

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**

Next Meeting
Tuesday 17th July
AGM & Members' Auction

MEMBERS' AUCTION
6 Plants per membership.
A great opportunity to
reduce/increase your collection!

July 2018

Photos by Ciaran Nagle



Dendrobium johannis – Erik Lielkajis



Dockrillia rigida – David Hemmings



Dockrillia teretifolia x *Doc. Fiery Glow* – David Hemmings

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 19th June 2018.

The meeting was opened at 8.15pm by Bill Dobson who welcomed Guest Speaker, Ken Russell.

Visitors: Ken & Noelene Russell and Margaret Barrett.

Apologies were accepted from Bill Westwood, Murray Corrigan, Harleen & Garry Williams, Bill Bradley, Jane & Peter D'Olier and Cary Polis.

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 Ralph Lumby.

Matters arising:

Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting & Members' Auction.

Correspondence:

1. Term Deposit Certificate
2. ATO pamphlet "Help for Non-Profit Organisations"

Moved for acceptance by Bryan Spurrs seconded by Ralph Lumby

Coming Events:

-) **Royale Orchids and Mingara Orchid Fair** this weekend.
-) **Orchids in the Foothills, AOC Conference** 18th-22nd July – Volunteers needed.
-) **Tinonee Open Weekend** 14th-15th July
-) **ANOS Sydney Group Auction** – Castle Hill Showground 28th July, commencing at 10am
-) **St Ives Fair** 17th-19th August – Volunteer Roster being circulated
-) **ANOS Warringah Spring Show** 8th-9th September

In Your Bushhouse:

Mick discussed the weather we have had this month and historical weather records. He mentioned aphids which are still around, and the need to look out for mealybugs.

Judges Report: Trish Peterson

Plant of Evening:

Dockrillia teretifolia x *Dockrillia* Fiery Glow – David Hemmings

Other Plants of Interest:

Corybas fimbriatus – David Hemmings

Bulbophyllum shepherdii (*crassulifolium*) – Ralph Lumby

Robiquetia wassellii – Erik Lielkajis

Dendrobium johannis – Erik Lielkajis

After Supper:

After supper, Ken Russell, in his own inimitable style, regaled us with his extensive knowledge of our native orchids and their needs in cultivation.

He started with *Dendrobium kingianum* then progressed to *Sarcs*, *bigibbums* and *Bulbophyllums*. Ken mentioned use of pineapple juice to drop pH, honey and molasses to stimulate growth. A very informative talk! Thanks also to Ken for his generous donations to our raffle.

Lucky Door Prizes: Irene Chalmers, Judith Barry

Raffle: Ted Shaw, Margaret Barrett, John McAuley (2), Noelene Russell, Lorraine Dobson, Peter Dunstan, Jim Hemmings, Barry Moore.

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

The meeting closed at about 10.20pm



Bulbophyllum shepherdii (*crassulifolium*) – Ralph Lumby

ANOS JUDGING COURSE 2018

A new ANOS judging course is planned to commence in September 2018. It will be conducted at Raymond Terrace; probably on a Saturday; every two months; fee to be determined.

Expressions of interest are invited from members.

In my Bushhouse

After my initial thoughts that this would be a poor season for our Aussie natives it appears that this may not necessarily be so as more and more 'spikes' appear to be showing. This appears to be at least 2-4 weeks later than would normally be the case. Whether the flowering time will work for our spring show remains to be seen.

After spraying for aphids they appear to be gone. Hopefully no more now till spring. Can't get rid of them permanently as they just fly through the shade cloth, so have to be vigilant.

Now something I have been looking at over the last decade is mounts and pots. For years I used tree fern mounts in hard and soft with very limited success, so apart for a couple of plants left I have discontinued use of this. It may suit some growers but not me and my conditions. Cork is another that I use in limited quantities. It is long-lasting and a great many genera can be grown on it. It doesn't seem to get any bugs and is easy to shape. We have found the best way to use it is to cut the hard, inner, layer of the bark and use this face, the opposite of what you would normally think. Also I round the edges to make it easier for the roots to wind themselves around. Further it can be used as a raft (horizontal) or a mount (vertical) as the occasion and plant dictate.

