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PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Our June meeting was a very informative talk by Dennis Cornelli on the discovery and production of the plant food Maxicrop. Many members took home a bottle of Maxicrop by answering a question on the product.

FERN SHOW.

The final figure of \$5,520-00 profit from our show is a tribute to the efforts of the show committee members. They worked tirelessly and proved just what a superb team they are following Bob Lee, Bernadette Blastock, Barry and Gay Stagoll, Bill Taylor, Julien Basser, Ian Broughton, Sue Gardner-Berry, Derek Griffiths, Peter Duell and Peter Duglisi.

REGIONAL MEETINGS.

During the spring this year our committee hope that we may be able to arrange a regional meeting to include country members to meet with us and study a particular fern family in a country area. A barbeque lunch is planned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Please keep in mind the nominations for our committee as we need at least 4 new members and nomination forms should be in by our next meeting.

SPECIAL EFFORT WINNERS.

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| 1. Keith Vagg      | 5. Margaret Radley |
| 2. Trevor Giddings | 6. May Goshnick    |
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Kind Rgards,

Keith Hutchinson.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THEIR NEW FERN BOOK  
by Golda Isaac and Betty Duncan  
A special supper will be provided by Golda & Betty.

An illustrated trip through the islands of  
Vanuato and Western Samoa by Keith Hutchinson.

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SPEAKER REPORT: GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 12TH, 1986.  
SUBJECT: MAXICROP PRODUCTS.  
SPEAKER: DENNIS CORNELIUS. ASSISTANT: GREG PEARCE.

When the Japanese influence spread through South East Asia about thirty five years ago, the supply of jute to the British Army was cut off. Previously jute had been used in the fabrication of camouflage nets and it's loss to the British necessitated a research into finding a suitable alternative.

One of those alternative materials was sea weed. The experiment consisted of breaking the sea weed down to a state where only the fibre remained and the fleshy material discarded. Although the experiment to make material for camouflage nets from sea weed failed, the discarded material had spectacular success as a stimulant to the growth of weeds in the areas where it had been dumped.

Attention was then directed to the fertilizer potential of the seaweed; the result of which is the development of the product we know as Maxicrop, a product now being used world wide.

Dennis used a video setup to demonstrate the versatility and value of Maxicrop as a plant food and spray fertilizer in comercial plant enterprise.

1. Strawberries: Used in association with black polythene, plants are inserted at the rate of 30,000 per acre and 12" to 14" apart. Whilst good crops had been obtained previously, the grower interviewed claimed that with the use of Maxicrop flowering had doubled and then significantly increased the crop yield.

Maxicrop had been used as a spray fertilizer on the foilage.

2. Grapes: A grower in the sunraysia district uses Maxicrop to improve vine foilage and to obtain better size and colour in the grapes. Crop yields had also increased. Maxicrop is used as a foilage spray and is combined with insecticides and fungicides; an important saving in time.

3. Roses: Film sequences of a 16 acre rose plantation were shown. The grower in this instance had worked out a systematic method of applying Maxicrop to his plants. To obtain best results he applies a foilage spray every two weeks for 8 months of the year and young plants are started with regular sprays of Maxicrop. He has found that Maxicrop is not expensive and because insecticides can be combined with it, there is a futher saving in time and wages.

4. Ferns: A fern nursery at Bendigo, Victoria was shown. The proprietor here had adopted the indoor formula for use in his nursery. It is used once a fortnight during the warmer months and has been found effective in the propagation of the spores of King fern (Todea barbara) which had been found difficult previously. Another advantage of Maxicrop over other soluble fertilizers is that burning of frondage has not ocured.

Dennis then circulated a sample of raw Maxicrop, that is the seaweed from which it is developed. He also introduced a new material called Wetta Soil which has proved to be ideal for holding moisture in a mixture. It overcomes the problems which a mixture containing sphagnum or peat moss dries out.

The use of Kocide for control of fungal and bacteria diseases in fruit, Agrasol liquid clay breaker and Phostrogen, soluble plant food were all fully described.

The presentation concluded with a novel quiz show. Questions were put to Members relating to information dispensed in the talk. Correct answers were rewarded with a container of Maxicrop.

Keith Hutchinson, President, moved a vote of thanks to Dennis and Greg which members supported with their acclamation.

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ANSWER TO JUNE "CAN YOU NAME  
THIS FERN"

PLATYCERIUM WILLINCKII: Java Staghorn

This platycerium is very closely related to *P. bifurcatum*. Growing *P. willinckii* offers no specific problems. It forms pups, but not as frequently as *P. bifurcatum*. It does well in medium light, moist moss, and is not prone to rot. *P. willinckii* is a distinctive, pretty and easy *Platycerium* to grow and highly recommended for beginners.

