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Congratulations to all who participated in the Winter Show.



NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday September 10th 1996, Calvary Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale. Benching of plants to be completed by 7-45pm.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Instead of a guest speaker the programme will consist of Slides of Papua, New Guinea, provided by the Australian Orchid Council. The slides that we have previously seen from the Council at the Daytime Chapter have proved excellent so hopefully this is no exception. To get the full advantage of this program judging of plants will not be by the Judges for this meeting but by YOU, the members.

HALL SET-UP:

Would all willing to assist please be at the Hall by 7 o'clock.

SUPPER:

Tea, Coffee, Cordial and Biscuits will be provided.

DAYTIME CHAPTER:

2pm Thursday 12th September 1996, at the South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. Another programme from the Australian Orchid Council - Orchids of Papua New Guinea.

**AUSTRALASIAN
NATIVE ORCHID
CONFERENCE AND
SHOW:**

Don't forget the 3rd Australasian Native Orchid Conference and Show to be held at Flinders University 26th to 30th September. Jane Higgs will be looking for your plants to put in our Display. Plants need to be at Flinders University Refectory, on Wednesday the 25th September after 9 am.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

On a chilly afternoon Keith welcomed members to the Meeting. Mention was made of the approaching shows and support requested for the South Coast Show and the Native Orchid Conference and Show. The slide programme for the afternoon was another from Australian Orchid Council, the title 'Adventure among orchids on Mount Albert Edward, in the Owen Stanley Range of Papua, New Guinea.'

The benched plants were dominated by beautiful *cymbidiums*. 1st prize was *Cymbidium* Showgirl 'Malibu' grown by Vera Bicanin. 2nd was *Cymbidium* Bingo 'Pink Beauty' grown by Berna & Harry Viney. 3rd caused rather a headache. *Cymbidium* Fairy Princess X *pumilum* grown by Bill Clark, Showgirl 'Husky Honey' grown by Keith Northcote, Poetic Wonder 'Elsie May' grown by Don Simmons, and Z. Kiwi Choice X Zgna. Dynamo grown by Bill Fisher all tied. The afternoon concluded with a cuppa and a chat and a look at Hulton's lovely photos of the Chelsea Flower Show.

CONSERVATION OF NATIVE ORCHIDS

(Notes for this article are from a slide programme provided by The Australian Orchid Council)

The need to conserve our Australian Native Orchids is immense, however, something is being done.

In many places conscience has stirred. In Green Mountain Reserve, Queensland, sincere, successful attempts are being made to conserve our native flora.

Members of the Queensland Orchid Society have relocated plants of *Dendrobium gracillum* and *Platyserium grande* (Stag horn).

Dendrobium speciosum and *Cymbidium suave*, taken from a 'rescue dig', grow quite happily at Stony Range, Dee Why, NSW. This was one of the first native plant reserves to be established by voluntary labour, it later was gazetted and fenced by the Department of Lands. Thousands of visitors pass through during the flowering season. Noteworthy is the *Cym. suave*, which was the first orchid to be transferred to the reserve many years ago, it is thriving, giving living proof of the survival potential of our natives, when properly handled. Not all orchids culled from their native habitat perish. Prime specimens that are cultivated with understanding of their needs will flourish in private collectors' care.

Dendrobium speciosum, the rock lily, has been

fair game for vandals near Sydney. Although one specimen had been rescued from near the roadside the next year hundreds of companion plants were destroyed by a fire that was started by a week-end barbeque.

Bulbophyllum bracteatum, a rare specimen, also re-established itself on a new host and flowered in a most rewarding fashion.

Sarcochilus hartmanii is native to rain forest ravines. This species requires great care in relocating to simulate its natural growing conditions.

Sarcochilus australis, a most beautiful member of the *sarcochilus* genus but difficult to cultivate. Despite the 'best care' many do not survive. This species is distributing as far south as Tasmania.

Dendrobium kingianum is considered the hardiest and, in certain areas, the most prolific of our epiphytes, and the parent of many spectacular hybrids. Although hybridisation takes us one or more steps away from the species (unless it is line bred) seedlings may be sold freely, and public awareness of native orchids must increase with the emergence of more spectacular hybrids. Maybe the ready availability of hybrids will eventually discourage the weekend vandalism so rife at the present.

