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September 2024



Dockrillia tetragonum Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium dalbertisii Erik Lielkajis



Sarcochilus loganii Erik Lielkajis

Tuesday 17th September

**Members Spring Show and Joan Cook Memorial
Trophy for Best *Dendrobium kingianum***

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday, 20th August, 2024

The meeting was opened at 8.09pm by President Bill Dobson.

Guest Speaker: Erik Lielkajis will present a talk on orchids of the Cape York region.

Committee members present:

Bill Dobson, Trish Peterson, Bill Saunderson, Ela Kielich, Judith Barry, Cary Polis, Jane & Peter D'Olier, Chris Murray

Visitors: Fiona and Brianna

Apologies: Tony Agrela, Ted Shaw, Mick Korzenowski

The minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Bulletin were accepted as a true record on the motion of Ian Tanner, seconded by Ian Chalmers.

Correspondence:

Bendigo Bank Term Deposit Review Confirmation.

Commonwealth Bank Merchant Tax invoice.

GCA AGM notice.

ANOS Inc. AGM reports query.

ANOS Conservation Grant notice.

Orchid News – OSNSW

OSNSW sent details of the recent tax requirement changes.

Monthly bulletins from Manly Warringah Orchid Society, North Shore Orchid Society, ANOS Sydney, ANOS Newcastle, ANOS Canberra, ANOS Macarthur, WANOSG

The Orchardian.

Our Garden magazine

General Business:

- An appeal was again made for volunteers for our Spring Show.
- Plant tags are available and members were reminded of the need for adequate records for all plants due to licensing requirements.
- Volunteers also needed for banner placement.
- Gerry Walsh's recent conundrum concerning certain *Eria* species was discussed.
- Ian Chalmers then spoke with regard to the Ira Butler Trophy and the Herman Slade trophies. Any champion Australasian species or hybrid is eligible for entry here. He bewailed the lack of recent activity by our society in this regard and thought that certain members could easily prevail if inspired to do so. There is a big need for more entries.
- This led to a discussion concerning orchid nomenclature and the problems created when accepted species names were not used in preference to newly-created combinations. This creates a big problem when new varieties are registered. Recent difficulties have been experienced with *D. bigibbum* (is it a *Phalaenopsis*?) and *Den. tetragonum* varieties. Apparently, any plants that seek registration have to "actually exist", which demands knowledge of the parents. This nomenclature problem exists all the way up to the Royal Horticultural Society, the ultimate arbiter of plant registration.
- Members were advised to email images of entrant plants to Irene Chalmers.

Discussion then returned to show matters.

- Members were advised that many plants are needed for the sales table and tag issues were again stressed.
- Our society's display came third in the recent St. Ives Orchid Fair, a decision potentially casting doubt on the judging ability that may or may not exist with certain persons. We received a \$600 cheque for our display and special thanks were given to those involved in the display setup.
- David Hemmings was congratulated on his Reserve Champion. With other accolades mentioned.

Judges Report: Trish Peterson

Plant of the Evening:

Dendrobium Greta Snow Sandstorm 'Denistone Star' – David Hemmings was unsurprisingly involved in this quite frankly magnificent plant. Nine years old, it has thrived under 50% shade cloth and whatever else David does to inspire his plants to excellence.

Other Plants of Interest:

- *Dendrobium dalbertsii* – Erik grew this and mentioned that it is also known as *Den. antennatum* - This is a hot grower.
- *Sarcochilus loganii* – Another fine Erik effort, this cool grower has only recently been discovered.
- *Dendrobium bracteosum* – Cary Polis stunned many of us with this plant which was originally sourced from Ian Slade / Phil Spence. A hot grower, this plant has been flowering since February and is known to exist in pink and white forms.
- *Dendrobium* Jayda's Star – Jim Hemmings was responsible here.
- *Dendrobium* Sheena x Cosmic Gold – David Hemmings grew this from a flask he obtained from Michael Drobski.

