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NEXT MEETING :-

TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 1987.

Benching of plants by 7.45pm.

Business Meeting commences at 8.00pm.

Windsong Court, Christies Downs.

Lutheran Church, Hall.

SUPPER ROSTER :-

DOROTHY LEGNICK

Please bring a plate of supper.

ROSTER FOR SETTING UP HALL :-

C.C. BURFIELD, W. FARQUHAR, J. JACOBSEN.

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GUEST SPEAKER:-

MR. KEL STAPLES, A SENIOR JUDGE WITH THE ORCHID CLUB OF S.A., REGISTRAR OF JUDGES' FOR THE ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY AN EXPERIENCED SHOW EXHIBITOR AND A WELL KNOWN GROWER, WILL GIVE US A TALK ON 'WHAT JUDGES LOOK FOR WHEN JUDGING SHOW'. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BE THERE AND SEEK OUT THE ANSWER.

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SEEDLING COMPETITION:-

The Club has purchased seedlings of Catt Porcia "Cannazaro" x Catt Chocolate Drop "Kadoma". This should be a very good crossing, as it grows cold. We have seen some of the other Chocolate Drop, crossings on the monthly show bench lately, and they have won many prizes. They carry a good head of flowers. The cost to members will be \$8.50 each, or two for \$16.00.

Daytime Meetings.

The Committee was very pleased, to the response from the members about the suggestion of a daytime meeting. What we need to know is when would it be best to hold the meetings, on the weekend or on a week day. Also give a thought for what format, it could take. One suggestion we have had is to visit, a Orchid Nursery each month. Let us have your ideas, IT IS YOUR CLUB BE INVOLVED.

The Club wishes to update its genera cards that are used on the Show Bench, at monthly meetings. We also wish to introduce 1st, 2nd, 3rd cards which will be used by the judges, when judging. Is there any member who can signwrite, or do any printing to make up these cards. If you can help please see the Secretary or Brenda Lynch.

Laelia anceps.

The *Laelia* are widely spread throughout South and Central America and are closely related to the *Cattleya* having similar flowers with generally narrower petals and sepals. Some 75 species of *Laelia* have been recorded.

Laelia anceps is a cool growing orchid flowering late autumn - early winter, they are evergreen but prefer a dry winter rest after flowering. The spike grows from the apex of the pseudobulb erect to 60cm or more and carry 2 to 5 flowers about 10cm across. The normal colour is a rosy pink with a rich crimson purple lip, however being widely spread in nature the colour will also vary, Sadlers 1927 Manual lists 27 named varieties.

Laelia anceps comes from Mexico and enjoys cool conditions, it flowers at the end of the seasons growth, and likes more light than the *Cattleyas*.

The potting mix should be open and free draining, and once established, like many other species, prefer to grow on without being repotted too often

In Adelaide *Laelia anceps* var. *Chamberlainiana* is possibly the most sought after, quote from Sander's Orchid Guide 'A grand form, the largest of all. Sepals and petals broad, soft rosy lilac. Lip open crimson purple, the side lobes similarly colored in front. Spike very long.'

Why not try a pot of this species, it grows most of the time hanging above your *Cymbidiums*.

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The Club needs help in maintaining the trestles, some of them need repairing. If you can help in your spare time, it would be appreciated. Anyone wishing to help, please contact the Secretary.

TIMELY REMINDERS:- for *Cymbidium* growers

1. Reduce fertilizing to every 2-3 weeks.
2. Keep compost to a neutral ph.
3. Supplement feeding with an occasional high phosphorus potash boost.
4. Protect buds & Flowers from snails, slugs, birds
5. Give buds adequate light
6. Make sure you carefully train spikes, either by staking or stringing up.
7. Manipulate (in the warm part of the day only) buds that need attention to give the result that Judges look for.
8. Take care when using insecticide to combat thrip & red spider, use a dust where necessary to prevent bud malformation when sprays are used.

Your Committee is making plans, to hold a daytrip to visit four of the northern Orchid Nurseries. The Nurseries we hope to visit are, Eneavour Orchids, Johnsons Orchids, Parade Orchids, and Simon Lenkic Orchids, we will also hold a B.B.Q. at one of the Nurseries. The proposed date is the 23rd Aug. At this date no price has been set for the trip, we will inform you in future gazettes about progress, and cost of the trip.

