



# The Australasian Native Orchid Society The Warringah Group Inc.

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**Monthly Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 pm - Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville



## May 2019

Photos: Jane D'Olier



*Bulbophyllum exiguum* – Jolan Leforestier



*Dendrobium Gladstone Twist* – John McAuley



*Pterostylis baptistii* – Judith Barry

**Minutes** of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

The meeting was opened at 8.05 pm by President Bill Dobson.

**Guest Speaker:** Erik Lielkajis

**Visitors:** Neville Lee from ANOS Central Coast.

**Apologies:** Ian Tanner, Murray Corrigan, Bill Westwood, Garry & Harleen Williams, Clover & Bill Bradley, Mick Korzenowski, Graham Slater

**The minutes** of the previous meeting as published in the Bulletin were accepted as a true record on the motion of Bryan Spurrs, seconded by Ela Kielich

**Matters arising:** Nil

- Nil

**Correspondence:**

Term deposit from Bendigo Bank

Bathurst Spring Spectacular 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Moved for acceptance Bryan Spurrs, seconded by Trish Peterson

**General Business:**

- Bill asked for volunteers to help in the canteen.
- Mingara Show 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**In Your Bushhouse:**

Bill discussed the moisture needs of *Den. tetragonum*. They like high humidity and Bill now grows them in pots with a mix of medium and fine bark and polystyrene beads. If new shoots dry out they will die, so plants need daily misting.

*Sarcochilus ceciliae* – they do not like low temperatures. Bill grows them in net pots with 30/50 medium and fine bark, polystyrene beads and 20% small pebbles.

Bill also grows *Den. aemulum* in net pots with similar medium to the *Sarco. ceciliae*.

**Judges Report:** Trish Peterson

**Plant of the Evening:**

*Dendrobium Gladstone Twist* – John McAuley

**Other Plants of Interest:**

*Dendrobium monophyllum* – David Hemmings

*Cadetia taylorii* – Erik Lielkajis

*Luisia teretifolia* – Erik Lielkajis

*Bulbophyllum macphersonii* – L & B Dobson

**After Supper:**

After supper, Erik delivered a verbal treatise on *Bulbophyllum* species of Far North Queensland, accompanied by fantastic in situ shots of the 25 species found in the region. We have seen some of the more common collected species on the bench; others were seen for the first time.

**Lucky Door Prize:** Neville Lee, Lorraine Dobson

**Raffle Prizes:** Ted Shaw, Peter D'Olier, Cary Polis, Jim Hemmings, Lorraine Dobson, Richard Blaxland.

In closing the meeting, Bill thanked everyone for their participation and wished all a safe journey home.

**The meeting closed at 10.20pm**



*Doc. cucumerina* – David Hemmings



*Doc. Amphion Surprise* – P & J D'Olier



## In my Bushhouse

This month I have felt the temperature drop to 10 degrees overnight but the days are varying from 22-25 degrees. The *Cymbidium canaliculatum* pots hanging on my clothesline are looking good and when I feel the black pots they are very warm to the touch and there is still root activity and while they are like this I will continue to water and fertilise albeit once a week.

It must be good conditions and last Sunday we had a huge dump of rain on the plants and me while I was fertilising. So I discontinued and on Tuesday I finished. I have used Seasol® on the plants as well and will do that in the first week of each month and continue until flowering.

Inside the bushhouse the roots on all my *Dockrillia* plants are seeking out water and a foothold. The growth of these plants is amazing and it's interesting to see the different appearance and colour. Keep the bugs away and water/fertilise while they are growing.

There are numerous plants that have started new growths - *Dendrobium speciosum*, *Dendrobium tetragonum* and *Dockrillia calamiformis* among them.

Currently it's the little gems that are in flower (still) *Bulbophyllum macphersonii*, *Cadetia taylori* that seems to spot flower throughout the year. Another in flower again is *Dockrillia cucumerina* which will spot flower 2 to 3 times and *Dendrobium prenticei* is in flower for the second time.