Dendrobium Bardo Rose is a fine crossing of *Dendrobium falcorostrum* and *D. kingianum*. The first *D. Bardo Rose* was made by Bert Overall of Newport, N.S.W.

Dendrobium Ellen is a crossing between *D. kingianum* and *D. tetragonum*. Fine forms of this

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OH BOY

As some of you have probably guessed I have had the opportunity to type some of this Gazette on a new



To say that it is fun is not quite right. If I were computer literate it might be, but about all I know about this thing is what it looks like, how to type on it and how to cancel all I've carefully typed.

To add insult to injury I am being 'helped' by a



who moves too fast for me to keep up.



HORTICULTURAL SOLUTIONS

I received a letter during the week and thought you may find it interesting.

To South Coast Orchid Club of S.A.

'We at Horticultural Solutions are very excited to participate in the 3rd Native Orchid Conference and Show to be held at the Flinders University in Adelaide on the 26th to 29th September 1996. This is our first opportunity to talk personally to South Australian Orchid Growers.

Come and see us at the Show and inspect our range of Specialised orchid nutrients to suit the growing media of both spagnum, bark and Grodan. These nutrients are prescription blended for the growing of Paphiopedilum, cool growing native orchids, a flower booster for Vandas and our general purpose orchid fertilisers HSO 12 and HSO 22 orchid nutrients to suit **all** orchid species.' 'One of our other products is Sterri Kleen for the control of viruses which are transmitted normally on cutting tools e.g. secateurs and knives. This is a very powerful agent to eliminate viruses.'

signed by W. Strube, Agronomist,
Horticultural Solutions, Capalaba.

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hybrid are being developed by many dedicated hybridists including Wal. Upton of Sydney. *Sarconopsis* Jean is a revolutionary step in hybridising - a cross between *Sarco. hartmanni* and *Phalaenopsis schilleriana*. The future will judge the wisdom of this type of adventure, but for now, we have an extension of the use of natives as parents, in association with exotic species.

Hopefully, with mounting awareness, and the vital need to preserve these unique species, we may succeed.

At the Second Australasian Native Orchid Conference held in Toowoomba in 1993 it was revealed by Peter Lavarack that at last, after 62 years, Queensland has a new act to control the taking of rare and threatened plants from the wild. It will be illegal to collect or trade in these plants without a permit.

VALLEY ORCHIDS

At the August Cultural meeting Bob Nichol from Valley Orchids addressed the meeting. From his talk some interesting points emerged.

In summer Bob fertilises and waters **heavily**, he is not getting the leaf-tip die back he used to and puts this down to the amount of water used.

Bob only uses bark as his potting medium.

The last slides were real eyeopeners with some **splash petal cymbidiums** being shown.

THANKS

Thanks is again extended to all who have helped at the Show.

The set-up people, who must have stayed up half the night and then been up bright and early, the Devonshire Tea servers and providers under the leadership of Peg, the door keepers, raffle sellers, and floor walkers, donators of raffle prizes, the people who 'manned' the trading tables (some all weekend), the cleaner-uppers and the Show Marshall 'twins' Bill and Moss.

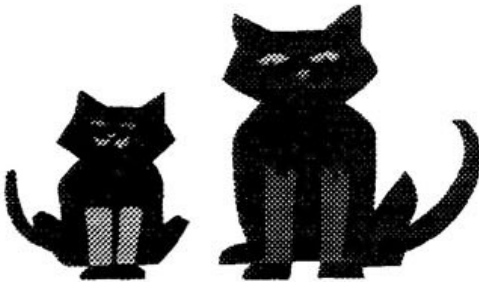
Also thanks to all that helped on Friday night. Included in this are the typists, runners, scribes, judges, etc.

A special thank you to the Exhibitors. Without you there wouldn't be a Show.

OLD GAZETTES

Thank you to Thoral Tormet who generously gave the Club some goodies. It has been most interesting going through the old Gazettes and from time to time I will re-publish some tit-bits for you.

This article is by Bernie Hansen, a gentlemen many of the senior members will remember.



December 1975

Cattleyas could be put outside with the cymbidiums but not in the middle of summer. John Leeder (another past Member) has his growing on a bench with his cymbidiums and they look O.K. Give a couple a try, you may wind up having a great experience. Oncidiums - Brassias - Schomburkia - Laelias - Zygopetalums - Lycastes - and most Australian Natives will grow outside, so don't be afraid to try.

