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President: Mr. R. S. Hill. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. D. Williams, 101 Mackenzie Street, Toowoomba. Qld. 4350.

Members of the Australasian Native Orchid Society, travelling interstate or within their own state will be made most welcome at meetings of the above groups.

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A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE.

This issue of THE ORCHADIAN, the third, brings to a close our first six months activities. We feel we are making real progress and a short report seems timely.

Our membership is steadily increasing and now stands at 280. Funds in the bank total £426.16. 0.

THE ORCHADIAN has been very well received and we are making every effort to further its usefulness. Our contributors have turned in meritorious work and our thanks are warmly accorded them.

Two geographical groups have been formed, one in the Sydney metropolitan area, the other in the Hunter Valley district. Others are proposed, in this regard we would enjoin all members to contact other members in their respective localities with this end in view and thus add impetus to our activities. At an early date we hope to be able to proceed with the formation of state and territory organisations.

IN CONCLUSION, MAY I, ON BEHALF OF OUR EXECUTIVE AND MYSELF, WISH ONE AND ALL THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON, MAY PEACE AND GOODWILL BE REALLY WITH US FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON.

Sincerely yours,
 W.H. MURDOCH.

ORDER FROM CONFUSION. etc.

The Editor hopes that readers of Eric Gordon's article in this issue will not be unduly confused by finding the article scattered throughout the ORCHADIAN. Due to the layout of this issue I was left with little alternative. My apologies to author & readers.

DENDROBIUM LICHENASTRUM - A PROBLEM IN IDENTIFICATION.

The Editor has received several requests for information on the problem of differentiating between Dendrobium lichenastrum, its varieties & forms. Mr. Alick Dockrill has clearly set out in text and drawing, the salient points for your elucidation.

SYDNEY GROUP.

The next meeting of the group will be on January 31st, 1964, at 8 p.m. Esme Hackett Hall, William Henry Street, Ultimo. The last meeting, held on November 22nd, was a great success, although only 22 members attended.

Sydney Group President Dave Hardie made a submission to the meeting, the theme being that one group would at this stage be sufficient for the Sydney area. His point being that to diversify our strength into several small groups would lead to loss of interest in the Society's activities. This was well received by the meeting and a number of members supported the President.

The meeting then discussed the provisional Standards for Australian Native Orchids adopted by the Orchid Society of N.S.W. Quite a few members joined in the discussion and copies of the standards were distributed. Some 30 plants were tabled. A description and comments were given by Bob Deane & Steve Clemesha, the exhibitors supplying additional information. All members should make an endeavour to attend the next meeting. Remember January 31st, 1964. 8 p.m.

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THE ORCHADIAN NOW 3/-.

Members will have noted the increased price at the top of this page and I hasten to add that this increase will not mean higher subs. The P.M.G. regulations under which we post this publication to you at very favourable postage rates, requires that we state the abovementioned price. Issues of The Orchadian sold to outside sources, will of course, pay the new price.

THE PRESIDENT ON TOUR.

Bill Murdoch has accepted an invitation to lecture in Townsville on the 20th. November 1964. Bill would like to hear of meetings which he might visit on his trip north from his home near Newcastle. If you would like to meet him, or have him lecture to your society, write to: Mr. W. H. Murdoch, Robey Road, Coal Point, 2N. N.S.W.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

In the next issue of The Orchadian we shall begin a column devoted to members queries. Each question will be answered by an expert in the particular field. Send your questions to me at the address given above.

EDITOR.

ELECTION RESULT.

The result of the annual election is as follows:
President: W. H. Murdoch.
Vice-Presidents: Eric Gordon, J. H. Scott. Records Sec.: R. J. Curtis.
Hon. Secretary: R. G. Napier. Asst. Hon. Sec.: L. Parker.
Treasurer: J. Soiland. (Un-opposed). Editor: M. J. Corrigan.
Asst. Editor: S. C. Clemesha.

At the last Council meeting, John Soiland tendered his resignation from the position of Treasurer. Due to increased family responsibilities and business commitments, John is unable to continue his splendid work. We are very fortunate in having obtained the services of Eric Marygold as the new Treasurer, to whom all subscriptions should be forwarded.

WARRINGAH GROUP FORMED.

With approx. 30 persons present (many of whom were new to the Society) the following officers were elected: ~~W. T. Upton - President.~~
E. Moss - Vice-President. J. Evans - Secretary. Mrs. J. Cook - Treasurer. Committee: H. Hall, N. Napper, H. Hirsch, G. Clarke.
Meet this enthusiastic group on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Stony Range committee rooms at Dee Why.

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SYDNEY GROUP.

Under the able leadership of Dave Hardie the Sydney Group is holding their monthly meetings in Selley's Hall, King York House, 32-34 York St., Sydney. Meetings are varied and prove most interesting. Circle the dates on your calendar, the 2nd Friday in each month.

WARRINGAH GROUP.

Wal Upton has also been very busy and his group are doing much valuable work with their volunteer work parties at Stoney Range. They are bringing many terrestrial orchids into the park from their original sites which are to be used for building development. Warringah Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Stoney Range, Dee Why. Drop in and enjoy their hospitality.

ORCHADIAN MATERIAL.

The Editor is always very pleased to receive material for inclusion in future issues. The task of extracting material from the "regulars" gets harder with each issue. Please let me hear of some new authors.

TWO NEW JUDGES.

Mr. Dave Hardie and M. J. Corrigan were successful in the recent Judging examinations held by The Orchid Society of N. S. W. and can now judge at monthly meetings of their affiliated societies.

A. W. Dockrill REFERENCES.

For the more serious student, the following is a list of citations which have appeared in - Journal of Orchidology. Published for some time by The Australian Orchid Society, and now out of print.

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Brief Extracts from the Rupp Letters to G. W. Althofer No. 14.

1-5-48: Prasophyllum (pygmies) - Woodford/Lawson area is Miss Bowden's hunting ground. Since January she has brought in 5 new spp. of these (3 from Woodford), all so very distinctive that they can't go into any species. Two of them are most remarkable forms. One I am naming P. anomalum - it sounds like a freak, but quantities were found, and we dissected 40 flowers. The anther and stamens are separate structures; the petals are articulate on claws like the labellum; the column-wings are either quite rudimentary or prolonged into glabrous filaments. Another, to be P. bowdenae has the lateral sepals and labellum enormously developed in proportion to the rest of the flower, which looks as if it were all lateral sepals and labellum.

In addition to the 5 new ones, she has brought in the following, some of which I have not seen for years: P. baueri, P. deaneanum, P. nichollsianum, P. trifidum, P. aureoviride, P. ansatum, P. nigricans, P. rufum, P. densum, P. viride, P. archeri, P. reflexum, P. fimbriatum, P. morrisii and P. ruppilii. Some of these are from Woodford, some from northern suburb areas, and 2 new ones from Heathcote.