The next thing I have been using for over 10 years is 16-20mm wooden doweling (Bunnings) particularly in Cyprus Pine as this seems to deter insects. I have found that *Plectorrhiza tridentata* in particular loves this as does *Sarcochilus falcatus*. Do not cut it too short as you will need about 50cm which will give plenty of room for the roots to run up down and around. You could use cedar but is difficult to obtain and expensive. The doweling does work well and I have numerous plants that are specimen size. The plants can be initially tied on with fishing line, stapled and even glued with hot melt and they all seem to work as is akin to how they are in the wild.

The thing that did surprise me is the use of Port Pots 80mm mesh pots for growing *Sarcochilus falcatus*. The root growth using these is staggering as I use just medium bark and just pop the plant in. Plants that were growing, just, on cork or hardwood are now thriving in these pots. They don't dry out as they do mounted but do not stay wet either. I just add some blood and bone and a little slow release fertiliser when potting up which would be impossible when mounting, so this may be an advantage. Anyway just my observations may be good for you.

Another plant that surprised me to pot up was *Dendrobium aemulum*. Sometimes this would struggle on a mount but in a pot it just races away. Perhaps again with some fertilizer, blood and bone added and the bark just keeps some moisture around the roots without being wet. These look 100% better than the ones that are mounted.

Good growing!

Bill Dobson



Sarcochilus falcatus



Plectorrhiza tridentata

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results – June 2018

1. Dockrillia species

- 1st *Doc. rigida* David Hemmings
- 2nd *Doc. rigida* David Hemmings
- 3rd *Doc. rigida* R & J Schneiderei

2. Dendrobium species

- 1st *Den. johannis* Erik Lielkajis
- 2nd *Den. tetragonum* David Hemmings
- 3rd *Den. bigibbum* Clover Bradley

3. Sarcanthinae species

- 1st *Robiquetia wassellii* Erik Lielkajis
- 2nd *Schoenorchis micrantha* Erik Lielkajis
- 3rd Nil

4. Bulbophyllum species

- 1st *Bulb. crassulifolium* Ralph Lumby
- 2nd *Bulb. windsorensis* Erik Lielkajis
- 3rd *Bulb. shepherdii* David Hemmings

5. Miscellaneous

- 1st *Cadetia taylorii* Erik Lielkajis
- 2nd *Oberonia titania* David Hemmings
- 3rd *Oberonia sp.* Erik Lielkajis

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

- 1st *Den. Hilda Poxon* David Hemmings
- 2nd *Den. Peninsula Sunset* David Hemmings
- 3rd *Den. Autumn x Hilda Poxon* D. Hemmings

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

- 1st *Sarco.G.Colthup x Hargitay* Clover Bradley
- 2nd *Sarco. Eastment* Bryan Spurrs
- 3rd *Sarco. Galaxy* Bryan Spurrs

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1st *Doc. bowmanii x nugentii* David Hemmings
- 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

9. Australasian species

- 1st *Ptst. tenuicauda* David Hemmings
- 2nd *Den. cuthbertsonii* I & I Chalmers
- 3rd *Den. cuthbertsonii* I & I Chalmers

10. Australasian hybrids

- 1st *Doc. teretifolia x Fiery Glow* David Hemmings
- 2nd *Den. Stephen Batchelor* Ela Kielich
- 3rd *Doc. Kauldorumii x johnsoniae* David Hemmings

11. Junior & Novice – no entries

12. Pterostylis species

- 1st *Ptst. concinna* Judith Barry
- 2nd *Ptst. concinna* Judith Barry
- 3rd *Ptst. concinna* David Hemmings

13. Other terrestrials

- 1st *Corybas fimbriatus* David Hemmings
- 2nd *Acianthus fornicatus* David Hemmings
- 3rd *Corybas pruinosus* Trish Peterson

14. Terrestrial hybrids - no entries

15. Best specimens – no entries

16. Best seedling 1st flowering

- 1st *Den. Aussie's Sweetheart* I & I Chalmers
- 2nd *Doc. Lilac Queen x nugentii* David Hemmings
- 3rd *Den. Flute* David Hemmings



Robiquetia wassellii – Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium Aussie's Sweetheart – I & I Chalmers



Dendrobium Stephen Batchelor – Ela Kielich



Dockrillia rigida close up – David Hemmings

Australian Orchid Nursery - Popular Vote Results - June 2018

1. *Dockrillia teretifolia x Fiery Glow*

David Hemmings

2. *Robiquetia wassellii*

Erik Lielkajis

3. *Dockrillia bowmanii x nugentii*

David Hemmings

Minutes of the ANOS Warringah Group Annual General Meeting 2017

The AGM was held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 18th July 2017.

