Professor Kingsley Dixon AO from Curtin University, "Jirdarup is the most pristine and highest quality Banksia woodland remaining in inner Perth." Jirdarup lies in East Victoria Park and includes Bush Forever site 048, in the Kensington Bushland Reserve close to the WA Herbarium.

The first survey of the bushland was undertaken by WA Herbarium staff, Ray Cranfield and Cheryl Parker, during their lunch breaks in 1980-81. This survey reported only six orchid species. Records kept by the Friends group since 2000 have identified up to 25, with confirmation still required for a small number of spider orchids.

On 16th September 2023, the Friends of Jirdarup Bushland celebrated the launch of their book *Jirdarup Bushland and the Friends who care for it*. With a collection of maps and historical records, readers can witness the evolution of community and local authority sentiments toward preserving this cherished bushland.

The book includes some amazing photos all donated by local photographers. Yet, there seems to have been little interest in saving this bushland from development until the 1980s so we are indeed fortunate that it still exists.

In 1899, the first Wildflower Show in Victoria Park in 1899 urged "... care to guard against the destruction of the indigenous flora" (*The West Australian* 20th September 1899, P6) but Show entries included orchids and everlastings. In 1912, the *Native Flora Protection Act* made it unlawful..." for any person on any Crown lands....to destroy or to mutilate so as to eventually destroy any of the trees, shrubs or plants mentioned in the Schedule."

However, orchids, kangaroo paws and the *Nuytsia floribunda* (Christmas Tree) were not protected until the Act was updated in 1935.

To learn more about the orchids found at Jirdarup or just to check out the photos, read or buy your own copy:

- Visit the Friends of Jirdarup Bushland website: www.friendsofjirdarupbushland.org.au
- Ask your local library
- Email admin@friendsofjirdarupbushland.org.au

The publication of "Jirdarup Bushland and the Friends who care for it" has been made possible through generous donations of photographs and memories of many people and financial support from the Town of Victoria Park and a personal contribution from Mayor Karen Vernon.

Please note: Lesley included a current list of orchids found at Jirdarup (and their first recorded sightings) in her article for publication in the WANOSCG November Bulletin. For editing reasons this list has not been included here. If you are interested in acquiring this table list, please contact the Editor at Wanoscg.newsletter@gmail.com

ORCHIDS OF PINGRUP AREA

Margaret Petridis

On the weekend of 14th and 15th October I attended the celebrations at Pingrup for the 100-year anniversary of the railway line coming to town. My family had moved to the area in 1966 to start a farming venture and I attended the Pingrup Primary School for two years. It was during the spring of that first year that I found *Caladenia falcata* in the bush block next to the school and other orchids like *Caladenia flava* and *Caladenia filifera* around the salt lakes near where we lived. These findings sparked my life-long interest and passion for WA's native orchids.

Over the last two years I have met Rachel Kirby, an orchid enthusiast who lives in the area, and we have done some survey work together. We are keen to educate the locals and visitors to the area about the orchids that grow in the Pingrup and Nyabing district. (Shire of Kent)

Further to that, I made up some posters on Orchids of the Pingrup area, including Holland's Rock, to put up in the Pingrup CRC last weekend. I intend to leave them there for ongoing education and am working on a list of orchids and some handouts with photos for people to use. So far we have listed 42 orchids for the Pingrup area, 42 for Nyabing (with considerable overlap) and 21 for Holland's Rock. I am hoping the display will spark interest in the locals and result in adding other species to the lists. I am also hoping that interested farmers will give us permission to do orchid surveys on their properties, as many have remnant bush areas.

Last year Kevin and I were in the Pingrup area to do surveys for the Ballerina orchid (*Caladenia melanema*). It has been found from Lake Grace South in a line through Pingrup down to the Cairlocup NR. On our way to Cairlocup we stopped and found a new population of *C. melanema* in roadside vegetation, consisting of 37 plants. Looking over the fence we saw suitable habitat on the adjacent private property.

