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November 2024



Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii L & B Dobson



Sarco. Kulnura Dazzle x Kulnura Absolute David Hemmings



Sarcochilus nivius Erik Lielkajis

**Tuesday 19th November
Bill Dobson
On Queensland 2024**

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday, 15th October 2024

The meeting was opened at 8.15pm by President Bill Dobson.

Guest Speaker: Chris Murray will present a talk detailing his recent exploration of the Barrington Tops region and the orchids he recorded there.

Committee members present:

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

Visitors: None noted

Apologies: Ted Shaw, Guy Cantor, Jeff & Jan Duggin, Lynne Lane, Cameron Lanceley, George Hardy, Clover Bradley.

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 David Hemmings.

- Raffle plants have been provided by David Hemmings.
- The need for an assistant for George Hardy was mentioned to the assembled throng. A summation of his variety of roles was detailed and interest in assisting in these roles was sought from the floor. A deathly silence suggested a modicum of enthusiasm deficit had overwhelmed the members present. Hmm...
- It was also mentioned that we will also need a new recorder of benching results as Judith Barry intends standing down from this role after many years.

Correspondence:

OSNSW August news, Various society bulletins
CGA forms and information update, Harley's garage sale
OSNSW Species auction, Council remittance advice
Orchid Central Show notice, Forestville Memorial Hall roof notice
ANOS Central Coast bushwalk notice, GCA Northern beaches mtg invite 23/10
Barrita Nursery's last Sarcday 20/10

Mick's Rant

Mick began his talk by thanking the society for its condolences for his recent loss. He then gave members a rundown of Australian cymbidiums viz. *Cym. canaliculatum*, *C. madidum*, and *C. suave*. Mick detailed the essential differences between these species with regard to pseudobulb presence (a "classic" cymbidium feature), noting that *C. suave* possesses no such entity but instead possesses rhizomal growth with flowers emerging from these growths. *Cym. mastersii* (from India) possesses this same quality. It was stated that although *C. mastersii* is relatively easy to grow, the same cannot be said for *C. suave*. Some growers have had success with growing *C. suave* in three-foot terra cotta pipes. *C. madidum* was thought to be the easiest of the three natives to grow. A suave/madidum hybrid exists and may be named *Cymbidium* Kuranda.

He recommended members have a look at the Stony Range Reserve and view the orchids which were sourced from the Macquarie River Dam.

General Business:

Bill Dobson addressed members and produced a number of *Sarcochilus* orchids which were thriving in 80mm web pots. *Sarco. fitzgeraldii* was said to prefer a moist, cool environment. Being a lithophyte, it was suggested that water well pots could be useful here. However, it was noted that certain orchids such as *Den. smillieae* do not like water well pots.

Bill recommended weekly use of Auxinone in the October/November/December growing period to facilitate optimal growth.

Judges Report: Trish Peterson

Plant of the Evening:

Den. fleckeri 'Denistone Nugget' – Good grief!! This ridiculously well-grown specimen was produced by David Hemmings and stunned all with its abundant flowering and "why-don't- mine-ever-look-like-that?" prolific growth. This mounted monster was nine years old and was originally sourced from Mike Harrison. It is grown under shady conditions and watered daily. David elicited much covetous murmuring from all present when he announced that he will have deflasked seedlings of this plant available soon in the next year. This represents a remarkable opportunity for the lucky purchasers to pretend (for at least a while anyway) that they will be able to replicate this marvel.

Other Plants of Interest:

- *Cymbidium canaliculatum* – a very impressive rendition of this native was grown by Peter D'Olier. It was apparently two years old and sourced from Kings Nursery. It was noted that this would make a wonderful Christmas present for the hard-working secretary.
- *Den. victoriae reginae x goldsmithianum* (*Den.* Kuniko) - Li Shan presented this impressive display that was actually comprised of three plants and was sourced from Phil Spence. It resides in a tree fern mount.
- *Rhinerrhiza divitiflora* – Eric Lielkajis produced this unusual specimen that has very short-lived flowers

Guest Speaker

Chris Murray entertained all with a remarkably interesting talk concerning his recent trip to Barrington Tops and what he found there. Chris seems to have an uncanny ability and dedication to venture into regions best left alone by normal bushwalkers to find orchids in situ. This talk was no exception and showed magnificent displays of *Den. falcorostrum* on Antarctic Beech trees, as well as many other orchids of the region. All enjoyed the vicarious pleasure of seeing these plants in their natural environment in comfort whilst Chris enjoyed the effects of less pleasant aspects of the region including Stinging Trees and numerous other spiky and/or parasitic life forms.

