

## NEWSLETTER

MAY 1975

### WA NATIVE ORCHID STUDY & CONSERVATION GROUP

#### TALKS

At the May general meeting the topic talks were given by Mr Andrew Brown and Mrs E. James. Andy Brown spoke on *Caladenia brunneoides*, supported by exceptionally good slides which showed this small orchid to perfection. Mrs E. James gave the second talk on *Duiria*. This topic was highlighted with hand printings by Mrs James who donated the paintings to the library. Thanks to Mrs James.

#### RIGHTS

Andrew Brown reported an area at Baker's Junction which abounds with orchids and he made a list of 67 Genera, which have been found in this area. It was decided to investigate this area with the view to having it declared a Flora Reserve. This is one of the principles of the group and it will be experience for any future project of this kind.

#### POT CULTURE

Graham Kierath would like any member or members to submit to him the methods, potting mixture, or any information which could be of value in the cultivation of the terrestrial orchids.

#### COMPETITION

The May competition was won by Mr Dave Emery, with a slide *Erpocilus dilatatus*. The Librarian, Mr Reg Lander reported that slides submitted for the competition could include, habitats or types of soils, with the identification of the orchid, growth pattern, bulbs, leaf formation and, of course, the identification.

#### FIELD DAY 25th MAY

This day was scheduled to visit areas Medina, Wellard, Pinjarra and Dwellingup. A group of 19 participated in a successful day but could not complete the programme set out.

Medina: *Lyperanthus Negrens* were found in abundance and only isolated flowering plants of *Leporella Fimbriata*.

Wellard: Very good patches of *Cryptostylus Ovata*, *Caladenia Mensellii*, the latter only being small plants. A very interesting small patch was found, which is thought to be *Corybas*, but the identification will have to wait until they flower. Further into Wellard, *Leporella Fimbriata* were flowering in profusion. *Diuris Multi-flora* were well under way.

The party moved onto Padora for lunch, then proceeded to Mandurah, but this area was relatively dry, consequently no orchids were showing. Time was moving on and the party could not complete the programme. It was then decided to call it a day and return home.

It was a very interesting day but the party was a little disappointed in not being able to complete the programme.