



# South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia

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Our January meeting will be held in the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall on Tuesday 14th. January 1975 at 8 p.m.

Mr. Les. Poole will be showing a collection of slides from our late member, Mr. Claude Hammond. This should be an interesting programme.

Mr. Syd. Monkhouse will give his monthly cultural talk. Remember if you have any questions, please ask the Speaker, as your problem is not singular, everybody has problems and this is a good way to learn.

The Annual General Meeting will be coming up in February, this is your opportunity to nominate for a position on committee. You will find that progressive clubs always have an enthusiastic committee and usually require new blood on occasions to give new ideas and physical help to the running of the club. I think our progress has been exceptionally good and this reflects on the committee, so if you think you have got it we would welcome your nomination. Nomination forms have been included in the bulletin and must be filled out correctly and handed to the secretary before the start of the Annual General Meeting on the 11th. February 1975.

The following new members have been passed by Committee:-

Mr. & Mrs. H .W.Reid, 40, Audrey St., Ascot Park. 5043.  
Mrs. H.L. D'Rozario, 8, Boucaut St., Plympton Park. 5038.  
Miss J. Smyth, 10, East Terrace, South Plympton. 5038  
Mr. & Mrs. K. Slade, 42, The Strand, Col. Light Gardens. 5041.

We hope you enjoy the membership of the Club, remembering that you only have to ask, to get help with any Orchid problem.

Unfortunately due to a fungus disease which I can nearly pronounce but cannot spell, we will be unable to get foliage plants from the Marion Council for our next Spring Show. This will be a blow, as good back-drop plants are essential with our type of display, and for dividing exhibits.

However, we are lucky, we have two alternatives :-

1. If you have plenty of spare cash you can hire your foliage plants from one of the Nurseries who cater for this type of business.
2. You can be original and grow your own.

So let us take a look at what we will call "Back-drop" plants. Have you considered what your theme will be for our 1975 Orchid Show, now is the time to give it some thought.

If you intend to do a low exhibit with logs and moss similar to what Angus & Marie Fullston did, small shrubby plants to 1 metre high would be all that is necessary, but if you are planning to have a high backdrop to isolate your exhibit, tall pines etc. are necessary. A visit to nurseries telling them what you want, explaining that funny or queer shaped trees are acceptable at the right price. Tall spindly Aralias or pines, a plant that the centre trunk has been broken out of, anything provided that it is alive and the price is right. You can buy small pines and wait for them to grow, but they will take a few years.

The trees you purchase will also be useful to place around the garden for the rest of the year.

We will be holding a meeting primarily for discussing the 1975 Spring Show on Friday 14th. February provided we can get the hall that evening. Notice confirming the date will be advertised in the February bulletin. This meeting will be a must for all members who exhibit at our show. Remember this is your show, you are entitled to have your say, and we want your expert advice to help make this a better show for both the public and members. Sure we can all put in the same exhibit each year, using the same props and design and even sometimes the same Orchids, but in doing this, people will say to their friends "Have you seen the Orchid Show at Marion" and the same stereo reply will be heard "Don't have to, saw it last year". I am sure neither you nor I would want to hear this.

So make sure you come along, and start thinking now what you would like to see, or in which way do you think the organisation would improve and facilitate exhibiting. Do not wait until after the show and say "They didn't do this or that".

Our Spring lottery Nett proceeds was \$775 from which we donated 40%, \$310 to the "Crippled Childrens Association", leaving us a clear profit of \$465.00.

There is a new book on the market which is a must for Slipper enthusiasts, the name "A survey of Slipper Orchids" and it sells for \$15.00. It lists all the Slipper species with hand drawings - Natural Habitat Locations - descriptions of plants and flowering habits - various composts and cultural advice for the different types. Good books on Orchids are worth their place in the home just as good Orchids are worth a place in you collection.

By now all your Cymbidiums should be divided - weeded - top dressed - cleaned and neatly set out in the shade house in a way that they get maximum light, they should be growing strongly now and the foliage should be slightly on the green to yellow side indicating that they are not being grown too lush. A full fertilizing programme should be in swing, unless you are using a good composted mix and even these like a supplement of liquid fertilizer to help them along when they are in full growth.

Do not forget that this is also the growing season for all other Orchids so don't forget them, when you water make sure you give the plants plenty, and water down the surrounding area, on very hot days an extra misting of the plants won't go amiss.

Now is the time that makes you glad you have a variety of Genera. Cymbidiums have finished flowering and now the miscellaneous Orchids take over, various intergeneric hybrids, species, Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, and a host of others are now flowering giving a wealth of variety.

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We hope to have a longer bulletin for you next month, when the holidays are over. Remember we always appreciate any articles you can supply for our bulletin.

THIS MONTHS SELECTION

"PITY THE POOR EXECUTIVE"

A Manager of a firm has practically nothing to do except decide what is to be done; to tell someone to do it; to listen to reasons why it should not be done; or should be done by someone else, or done in a different way; to follow up to see if the thing has been done; to discover that it has not; to ask why; to listen to excuses from the person who should have done it; to follow up to see if the work has been done properly at last, only to discover that it was done incorrectly; to point out how it should have been done; to conclude that as long as the work has been done to let it stay as it is; to wonder if it isn't time to get rid of a person who cannot do a thing right, but also to reflect that he probably has a wife and ten children, and that anyway someone else would be just as bad if not worse; to consider how much simpler and better the work would have been done if one had done it himself in the first place; to reflect sadly that one could have done it right in 20 minutes and that, as things turned out, one has had to spend two days to find out why it has taken three weeks for someone else to do the work the wrong way.

THE MARRIAGE GAME

Happily married couple:- A husband out with another man's wife.

Holy Wedlock:- Interviewer: "I understand your wife has converted you to religion." Man: " Yes, I didn't believe in hell until I married her".