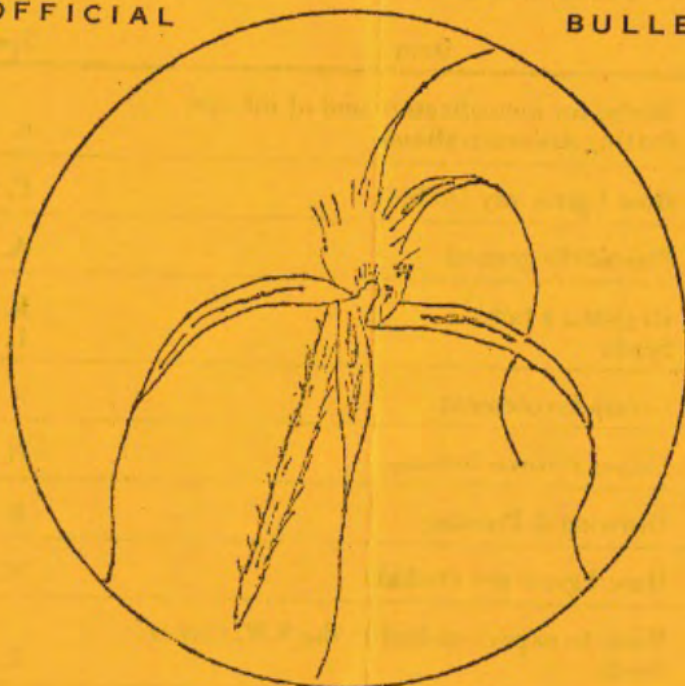


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## TOPIC TALKS FOR MEETINGS 1978

Date	Item	Speaker
February	Slides for identification and of interest Potting demonstrations	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 Involement	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 Department of Agriculture FILM ROOM, Jarrah Road, South Perth on the 1st Friday of each month.

February 3rd AGM

April 7th

June 2nd

August 4th

October 6th

December 1st Christmas Meeting.

March 3rd

May 5th

July 7th

September 1st

November 3rd



We are now thinking of a new year, the Annual General Meeting is on the 2nd of February 1979.

This means the election of officers to carry us through the coming year. These positions are open to all financial members. Any member who is desirous of filling any one of these positions, would they please contact a committee member and let them know of your intention.

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### December: Christmas Social

Once again it was held at Roy Brown's residence which has delightful and relaxing surroundings, although the weather was not kind, a bit blustery and a drop of rain. Later in the evening it turned cold and everyone moved inside where Ken Rex showed a programme of slides.

The programme was in two parts, the first was beautiful scenes of Tasmania and would encourage members to make the effort to attend the 1979 Orchid Conference to be held in Tasmania.

The second part was slides taken at the Orchid Conference held in Perth. Then there were shown there were quite a few remarks passed, as well as barracking and boos. It was all in good fun and made the show.

While Ken was setting up the projector we had some music. We could recognize the tunes at times for those who were key fiddling were one finger players.

There was a pool game in progress at one stage and just as well it was only a friendly contest, as some of the moves were very doubtful.

We must thank Roy and Peg Brown for being such wonderful hosts and allowing us to enjoy ourselves in such a relaxing way.

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Thanks Ruth for the feature of the evening, the Christmas Cake. The lucky winner was Charmain Brown. Everyone hopes to win this beautiful piece of cooking.

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ORCHID FLOWERS IN THE SEASON

L. Sheppard

On the weekend of December the 2nd, which is late in the season and although there are orchids flowering in the lower Sth-West they are not abundant and it means searching.

Over this weekend we travelled some 1620 km. which took us to Tenterdin, Napier, Baker's Junction, Albany, Denmark, Frankland River Bridge, Lake Muir and to a swamp just north of Manjimup, from here it was a straight run home as we considered it was too late for flowering further north.

