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CHAMPIONS:

**Congratulations to Tony DeLonno who grew the Grand Champion of the Autumn Show, Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence'.
Congratulations to Moss & Rosemary Bray who grew the Reserve Champion of the Autumn Show, Cymbidium Tracey Reddaway.**

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday June 11th 1996 , Calvery Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale. Benching of plants to be completed by 7-45 pm for judging.
Meeting commences at 8pm.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mr Murray Weston will talk to us about the Cymbidiums. Murray is a A.O.C. Judge and a member of the Orchid Club Of South Australia.

HALL SET-UP:

All willing to assist please be at the Hall by 7pm.

SUPPER:

Tea, Coffee, Cordial and Biscuits will be provided.

DAYTIME CHAPTER:

2pm Thursday 13th June 1996 pm. at South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. Victorian Native Terrestrial Orchids will be the slide program for this meeting. Moss Bray will show us how to prepare our orchids for the Shows.

(Notes on the *Cristata* Compound from information supplied by the Australian Orchid Foundation)

On a very pleasant Autumn afternoon Keith Northcote welcomed all. However a special welcome was extended to Joy Roberts and John Illman who have recovered from illness and Wendy Smerl who has moved to suburbia from Murray Bridge.

Keith commented on the successful Autumn Show including the grand tea that he'd enjoyed and the very good guest speaker.

The slide program for May was entitled 'The *Cristata* Compound and the surrounding regions'. The location is 14 miles north of Salmon Gums in the south-west corner of Western Australia, between

Esperance and Norseman.

The wildflowers of the West today are mostly confined to the strips bordering the roads except in the National Parks and Reserves. Hundreds of thousands of acres have been converted from bush lands to crops and grazing areas in recent years. The wildflowers of the West are quite unique, and may be typified by the National Floral Emblem of the West, the beautiful and colorful Kangaroo Paw. Or the *Banksia coccinea*, one of the most desirable, found growing along the southern coastal area that portrays such wealth of color in most of the 7000 wildflower species that grow in this floral wonderland. The wildflowers of the west are legend, but the Terrestrial Orchids were the subject of the slide program.

Don Voight is a farmer, and a very keen observer of the orchid species that grow in the the area from Esperance 500 miles east to Perth. It was Don's observations that led to the rediscovery of *Caladenia cristata* an orchid species that was last reported in 1923, and thought to be extinct. This sighting was some 400 miles east of the original finding, making the discovery so much more interesting and remarkable. The *Cristata* Compound is an area of scrub covering about 7 acres, owned by Mr Norm Scheer, who is to be complimented for his attitude towards this rare species. Don Voight was the moving force behind the project, inviting the WA Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group and the Australian Orchid Foundation to participate in fencing the area and the subsequent studies in the field. All orchid lovers are invited to visit the compound if they are travelling on the Norseman -Esperance Road. Salmon Gums is roughly half-way. Common courtesy will demand notice or a phone call to Norm Scheer.

Caladenia cristata was re-discovered by Voight

in 1977 and soon after the identity of the species was confirmed by the Western Australian Herbarium. Although *cristata* has no commercial value it certainly is one of our endangered species and must be preserved as a heritage for all Australians because so much of the natural habitat has been irretrievably affected already.

In 1979 a concensus of the orchid species found growing was made and revealed 13 species of orchids growing within the Compound. *Caladenia coerulea* - is a delightful species, reasonably wide spread, a true blue as the name implies.

Caladenia cairnsiana - is a species that is confined to the Southern regions of WA, where it is considered plentiful. It is known locally as the 'Zebra Orchid'.

Caladenia filamentosa - a very successful orchid species that is widespread with a range of habitats. There are about 6 recognized varieties of this species, most are confined to the West.

Caladenia saccharata - a low slender growing species that is confined to the south-west of the West where it is rather common.

Caladenia sigmoidea - a rare species that appears to be confirmed to the eastern wheatbelt fringe regions. It was first collected at Kumarl, a few miles north of Salmon Gums. The tip of the labellum has a unique feature, a red brown hook-like feature.

Diuris longifolia - this species is the most successful, in that it has such a wide range of habitats that cover the southern portion of all Australian states.

Pterostylis nana - this small greenhood species is also most successful, found quite abundantly in all Australasian states and also in New Zealand.