PLANTS TO SELL

St. Augustines, Unley, have requested plants from our Members to go on a Trading table in October. Anyone who is interested in selling some plants please advice Lesley Fenton. A.S.A.P.

BRIDAL CREEPER

Did I hear you ask "What is she on about" in regards to my article on Bridal Creeper last month? Well on one of my infrequent walks down my own backyard, in between rain showers, I found a dear little plant of this perennial creeper, up to about the 5 leaf stage, growing between some of the rocks that form a border around the garden. Of course it is no longer there but it just shows how quickly it can grow.

Did you catch the T.V. news article a few weeks ago warning people about this weed taking over the scrub in some areas?

WATER DROPWORT

The only known occurrence in Australia presently occurs over about 200ha along the **Meadows Creek**. Water Dropwort is avoided by livestock and replaces more valuable pasture plants. It is being treated as a high priority to prevent its spread in the Adelaide Hills and South east.

It is the landholder's responsibility for the control of pest plants.

REMINDER

Our Spring Show is on the 20th and 21st of September at the Marion Leisure & Fitness Centre, Oaklands Road. Set-Up is from 9am on the Friday 19th. Please help in whatever way you can.

Dendrobium speciosum

This Australian Native species is commonly called the New South Wales Rock Lily or the Queensland King Orchid. It grows in areas of Queensland, New South Wales and eastern Victoria. *D. speciosum* is probably the best known of the Australian Natives. The flowers vary from white thru cream to a rich yellow. Walter Upton in his book 'Dendrobium Orchids of Australia' states that "it is unrivalled for its ability to survive under most adverse conditions, for its sheer resistance to dryness, and for its ability to grow in full sunlight and (in some gardens) in very heavy shade."

A plant in full flower is a sight to behold.

Helmuth Gerber's *Dendrobium speciosum* was the Flower of the Month. Congratulations.

MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION

SECOND DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Den. kingianum</i>	J. Kelly	3
Aust.Nat.Terr: Species	<i>Ptst. pedunculata</i>	D. & J. Higgs	3
Std. Cymbidium	Arcadian Melody	D. & J. Higgs	3
Inter. Cymbidium	Radiant Harry X Dolly	J. Dudley	3
	Myponga 'Adelaide'	D. & J. Higgs	2
	Fire Eyes	W. & R. Clark	1
Mini. Cymbidium	Tepko 'Freckles'	D. & J. Higgs	3
	Showgirl X Rio Rita X Tom Thumb	J. Dudley	2
	Beacon Fire X Terama	N. Gitsham	1
Std. Cattleya	Lc. Drumbeat 'Triumph'	J. Dudley	3
Nov. Cattleya	C. Blue Boy X <i>harrisonianum</i>	J. Dudley	3
	C. Chocolate Drop	J. Kelly	2
Miscellaneous	Lycaste Betty Kool	G. Richardson	3
	Phrag. Sedenii	G. Richardson	2
	Epidendrum	N. Gitsham	1
Nov. Paphiopedilum	Vanda M. Pearman	G. Richardson	3
	Stone Ground	G. Richardson	2
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>sukhakulii</i>	G. Richardson	3
Species	<i>L. anceps</i>	R. Smith	3
	<i>Haemantha discolor</i>	N. Gitsham	2