The Annual Members' Sarcochilus Competition

This annual competition then took place. Ten different plants (first place winners in their classes) were presented and member votes were recorded. Unusually, David Hemmings took the first prize here and will be awarded the Iris Pendle Memorial Trophy at the end of year prize-giving.

Raffle Prizes

Lucky door prize – Tony Agrela

Raffle prizes were won by Cary Polis, Tony Agrela, Ian Tanner, Li Shan, and Ian Chalmers.

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

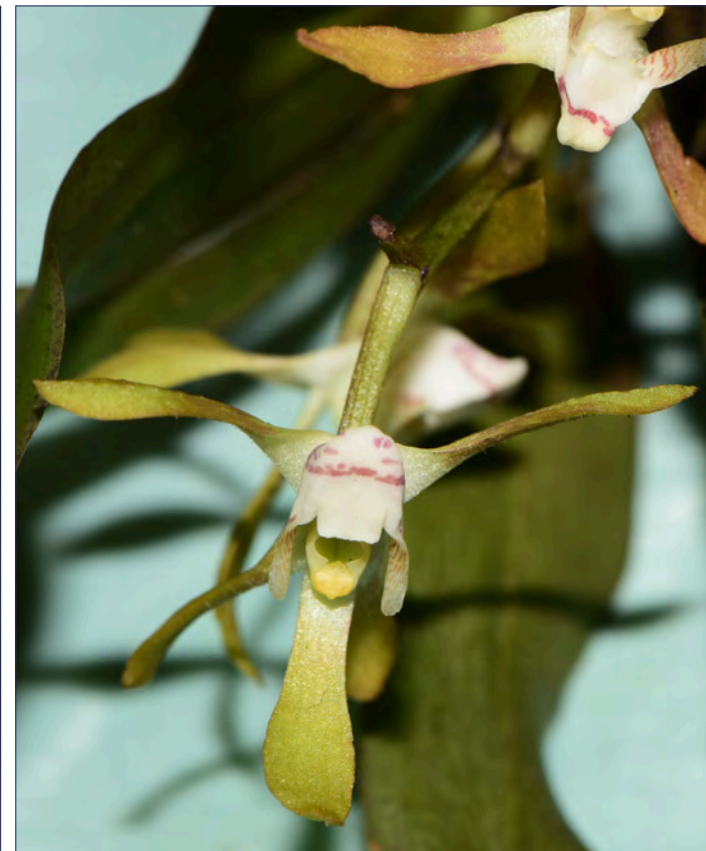
The Meeting closed at 9.55pm



Rhinerrhiza divitiflora Erik Lielkajis



Sarcophilus dilatatus Erik Lielkajis



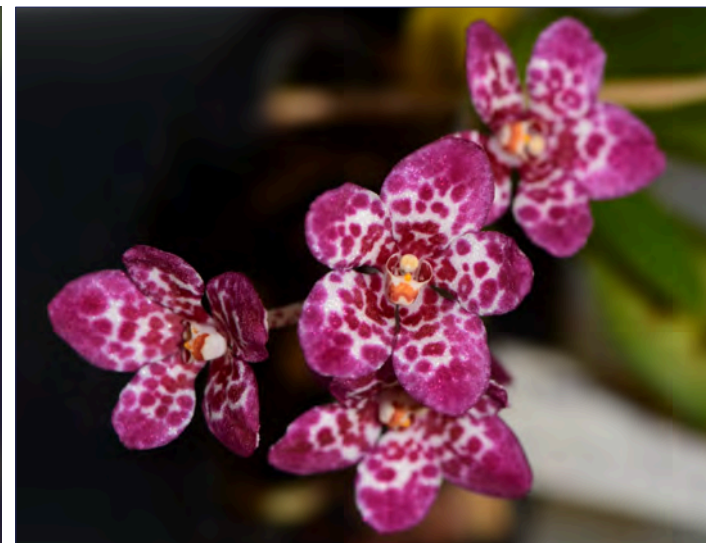
Sarcophilus borealis Erik Lielkajis



Sarcophilus fitzgeraldii L & B Dobson



Plectorrhiza tridentata Trish Peterson



Sarco. Secure 'Hot Dot' x Kulnura 'Red Wave' Trish Peterson

Members Sarcochilus Show Results - 2024

Species:

1. *Sarcochilus hartmannii*

- 1st Nil
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

2. *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii*

- 1st *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii* L & B Dobson
2nd *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii* L & B Dobson
3rd *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii* L & B Dobson

3. Other Sarcanthinae species #1

- 1st *Sarcochilus niveus* Erik Lielkajis
2nd *Sarcochilus borealis* Erik Lielkajis
3rd *Sarcochilus dilatatus* Erik Lielkajis

4. Other Sarcanthinae species #2 (e.g. *Plectorrhiza* etc.)

- 1st *Rhinerrhiza divitiflora* Erik Lielkajis
2nd *Plectorrhiza tridentata* Trish Peterson
3rd Nil

5. Sarcanthinae seedling first flowering

- 1st *Sarco.* Secure 'Hot Dot' x Kulnura 'Red Wave' Trish Peterson
2nd *Sarco.* Enid 'Pure' x *hartmannii* Trish Peterson
3rd Nil

Hybrids:

6. Primary *Sarcochilus* hybrid with *S. hartmannii* and/or *S. fitzgeraldii* parentage

