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Our next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday August 14th. at the R.S.L. Hall, Morphett Vale.

At this meeting Mr. Dick Styles will show us some slides of his recent trip to New Zealand.

This will be a workshop night. Mr. Les Poole will give a potting demonstration, and will be glad to advise anyone else wishing to have a go in readiness for helping out at the Marion show. The male members are also asked to bring along any GADGETS which they have found useful, especially home made articles which although they may be very simple, can be extremely helpful.

The ladies are asked to bring along their materials for spraymaking. This will also be good practice in readiness for our spring show. The Club will have materials available for anyone who has not got their own.

A prize will be given for the best Gadget and the best Spray made.

Any further details on the Marion show will also be given. Do not forget to give your names in if you will have any plants or flowers which you wish to sell or donate.

At our Winter show held last month, we had quite a large number of members and visitors present. It was a very commendable show and a credit to the growers and also the Show Marshall, Mr. Keith Shaw, and his helpmates. Our thanks go to Jack and Anna Hoffner and other members who supplied the foliage plants.

Mr. & Mrs. Ross Gowling gave us a demonstration on taking plants from flasks. This was very interesting, especially to those who have not had much to do with this method of raising plants.

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Mr. Syd Monkhouse came along and judged the show, giving us a commentary on some of the reasons why flowers are or are not given points. This is most helpful to those members who wonder why a plant which they consider to be the best, just does not get anywhere. We hope it will not be another twelve months before we get Syd back to one of our monthly meetings.

Syd then presented the prizes as follows:-

GRAND CHAMPION	Medallion	Paph. Tearlath Victor	Mr. & Mrs. L. Poole
OPEN CHAMPION	\$10 trophy	" Tearlath Victor	" "
NOVICE "	\$10 "	Cym. Siram Maxine	Mr. & Mrs. W. Gray
<u>OPEN SECTION</u>			
CYMBIDIUM	\$2 "	Lunagrad "Elanora"	Mr. B. Hansen
MIN. CYM.	\$2 "	Virescens x Pumilum Album	Mr. C. Chenoweth
CATTLEYA	\$2 "	Butterfly wings "Brenda Marie"	Mr. M. Chenoweth
PAPHIOPEDILUM	\$2 "	Tearlath Victor	Mr. & Mrs. L. Poole
AUST. NATIVES	\$2 "	Den. Rigidum	Mr. W. Harris
PHALAENOPSIS	\$2 "	Raycraft	Valley Orchids
SPECIES	\$2 "	Paph. Wolterianum	Mr. N. Zurcher
MISC. GENERA	\$2 "	Milt. Spectabilis x	
(Other Orchid)		Onc. Flexvosum	Mr. M. Chenoweth
BEST SEEDLING	\$2 "	Sleeping Valley "Extravaganza"	Valley Orchids
<u>NOVICE SECTION</u>			
CYMBIDIUM	\$2 "	Siram "Maxine"	Mr. & Mrs. W. Gray
MIN. CYM.	\$2 "	Jill	Mr. Carr
PAPHIOPEDILUM	\$2 "	Unknown Green	Mr. & Mrs. Tregenza
AUST. NATIVES	\$2 "	Lingueforme x Teretefolium	" " "
MISC. GENERA	\$2 "		
(Other Orchid)		Epi-Cat. Nebo	Mr. Donhardt

The Ladies floral art section was judged by Mrs. Jean Winter, who was very helpful with her advice and remarks on the various exhibits. The lucky winners in this section were:-

First	Mrs. Hazel Chenoweth	\$5
Second	" " "	\$3
Third	Mrs. Ida Carr	\$2

I feel sure the entries in this section were a great credit to our able instructress Mrs. Ellie Shaw.

At this meeting, club badges were distributed to members. Each member is to be given one badge free of charge, these are available from Mr. Harry Nash if you have not already received yours. Extra badges will cost 80c. each and silver spoons with badges are available at \$1.50 each. Other items can be obtained if required.