On returning to Perth, Kevin was able to find out the property's owners and Rachel contacted them for permission to look there this year. We did surveys there on 24th August and found just over 200 plants, with 111 in flower and 17 in bud. The number of non-flowering plants (57) indicated it is a healthy population with good seed set and recruitment happening.



Ballerina Orchid
Caladenia melanema (red variant)



Ballerina Orchid
Caladenia melanema



The road verge population this year was counted over a larger area, and we found 93 plants. All in all, a fantastic result.

Last weekend I met some of those property owners and they are interested in having a look with us next year in that location and other bush areas on their property. They also have other properties nearby with bush areas. I think we might have to be there a week...!

This sequence of events shows how important it is to contact local property owners and wildflower/orchid enthusiasts in order to add to our knowledge of orchids in country areas.

Other people I spoke to about orchids over the weekend have also asked me to visit where they are now living to see the orchids on their properties, as far away as Watheroo and down to Cuballing and Narrikup. I am going to be busy!

State of the world's orchids – CSIRO News Release 10 October 2023

Up to 45 per cent of all known flowering plant species across the globe could be under threat of extinction with the plant family *Orchidaceae* (orchids) among the most threatened, according to a new report.

Kew's *State of the World's Plants and Fungi (SOTWPF) 2023 report*, published today, tackles the nature emergency by laying out the current condition of the world's plants and fungi.

Australia's national science agency, CSIRO, contributed to the report with CSIRO orchid researcher, Dr Katharina Nargar, a senior author of the report's chapter on orchids. "Plants and fungi sustain life on Earth and provide valuable ecosystem services, food, medicine, clothing, and raw materials. But the natural world is threatened by the dual crises of climate change and biodiversity loss," Dr Nargar said.

"With some 350,000 species of vascular plants – which includes trees, shrubs, ferns and flowering plants like orchids – already known to science, researchers are in a race against time to scientifically name and assess as many as 100,000 more." Worldwide, scientists name about 2,500 new plants each year. New estimates suggest as many as three in four undescribed vascular plants are already likely to be threatened with extinction. The SOTWPF report sets an important international standard for researchers and conservationists to annually track trends in the global status of plant and fungal diversity. Dr Nargar said recent DNA sequencing had added to botanical knowledge based on physical characteristics and challenged previously held beliefs on the evolution and distributions of orchids.

"New data suggests the orchid family did not originate in Australia as we thought. Instead, it originated in the northern hemisphere around 83 million years ago before it spread across the world," Dr Nargar said. "However, Australia's largest orchid lineage, which accounts for over 60 per cent of Australia's orchid species diversity, originated in Australia and dates back more than 40 million years. "In contrast, most orchid species worldwide originated fairly recently in Earth's history, within the last 5 million years."

The Australian Tropical Herbarium and the Australian National Herbarium contributed approximately 20 per cent of the original DNA sequence data for the study, covering around 80 per cent of Australian orchid genera, through participation in the Bioplatforms Australia led [Genomics for Australian Plant \(GAP\) Initiative](#), which sequenced over 90 per cent of Australian flowering plant genera.

Unfortunately, more and more newly described species have narrow geographic ranges, with many new plants described from only a single location, and are undergoing population or habitat decline. "Last year we [led a project](#) to have 23 Threatened orchids from Australia added to the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species, bringing the total number of Australian orchids on the Red List to 51," Dr Nargar said.

"Almost all of the 23 species are terrestrial, meaning they grow on the ground, showcasing the rich diversity of terrestrial orchids found in Australia. In contrast, most orchids worldwide are epiphytic, meaning they grow on trees. "Their inclusion on the Red List serves to increase awareness about Australia's orchid diversity and paves the way for international funding opportunities for those engaged in orchid conservation efforts."

Based on the work of 200 international researchers based in 30 countries, the underlying scientific evidence in SOTWPF was published today in a special collection from the journals *New Phytologist* and *Plants, People, Planet* entitled 'Global Plant Diversity and Distribution' and in a review of global fungal diversity and conservation published by the journal *Annual Review of Environment and Resources*.