- 1st *Sarco.* Melba 'New Moon' Trish Peterson
2nd *Sarco.* Fitzhart 'Rusty Bucket' P & J D'Olier
3rd *Sarco. hartmannii* 'Kerri' x 'George' Ian Tanner

7. Sarcanthinae hybrids predominantly WHITE

- 1st *Sarco.* Kulnura 'Vision' x Heidi 'Colossus' Bruce Potter
2nd *Sarco.* Unknown Mark Asbury
3rd *Sarco.* Cherie Snow Ian Tanner

8. Sarcanthinae hybrids predominantly PINK/RED

- 1st *Sarco.* Kulnura Dazzle x Kulnura Absolute David Hemmings
2nd *Sarco.* Kulnura Dazzle 'Deep Velvet' x Bunyip 'Forest Fruit' Bruce Potter
3rd *Sarco.* Fitzhart 'Red Eye' x *fitzgeraldii* 'Dellie' R.G. Blaxland

9. Sarcanthinae hybrids predominantly OTHER COLOURS/ YELLOWS/BROWNS

- 1st *Sarco.* Amber 'Orange' x *hartmannii* 'Yellow Snow' Bruce Potter
2nd *Sarco. hartmannii* ('Ginger' x 'Roberta') x Euroa 'Shapely Apricot' Bruce Potter
3rd *Sarco.* Bunyip 'Salmon' x Roberta 'Good Yellow' Bruce Potter

10. Sarcanthinae hybrids – first flowering

- 1st *Sarco.* Enid 'Pure' x *hartmannii* 'Maiden' Trish Peterson
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

11. SPECIMEN size SPECIES or HYBRID

- 1st Nil
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

12. Novelty Sarcanthinae (e.g. *Plchs.* Richard Jost, *Plchs.* Kilgra, etc.)

- 1st Nil
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

Novice:

13. Species

- 1st *Sarcochilus hartmannii* 'Yellow Snow' x 'Red Snow' Ros Mathews
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

14. Hybrids

- 1st *Sarco.* Fitzhart Katherine Hsiao
2nd *Sarco.* Fitzhart Ros Mathews
3rd *Sarco.* Unknown Ros Mathews

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Sarcochilus Show Results 15/10/2024

OPEN

Trish Peterson	25 points
Bruce Potter	16 points
Erik Lielkajis	12 points
L & B Dobson	10 points
Ian Tanner	7 points
David Hemmings	5 points
P & J D'Olier	4 Points
Mark Asbury	3 points
R.G. Blaxland	3 points
Ela Kielich	2 points

NOVICE

Roslyn Mathews	9 points
Katherine Hsiao	4 points

Total 56 plants benched.