(\*) INDICATES SPECIES IN SHORT SUPPLY  
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N	ADIANTUM AETHIOPICUM(5-84)	COMMON MAIDENHAIR
N*	CAPILLUS-VENERIS(12-83)	VENUS-HAIR FERN
	CAUDATUM(3-85)	TRAILING MAIDENHAIR
N	FORMOSUM(7-84)	BLACK STEM
N*	HISPIDULUM(3-84)	ROUGH MAIDENHAIR
	PATENS(10-83)	
	PERUVIANUM(3-84)	SILVER DOLLAR
	POLYPHYLLUM(3-86)	
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	RADDIANUM 'PACIFIC MAID'(3-86)	
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	RADDIANUM 'VICTORIA S ELEGANS'(4-86)	
*	RADDIANUM 'WEIGANDII'(10-84)	
	TENERUM 'PINK FERGUSSONII'(3-85)	
*	TENERUM 'PINK SLEEPING BEAUTY'(4-84)	
	TENERUM 'SLEEPING BEAUTY'(4-84)	
N	SP. (AFF. WHITEI/S.E. QLD)(3-85)	
N	AMPHINEURON OPULENTUM(2-84)	
N	ANEMIA PHYLLITIDIS(6-84)	
N	ARACHNIODES ARISTATA(3-85)	PRICKLY SHIELD-FERN
*	ARISTATA VARIEGATA(2-84)	
*	SIMPLICIOR(?)	
N	ASPLENIUM BULBIFERUM(NATIVE)(2-85)	MOTHER SPLEENWORT
N*	FLABELLIFOLIUM(3-84)	NECKLACE FERN
N	TRICHOMANES(1-86)	COMMON SPLEENWORT
	ATHYRIUM FELIX-FEMINA(2-84)	LADY-FERN
N*	BLECHNUM CARTILAGINEUM 'TROPICUM'(2-85)	GRISTLE FERN
N	CHAMBERSII(3-85)	LANCE WATER-FERN
*	DISCOLOR(1-85)	CROWN FERN
	GIBBUM(4-84)	DWARF TREE-FERN
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*	OCCIDENTALE(3-84)	HAMMOCK FERN
N*	PATERSONII(5-84)	STRAP WATER-FERN
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	SPICANT(3-86)	HARD FERN
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	BOLBITIS CUSPIDATA(10-84)	
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N	CHRISTELLA DENTATA(2-85)	BINUNG
N	PARASITICA(1-84)	
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	CONIOGRAMME JAPONICA 'VARIEGATA'(2-85)	
N	CULCITA DUBIA(4-86)	COMMON GROUND-FERN
N	CYATHEA AUSTRALIS(3-85)	ROUGH TREE-FERN
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N	COOPERI(2-86)	COIN-SPOT TREE-FERN
N	COOPERI (BLACK SCALES)(2-86)	COIN-SPOT TREE-FERN
N	CUNNINGHAMII(3-86)	SLENDER TREE-FERN
	DEALBATA(2-86)	SILVER TREE-FERN
N	LEICHHARDTIANA(3-85)	PRICKLY TREE-FERN
N	MARDESCENS (CUNNINGHAMII/AUSTRALIS MIX)(3-84)	
	MEDULLARIS(3-85)	BLACK TREE-FERN
	SMITHII(4-84)	SOFT TREE-FERN
	SP. (NEW GUINEA)(2-86)	