Any members who have not paid their deposit for the DINNER to be held at the Marion Hotel on Saturday October 20th., please be sure to give names and deposits to Mr. Harry Nash at the August meeting, so that definite bookings can be made.

Our trading table will be back in full swing again in August, so bring along any good plants which you wish to sell, and anyone wishing to buy plants will have the opportunity of buying good plants at a reasonable cost at the same time helping the Clubs funds.

Also our pot plant section has been very sadly neglected lately, so bring along any indoor plants you have to enter in this section.

Have you visited Library Corner lately? We have purchased several very good new books recently and I am sure these will be found very interesting.

With this bulletin you will find a membership card with your club number on the back. Where it is known, any member of the Adelaide club, has been given that number, so that it can be used in the shows. Should any other members wish to use an Adelaide club number, please notify Mrs. Iris Nash. Would all members please PRINT their christian names and surnames on the front of the card, and wear this at meetings so that we can all get to know one another by name. These cards will also be very important at the Marion show, and must be worn by any members selling lottery tickets there.

LADIES

The next ladies meeting will be at Mrs. Jean Carson's home, 59, Compass Drive, Seaford on Saturday August 18th. at 2 p.m. Bring along any floral art arrangement that you choose.

MARION SPRING SHOW

We only have four commercial entries and these have been given the positions shown on the enclosed plan. The other numbers shown on the plan are just guesses at those who will be exhibitors. Will any members wishing to group together to enter the public appeal display in the OPEN or NOVICE section please notify Mr. Keith Shaw as soon as possible. Also, all members wishing to display on their own should notify Keith of the approximate area required.

All members who have only one or two plants, are able to show them in the composite group. We want to make this a really wonderful show, so be sure to exhibit everything you have available, not forgetting your ferns and foliage plants.

Our final amended prize list is enclosed.

Our MOSS GATHERING PICNIC will be held on Sunday September 16th. meeting at the Morphett Vale Hotel at 10 a.m.

LOTTERY

Announcing a monster lottery that will be run in conjunction with the Spring show. Prizes totalling \$600 will be won. We seek your support in selling tickets and unless you sign and return the attached note to:- Mr. John Maddern, 36, Edward St., Cumberland Park. 5041, we will presume all members will support us and a book of ten tickets will be sent to all members with the next bulletin. Those members who require more than one book, please advise us and we will be delighted to send more.

To Mr. John Maddern, 36, Edward St., Cumberland Park. 5041.

I do not wish to receive any lottery tickets for sale.

Name.
Address

To Mr. John Maddern, 36, Edward St. Cumberland Park. 5041.

I would like to receive books of lottery tickets for sale.

Name.
Address

NOTE One book will be sent to all members who do not return either of the above notices.

HELPFUL HINTS

A tip to all members who have evaporative coolers attached or in their glasshouse. Make sure that your Household Insurance policy has a fusion clause in it (most policies have) and if or when the electric motor in the fan burns out, you can claim on your Insurance policy.

NEWSY TITBITS

Members who have any seedlings from Valley Orchids, should obtain a list of their registered names from Merv. Dunn.

On inspecting this list we have concluded that merv. has been sleeping in the valley, but we are not sure whether it was with Pearl, Dawn, or the old favourite Sarah Jean.

This months selection

"How about joining me for a cosy weekend in a motel?", Tom asked June.

"I'm afraid that my awareness of your proclivities in the esoteric aspects of sexual behaviour precludes such an erotic confrontation", she returned sweetly.

"I don't get it", he said.

"Exactly", she smiled.

CULTURAL NOTES

I hope you are all dusting and training your spikes well, in readiness for the Spring show.

Watch out for caterpillars, they can soon ruin your best buds. Spray with Arsenate of lead if these are troubling you. This may make your plants look messy, but the leaves can be wiped clean, in preparing the plants ready for showing.

We need every plant available at Marion this year as we have double the area that we had last year. If you have any problems at all, bring them up at the next meeting, our experts will be only too pleased to advise you.

