

VALE

HERBERT EDWARD FOOTE

Herb Foote passed away at 11am Friday, 7th August 1987 and it was with great sorrow that we said goodbye to our good friend who gave to us his unselfish friendship, advice, expertise and the warmth of his companionship.

Herb Foote joined the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc) on 30th June 1958, was secretary 1959-1960, then to Committee in 1962, was made Vice President in 1965 and President from 1967-1969 in which year he led the O.S.W.A. at the World Orchid Conference in Sydney and most of the credit must go to him for the winning of a Gold Medallion for the Society, for the best Interstate Society Display.

Recognition of work for the Society resulted in the granting of Life Membership of The Orchid Society of Western Australia on 26th November, 1971.

Herb achieved and accomplished many skills in his 77 years on this planet. As a grower of Orchids he was the master in most genera, excelling in Cattleyas, Cymbidiums and Oncidiums and his Native Orchid Collection was grown to perfection in natural surrounds at his residence in the hills at Forrestfield.

Photography was his forte, and the artistic side of Herb was expressed in Water Colour Landscape Painting, Copper repocée work and Calligraphy.

Herb was the founder of the Western Australian Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group (Inc) of which he was the President for many years.

This Group will always be indebted for his successful efforts to establish and foster the awareness of the need for conservation of Terrestrial Orchid Species in Western Australia, and the mention of this Group, and of terrestrial orchids in W.A. will always bring to mind the name of Herb Foote.