	SMITHII(4-84)	SOFT TREE-FERN
	SP.(NEW GUINEA)(2-86)	
N	CYCLASORUS TRUNCATUS(3-84)	
	CYRTOMIUM FALCATUM(3-84)	HOLLY FERN
N	DAVALLIA PYXIDATA(3-85)	HARE'S-FOOT FERN
N	DICKSONIA ANTARCTICA(2-85)	SOFT TREE-FERN
	FIBROSA(3-86)	WHEKI-PONGA
N	YOUNGIAE (3. GLD FORM)(3-85)	BRISTLY TREE-FERN
N	DIPLAZIUM AUSTRALE(3-85)	AUSTRAL LADY-FERN
N	DOODIA ASPERA(2-85)	PRICKLY RASP-FERN
N*	CAUDATA 'LAMINOSA'(1-85)	
N	MAXIMA(3-84)	
N	MEDIA(1-85)	COMMON RASP-FERN
N	DRYNARIA RIGIDULA(4-86)	BASKET FERN
	DRYOPTERIS AFFINIS 'CHRISTATA'(11-85)	
	ATRATA(3-84)	SHAGGY SHIELD-FERN
	CARTHUSIANA(2-85)	NARROW BUCKLER-FERN
	CARTHUSIANA (CRESTED)(3-86)	
	ERYTHROSORA(4-84)	
	FILIX-MAS 'CRISTATA'(3-86)	AUTUMN FERN
	FILIX-MAS 'GRANDICEPS'(3-86)	
	GYMNOSORA 'ANGUSTATA'(4-85)	
	SIEBOLDI(3-85)	
	SP.(FILIX-MAS?)(3-84)	(MALE FERN?)
	SP.(KOREAN CROWN-FERN)(3-86)	
*	SF-2(2-84)	
N	GEICHENIA DICARPA(11-84)	POUCHED CORAL-FERN
	HUMATA GRIFFITHIANA(10-85)	
N	HYPOLEPIS PUNCTATA(3-86)	DOWNY GROUND-FERN
N	LASTREOPSIS ACUMINATA(11-85)	SHINY SHIELD-FERN
	CALANTHA(3-86)	
N*	HISPIDA(11-84)	BRISTLY SHIELD-FERN
N	MICROSORA(10-84)	CREEPING SHIELD-FERN
N	MUNITA(10-84)	
N*	LUNATHYRIUM JAPONICUM(5-84)	JAPANESE LADY-FERN
N	LYGODIUM MICROPHYLLUM(5-84)	CLIMBING MAIDENHAIR
*	MARGINARIA SUBAURICULATA(3-86)	
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N	SPELUNCAE(3-86)	
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	FARKSII(11-85)	
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	RIDLEYII(11-85)	
N*	SUPERBUM(2-84)	STAGHORN FERN
*	POLYPODIUM ANGUSTIFOLIUM(4-84)	NARROW-LEAF STRAP FERN
	AUREUM(11-85)	GOLDEN POLYPODY
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	SETIFERUM 'ROTUNDATUM'(10-85)	SOFT SHIELD-FERN

POLYPODIUM AUREUM 'MANDAIANUM'

PRONOUNCIATION & DERIVATION: Pol i po' di um ah' re um

W.A. Manda found this sport of *Polypodium aureum* in his collection in South Orange, New Jersey in 1911. The cultivar name was formed by attaching a Latin ending -ianum ("pertaining to") to his name. Alternately, it has been suggested that the name 'Mandaianum' derives from the Latin word *mandere* ("to chew") and refers to the 'chewed' margins or the pinnae. *Polypodium* comes from Greek words meaning many-footed, and the rhizome is multiply branched. *Aureum* means golden and refers to the golden scales covering the rhizome.

COMMON NAMES: Ruffled blue polypody, Manda's polypody.

CONFUSING SPECIES: There are several forms of *Polypodium aureum* and a grower could assemble quite a varied group. Several of these display congested frond tips and many branched pinnae. P. 'Mexican Tasseled' has much fuller foliage and so does P. 'Ekstrand' which is a sport of P. 'Mandaianum'. P. 'Ekstrand' is a neat, more compact fern.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Nearly all the fronds of P. *aureum* 'Mandaianum' are once divided. The blade ranges in colour from green to blue with a whitish bloom on the surface. The margins of the pinnae are coarsely and irregularly cut in a distinctive manner. The blade may be slightly wavy, but not pronouncedly so.

HABITAT: This fern is a large, evergreen, epiphytic, creeping plant. The parent species P. *aureum* is native to areas ranging from Florida south into Brazil, where it grows on local palms and other trees. The cultivar is known only in gardens and nurseries.

DESCRIPTION: The fronds of P. a. 'Mandaianum' are large, without scales or hairs, but with a distinctly glaucous surface. The fronds are 24 to 36 inches long and up to 18 inches wide. They are pinnatifid, that is, cut once but the cut does not reach the rachis. The sori are round and orange, and lie in neat rows on either side of the midvein of the pinnae.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES: The hazy blue surface will remain more noticeable if the plant is not watered on the blade surfaces very often.

CONTAINERS AND MEDIA: Since this plant's relatives occur in the wild as epiphytes in trees, it does best in a hanging basket. The mix must have excellent drainage. If the roots rot due to 'swampy' conditions, the fern will have very little vigor.

WATERING: This fern is not like most of the other ferns with large rhizomes. It fares best if it is not allowed to totally dry out, but is watered just before it reaches this point.

HUMIDITY: Although the parent plant occurs in areas with high natural humidity, this fern adapts well to rather dry climates.

FERTILIZING: Because of the need for excellent drainage, it is hard to incorporate any significant amount of fertilizer into the potting mix. In this case, feed with a liquid plant food on a regular basis and throughout most of the year with a dilute solution.