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

***Paphiopedilum sukhakulii* grown by Geoff Richardson**

FIRST DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Bulb. aurantiacum</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Den. (Zip X Pauline X Rankin)	J. & B. Gay	3
	Den. (Sunglow X Aussie Ira)	J. & B. Gay	2
	Den. (Sunglow X Aussie Ira)	J. & B. Gay	1
Aust.Nat.Terr:Species	<i>Ptst. robusta</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
	<i>Glossodia major</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
Aust.Nat.Terr:Hybrid	Ptst. Elegance	M. Tiggeman	3
	Ptst. Joseph Arthur	M. Tiggeman	2
Std. Cymbidium	Caramel Toffee 'Sand Pebbles'	G. Shevlin	3
	Gold Lamb X Red Beauty	B. Fisher	2
Inter. Cymbidium	Bingo 'Pink Beauty'	B. & H. Viney	3
	'Oriental Legend	B. Fisher	2
	Winter Fire X Rincon	B. Fisher	1
Mini. Cymbidium	Bulbarrow 'Maid Marion'	B. Fisher	3
	Lynette 'Artemis'	M. Tiggeman	2
	Mimi Lucifer	M. Tiggeman	1
Std. Cattleya	C. (Horace X Earl)	C. Ameer	3
	Blc. Beth Hughes	C. Ameer	2
	Lc. Bonanza Queen	C. Ameer	1
Cocktail Cattleya	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Sunset'	C. Ameer	3
	Slc. Tiny Pixie	R. & I. Parish	2
Std. Paphiopedilum	Paeony X Golden Chalice	R. & I. Parish	3
	Tearlath X <i>druryii</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
	Tearlath X <i>druryii</i>	R. & I. Parish	1
Nov. Paphiopedilum	Druid Spring	R. & I. Parish	3
	Lyrup	R. & I. Parish	2
	Nettle McNay	R. & I. Parish	1
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>villosum</i>	J. & B. Gay	3
	<i>venustum</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
Species	<i>Serapias lingua</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
	<i>C. intermedia</i>	R. & I. Parish	2

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION: C. (Horace X Earl) grown by Chas. Ameer

SPRING SHOW

Helpers are needed from 9am. on Friday 19th September to help set-up tables and crates etc. **ALL PLANTS MUST BE BENCHED BY 6.45pm as no plants will be accepted after this time.**

Helpers are needed as soon as judging commences (at 6.45pm) on Friday evening. The more helpers there are, the sooner judging will be finished, as everything must be completed by 10.00pm.

A light supper will be available to Judges and Helpers.

Exhibitors are reminded that Cymbidiums may only have 1 tie above the bottom flower.

OPEN DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Den. speciosum</i>	H. Gerber	3
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Den. xdelicatum	T. DeIonno	3
	Den. Ellen	D. Biebrick	2
	Den. (Aussie Ira X Peter)	D. Biebrick	1
Aust.Nat.Terr:Species	<i>Ptst. coccinea</i>	P.& G. Flavel	3
	<i>Ptst. russellii</i>	D. Biebrick	2
	<i>Ptst. nutans</i>	D. Biebrick	1
Aust.Nat. Terr:Hybrid	Ptst. Joseph Arthur	R.& B.Anderson	3
	Ptst. Cutie	R.& B.Anderson	2
	Ptst. Dusley Duke	R.& B.Anderson	1
Std. Cymbidium	Red Beauty X Yowie Flame	M.& R.Bray	3
	Snow's Delight	P.& G. Flavel	2
Inter. Cymbidium	Scott's Sunrise	M.& R. Bray	3
	Arunta X Warona	K. Northcote	2
Std. Cattleya	Blc. Saint Helena Sound	R.& B.Wilson	3
Cocktail Cattleya	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Red Stone'	R.& B.Wilson	3
Phal;aenopsis	Zuma White Puff X Winter frost	M.& R. Bray	3
Std. Paphiopedilum	Copper Spice X (Paeony X Amanda)	D. Biebrick	3
	Dona X Golden Orb	D. Biebrick	2
Nov. Paphiopedilum	Via Prokulli	P.& G. Flavel	3
	Copperware X <i>callosum</i>	D. Biebrick	2
	Country Fair X Gay Caroletta	D. Biebrick	1
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>villosum</i>	D. Biebrick	3
	<i>fairieanum</i>	D. Biebrick	2
Species	<i>C. percivaliana</i>	P.& G. Flavel	3
Vandeous	Ascda. Carolaine 'Kathleen'	R.& B.Anderson	3
	V. Von Brero X Elananthe	R.& B.Anderson	2
Zygopetalum	Helen-Ku 'Hong Kong'	P.& G.Flavel	3

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION: ***Dendrobium speciosum* grown by Helmuth Gerber**

SPRING SHOW DATES

O.C.S.A Friday August 30th - September 7th in conjunction with the Royal Show.

N.E.D.O.S September 14th & 15th - St. Peters Town Hall

Orchidaceous - September 16th - 21st - Burnside Village Shopping Centre

Murray Bridge-September 20th & 21st-John Dohler Hall,Swanport Road,Murray Bridge

Gawler - September 23rd - 28th - Elizabeth City Shopping Centre