The meeting was opened by Trish Peterson, Immediate Past President, in the absence of Bill Dobson.

Apologies were received from Ruth Rudkin, Lorraine & Bill Dobson, Warleiti Jap, Bill Westwood, Cary Polis, Mick Korzenowski, Joy Lumby and Murray Corrigan.

The Minutes of the previous AGM 2016 as published in the July 2017 bulletin were accepted as a true record by Grahame Slater, seconded by Ralph Lumby.

Business arising – nil

Annual Financial Statement: Treasurer, Ela Kielich, presented the Annual Financial Statement. She moved that the statements be accepted as a true record, seconded by Ian Tanner. The statements were tabled for perusal by members.

President's Annual Report:

Trish Peterson then read out Bill Dobson's Annual Report:

Well what a strange year it has been, with a great spring but followed by some tremendous heat and then the rain and rain and more rain. All the tanks are still full but the plants have seen beautiful growth.

Our meetings this year have been well attended and we have been able to attract some new members. My thanks to all the members of our committee who have made my job easy, it's been a pleasure working with you.

The St Ives Orchid Fair was a great event for us. While we don't seem to do well with the judges, the public loves us, and personally as a display I think ours is the best. Thanks to all who pitched in and helped stage a great display, which was admired by all. To the members of ANOS Warringah Group who helped over the days of the Show my thanks. This is our show and a wonderful partnership with the other local Societies, and we are backing up this year to do it again. This 'Fair' in its 17th year has ALL the vendors and other Societies talking about it in glowing terms. Once again it is important to remember that this Fair supports the society for the year and takes a load off our minds about trying to raise funds in a time when all costs are going up;

and all this is turned back to the members and our fees have not gone up, I think, for the last 15 years.

Our Spring Show again was a success; the quality and colour of the plants was great. Not that I remember much of it as I suffered the worst cold I have ever had, and I probably should have spent the weekend in bed. Congratulations to all members involved in the Show. I am proud of the members we have in our Society. Everyone goes about their job quietly and the work gets done without any fuss or bother and together you all perform like a well-oiled machine. Thanks to Mick who ran the sales table to perfection, although all helpers were run off their feet. Thanks to the volunteers who ran the Canteen and even made a profit which is marvelous. Special thanks to Ralph and Joy Lumby for their efforts in making and erecting some great banners which I'm sure helped bring in people to see our fine display of orchids.

Sadly we lost our Treasurer Robert Murch earlier in the year and we miss him. Others of our group, Harleen and Garry have been very sick but are back on the mend and we are glad that they are well and continue to support the society. Harleen continues to run the kitchen at our monthly meetings which is very much appreciated.

The benching of plants at our monthly meetings is a pleasure to see. Please continue to bring ALL your plants in, as this is the way we can all see what the plant population consists of, and gives you, the grower a better idea of what to aspire to.

Most of us simply enjoy growing and talking about our orchids and escape the politics and pressures of work. It's been a treat being President of this group and representing you, the members. I'm sure I have forgotten to thank someone, so lastly my thanks go to all of you, the members of this group, which it's a pleasure to belong to as everybody is friendly and helps each other out, which is only as it should be.

Bill Dobson 2017

Election 2017

Trish declared all elected positions vacant and called on Chris Dalrymple to act as Presiding Officer.

Chris thanked the Executive Committee for the work carried out over the past year which was reinforced by applause from all members.

There was only one nomination for each of the positions declared vacant, and as there were no nominations from the floor, Chris declared the nominees elected.

The following were elected:

President	Bill Dobson
Secretary	Bryan Spurrs
Treasurer	Ela Kielich
Editor	Trish Peterson
Librarian	Judith Barry

Committee: Mick Korzenowski, Cary Polis, Ralph Lumby, Ian Tanner, Lorraine Dobson.

There being no further business, Trish closed the AGM at 8.25pm.



Dendrobium aemulum in mesh pot (see above)



Sarcochilus falcatus in mesh pot (see Bill's article above)



Corybas fimbriatus – David Hemmings



Acianthus fornicatus – D. Hemmings



Sarco. George Colthup x Hargitay - Clover Bradley



Corybas pruinosus – Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus Eastment – Bryan Spurrs



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