Guest Speaker

Erik Lielkajis gave a talk titled "The Cape". This related to orchids found on recent excursions to Far North Queensland and was very well received by the audience. Once again, Erik's exhaustive knowledge on this region educated all.

Raffle/Lucky Door Prizes

Visitor Fiona, Trish Peterson

Ian Tanner, Guy Cantor, Li Shan were among the winners here.

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

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm

In my Bushhouse

What a season, all the *Dendrobium speciosum* have gone with the hot days and winds meant that those plants had a short but spectacular flowering.

Now on to the good news the next flowering is the *Dockrillias* and they are looking spectacular. *Dockrillia calamiformis* really look like bridal veils. I have been growing some of these for the last 20 years and they are great specimen plants. *Dockrillia fairfaxii* is in bloom along with *Dockrillia nugentii*, but for me the little *Dockrillia lichenastrum* steals the show with their beautiful blooms sticking their yellow/orange tongues out.

Time to cut off all the old flower spikes to give the plant maximum energy retention for the spring. This is where I have about 15 pair of scissors and bucket of Tricleanum® so I take out all the scissors that have been sterilised and then use one pair per plant, washed in water when finished then returned to the Tricleanum® for 20 minutes, while I take a break then I repeat the process until all plants are done.

All plants that don't need potting on or broken up get a new dose of 9 month slow-release fertiliser. Then I'll look at the plants that just need to be potted on and finally the plants that need to be broken up as these will take the longest time. At this time I'll also use Auxinone plant hormone to promote new roots every 2 weeks in October, November then once in December to get the new roots moving.

Sarcochilus species and hybrids will be the next to flower over October and into November. Keep the water up to these and watch the spikes for any predators like aphides, caterpillars or Grasshoppers as you can lose a years growing overnight.

At this time I'd say what is in flower but suffice to say that apart from my *Dendrobium speciosum* almost everything is in flower in the bushhouse and the smell is just delightful.

I duck into the bushhouse to rejuvenate my soul and it doesn't disappoint. Good growing everyone.

Bill Dobson



Dendrobium melaleucaphilum Erik Lielkajis



Sarcochilus falcatus Trish Peterson



Bulbophyllum shepherdii Trish Peterson



Oberonia sp. Erik Lielkajis



Oberonia sp. Erik Lielkajis



Acriopsis emarginata Erik Lielkajis

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - September 2024

1. Dockrillia species

- 1st *Dockrillia dolichophylla*
 2nd *Dockrillia rigida*
 3rd *Dockrillia dolichophylla*

Erik Lielkajis
 Cary Polis
 Cary Polis

2. Dendrobium species

- 1st *Dendrobium dalbertsii*
 2nd *Dendrobium gracilicaule* 'Big Jim'
 3rd *Dendrobium melaleucaphilum*

Erik Lielkajis
 David Hemmings
 Erik Lielkajis

3. Sarcanthinae species

- 1st *Sarcochilus loganii*
 2nd *Sarcochilus falcatus*
 3rd *Sarcochilus loganii*

Erik Lielkajis
 Trish Peterson
 Erik Lielkajis

4. Bulbophyllum species

- 1st *Bulbophyllum shepherdii*
 2nd *Bulbophyllum shepherdii*
 3rd Nil

Trish Peterson
 Trish Peterson

5. Miscellaneous species

- 1st *Acriopsis emarginata*
 2nd *Eria queenslandica*
 3rd *Oberonia* sp.