WHAT ARE SLIPPERS?

by Nicky Zurcher

They are members of any four genera, namely *Paphiopedilum*, *Phragmipedium*, *Selenipedium* and *Cypripedium*, which make up the subtribe Cypripedileae in the orchid family. The most widely grown group are the *Paphiopedilums* which for many years have been mistakenly referred to as *Cypripediums*. True *Cyps.* are in fact, deciduous herbaceous perennials.

In my opinion, the slippers are the most diverse and, needless to say, the most interesting group in the orchid family. Colours range from purple to brown, yellow, green, white and even pink, with countless shades and combinations. One can find any markings between bold dots, as on *Paph.* Cameo 'Wyld Court', to fine dust like spots on *Paph. glaucophyllum*, heavy stripes in *Paph. Claire de Lune*, to delicate veining on *Paph. fairieanum*.

Sizes and shapes, too, are running beyond anyone's imagination. The flat egg-shaped petals of *Paph. niveum* which are about one inch in diameter, present quite a contrast to *Phragmipedium caudatum* with pendant corkscrew twisted petals falling to nearly two feet in length.

To date, the majority of us have only been able to see a small number of this vast genus. So far over 80 distinct species of *paphiopedilum* have been discovered and cultivated. Are there still others hiding in the jungle? We are familiar with the great number of *Cymbidium* hybrids but the crosses amongst the *Paphiopedilums* far outnumber those of any other genera. Unfortunately many of these have been lost, as the peak of hybridising was towards the end of the last century.

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Care should be exercised when using timber that has been treated with 'Creosote' or other tar products as they give off volatile substances which can damage plants, even those not in direct contact with the treated timber.

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Orchids remain wetter longer:

Plastic and large pots are used, medium with high water capacity (High in peat content), twin skinned glasshouses, solid benches are used, in high humidity, where there is no air movement, in shade, in winter, in low temperatures, in white pots and when the plant is dormant.

Orchids dry out quicker:

When clay and small pots are used, medium with low water capacity, in uninsulated glasshouses, benches allowing strong air movement, low humidity, in sunlight, in summer and in high temperatures, in black pots and in the orchid's growing time.

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Healthy roots with green growing tips indicate that your potting mix and watering practise have been correct.

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Spring Show Displays.

Would older and experinced members, who put in displays at Spring Shows. Please spare a thought, for newer members who have never put in a display before. How about helping them out in some small way. By giving a few suggestions, or even helping them in setting up their display. We are sure that they would appreciate, any help given. This also helps to get to know each other.

Ascocenda Yip Sum Wah, with its beautiful round, flat, orange-red flowers, is always a welcome sight on the showbench. This hybrid is the result of the lavender Vanda Pukele and the orange coloured *Ascocentrum curvifolium*.

Vandas are very large orchids when fully grown, and demand a large growing space, while the Ascocentrums are much smaller and easier to accommodate, the mating of these two genera has resulted in a compact plant which flowers freely.

Vandaceous orchids generally require warm daytime conditions (65° or higher) but can withstand long periods of very hot weather and short periods of cold weather. They need very bright light and high humidity and will continue in active growth all year if given these conditions.

The inflorescences of these monopodial orchids emanate from the axils of the leaves, which are arranged in pairs on the single stem. Given the necessary combination of warmth, light, and fertilizer (they are gross feeders) Ascocendas will flower continuously most of the year.

Vandaceous orchids can be divided into three categories:- strap-leaved, terete and semi terete.

Strap-leaved plants have flat leathery leaves and include the Vanda species *coerulea*, *dearei*, *sanderhana*, *luzonica*, *tricolor* and also the Ascocentrums.

Terete orchids have leaves which are pencil-shaped and tapering e.g. *V. teres*, *V. hookeriana*.

The semi-terete are hybrid combinations with terete species in the breeding.