The Australian National Herbarium is a joint venture between Parks Australia and CSIRO. The Australian Tropical Herbarium is a joint venture between James Cook University, CSIRO and the Queensland and Australian governments.

<https://www.csiro.au/news/All/News/2023/October/State-of-the-worlds-orchids-revealed-in-new-report>

Thank you Aberline Attwood (source).

Bush Block Guardian Inc. (BBG)

I had recently been in contact with Peter Ewing, one of the founding Members of The Bush Blocks Guardians Inc. (BBG), a not-for-profit conservation group based in the Wheatbelt, about spreading their message, in particular to WANOSCG.

BBG were formed in 2021, as a collection of like-minded people with a passion for preserving and restoring our unique biological and cultural heritage. With a particular focus on the Wheatbelt they began with the purchase of a 660 ha property in Westonia next to Chiddarcooping Nature Reserve.

Theirs is a grand vision to preserve the non-cultivable granite outcrops, postage stamp sized nature reserves and narrow strips of perimeter bush left after extensive clearing. As a member myself I receive their Newsletter and in their latest were photos of fauna on site plus a Snail (*Pterostylis* sp.), a *Caladenia* sp., and *Pheladenia deformis*.

Peter mentioned they have three zoologists very active but no botanists at this stage, and that he would “love” help with the orchids, “They keep promising to come out but not yet, other than Steve Hopper”. In the past Peter has also been in contact

with our own Registrar, Ramon Newmann, who has mentioned that the “group might like to visit one day, we are getting to the point where the facilities out there could host a group visit”. If anyone would like to have a go at naming the *Pterostylis* (snail) and *Caladenia* above right, please do. WANOSCG.newsletter@gmail.com Annie Bowerman

All species detected were added to our long-term database, including an echidna and Shingleback, and various flowers were in bloom such as snail, spider and fairy orchids.



Another Opportunity to hear the “Orchid Whisperer”.

In September Members were treated to a tour of the orchid conservation facilities at King’s Park Botanical Gardens and an excellent presentation about the work from Dr Belinda Davis.

For those who missed out, there is another opportunity coming up to hear about Belinda’s work at the Augusta Hotel on 5th November 2023.

This will be an entertaining and informative conversation on the propagation of WA endangered native orchids for conservation - to bring them back from the brink of extinction. It is a special event presented by the Augusta Community Development Assoc. For bookings, please follow the link – https://events.humanitix.com/conversations-taalnup-augusta-the-orchid-whisperer?fbclid=IwAR3_aKVM1Hs08gn-L1j-Pjq6Ir8PM0oRYeH_9vHnGZgOkBLxvIH4BGAtzhw&mc_cid=69c3050a5c&mc_cid=7dae11de84

Editor.

A Poem of Note

Pat Richards has sent in a fantastic poem (right) penned by member, Nikki Start, that appeared in the March 1993 WANOSCG Bulletin.

Pat was at the WANOSCG meeting on Wednesday evening last week and was sitting next to Ian Greeve.

He passed on the poem (hard copy) that was perfect to go into the November 2023 Bulletin.

As well as highlighting our Members’ literary talents she mentioned it was also quite relevant to the quiz hosted by David Lawson at the meeting in which we were hard pressed to remember a myriad of orchid names – “I gave up quite early on.”