There was not an orchid to be found flowering at Napier or at Albany this was disappointing as we had hoped to find Epiblema grandiflorum and Caladenia corynephora. Baker's Junction was also disappointing as Cryptostylus ovata was the only flowers seen.

Denmark, this is new territory as we have not had any reports from this area. Although no flowers were seen there was evidence of Thelymitra and Caladenia that had flowered and dispersed the seed.

At Frankland River Bridge on the Sunday we had dinner and expected to see some signs of Caladenia lokta but again no sign, last year they were prolific and although only a fortnight later than last year there was not even a sign of leaves in the places they were growing last year.

Like Muir not even a flower, Thelymitra had run up to see.

In the swamp north of Manjimup we struck oil as the saying is, for here we found Caladenia radiata Elythranthera emarginata and Trasophyllum not quite open. We again searched for C. corynephora but no luck.

One thing that was noticeable was the spread of Horadena micranthus first sighting was at Tenterdin and it was seen right through to Denmark.

It was very humid in the swamps and the flies were very friendly. Snakes I never sighted one.

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Since writing this article I have been told that



C. lobata had flowered at Franklin River in October.

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On browsing through the bulletin of the South Australian Native Orchid Society I came upon this article and it was written by one of our South Australian members. With his permission I will print it.

HOME CULTIVATION - FIELD OBSERVATION

W.J. Clayson

After the first few years of field observations cultivation started in a small way at home, mainly so that daily checks could be carried out when needed, and a final analysis made at the end of the growing season. It was soon apparent that some aspects would need a different approach. My first pots contained soil similar to where a species grew, all pots were placed on a flooring board bench three feet off the ground, a roof of P.V.C corrugated sheets was used as a covering and plants were watered. Under these conditions over-watering was probably the most serious problem, the natural bush soil, once disturbed, lacked the ability to cope with excessive moisture, causing many of the tubers to rot. One other problem which caused concern was the maximum/minimum range of temperature in the pots. This was approximately double as to what I had recorded in the field.

A shadehouse covered with carlon shadecloth was built, 1 1/2" of coarse screenings was added to the shadehouse floor, pots were placed on top of the screenings a new potting mix containing equal parts of coarse wash sand, bush sand and decayed eucalypt matter was used and has proved very suitable over the years. This change solved most problems, it gave improved drainage, reduced the maximum/minimum range of pot temperature, helped to reduce the build up of soldier beetles, slaters, etc., and finally gave the benefit of natural rainfall, however strict control of slugs and snails is essential.

The original clay pots were replaced with plastic square pots when these became available because of space saving and better moisture holding capability. Repotting

takes place during December and January, equal parts of new soil and old soil are used in new pots. All pots are topped with crushed *Pinus radiata* needles.

In future articles comparisons between species cultivated at home and found on the Mt. Burr Range will be related, which may help to further understand our native terrestrial orchids.

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Just a reminder to growers:

When repotting, keep your records up to date as this information is required by the Culture Registrar.

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## FIELD DAYS FOR 1978

Date	Time	Meeting Place	Locality
April 2nd	10.00.am.	Hollywood Reserve	
April 15th 16th	1.00.pm	Roundabout - Albany	
May 14th	10.00.am	Hollywood reserve	
May 28th	8.00.am.	Midland Railway Station. Car Park	Wongan Hills
June 17th	10.00.am	Hollywood Reserve	
July 23rd	10.00.am.	Booragoon Car Park	Collecting
August 13th	9.00.am.	Armadale Railway Station	Dwellingup
September 10th	10.00.am.	Collie River Bridge Daton	Bunbury
October 7th	11.00.am.	Busselton	Augusta
October 8th	9.00.a.m.	Tourist	and
October 9th	9.00.am.	Reserve	Margaret River
October 22nd	10.00.am.	Hollywood Reserve	
November 25th	1.00.pm		
November 26th	9.00.am.	Roundabout - Albany	

† October weekend: Intending Travellers Please book accommodation early  
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