LOOKING AT AND FOR ORCHIDS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

With Claude Hammond, Myponga. PART 2

Those of you who read the first article, will recall that it was planned to make an early start to catch the flight to Lae on Monday morning, however after a lot of messing around at the airport, we eventually took off for Lae about 10 a.m. and this effectually put "paid" to the morning tour of Lae.

In the afternoon we were taken on a tour which included the Lae botanic gardens where Mrs Andree Millar used to work before transferring to Port Moresby, and once again the growth of the Orchids on posts was fantastic, I Understand that a lot of these plants came from the famous orchid garden of "ARAWA" on Bouganville established there by Mr. Kip McKillop. This collection included many cattleya hybrids, but owing to the almost indecent haste with which the land was resumed when the mining project was decided on, few if any of the plants could be properly packed and identified, this of course does not prevent them from growing madly at Lae.

We were also taken by Mr. Phil Scully to see his orchid garden and his famous frangipani tree on which he has established literally hundreds of orchids, the tree is approximately 12-14ft. in diameter and every branch is covered with epiphytes from tiny BULBOS to the larger dendrobates, they are just all over it. Phil is another expatriate who feels his time over there is limited and one of his greatest losses will be his tree of orchids.

Whilst at Phil's place we met John Wormesley of the Forrestry Dept. and learned that they are becoming worried about the effect of indiscriminate collecting in various areas and will soon be clamping down on export of Papua New Guinea orchid plants.

We also learned that the Markham river was in flood and a landslide had blocked the road to Bulolo and so the day and night at Bulolo and Wau was also out, however we did collect about half a dozen dendrobates along the flooded banks of the Markham, due mainly to the eagle eyes of Dorothy Ebna, one of the ladies from Mackay. This keen lady also found leafless orchids growing in the hedges in and around Lae, much to John Wormesley's surprise, one even sees dendrobates growing in shrubs along the side of the road, the humidity is very high in Lae.

From Lae we flew to Madang where we saw some more of the orchids salvaged from "ARAWA" and also some donated by a Mrs Sowerby, a local lady who's husband died some little time back and left her with a wonderful collection of orchids. We were taken and introduced to this lady and she kindly showed us over her garden, which must have been a really wonderful sight when at it's best. Mrs. Sowerby has only just returned from a twelve month trip to Europe where she went after her bereavement, and neglect and thieves have taken a toll of the orchids.

From Madang we flew to Goroka where the party split up, the two ladies and John Fanning to return to Port Moresby and Ron Pearce & I to go to Mt. Hagan via the Daulo pass to Chimbu and thence to Mt. Hagen by car. The Daulo had just been reopened after one of it's periodic landslide blockages, this trip through the Highland area was a highlight of the whole tour and one which I can thoroughly recommend.

LOOKING AT AND FOR ORCHIDS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA cont.

The Highland peoples are quite different from the coastal people, we arrived in Chimba or "KUNDIAWA" just after the market closed on Saturday, and the people were shopping at the trade stores, this was a real kaliedoscope. We were intrigued by the bare breasted lassies wearing only a few strings of coloured beads and a head dress with a net apron "fore and aft" around their waists, flirting with the boys, these people obviously like colours and fun.

On Sunday morning we set out for Mt. Hagen and the people were out in hundreds, going to and from church, the road we were following runs through an area where a lot of the missions are established, I am sure if some of the "best dress" arrangements were adopted here, there would be a lift in church attendance.

In Mt. Hagen we made arrangements to go to the Baiyer river to the Bird of Paradise sanctuary and saw about six different types of orchid on trees in the barbeque area where we had lunch, some were in flower.

The following day we hired a car and a driver and went out to a logging area and collected about two wheat bags of orchids from the tops of the felled trees, the orchid population is unbelievable, one can pick up a cubic foot of moss and find 6 or 8 different genera on it, apart from the other types of plants also present.

We missed out on a trip to the "Waghi" valley through not maintaining a proper liason with the forestry department, this too could have been a rewarding trip.

We spent another day in Mt. Hagen to see the midweek market, again a clourful sight, hair and faces painted with clay, feather headresses, "Meris" carrying and leading pigs together with bags of sweet potatoes and picanninies at the breast.