Enjoy

*“Congratulations Mr. Hoffman
Terrific Andrew Brown!
The book is here, we all so cheer,
It’s made it safe and sound.*

*However, there is one slight problem,
And it came as a big surprise,
That the book is not about orchids,
But of animals in disguise.*

*There’s ants and bees and butterflies,
And spiders beyond compare,
With antelopes and donkeys,
Bunnies, rabbits and a hare.*

*There’s foreigners like chameleons,
Zebras are here too,
With ferocious leopards and tigers,
It’s becoming quite a zoo.*

*There’s microscopic midges,
Gnats and mosquitoes too,
Or the typical, mythical dragon,
Of which there are a few.*

*There’s birds and ducks and snails galore,
Frogs and snakes as well,
To top it off there’s a nanny goat,
That even comes with a bell.*

*So don’t tell me this book’s about
The plants that you can find,
I know my facts, I’ve read the words
And it’s of animals of every kind.”*

Nikki Start

WANOSCG Limerick Competition

Official Entries to date:

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

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

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

Out come the orchids all dainty and cute,
Marvels of nature, deceitful to boot.
Dragon and Fairy, Leopard and Tiger,
Butterfly, Bird and beautiful Spider.
Most of these blooms are rare and minute,
So finding this flora is a fair dunkum beaut.
Ray Molloy

Thank you Lisa, Ric, Debbie & Ray for taking part and submitted a Limerick; the Winner to be notified by email forthwith. Editor

Welcome To The 2023 WANOSCG PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION VOTING Information

The topic of this year's photo competition was:
"Your best shot of WA Native Orchid in the field in 2022 or 2023"

There has been a strong response to the competition this year– with 50 photographs entered by members of all ages. Great to see families being involved!

All valid entries have a reference number allocated to them to assist with the voting and can be viewed in this Bulletin.

How To Vote - voting can be made by currently financial members:

- by email to wanoscg@gmail.com,
- stating your name and
- **the selected photograph's reference number.**
- All votes are due by 6 pm on 13th November 2023 (*Monday before November GM*).

The winner will be announced at the November General Meeting, 15th November 2023 in Kings Park when a prize and certificate will be awarded. The winning photo and runners-up will be displayed at the November GM and posted in the Bulletin, Website and/or Facebook page.

All entries can be found in this edition of the Bulletin, following this announcement, so please review them all and get your votes in by 13th November. Due to size restraints, nine photos have been placed on each page, please zoom in to view.



Entry 1. – *Caladenia ambusta*



Entry 2. *Caladenia barbarossa* x
falcata



Entry 3. *Caladenia bryceana*



Entry 4. *Caladenia corynephora*



Entry 5. *Caladenia crebra*



Entry 6. *Caladenia cristata*



Entry 7. *Caladenia cristata*



Entry 8. *Caladenia cristata*



Entry 9. *Caladenia discoidea*



Entry 10. *Caladenia falcata*



Entry 11. *Caladenia falcata*



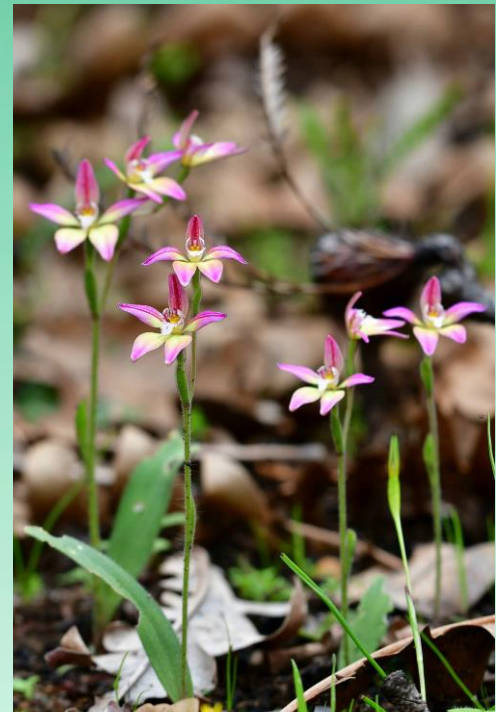
Entry 12. *Caladenia ferruginea* x *longicauda* sp. *splendens*



