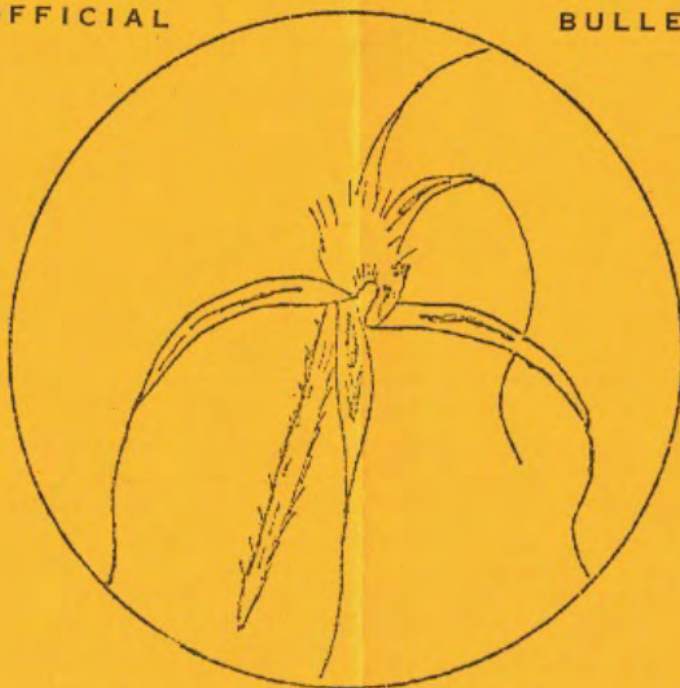


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TOPIC TALKS FOR MEETINGS 1978

Date	Item	Speaker
February	Slides for identification and of interest Potting Demonstration	G. Kierath
March	How I grow my Orchids	F. Bishop
April	Pterostylis general	A. Brown
May	Registrar's talk Seeds	R. Brown L. Sheppard
June	Group involvement	A. George
July	Lesser Known Orchids	N. Hoffman
August	Growing & pressing	R. Lander
September	How I grow my Orchids	H. Foote
October	What to expect to find in the S.W. corner Seeds	L. Sheppard
November	Thelymitra	F. Gordon
December	Social gathering	

Meetings are held at the Dept. of Agriculture
FILM ROOM, Jarrah Road, South Perth on the 1st
Friday of each month

February	3rd	A.G.M.
March	3rd	
April	7th	
May	5th	
June	2nd	
July	7th	
August	4th	
September	1st	
October	6th	
November	3rd	
December	1st	Christmas meeting

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Cyclone 'Ilby' upset things a bit for our April meeting, Tuesday night we could not hold our Committee Meeting and this was set for Friday night before the General Meeting. The meeting although delayed was well attended and we saw a slide program of Victorian Orchids plus slides of the *Pterostylis* group. This talk and the slides were ably given by Andrew Brown.

The first field day of the year was a work day at Hollywood Reserve. Fourteen members attended and mopped up the veldt grass in the middle section, where a fire had been through and this had helped a great deal. There is still plenty of veldt grass in the other sections, we can now concentrate our efforts on these areas.

Orchid of the Month - A. Brown

LEPORELLA fimbriata - commonly called the "Hare Orchid". This is one of the most common and widespread species found in Western Australia. However, although large colonies are often found (sometimes amounting to thousands of plants) it rarely flowers unless there has been some disturbance to the environment through fire or light clearing, also, because of its early flowering period (March to June) many will not have seen it.

Leporella is a monotype species endemic to Australia and is closely related to both Caladenia and Eriochilus. Found from Geraldton to Esperance, has one to three small flowers borne on a thin stem and has a single or sometimes a double striped leaf which is often extremely small or non-existent when the flowers first open.

The present known locations are found within the boundary of an imaginary line drawn from Kalbarri to Esperance. If you find this orchid outside this area e.g. Coolgardie, Norseman or Mt. Magnet collect and press a specimen even a leaf will do, then let us know, you could have found a previously unknown location.

Caladenia cristata - we can now make known or in other words publish the full story on Caladenia cristata. Before starting on the story, we as a conservation group would like to express our gratitude, firstly to Mr Norman Scheers and family for their foresight and help to make this area now known as Cristata Compound possible. Secondly The Orchid Foundation for their prompt donation to secure this area. Thirdly, Mr Don Voigt who found this orchid and worked to protect it.

It was on a visit to Don Voigt's that this orchid was shown and it created interest as at that time it could not be identified, but on visiting the area a specimen was taken and brought back for identification by Mr Alex George. This was rather lucky in one way as it coincided with the Group Barbecue, where members of the Orchid Foundation were our guests and it created great interest.