Iris Pendle Memorial Trophy 2024

won by

David Hemmings
Sarco. Kulnura Dazzle x Kulnura Absolute

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - October 2024

1. Dockrillia species

- 1st *Dendrobium prenticei*
- 2nd *Dendrobium prenticei*
- 3rd *Dendrobium prenticei*

2. Dendrobium species

- 1st *Dendrobium d'albertisii*
- 2nd *Dendrobium fleckeri*
- 3rd *Dendrobium fleckeri*

3. Sarcanthinae species

- 1st Nil
- 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

4. Bulbophyllum species

- 1st *Bulbophyllum lamingtonense*
- 2nd *Bulbophyllum bracteatum*
- 3rd *Bulbophyllum johnsonii*

5. Miscellaneous species

- 1st *Cymbidium canaliculatum*
- 2nd *Liparis fleckeri*
- 3rd Nil

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

- 1st *Den. Stars and Stripes*
- 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

- 1st Nil
- 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1st Nil
- 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

9. Australasian species

- 1st Nil
- 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

10. Australasian Hybrids

- 1st *Den. engae x shiraishii*
- 2nd *Den. Gowans Tangello*
- 3rd Nil

11. Novice & Junior

- David Hemmings 1st Nil
- Erik Lielkajis 2nd Nil
- Erik Lielkajis 3rd Nil

12. Pterostylis species

- Erik Lielkajis 1st Nil
- David Hemmings 2nd Nil
- L & B Dobson 3rd Nil

13. Other terrestrials

- 1st Nil
- 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

14. Terrestrial hybrids

- Erik Lielkajis 1st Nil
- Erik Lielkajis 2nd Nil
- L & B Dobson 3rd Nil

15. Best specimen

- P & J D'Olier 1st *Dendrobium fleckeri* 'Denistone Nugget'
- Erik Lielkajis David Hemmings

- 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

Ian Tanner

16. Best First Flowering seedling

- 1st Nil
- 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

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Bulbophyllum lamingtonense Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium Kuniko Li Shan

The above lovely orchid benched last month, and beautifully grown by Li Shan, is *Dendrobium Kuniko* a hybrid registered with the Royal Horticultural Society by S.Hoshino in 1983. It is originated by Sohma. It's a primary hybrid consisting of 2 species; *Dendrobium goldschmidtianum*, section: Pedilonum, and *Dendrobium victoriae-reginae*, section: Calcarifera.

However, beautiful as it is, **it is ineligible to be benched at ANOS meetings or a show**. If anyone is in doubt about what their orchid is or where to place it at monthly meetings or shows you can check with me or one of the senior growers.

Bill Dobson

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Bulbophyllum bracteosum Erik Lielkajis



Cymbidium canaliculatum P & J D'Olier



Den. Stars and Stripes Ian Tanner



Bulbophyllum johnsonii L & B Dobson



Liparis fleckeri Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium engae x shiraishii Li Shan

In My Bushhouse

Well, we are into November and Christmas is just around the corner, and my potting is going slowly, as both my wife and daughter came down with a bug. Speaking of which I caught a couple of *Dendrobium* beetles so have to initiate spraying. I'm probably a bit late as I have new growths on some *Den speciosum*. However i'll be spraying this week after the fabulous rain that we've just had, although then I'll have to mow the lawn☺.

I'm happy how things are proceeding in the bushhouse/backyard. The plants hanging on the clothesline are looking fabulous Aussie natives *Dendrobium jonesii* var. *magnificum*, *Cymbidium suave*, *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *boreale* and *Dockrillia racemosea*. I can't help but say that my *Laelia anceps* ALL have multiple growths and are looking fantastic. All plants have been dosed with slow-release fertiliser, and will be getting a dose of Peters Finisher, Auxinone, and Seasol on Monday.