Entry 13. *Caladenia filifera*



Entry 14. *Caladenia flava* subsp. *maculata* x *reptans* subsp. *impensa*



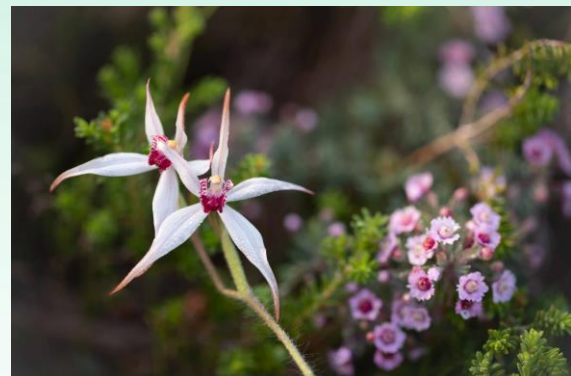
Entry 15. *Caladenia flava* x *Caladenia nana* subsp. *nana*



Entry 16. *Caladenia integra*



Entry 17. *Caladenia longicauda*



Entry 18. *Caladenia nivalis* x *marginata*

Entry 19. *Caladenia pachyloba*



Entry 20. *Caladenia radiata*



Entry 21. *Caladenia roei*



Entry 22. *Caladenia sigmoidea*



Entry 23. *Caladenia sigmoidea*



Entry 24. *Caladenia wanosa*



Entry 25. *Cyanicula gemmata*



Entry 26. *Diuris hazeliae*



Entry 27. *Diuris jonesii*



Entry 28. *Diuris jonesii*



Entry 29. *Diuris longifolia*



Entry 30. *Diuris* sp.



Entry 31. *Drakaea elastica*



Entry 32. *Drakaea ghypton*



Entry 33. *Leporella fimbriata*



Entry 34. *Pheladenia deformis*



Entry 35. *Pterostylis barbata*



Entry 36. *Pterostylis ciliata*



Entry 37. *Pterostylis recurva*



Entry 38. *Thelymitra antennifera*



Entry 39. *Thelymitra benthamiana*



Entry 40. *Thelymitra benthamiana* x *macrophylla*



Entry 41. *Thelymitra jacksonii*



Entry 42. *Thelymitra latiloba*



Entry 43. *Thelymitra macrophylla*



Entry 44. *Thelymitra macrophylla*



Entry 45. *Thelymitra psammophila*

Entry 46. *Thelymitra sargentii*



Entry 48. *Thelymitra villosa* X *graminea*



Entry 49. *Thelymitra xanthotricha*



Entry 50. *Caladenia crebra* x *longicauda*



Entry 51. *Diuris laxiflora*

Thank you to all Members who took part in the 2023 WANOSCG Photographic Competition – there have some lovely images entered this year.

Please note there had been one late withdrawal therefore, there is no Entry 47.

Don't delay in making your winning choice known and we look forward to finding out who takes out the prize.

Looking forward to seeing more amazing photos in 2024.

Collie Field Trip

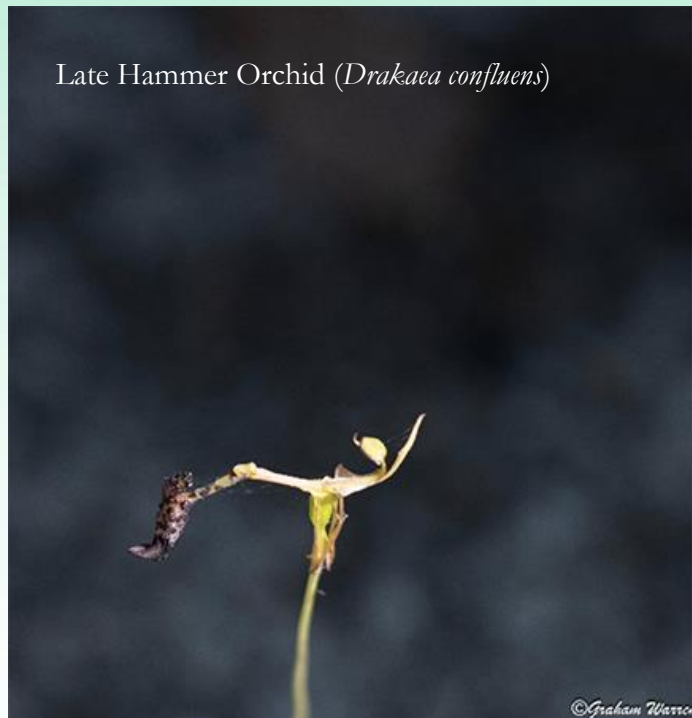
A group of 14 people attended to help DBCA to survey three areas for *Drakaea confluens* and *Caladenia validinervia* and Andrew Webb from DBCA attended with us. Meeting at the Collie Visitors Centre we set off for the Western State Forest to look for the *D. confluens* and managed to find one in area, we then proceeded to Fleays State Forest to find the *C. validinervia* but we only found spent flowers and leaves but we have locations to come to next year.