Erik Lielkajis
 Erik Lielkajis
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6. Dendrobium Hybrids

- 1st *Den.* Brimbank Sandstorm 'Denistone Sunset'
 2nd *Den.* Brimbank Dream 'Kim's Gold'
 3rd *Den.* Rutherford Starburst 'Tiinonee'

David Hemmings
 David Hemmings
 Ela Kielich

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

- 1st Nil
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1st *Den.* Gowan's Tangelo
 2nd *Dockrillia* Rosemary Jupp
 3rd Nil

Li Shan
 Jim Hemmings

9. Australasian species

- 1st *Dendrobium bracteosum*
 2nd *Dendrobium alexandrae*
 3rd *Dendrobium atrovioleaceum*

Cary Polis
 Ela Kielich
 Li Shan

10. Australasian Hybrids

- 1st *Den.* Jayda's Star
 2nd *Doc.* Australian Ginger 'Dennistone Fairy Dancer'
 3rd *Doc.* Jungle juice

Jim Hemmings
 David Hemmings
 Martin Davies

11. Novice & Junior

- 1st *Den.* Class 'Pauline'
 2nd *Den.* Tooradin 'Massacre' x Australian Colourfest 'Ebola'
 3rd *Den.* Kiwi Spotted 'Ingot' x Croa Grachajann

Katherine Hsiao
 Roslyn Mathews
 Katherine Hsiao

12. Pterostylis species

- 1st *Pterostylis baptistii*
 2nd *Pterostylis pedunculata*
 3rd *Pterostylis pedunculata*

R.G. Blaxland
 Trish Peterson
 Judith Barry

13. Other terrestrials

- 1st Nil
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

14. Terrestrial hybrids

- 1st *Pterostylis* Nodding Grace
 2nd *Pterostylis* Nodding Grace
 3rd Nil

R. G. Blaxland
 R. G. Blaxland

15. Best specimen

- 1st *Den.* Greta Snow 'Denistone Star'
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

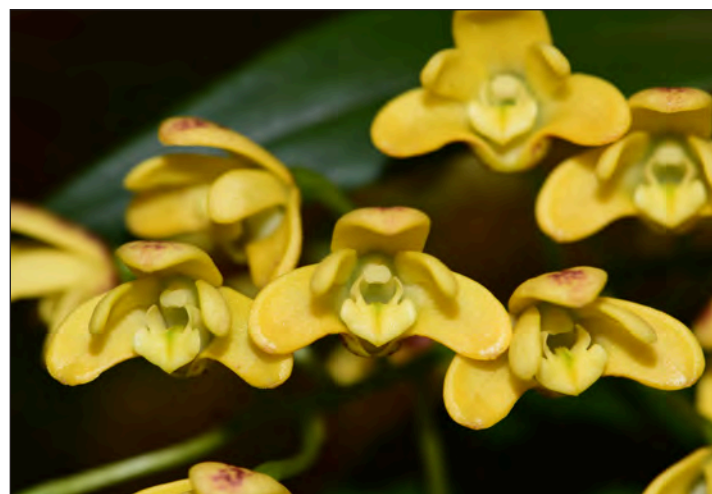
David Hemmings

16. Best First Flowering seedling

- 1st *Den.* Sheena x Cosmic Gold
 2nd *Den.* Tyabb Plum
 3rd *Den.* Brimbank Cosmic Uluru 'Melva'

David Hemmings
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 David Hemmings

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Dendrobium gracilicaule 'Big Jim' David Hemmings

Diary Dates

September

- 14, 15th Central Coast Spring Orchid Show
 Anglican Church Hall, Bateau Bay.
 14th ANOS Macarthur Spring Show.
 17th 20th ANOS Warringah Monthly Meeting
 Members only Show – and
 Joan Cook Memorial Trophy.
 20th, 21st, 22nd MWOS Spring Show, Belrose
 20th, 21st, 22nd Plant lovers Fair Kariong, Central Coast

October

- 12, 13th ANOS Central Coast Group Inc.
 Sarcochilus Show, Narara Valley Nursery.
 15th Monthly Meeting – Members only
 Sarcochilus Show - Iris Pendle Memorial Trophy.
 19, 20th ANOS Sydney Group Sarcochilus Show.
 North Rocks Shopping Centre,
 North Rocks Road, North Rocks 2151
 19th ANOS Macarthur Late Spring & Sarcochilus Show.
 19, 20th ANOS Newcastle Late Spring & Sarcochilus
 Show.