POLYPODIUM AUREUM 'MANDAIANUM'

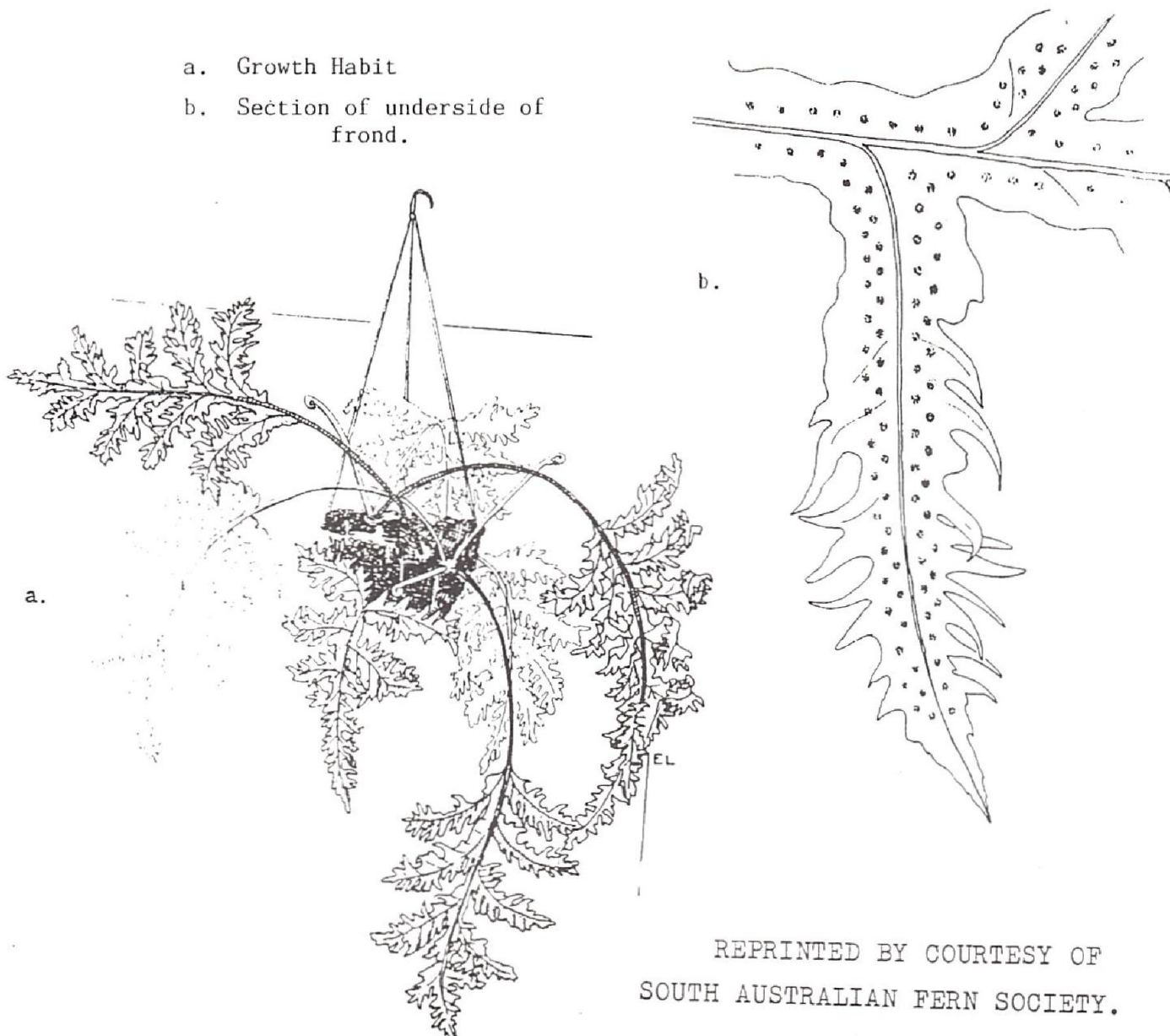
TEMPERATURE: This fern can tolerate cool temperatures. It continues to put out new growth even when nights get below 5°C (40°F). If temperatures drop to -1°C (29°F) the fronds will drop and the plant will go dormant. Still colder temperatures may damage or kill the plant. The other range of the temperature scale is a major problem, as this fern does not do well above 32°C (90°F). It begins to lose its blue-green colour and the margins of the fronds turn brown. Dry wind and strong winds at lower temperatures will damage the fronds.

LIGHT: When the temperature is cool, higher light levels are acceptable. When the weather begins to get hot, a good way to help the fern is to lower the light level to 1500 fc or less. This is the point where your hand will not cast a shadow with sharp edges.

PESTS: Scale insects will attack if given the opportunity. Inspecting the plant for pests and their mechanical removal is best. Use a preventative spray if you have repeated problems.

PROPAGATION: The spores are viable and germinate quite readily. A good percentage of the sporophytes develop into the plain *Polypodium aureum*. To get true offspring, you must divide the old plants or get young ones from a reliable source that had propagated them by tissue culture.

- a. Growth Habit  
b. Section of underside of frond.



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ALSO - An illustrated trip through the IIs. of Vanuato & W. Samoa.  
Burnley Horticultural College Hall, Swan Street,  
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