Then we moved onto a known spot from last year to find *D. confluens* again and we found about five flowers.

All up a great little exercise to see the areas Andrew proposed and we should have others to add for next year. So note in your diaries for a September Field Trip to do surveys for DBCA next year.

Graham Warren

Late Hammer Orchid (*Drakaea confluens*)



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Photos left & right – Aberline Attwood

Regional Field Trips

Did you know?

- ❖ 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 and share our experiences with our fellow club members. Please don't make this the sole responsibility of the Field Trip Leader.
- ❖ When registering for a field trip, please include your mobile contact number and an emergency contact, preferably not someone you're travelling with. 😊

Only two field trips for the year are left and they are:

1. WANOSCG End of Year Christmas Orchid Trip:

Andrew Brown has organised the End of Year Trip to happen in Albany and Walpole areas we have proposed to set dates to be **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December**. Saturday will be meeting in the Albany Area at 10.15 am, then moving on to Walpole later in the afternoon for dinner at the Walpole Pub at 6.30 pm. Sunday we will meet north of 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.

a. 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 16th November 2023.**

2. 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.**

If you are interested in attending or leading a trip then email me at 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.

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

Graham W.

Field Trip Co-ordinator fieldtrips.wanoscg@gmail.com

Membership Fees

Due by 31st March, 2024

- **Ordinary Membership fee of \$35.**
 - This entitles a member to attend field trips, vote and receive a copy of the electronic WANOSCG Bulletin for the months of March to November inclusive and the use of club's library.
 - Must be 15 years old or older.
- **Associate Membership fee of \$20.**
 - This entitles a member to receive the Bulletin, but not to vote.
 - Must normally reside outside of Western Australia OR be a full-time student.
 - Must be 11 years old or older.
- **Family Membership fee of \$45.**
 - This covers up to 2 Ordinary Members plus 3 Associate Members at the one residence.
- **Associate Family Membership fee of \$40.**
 - Covers up to 5 Associate Members at the one residence.
- **Nomination Fee of \$25 for new members only.**
 - This entitles a new member to one name badge and copies of the club Constitution and field trip guidelines and procedures. Additional badges are \$15.

Payment

- **in person** to the Treasurer at a General Meeting, or
- **by mail** with cheques made out to WANOSCG and sent to
 - WANOSCG, PO BOX 323, VICTORIA PARK, W.A. 6979
- **by electronic transfer** to the WANOSCG bank account:
 - BSB: 066 173
 - Bank name: Commonwealth Bank
 - Account number: 1051 0903

Note: If you choose to send money electronically, please give your name and what the payment is for (e.g. Annual Fees, Nomination Fee) and send a copy of your electronic receipt to wanoscg@gmail.com.

Notice of WANOSCG November 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 15th November 2023 in Kings Park.

The official speaker for the November meeting is Eddy Wajon (WANOSCG Member).

Topic: Some Orchids of Tasmania, NSW & Lord Howe Island

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.

Due date for articles for the first Bulletin of 2024 will be Friday, 1st March 2024.

All our previous Bulletins can be viewed from the WANOSCG website, www.wanoscg.com

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