With all the new growths coming here are a few thoughts; continue back on the fertiliser after the rain as you need to push those growths to the maximum. With all the rain that prevented fertilising as it was silly to water when we had centimetres each week and this is where the use of slow release fertiliser comes into its own.

With the rain and humid conditions two dangers exist: rots due to fungal infections so you can use Eco fungicide. The second thing is, it's still warm and I have noticed some aphids persisting so check the new growths and keep them strong. Remember you do not have to 'dose' the plant just the new growths.

Happy gardening!

**Bill Dobson**



*Dendrobium Autumn x Hilda Poxon* -  
David Hemmings



*Bulbophyllum macphersonii* – L & B Dobson



*Cadetia taylorii* – Erik Lielkajis

## ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results April 2019

### 1. Dockrillia species

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Dockrillia cucumerina* David Hemmings  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Dockrillia prenticei* L & B Dobson  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Dockrillia rigida* L & B Dobson

### 2. Dendrobium species

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Den. monophyllum* David Hemmings  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Den. bigibbum* David Hemmings  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Den. bigibbum* David Hemmings

### 3. Sarcanthinae species

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Sarco. dilatatus* Erik Lielkajis  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Luisia teretifolia* Erik Lielkajis  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

### 4. Bulbophyllum species

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Bulb. macphersonii* L & B Dobson  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Bulb. schillerianum* David Hemmings  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Bulb. schillerianum* Erik Lielkajis

### 5. Miscellaneous species

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Cadetia taylorii* Erik Lielkajis  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Oberonia titania* Trish Peterson  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Oberonia* sp.

### 6. Dendrobium Hybrids

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Den. Autumn x Hilda Poxon* David Hemmings  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Den. Red Ballerina* Ela Kielich  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Den. Jonathon's Glory* R & J Schneidereit

### 7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids\_

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Sarco. Freckles* Bryan Spurrs  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Sarco. Bessie x B. Bubbles* Bryan Spurrs  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

### 8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Doc. Limestone* David Hemmings  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Doc. Numbat* G & S Russell  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Doc. nugentii x baseyana* David Hemmings

### 9. Australasian Species

No entries

### 10. Australasian Hybrids

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Den. Gladstone Twist* John McAuley  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Doc. Fiery Glow x teretifolia* David Hemmings  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Den. Hibiki* I & I Chalmers

### 11. Classes Junior & Novice

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Bulb. exiguum* Jolan Leforestier  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nil

### 12. Pterostylis Species

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Ptst. baptistii* Judith Barry  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Ptst. baptistii* David Hemmings  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

Classes 13, 14, 15 – No entries

### 16. Best Seedling – 1<sup>st</sup> Flowering

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Doc. (racemosa x Tweetie) x (calamiformis x fuliginosa)*  
= *Doc. Amphion Surprise*  
J & P D'Olier  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Den. Windsor Downs x Aussie Carrot Splash*  
David Hemmings  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Den. bigibbum* I & I Chalmers



*Dendrobium monophyllum* – David Hemmings



*Sarcochilus dilatatus* – Erik Lielkajis

## AUSTRALIAN ORCHID NURSERY POPULAR VOTE APRIL 2019

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place:

*Dendrobium Gladstone Twist*

**John McAuley**

### Equal 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Pterostylis baptistii*

**Judith Barry**

*Dockrillia Limestone*

**David Hemmings**



## A Visit to Dungog & the Allyn River

A highlight of a visit to Dungog is always a cuppa with orchid guru and raconteur, Ken Russell and wife Noelene.

Ken was in fine form and gave us a tour of his many interconnecting bushhouses with a commentary on any plant which caught his eye. As well as being a renowned orchid grower/hybridiser, Ken has in the past several years become interested in the propagation of Clivias. He is now hybridising these and is currently working on the development of dwarf-sized plants and exciting new cultivars. Some of his shade houses now almost exclusively house Clivia plants. Ken's other current interest is in the creation of *Cymbidium canaliculatum* hybrids and he is equally passionate about these. Ken tells me that he grew up in the local area and knows the bush and surrounding countryside very well. He regularly 'goes bush' with mates, and he and Noelene are planning to visit the Atherton Tablelands in a few months' time.