Speaking of Slow-release fertiliser, I am working my way thru the bushhouse and have just about completed 2 benches with 2 more to go plus half the hanging plants. Just writing that down means that I'll be at it until February☺. Aah, it is what it is, at least I'm working on it. I think I had more time when I was working☺. Do you find that?

I have given the plants a dosing of fungicide and pesticide, as I still have a few of those pesky grey moths and I wanted to start the season off well. However keep an eye out for aphids as they can multiply out of proportion overnight.

So far everything is growing well, new growths on almost everything and i'd like to keep it that way.

Flowering at the moment are *Bulbophyllum newportii*, *Cadetia taylori*, *Cymbidium canaliculatum*, *Cymbidium suave*, *Dendrobium canaliculatum*, *Dendrobium lichenstrum*, *Dendrobium prenticei*, *Dendrobium fleckeri*, *Dendrobium monophyllum*, *Dendrobium finniganense*, *Dockrillia racemosa*, *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldi*, *Sarcochilus niveus*, and some odd *Sarcochilus* hybrids that will get repotted as soon as they finish flowering.

I've just finished fertilizing along with Seasol®, and Auxinone®, and the plants are looking good. Later on, today I'll mix up another batch of bark and clay balls to have ready and will continue to add some slow release to the rest of the hanging plants.

I've been growing *Phreatia crassiuscula* in my Bushhouse in Sydney for a few years now and thought it about time I photographed it. It has the tiniest of flowers approx 1mm across, and challenging as it's akin to photographing the head of a pin☺. However, as I'm taking photos I had a visitor a tiny black ant. I Couldn't believe my luck.

That's enough for the moment, as I have to go for a walk to keep my bones moving.

Good Growing.

Bill Dobson



Cymbidium canaliculatum Bill Dobson



Dendrobium canaliculatum Bill Dobson



Phreatia crassiuscula Bill Dobson



Phreatia crassiuscula Bill Dobson



Phreatia crassiuscula Bill Dobson

IRA BUTLER TROPHY COMPETITION

The Ira Butler Trophy Competitions were set up to encourage and promote the breeding and cultivation of Australian and Australasian Orchids. The competition was established in 1974 for Australian native hybrids, Australian native species were included in 1985 and Australasian hybrids and species were included in 2004.

There are four classes in the competition which is judged annually, generally in February based on the plants submitted in the previous calendar year.

- Ira Butler Trophy, [Champion Australian Native Hybrid of the Year](#)
- Bill Murdoch Trophy, [Champion Australian Native Species of the Year](#)
- G Hermon Slade Hybrid Trophy, [Champion Australasian Native Hybrid of the Year](#)
- G Hermon Slade Species Trophy, [Champion Australasian Native Species of the Year](#)

Conditions for Nomination

Nominations for any of the trophies may come from:

- the Champion at a show,
- the winner of its section or class if there was no Champion.
- plants which have been awarded an FCC, AM, HCC or AD by any recognized judging authority.

The best orchid in each class will be awarded a Trophy, for the champion for the year. Up to 5 Silver certificates maybe awarded each year in each class depending on the number of entries and at the judges discretion.

The champion at shows where they are judged by the members or popular vote are also eligible.

Once a plant has won a Trophy, it shall be ineligible for further nomination. Except in cases where the plant has received a higher award, or where it qualified previously as a champion has been awarded.

The nomination form and the fee of \$15 has been submitted.

Note; the forms are available through the IRA Butler Competition Web Site:

<https://irabutlertrophy.org.au>

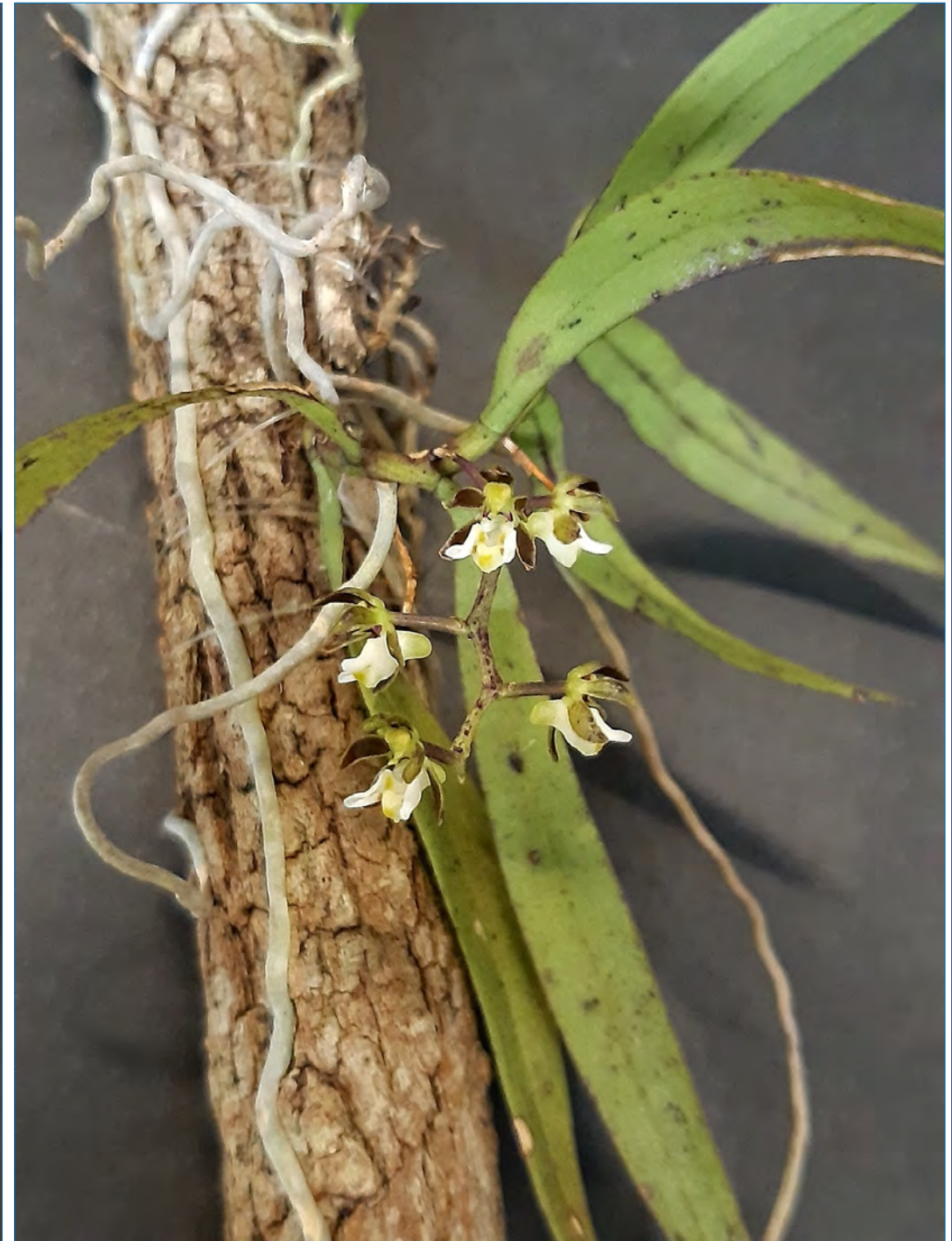
Entries to be submitted to irabutlercommittee@gmail.com