The following day we returned to Port Moresby. Ron to clean up his orchids for shipment and me to catch a plane home, I left Pt. Moresby at 1 p.m. central time and arrived at Adelaide airport at 9.30 p.m.

To sum up, a really wonderful trip in a country with some terribly primitive peoples still living as they have done for centuries past, the white man has had some impact, but in many places not much, and not always an impact one might expect. The talk of independence seems quite premature and many of those one meets are very worried and against it, often they feel that Australia is getting out from under and leaving them to it.

It is very much a land of "wait a while", timetables are meaningless and so are hotel bookings. Buses do not run properly because of lack of maintenance, phones do not work and even aircraft do not get the sort of attention they should, hence the 2 hour wait at Port Moresby airport.

The people are generally friendly, especially away from the main centres, children will climb all over you to get cigarettes and lollies, school leaving lads will bail you up with their leaving certificates and asking for jobs, I had this experience on three occasions.

Hotels are generally good, as are the meals, and by and large all one needs is plenty of patience and money.

I would like to go back to the Highlands again and to the Sepick river which flooded and kept us out this trip, but this area too must be worthy of a lot of attention and out of the world we know, maybe I will get there someday soon.

Claude Hammond.

SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB 1973 SPRING SHOW PRIZE SCHEDULE (Amended)

Grand Champion Bloom of Festival \$ 100.00

Commercial Section

Best display for public appeal. 1st. \$ 150.00
2nd. 50.00
3rd. 25.00
All other exhibitors 10.00
Champion Commercial Bloom \$ 20.00
Best Cattleya 10.00
Best Paphiopedilum 10.00
Best Export Cymbidium 10.00
Best Decorative Cymbidium 10.00
Best Novelty Cymbidium 10.00
Best Miniature Cymbidium 10.00
Best Dendrobium 10.00
Best Australian Native 10.00
Best Orchid of any genus not elsewhere classified 10.00
Best Seedling Cymbidium 10.00

Open Section

Best Display for Public Appeal \$ 20.00
Champion open bloom 50.00
Champion Cymbidium 10.00
Best Seedling Cymbidium 10.00
Best Specimen Cymbidium 10.00
Best Export Cymbidium 10.00
Best Decorative Cymbidium 10.00
Best White Shades Cymbidium 10.00
Best Red Shades Cymbidium 10.00
Best Pink Shades Cymbidium 10.00
Best Yellow Shades Cymbidium 10.00
Best Green Shades Cymbidium 10.00
Best any other colour Cymbidium 10.00
Best Miniature Cymbidium 10.00
Best Novelty Cymbidium 10.00
Best Cattleya Orchid 10.00
Best Paphiopedilum 10.00
Best Dendrobium 10.00
Best Species (Other than an Australian Native) 10.00
Best Australian Native 10.00
Best Miscellaneous (Not elsewhere classified) 10.00

Novice Section

Best display for Public appeal \$ 20.00
Champion Novice bloom 50.00
Champion Cymbidium 10.00
Best Seedling Cymbidium 10.00
Best Specimen Cymbidium 10.00
Best Export Cymbidium 10.00
Best Decorative Cymbidium 10.00
Best White shades Cymbidium 10.00
Best Red shades Cymbidium 10.00
Best Pink shades cymbidium 10.00
Best Yellow shades Cymbidium 10.00
Best Green Shades Cymbidium 10.00
Best any other colour Cymbidium 10.00
Best Miniature Cymbidium 10.00
Best Novelty Cymbidium 10.00
Best Cattleya 10.00
Best Paphiopedilum 10.00
Best Dendrobium 10.00
Best Species (Other than an Australian Native) 10.00
Best Australian Native 10.00
Best Miscellaneous (Not elsewhere classified) 10.00

FLORAL ART

1st. prize \$ 20.00
2nd. prize 15.00
3rd. prize 10.00
4th. prize 5.00
5th. prize 5.00
6th. prize 5.00