Pterostylis mutica - this species is also

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widespread in all Australian states and New Zealand. The common name is 'Midget greenhood' *Pterostylis rufa* - Commonly called 'Rusty Hood'. This species and a number of closely allied species have created many identification problems for the botanist.

Pterostylis sargentii - this greenhood is unique to WA and even there appears to be confined to the inland areas and fringe of the eastern wheatbelt and regions north of Salmon Gums.

Thelymitra nuda - a common sun orchid in these inland areas, occasionally pink and white flowers are found. Flowering period September to November.

Prasophyllum nigricans - a very slender leek orchid, often less than 6 inches tall. It occurs in the eastern fringe of the wheat-belt, it appears to prefer dry regions.

All the species mentioned above have been found growing and flowering within the confines of the

'Cristata Compound' in the sandy soil.

Slides of Orchids growing in adjacent areas were also shown.

Keith discussed the benched orchids including cattleyas, zygotepalums, stenoglottis, pterostylis, 1 wilsonara, 1 paphiopedilum, 1 cymbidium and 1 dendrobium. He chose Cattleya Portiata 'Mel' as his best, next Bc. Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome and *Onc. tigrinum* x Oda. Carnette.

Members chose Keith's Portiata and Languedoc as first, 2nd Keith's *tigrinum* hybrid and Helen's Slc. Riffe, 3rd Viney's Portiata, Laurie Webster's *Stenoglottis longifolia* and Bill Fisher's Z. Kiwi Choice.

The afternoon concluded with a cuppa and a chat.

SOUTH AMERICAN ORCHIDS OH, WHAT A NIGHT

A delicious 3 course dinner, a beautiful display of orchids and an excellent slide program sums up the Autumn Show Meeting.

The slide program commenced with a helicopter ride over the magnificent Iguassu Falls. These are situated on the border of Argentina and Brazil and are the largest, by volume of water, in the world. The falls can be viewed from below, from the air or by boat.

Then to Cuzco in Peru, with its incredible stonework but many people living in slum-like conditions.

Next to the fantastic Inca ruins of Machu Picchu. Situated on top of a mountain and undiscovered until 1911 they remain today as a monument to the Incas.

Trekking in surrounding areas with Masdellias,

miscellaneous epiphytic orchids, Bromeliads, Spanish Moss, etc. in profusion. Orchids with names I've never heard were all beautifully photographed in situ and in shows.

Next to the Galapagos Islands.

Charles Darwin used the Galapagos as a living laboratory in his controversial Theory of Evolution, revealing the islands to the world in 1859.

The islands remain almost untouched with huge tortoises and colorful strange-looking iguanas climbing 'beautiful' lavascapes.

Sea lions are in profusion as are the frigate birds, flightless cormorants, waved albatross and the eye-catching and appealing blue-footed boobies who nearly all allow closeup photographs.

The slide program concluded with the strangest looking pelican who looked like he was going to have the photographer for dinner.

Supper 'finished off' a great evening.

THANK YOU

Thank you is extended to the 'kitchen staff' and the 'setting uppers' who did a mighty job at the Autumn Show.

GET WELL

Get well wishes are again extended to those on the sick list.

One certain member, who shall remain nameless, is back in hospital **again**. All I can say is **please get well soon**.

MILLICENT VISIT

The long weekend in June is a busy time for OUR visitors from Millicent and YOU are invited to join in.

Saturday commences with a visit to the Fern Forrest at McLaren Vale at 9-30., then on to a winery for Mead Tasting. Next to Higgs for lunch. Then visit Moss Bray's and Bill Fisher's. The day will conclude with dinner at the Marion Hotel.

Sunday begins at 10-00am at the Gumeracha Toy Factory, then on to the Birdwood Mill. 2-00 should see us at Melba's Chocolate Factory at Gumeracha.

Monday we say farewell to our visitors by going to visit the Gay's at Murray Bridge, then the Butterfly House for lunch.

If you are interested in any of these activities please contact Lesley Fenton on 2934307 or Helen on 2986689 **A.S.A.P.**

WINTER SHOW

The Winter Show will be held at the Pioneer Hall on the corner of Morphett and Sturt Roads Marion.

Set-up will be on Friday 19th July.

Show open to the public 9 - 5 Saturday.

10 - 4 Sunday

There will be a miscellaneous table as well as a plant trading table.

Plenty of close parking available.

RECYCLING

What have you been doing with your old toilet rolls or shouldn't I ask?. Well the last few days we spent in Mildura, and one of the orchid growers up there actually uses them around his cymbidium spikes instead of, and in some cases as well as, ties.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Terry Hill of Onkaparinga Hills.