These orchids in nature are epiphytic and prefer their roots to be exposed to the air, so basket culture is recommended over pot culture. It is impossible to untangle roots from a basket (or pot) when the plant has outgrown the container, so it is suggested that the plant plus basket be put into a larger size basket. This will prevent root damage, and will not set the plant back at all, thus ensuring continued uninterrupted growth.

Ascocenda Yip Sum Wah is one of the most highly awarded orchids in cultivation, having gained over 100 awards from the American Orchid Society since being registered in 1965.

Thanks to John Nicholls we were able to view and admire this lovely orchid on the Open Division bench at the May Cultural Meeting.

Each month we will put in the gazette a profile of a Club Member. We hope this will help members get to know each other. We start this MONTH WITH KEITH NORTHCOTE. THE CLUB'S PRESIDENT.

Keith Northcote who is a Doctor of Agricultural Science, will be 68 this year.

He is a widower with two married sons. Keith has been growing orchids for about 10 years, starting after finishing the Atlas of Australian Soils, and similar research works that he carried out for the Division of Soils, C.S.I.R.O. Keith likes, in particular, the early flowering Cymbidiums, such as the Luana's and the Marroongs. The latter is one of his own hybrids, and he has both varieties in flower now (May).

All miniature and intermediate Cymbidiums fascinate Keith, as do Phalaenopsis which he grew because they were favourites with his wife, Monica. Recently Keith has become interested in the newer types, of novelty Cattleya's such as the Hazel Boyd's. However, Keith says all Orchids are either beautiful, or interesting, and the perfume of Australian Native Orchids in spring brings joy to the soul.

Keith has set up a research fund at Flinders Medical Centre in memory of his wife Monica, who died in 1986 from emphysema. It is the Monica Northcote Fund for Research into Respiratory Diseases and anyone can contribute to it.

SECOND DIVISION

Aus Native Epi.	Den Chiano	R van der Wilk 3
	<i>Liparis reflexa</i>	R van der Wilk 2
Aus Native Terr	<i>Ptst truncata</i>	M Tiggerman 3
Mini Cym.	Pendragon X Peter Pan	Mr & Mrs Hoeck 3
	Mini Splendour 'Easter Show'	M Cunningham 2
	Pendragon X Peter Pan	Mr & Mrs Hoeck 1
Inter Cym.	Peter Pan X Lustrous Betty 'Silver Wedding'	Mr & Mrs Hoeck 3
Cattleya	Blc. Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome'	B Wyly 3
Cluster Cattleya	Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	B Wyly 3
	Portiata 'Mel'	B Wyly 2
	Intermediette X Chocolate Drop	N Andrew 1
Dendrobium	Doreen X Paradise Maid	R Barrett 3
	Cochloids X <i>johannis</i> 'Nigricens'	B Wyly 2
	<i>bigibbum</i> 'Compactum' x <i>Schroderianum</i>	R Barrett 1
Miscellaneous	<i>Milt. spectabilis</i> Var <i>moreliana</i>	B Wyly 3
	Mtssa Estralita	B Wyly 2
	Epi Crue X Rei	N Gitsham 1
Species Paph.	<i>purpuratum</i>	C Ameer 3

DIVISION FLOWER FOR MONTH:- Den Doreen X Den Paradise Maid R Barrett

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FIRST DIVISION

Aus Native Epi	Den. Hilda Poxon	A & M Moffatt 3
	Den. Kim Hienze	B Anderson 2
	<i>Liparis reflexa</i> Var <i>parviflora</i>	T & D Howard 1
Mini Cym.	Mini Splendour 'Easter Show'	T & D Howard 3
	Mini Splendour	V Rogers 2
	Peter Pan X Tom Thumb 'Caliope'	A & M Moffatt 1
Inter Cym.	Ensikhan 'Alpha Orient'	Mr & Mrs R Goodall 3
	Valentine's Love 'Leanne'	V Rogers 2
Cattleya	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Sunset'	C C Burfield 3
	Slc Wendy's Valentine 'Laina'	C C Burfield 2
	Hknsa Alice Iwanaga 'Ruby Lips'	C C Burfield 1
Cluster Catleya	C Hope Island	C C Burfield 3
	Lc. Derna 'Anderson'	Mr & Mrs R Goodall 2
	Lc. Rocroy 'Yvonne'	Mr & Mrs R Goodall 1
Dendrobium	Malones 'Emperor'	W & M Vaughan 3
Miscellaneous	Mclna Pagan Lovesong 'Ruby Charles'	H & B Viney 3
	Z. John Banks 'Purple Lips'	V Rogers 2
	Epi. 'Red'	V Rogers 1
Paphiopedilum	Maudiae 'Magnificum'	C C Burfield 3
Species Paph.	<i>spicerianum</i>	C C Burfield 3
	<i>sukhakulii</i>	R Parish 2
	<i>chamberlainianum</i> subsp <i>liemiana</i>	R Parish 1
Species	<i>C. bicolor</i>	C C Burfield 3
	<i>Z. crinitum</i>	D Biebrick 2
	<i>Encyclia cochleata</i>	A & M Moffatt 1

