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Our next meeting will be at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13th.

We have arranged for Mr. Doug Frith to come along from Agchem Pty. Ltd. to give us a talk on fungicides. This should be very interesting at this time of the year. Most of you will remember his extremely helpful talk on pesticides last May.

Also, we will have a discussion on Plant Problems. If you have any problems, large or small, we would like to hear about them and perhaps some of our more experienced members can help solve them. We hope our new members will not be afraid to ask for this help and advice, we all have to start at the beginning and most of us have had our troubles. The most knowledgable of us can sometimes learn from a beginner's experience.

Our judge for this night will be Mr. Aubrey Oliver. Bring along your orchids and indoor plants, they all help to make a good display.

Will any members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1973 please remember they are now overdue. Also, there are quite a few library books overdue, please return these as soon as possible and give other members a chance to read them.

Your Committee are now making plans for our meetings for 1973, and we still have a few dates to fill. If you have any ideas or suggestions for speakers or entertainment, please let the Committee know or post your requests in the Suggestion Box, which will be placed at the next meeting. This box can also be used for any suggestions you would like to make for our next Marion show, or for written items to be included in our monthly bulletin.

We had quite a large number present at our last meeting, in spite of several members being on holiday. The Medallion for Champion bloom at our Winter Show was presented to Mr. Jack Hoffner, unfortunately Anna was not able to come along to receive it with him.

The talk on "living humus" given by Mr. Merv. Dunn was found very interesting and although everyone has their own ideas on how to grow their orchids, this certainly gives food for thought, and some of the blooms shown on his slides were fine examples of orchids grown under the special conditions at Valley Orchids. Our cultural notes this month will be replaced by Merv's talk.

We also had some slides shown by Mr. Geoff Adams on the Conference to be held in Adelaide. These were showing some of the places to be seen by our visitors when they are here in September.

Judging of plants was carried out by Mr. Bernie Hansen, and results are as follows:-

Novice Section

Genus Phalaenopsis	1st	P. Star of Rio'Bracey's X lueddemanniana var. ochracea	Mr. & Mrs. B. Gray
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Open Section

Cattleya	1st	C. forbesii X C. bowringiana	W. Harris
	2nd	C. leopoldii X C. bicolor	Mr. & Mrs. L. Poole
	3rd	C. Bracey's Green X C. Louise Georgiana	W. Harris

Australian Natives	1st	No first placing	
	2nd	Sarcochilus ceciliae	W. Harris
	3rd	Calanthe veratrifolia	G. Adams

Phalaenopsis	1st	P. Zada X Doritis pulcherrima (recently registered as Doritaenopsis)	Valley Orchids
	2nd	Memoria Clarence Schubert	

Species	1st	Paph. hirsutissimum	M. Chenoweth
	2nd	Den. chrysotoxum	Mr. & Mrs. L. Poole
	3rd	Aerides multiflorum	W. Harris

Miscellaneous Genera	1st	Epi. tampense X Epi. nemorale	W. Harris
	2nd	Vanda Tan Chay Yan	"
	3rd	Rodricidium Tahiti	"

New members will appreciate the information that the specific names of all species orchids are printed without a first capital letter; only registered names of Hybrids appear with Capitals.

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LADIES

All lady members are welcome to come along to our Saturday afternoon meetings held once a month, on the Saturday following our monthly meeting. These meetings are held at 2.00 p.m. in various private homes, the address will be announced each month. The next one will be at Mrs. Stella Summers, 26 Truscott Ave., Seacombe Heights, on Saturday, February 17th.

These are just friendly gatherings where we have a bit of fun and idle chatter, whilst learning to do floral art under the able direction of Mrs. Ellie Shaw. We will need as much help as possible with spraymaking at our Spring show at Marion Shopping Centre, so come along and learn how to do it, or if you already know, you can come and practice or learn something else. There seems no limit to the things Ellie can teach us.

We had a very enjoyable belated Christmas luncheon at the Morphett Vale Hotel. We had seventeen ladies present, and we are already looking forward to another one next Christmas.

NEWSY TITBITS

Is it another achievement of "living humus" or is it just nature that has presented our member Mr. Bob Nicolle (Valley Orchids) with a son?

It has been reported that in certain quarters, birds (the feathered species) are being favourably displaced by orchids.

FOR SALE

Buckets of beach sand. These are available from one of our prominent members who has recently retired, who will now divide his attention between the bowling club and any other business.

A trip to the coast, South of Noarlunga could be rewarding for our male members as we hear that one of our lady members has the traditional Frech red light outside her residence.

I have just had the privilege of seeing the *STAHHOPEA TIGRINA* in bloom. These flowers grow through the bottom of their hanging basket and are quite an unusual sight and have the fragrance of chocolate.

The following poem is by one of the first entrants in our competition. Keep sending any items in during the year, YOU could be the winner.

ONE OUT OF TEN (Is it you?)

Ten South Coast Orchid members with flowers growing fine -
One breaks a spike off and then there are nine.
Nine South Coast Orchid members laying out snail bait -
One is very careless and then there are eight.
Eight South Coast Orchid members with glasshouses looking to Heaven-
One puts a rake through his and then there are seven.
Seven South Coast Orchid members preparing Orchid mix -
One has lost his recipe so now there are six.
Six South Coast Orchid members on a moss gathering drive -
One falls in the creek and that leaves five.
Five South Coast Orchid members declaring on pests a war -
One breathes in insecticide so now there are four.
Four South Coast Orchid members on a fertilizing spree -
One is over-zealous, too bad, that leaves three.
Three South Coast Orchid members with watering to do -
One's gone to quench his own thirst, leaving only two.
Two South Coast Orchid members with potting to be done -
One pots marihuana so now there is one.
One South Coast Orchid member, his chores well done -
Site and admires his orchids, and HE'S THE HAPPY ONE.

THIS MONTH'S SELECTION

A finance company received the following brief note with a final payment on a contract.

"Dear Sir,

This should make us even.

Sincerely, but no longer Yours."