A time-call from Noelene tells Ken that it's time to go to the Bowling Club where he spends much of his spare time - another of his many interests.

After our visit with Ken & Noelene, we head off towards the Allyn River in the Chichester State Forest. The Allyn is a perennial stream of the Hunter River catchment which rises in the high altitude rainforests of Barrington Tops and flows southeast before converging with the Paterson River near Vacy. It is a beautiful river with a lovely pebbled river-bed, overhanging trees and a number of causeways crossing the Allyn River Forest Road.

Our outgoing trip was somewhat marred by the loss of the car's radiator cap causing ominous bubbling and steaming from the engine. A lucky find of an-exactly-the-right-sized sink plug in our box of 'goodies' in the boot miraculously solved the problem, so we were able to enjoy the rest of our excursion.

We explored the rainforest and walked along the creeks and river banks during our stay in the area. We spotted many large orchids high up in the trees,



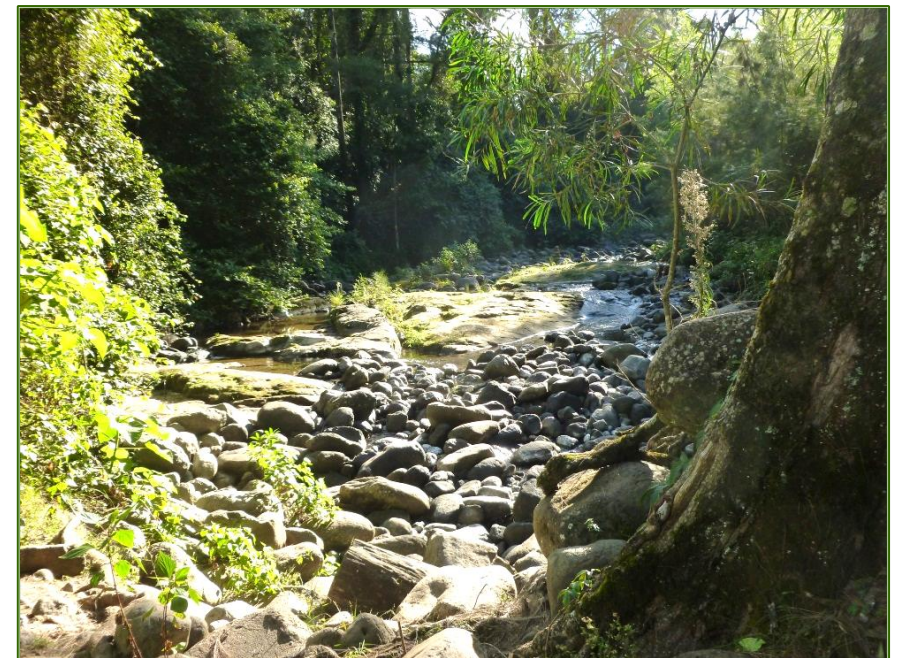
including *Dendrobium speciosum*, *Den. gracilicaule*, *Dockrillia schoenina*, (*Den. beckleri*) and other teretes.

There were also numbers of these orchids on the ground in various stages of decomposition.....obviously casualties of recent storms. We also saw numerous smaller orchids, *Bulbophyllums (shepherdii & exiguum)*, Aeridinae species such as *Sarcochilus falcatus & olivaceus*, *Plectorrhiza tridentata* and other small twig epiphytes. We encountered the dreaded 'stinging nettles' the two versions of which look like such innocuous plants, but both of which attacked us!

Nonetheless we thoroughly enjoyed the bush, the birds, the amazing trees, the rainforest, the river, the ferns, the fungi.....the tranquility....

.....we hope to return.

**Trish Peterson**







*Urtica incisa* – Stinging Nettle



'Boot Hill' Allyn River Forest Road