DIVISION FLOWER FOR MONTH:- Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Sunset' C C Burfield

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Would members who bench plants at Monthly Competitions, please use a clear name tag under the pots, some of the tags being used are sticking under the pots, and are being missed by the Judges. One remedy to overcome this, is to use one of the plastic labels that we use at our Winter and Spring Show.

OPEN DIVISION

Aus Native Epi.	<i>Den. tetragonum</i> var <i>giganteum</i>	K Northcote 3
	<i>Liparis reflexa</i>	K Northcote 2
	<i>Bulb. weinthalii</i>	J McGrath 1
Cymbidiums	Valley Premier 'Moonbeam'	A DeIonno 3
	Arcadian Sunrise 'Golden Fleece'	J & E Cuming 2
Mini Cym	Marrong 'Agnes'	K Northcote 3
	Mini Mint 'Kevenda'	K & B Lynch 2
	Mini Splendour 'Dawn'	K Northcote 1
Inter Cym	Maureen Grapes 'Lipstick'	J & E Cuming 3
Cattleya	Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome'	A DeIonno 3
Cluster Cattleya	<i>C. Portiata</i> 'Mel'	J & E Cuming 3
	<i>C. Portia</i> 'Monty'	L & R Moore 2
	<i>C. Doris Schindel</i>	J & E Cuming 1
Dendrobium	Intwong	J Nicholls 3
Miscellaneous	Z. Titanic 'Pinnafore'	L & R Moore 3
	Asda Yip Sum Wah	J Nicholls 2
	Doritis Buyssonianana X Rosea	J Nicholls 1
Phalaenopsis	<i>lueddemanniana</i> var <i>hieroglyphica</i>	J Nicholls 3
Novelty Paph.	Peperle	W Farquhar 3
	Turpe 'Kenna'	L & R Moore 2
Species Paph.	<i>godefroyae</i>	W Farquhar 3
	<i>insigne</i> var <i>sanderae</i>	J & E Cuming 2
	<i>sukhakulii</i>	K & B Lynch 1
Odont. Alliance	Onc. Gower Ramsay	J Nicholls 3
	Burr. Burkhard Holm 'Gera'	W Farquhar 2
	Milt. Tropic Dawn X Bluntii	J Nicholls 1
Species	<i>C. bicolor</i>	L & R Moore 3
	<i>Doritis pulcherrima</i>	L & R Moore 2
	<i>Cym. erythrostylum</i> 'Magnificum'	K & B Lynch 1

DIVISION FLOWER OF MONTH:- *C. Portiata* 'Mel' J & E Cuming

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE May 1987

C. Portiata 'Mel' J & E Cuming.

Have you often wondered when you look at the Showbench whether the grower has spelt the name wrong when viewing the Cattleyas when the 'clusters' are at the peak when the flowering are exhibited -

- C. Porcia* - *Armstrongiae* x *howringiana*
- C. Portia* - *howringiana* X *labiata*
- C. Portiana* - *Portia* X *howringiana*
- C. Portiata* - *labiata* X *Portia*
- C. Portisoniae* - *Portia* X *loddigessii*

So from the above it just shows how important it is to correctly label your plants and how confusing it is to have so similar registrations.

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On the back of a tram ticket there is a saying that we all should take notice of
'A Fool Thinks He Needs No Advice But a Wise Man Listens to Others'

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