

PURPOSE of FIELD TRIPS

- Enjoy, with other like-minded people, orchids in the wild
- Learning and education
 - identification, learning the fragility & difficulty of growing, orchid/bushland etiquette, normal growing condition, training for Wild Orchid Watch
- Photograph
 - opportunities, photographic competition
- Conservation
 - develop an understanding of orchid conservation, how they fit into the environment, scientific information gathering, recording orchid distribution & phenology.

People interested in protecting the rarer orchids, need to contact the Conservation Officer for information on how they can help.

PRINCIPLES of FIELD TRIPS

- It is illegal to collect any part of an orchid
- Avoid sensitive sites
 - Field trips will **not** be planned to sites known to have threatened orchids for which knowledge of the location places the orchids at increased risk of harm/extinction.
- Respect environment and people
 - Avoid damage to the surrounding bush/plants
 - Minimal impact – as much as is possible, leave the site as found
- Minimize spread of phytophthora

FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR DUTIES – PLANNING & PREPARATION

- Prepare and maintain paperwork see appendix A
- Send Field Trip instructions via email
- Select site in consultation with orchid scouts
- If visiting private land, obtain written permission
- Notify secretary of general location two weeks before the field trip
- Determine meeting place and time
- Field trips are automatically cancelled on Fire Ban days
 - Swamp trips cancelled if predicted temp is 32C or above
- Nominate field trip leader & liaise with them
 - As to who will bring the Phytophthora kit and first aid kit.
 - Ensure that the Field Trip Leader will receive the Attendees and Risk Management Safety Sheet

BOOKING INFORMATION REQUIRED from the member

- Mobile number (the one they will have on the trip) for last minute changes
- Emergency name and contact phone number
- Any bush related health issues such as insect & pollen allergies, asthma, epipens, etc

INFORMATION TO THE MEMBER WHEN REGISTERING

- Field Trip Participant Guidelines
 - If they have not previously received a copy
- Field Trip Leader's contact phone number
 - As much as possible the leader should have the NOSSA phone
- Meeting place and time
- Lunch details
- Reminder that children remain under the supervision & responsibility of their guardian
- Reminder that dogs are not to be brought on a field trip

LIAISE WITH FIELD TRIP LEADER

- Field Trip Leader Guidelines
 - If they have not previously received a copy
- For them to receive the Attendees & Risk Assessment Safety Plan sheet
- For them to ensure that the First Aid & Phytophthora Kits are available

POST TRIP REVIEW

- Email, or designate the leader to email secretary the attendance list