Dendrobium tetragonum (Conway Ranges form) Trish Peterson



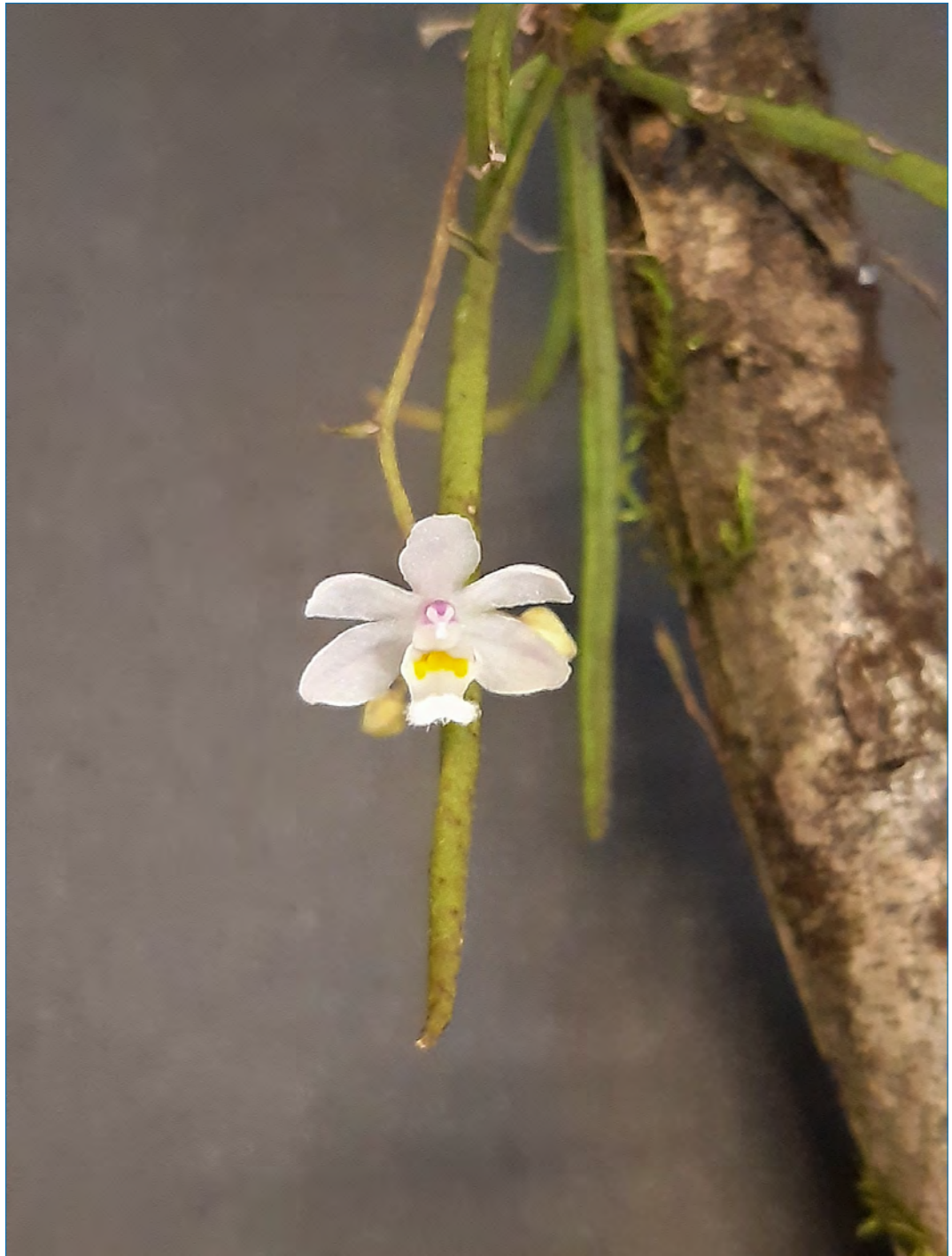
Sarcophilus niveus Trish Peterson



Plectorrhiza tridentata Trish Peterson



Bulbophyllum newportii Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus hillii Trish Peterson



Dendrobium speciosum Trish Peterson

This month a Bushwalk with Trish Peterson

Went for a walk in the Watagans a few days ago...and the track which we have walked a number of times had significantly deteriorated over the last couple of years and was quite dangerous. Lots of clinging on to branches and sliding on our bottoms - we won't be going there again! John had lots of leeches clinging to his gear....I avoided the leeches but have two massive tick bites which are driving me crazy.

No sleep last night with the itching...anti-histamines not helping.
We were hoping to see the *Cym. suave*, but the road was closed.☹
Loving this rain!!

Best wishes...Trish



Cymbidium suave Trish Peterson



Cymbidium suave Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus olivaceus Trish Peterson



Bulbophyllum exiguum Trish Peterson



Dendrobium speciosum Trish Peterson