Good Orchid Growing.

Bc. PASTORAL 'INNOCENCE' Grand Champion of the Autumn Show

Brassocattleya. Pastoral is *Cattleya* Mlle. Louise Pauwels x *Brassocattleya* Deesse, registered by Altenburg Nursery in Brazil in 1961.

This beautiful white cattleya nearly always does well on the Showbench. At the Mildura May meeting it also won best standard cattleya.

Quite a number of large-flowered cattleyas have been used as parents over the years. One of the most notable was registered in 1947 by the French firm of Henri Vacherot-Lecoufle. This was Bc. Deese, which means goddess in French, a crossing of Bc. Ferrieres and C. Lamartine.

Besides Bc. Pastoral there are at least 2 other Deesse hybrids that we see on the Showbench, Bc. Languedoc and Bc. Mount Anderson. These hybrids are noted for their size.

G. Ferguson Beall of Washington deserves much credit for his work with Deesse and its hybrids.

The champion of the Autumn Show Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence' was a beautifully presented plant. The flowers were glistening white with yellow throat.

Congratulations Tony DeLonno.

AUTUMN SHOW RESULTS 1996

SECOND DIVISION

Aust. Nat. Epi. Species	<i>Liparis reflexa</i>	W. & R Clark
Mini. Cymbidium	Morialta 'Morialta Falls'	G. & P. Gilchrist
Standard Cattleya	Bc. Hope Island	J. Dudley
	Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence'	J. Dudley
	Lc. Luzceta x Bc. Golden Triangle	J. & P. Beasley
Cluster Cattleya	C. Portiata 'Mel'	J. & P. Beasley
Novelty Cattleya	C. Blue Boy x C. <i>harrisoniae</i>	J. Dudley
	C. Portia x L. Alba	A. & V. Thompson
	C. Portia x L. Alba	J. Dudley
Novelty Cluster Cattleya	Pot. Rock Ridge	A. & V. Thompson
	C. Lulu 'Pink' X Self	W. & R. Clark
	Bl. Westfieldensis	A. & V. Thompson
Miscellaneous	Epi. Stenopetalum	N. Gitsham
Nov. Paphiopedilum	Bingleyense	J. & P. Beasley
Odont/Oncidium Alliance Species	Brs. (Maculta x Milt. William Kirsch) x Lembo. bictoniense	A. & V. Thompson
	<i>Z. mackayi</i>	A. & V. Thompson
	<i>Epi. ibaguense</i>	A. & V. Thompson
	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i>	J. Kelly
Zygopetalum	Z. Titanic 'Maytime'	D. & J. Higgs
	Z. Kiwi Choice	

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

***Bc. Hope Island* grown by John Dudley
Congratulations**

Bc. Hope Island is a crossing of *Cattleya Portiata* and *Brassocattleya Mount Hood*. It was registered by Hope Island Orchids, Queensland, in 1984.

This hybrid has a gold plated pedigree. We often see *C. Portiata* on the showbench in Autumn taking out prizes and *Bc. Mount Hood* is considered as one of the good *Bc. Deese* hybrids.

This plant did its parents proud.

FIRST DIVISION

Aust. Nat. Epi: Hybrid	Den. Elegant Heart	J. & B. Gay
	Den. (<i>bigibbum</i> x Bill Lonne) 'Eileen'	B. Fisher
	Den. Kathryn Banks	J. & B. Gay
Aust. Nat. Terr: Species	<i>Ptst. obtusa</i>	M. Tiggeman
	<i>Ptst. obtusa</i>	M. Tiggeman
	<i>Ptst. truncata</i>	M. Tiggeman
Mini. Cymbidium	Mini Splendour 'Easter Show'	M. Cunningham
Std. Cattleya	C. Antinea 'Copper King'	C. Amee
	C. (Old Whitey x Angel Walker)	M. Cunningham
Cluster Cattleya	C. Portiata 'Mel'	C. Amee
Nov. Cattleya	C. Portiata	H. & B. Viney
	C. (Portiata x <i>bowringiana</i>)	C. Amee
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	*C. Rose Drop	C. Amee
	C. Browniae	G. Shevlin
	C. Blue Boy x <i>harrisoniae</i>	F. Bell
Other Laeliinae	Pot. Congaree 'Mendenhall'	C. Amee
Dendrobium	Bangkok Flare	C. Amee
Miscellaneous	Epi. Boundii	H. & B. Viney
	Sartylis Blue Knob	J. & B. Gay
Novelty Paphiopedilum	Maudiae x Mem. Helene Colbert	R. & I. Parish
	Phrag. Calurum	J. & B. Gay
	<i>tonsum</i> x <i>venustum</i>	R. & I. Parish
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>villosum</i>	J. & B. Gay
	<i>purpuratum</i>	R. & I. Parish
	<i>charlesworthii</i>	R. & I. Parish
Odont/Oncidium Alliance	McIna. Pagan Lovesong	J. Lewis
	Onc. Kaulanii	J. & B. Gay
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Species	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i>	J. & B. Gay
	<i>Enc. cochleata</i>	R. & I. Parish
	<i>Phal. hieroglyphica</i>	J. & B. Gay
Zygopetalum Alliance	Kiwi Choice 'Smooth'	B. Fisher
	Kiwi Choice 'Charming'	B. Fisher
	Zgna. Adelaide Meadows 'Reynella'	B. Fisher