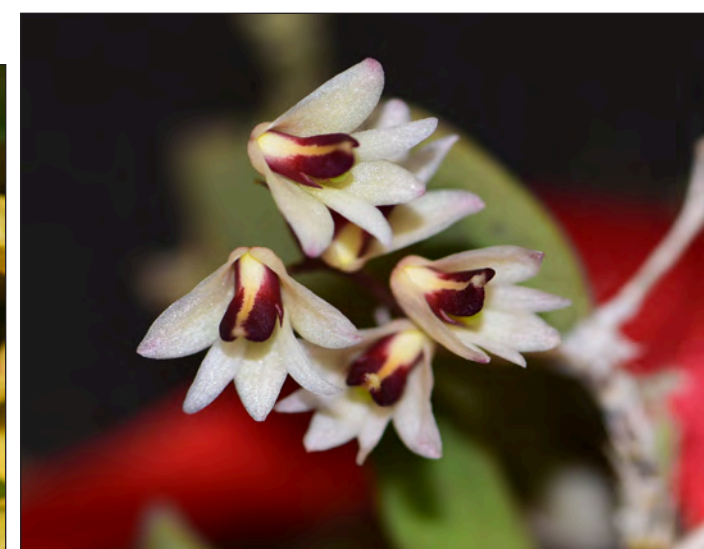
November

- 10th MWOS Auction
 19th 20th ANOS Warringah Monthly Meeting.

December

- 17th Christmas Meeting & 60th Annoversary.

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Dockrillia rigida Cary Polis



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Pterostylis Nodding Grace R. G. Blaxland



Doc. Jungle Juice Martin Davies



Pterostylis pedunculata Trish Peterson



Den. Class 'Pauline' Katherine Hsiao



Pterostylis baptistii R.G. Blaxland



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Den. Tooradin 'Massacre' x Australian Colourfest 'Ebola' Roslyn Mathews



Den. Kings Cosmic Sheen David Hemmings



Den. Greta Snow 'Denistone Star' David Hemmings



Den. Tyabb Plum David Hemmings



Den. Brimbank Cosmic Uluru 'Melba' David Hemmings



Dockrillia lichenastrum Bill Dobson



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Dockrillia banksii 'Joanna Lumley' Bill Dobson

This is a Dockrillia that I have had for over 20yrs originated from the Brokenback Range south of Pokolbin in Hunter Valley. It has beautiful presentation each year. Great colour front and back, flat, good shape and is Absolutely Fabulous hence it's clonal name.

A Bush Walk with Chris Murray

As you all know, it is the busy season for native orchids and it has been hard to time my walks to see them all at their best. I slightly missed out on *Dendrobium speciosum* season somehow- those on the Central Coast were not quite flowering when I visited and the following weekend, when I visited a spot in Ku-ring-gai NP, they were well past their best. Nonetheless, it seems to have been a good year for *D. speciosum* in the bush. I managed to do a hard slog of a hike to see a large patch of *Den. teretifolium* in flower this year- hadn't been for a couple of years. I was lucky enough to see Brown Beaks (*Lyperanthus suaveolens*) for the first time this year. Hard to spot but well worth it when you do. A stunning orchid to see in the wild!

Photos:

- Erythrorchis cassythoides* (Black Boot Lace Orchid)
- Dendrobium deuteroburneum* (Rainforest form of aemulum)
- Dendrobium striolatum* (Streaked Rock Orchid)
- Prasophyllum elatum* (Tall Leek Orchid)
- Lyperanthus suaveolens* (Brown Beaks)
- Dendrobium teretifolium* (Bridal Veil Orchid)

Regards Chris



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Lyperanthus suaveolens (Brown Beaks)



Dendrobium teretifolium (Bridal Veil Orchid)



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