It was then arranged to get the type of soil and the associated scrub or trees from where it grew, this meant another trip to Salmon Gums. On this second trip Don mentioned that Mr Scheers wanted to put sheep into this paddock as soon as the crop was harvested and without this area being fenced off the stock would camp in this section, and

and therefore destroy the orchid. May I pause here to explain that this is the first time this orchid has been sighted in forty years, so we considered it was rare and should be protected.

We measured the area and estimated the cost to fence at \$200. Mr Scheers very happily agreed to set this area aside, but was not in a position to fence it. It was in October 1977 that a decision was made to endeavour to have this fenced off. Time was slipping and it was then decided to approach the Orchid Foundation for a donation, which was promptly replied to and a cheque for \$200 was sent return mail.

By this time it was a race against time, Mr Scheers, his family and Don Voigt gave up part of their Christmas to fence the area and by shifting an existing fence reduced the cost to \$152.

In closing this report the outcome is that another rare orchid has been protected. This area has been named "CRISTATA COMPOUND", a visitors book is nearby, visitors are asked to contact Don or Mr Scheers before going to this compound as it is private property and there are gates and stock involved.

Once again may we thank all those involved in this project.

At the March meeting the question was raised concerning the taking of specimens for identification. On looking back over records and reading the procedure of the meeting with Mr Shugg and a delegation from the Group, Mr Shugg expressed satisfaction with our activities, but it was desirable that members carry group identification and that the taking of specimens be controlled through the group.

The committee then decided that the Group's membership badges are a good identification that would suffice until the laws concerning flora are gazetted.

It has now been moved by the committee to open correspondence with Mr Shugg on the above question.

We welcome into the Group 7 new members:

Mr & Mrs Cutler
Mr & Mrs Clarke
Mr & Mrs Hoffman
Miss Claire Benze

We have endeavoured to offset to some extent the cost of printing the cover of our bulletin and on the back you will notice advertisements. Members are asked when ever possible to support these advertisers as they are helping to keep the cost of the monthly bulletin down.

The flowering season has started as was shown by the pots tabled at the April meeting. Those in flower were: Leporella fimbriata, Caladenia aphylla, Eriochilus dilatatus and from the north of N.A. Denrobium dicuphum.

Seeing that the flowering is upon us, members are reminded that the slide competition is on, but, when submitting slides please put the name of the plant, place where taken, and the date. There has to be 10 slides to constitute a competition (10 slides collectively) if not the slides received will be held until 10 are received.

Dave Emery was elected to the position of Warden of the Hollywood Reserve. Dave has put a lot of time into this project and I can appreciate the feeling he has when he says that he can't wait to see if his plantings are going to come up this year. He has also asked that any member who has tubers or plants to be planted in the reserve they may leave them at his residence and he will attend to them. Mick Leece also will do the same.

The addresses are:

Dave Emery

Mick Leece

The raffle was a copper plaque of an orchid made and donated by Herb Foote.

It seems that we are moving into another country town. We were honoured by a visit from Mr Des Kruske of [redacted] and I am sure I saw him filling out an application card, but we will know more about that later on.

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I have not had a report on the opportunity table, but from my observations it was very well organised by Alison and there was little or nothing left, so members please use this table for buying and or selling. Believe me there are bargains to be had.

We also need something to raffle each meeting.

A second issue of prints are available, these may be obtained from the Registrar Mr Roy Brown at \$7 a set of 13.

CULTURE

Most tubers should have started into growth, some maybe have broken through and now it means do not over water them just keep them moist, poor drainage and over watering will cause a lot of plants to rot.

Once the leaves break through a diluted concentration of liquid fertiliser will help them.

Watch the back page for the Field Days.

HELP NEEDED

Have you anything of interest to tell, or something you wish to buy, sell or swap, then tell the editor. Remember there is a Bulletin every month and all articles are of interest.
Send all correspondence to:

The Editor (Lal Sheppard)



The deadline for the next bulletin is May 5 or the next general meeting.

If this section is filled in it will
show the subscription now due:

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Mrs
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Treasurer

FIELD DAYS FOR 1978

Date	Time	Meeting Place	Locality
April 2nd	10 am	Hollywood Reserve	
April 15th			
16th	1 pm	Roundabout - Albany	
May 14th	10 am	Hollywood Reserve	
May 28th	8 am	Midland Railway Station Car Park	Wongan Hill
June 17th	10 am	Hollywood Reserve	
July 23rd	10 am	Booragoon Car Park	Collecting
August 13	9 am	Armadale Railway Station	Dwellingup
Sept. 19th	10 am	Collie River Bridge Daton	Dunbury
Oct. 7th†	11 am	Dusselton	Augusta
" 8th†	9 am	Tourist	and
" 9th†	9 am	Reserve	Marg. River
Oct. 22nd	10 am	Hollywood Reserve	
Nov. 25th	1 pm		
" 26th	9 am	Roundabout - Albany	

† October weekend: Intending Travellers Please Book accommodation early.

Car stickers are a good identification for field days

Personal badges are too.

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