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

***C. Portiata* 'Mel' grown by Chas Amee** **Congratulations**

What can be said of *Cattleya Portiata* 'Mel' except that it is a measuring stick for all cluster type cattleyas. Often a judge will be heard to comment, 'It is not as good as Portiata'. Its parents are *C. labiata* x *C. Portia*, and *Portia*'s parents are the species *bowringiana* x *labiata*.

OPEN DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Den. Hilda Poxon	D. Biebrick
	Den. Hastings x Kuringai	D. Biebrick
Aust.Nat. Terr:Species	<i>Ptst. truncata</i>	R.& B.Anderson
	<i>Ptst. obtusa</i>	R.& B.Anderson
	<i>Ptst. fischii</i>	D. Biebrick
Aust.Nat. Terr:Hybrid	Ptst. Rogoff	P.& G. Flavel
	Ptst. Sentinel	P.& G. Flavel
Std. Cymbidium	Tracey Reddaway	M.& R. Bray
Inter. Cymbidium	Willunga Eyecatcher	M.& R. Bray
	(Arkaroola x Peter Pan) Bronze Leopard	H. Gerber
	Mini Lady 'Chiffon'	
Mini. Cymbidium	Kauilani 'Summer Dream'	H. Gerber
	Kauilani 'Gus Harano'	H. Gerber
Std. Cattleya	Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence'	T. DeLonno
	Bc. Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome'	K.H.Northcote
	Slc. Riffe 'Red December'	C.& H.Edwards
Cluster Cattleya	C. Portiata 'Mel'	K.H.Northcote
	C. Portiata	P.& G. Flavel
	C. Portiata	T. DeLonno
Nov. Cattleya	Lc. Mini Purple	D. Biebrick
	Lc. Angel Heart 'Pink Cloud'	C.& H. Edwards
	Blc. Surprise Ending	R.& B. Wilson
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	C. Bactia 'Forever Yours'	R. Moore
	C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	R. Moore
	C. Browniae	R. Moore
Miscellaneous	Epi. Lavender Lady	D. Biebrick
Phalaenopsis	Twilight Rose x Pink Festival	M. & R. Bray
	<i>venosa</i> x Dtps. Orglade's Puff 'Zuma Purity'	M. & R. Bray
	Doral x Fargo	M. & R. Bray
Nov.Paphiopedilum	Leyburnense 'Magnificent'	R. Moore
	Harrisianum 'Black Knight'	D. Biebrick
	Caraibe	D. Biebrick
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>spicerianum</i>	C.& H. Edwards
	<i>fairieanum</i>	D. Biebrick
	<i>charlesworthii</i>	R. Moore
Odont/Oncidium Alliance	Howeara Mary Eliza	M. & R. Bray
	<i>Onc. tigrinum</i> x Odontioda Camette	K. Northcote
	Odcdm. Susan Kaufman	R. Moore
Species	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i>	R. Moore
	<i>Cymbidium traceyanum</i>	K. Northcote
	<i>Cymbidium traceyanum</i>	M. Bray
Vandaceous	Woodlawn Glory x Ascda. Peggy Foo	R.& B.Anderson
Zygopetalum	Titanic	P.& G.Flavel
	Artur Elle	R. Moore
	B.G. White x Titanic	M. & R. Bray

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence' grown by Tony DeLonno