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October 2024

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Dockrillia striolata 'Ruffles' David Hemmings



Dendrobium smilliae Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium lichenastrum L & B Dobsons

Tuesday 15th October
Members Sarcochilus Show
and
Iris Pendle Memorial Trophy
And
Chris Murray Barrington Tops

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall,

Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday, 17th September, 2024

The meeting was opened at 8.04pm by President Bill Dobson.

Guest Speaker: No speaker tonight owing to the Joan Cook Memorial Prize for the best *Dendrobium kingianum* competition.

Committee members present:

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

Visitors: Lynn Dabbs, Tim Dabbs

Apologies: Ted Shaw, Norm Eakins, Jeff and Jan Duggin, Lynne Lane, Mick Korzenowski, Joy Gouvoussis, Graeme Russell

The minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Bulletin were accepted as a true record on the motion of Cary Polis, seconded by Ela Kielich.

- Bill Dobson spoke of the recent bereavements affecting our society and a minute's silence was enacted to honour Rita Korzenowski and Jim Hemmings.
- Trish Peterson then read a letter from Mick Korzenowski thanking the society for their heartfelt condolences for his family's loss. David Hemmings then likewise thanked the society for their condolences for the loss of his father.

Correspondence:

Commonwealth Bank Merchant Tax invoice.

Monthly bulletins from various societies.

CGA Bulletin

Ira Butler competition notice and associated PowerPoint presentation.

AOF AGM notice...speaker will be Ian Hutton.

General Business:

- Peter D'Olier reminded members of the upcoming Orchids Central show 4th – 6th October at Condell Park.
- ANOS Inc. has a new president in Ian Chalmers. Ian then spoke to the members about some of his aims in this role. These included:
 - Improving communication with other societies
 - Increasing the number of Orchadian subscribers – at present the cost of a digital subscription is \$50 per year as opposed to hard copies of \$70. Hard copies have extra costs involved with printing and postage, so a digital approach is preferred as this gives the potential to keep subscription costs as low as possible.
 - Increasing contributions for the bulletin.
- Bill Dobson then mused about various aspects of mounting orchids. Hardwood mounts with grooves to guide root growth were postulated as not being a bad way to go. Another technique involves satchels made from gutter guard and filled with a relevant medium (e.g. bark and clay balls). It was stressed that all mounts require more frequent watering compared with their potted examples. It was also advised to lay the mount horizontally for the first six months or so prior to vertical placement, in order to facilitate root attachment to the mounting medium. Gutter filters can also be used as a mounting addition. Bill then showed examples of *Dockrillia nugentii* and *Doc. linguiformis* on such mounts.

- Cary Polis (wearing his St. Ives Orchid Fair hat) thanked the society for their contribution to the recent St. Ives Orchid Fair and introduced Treasurer, Kevin Crocker.
- Kevin then presented the society with a cheque for \$4000 from the St. Ives Orchid Fair group, our share of the show's profit. He noted that the attendance numbers were down on last year (2,600 c.f. 3,400 last year). This year's expenses were increased owing to payments for the different displays as well as the imposition of a parking fee for the first time by Kuring-Gai Council. He also stressed the need for more volunteers at future shows.
- Ela Kielich received the cheque. Rumours that she hasn't been seen since are false.
- Bill Dobson then thanked those society members who participated in our Spring Show and likewise stressed the importance of volunteers in these endeavours.
- It was noted that the Manly Warringah Orchid Society has a show next week at the Belrose Centre.

Bill then presented an interesting grex from *Doc. bowmanii* and *nugentii* which produces very colourful yellow orange flowers and goes by the moniker of Glen Wall. An example of *Den. lichenastrum* was also shown. The opinion was expressed that orchids with vertical leaves tend to be more sun-tolerant than others.

- Members were reminded that the Members' Sarc Show will be held next month.
- It was reported that *Den. speciosums* had been noted growing on Giant Stinging Trees near Nowra, demonstrating variance from its more usual lithophytic nature. It was also mentioned that it can take up to seven years for a *Den. speciosum* to transition from flask to flowering size, bad news for those of us with limited life expectancies and trays of seedlings.
- Lime can be used to "sweeten the mix" when repotting is not needed for growth reasons. Bark should be pre-soaked prior to use. The growing of plants in non-soil media was also alluded to.

Judges Report: Trish Peterson

Plant of the Evening:

Den. engae x atroviolaceum – Li Shan grows this undercover but not in a bush house. Apparently, these dislike getting too wet.

Other Plants of Interest:

**Den. polysema* – a PNG orchid, Li Shan grows this outside.

**Sarcochilus spathulatus* – Two of these fine efforts from Erik, these cool growers have green and dark flowers.

**Den. tetragonum* – Chris Murray presented this fine specimen which was sourced from the Wyong region.

**Doc. mortii* – David Hemmings' excellence as usual, this one has been awarded an FCC.

**Den. bilobum* – Guy Cantor presented this unusual specimen.

Awards:

Ian Chalmers then claimed the floor to present some awards from the recent St. Ives Orchid Fair. Bill Dobson received an award of merit for *Sarco. falcatus* and David Hemmings received a large number of awards (too many for the Secretary to record without inducing carpal tunnel syndrome in his right hand)

Joan Cook Memorial Prize for *Den. kingianum*

It was noted that the recent weather had reduced the entries somewhat. Nevertheless, Ela Kielich romped home in the member vote with her fine *Den. kingianum* named 'Inferno' (actually, she only just pipped David Hemmings' 'Gotcha', but this counts as a big deal in the ANOS sphere).

Raffle Prizes

Lucky door prize – Ian Chalmers

Exhibitor's prize – Li Shan

Raffle prizes were won by Cary Polis, Richard Blaxland, Ela Kielich, Li Shan, Paul McDonough, Lynne and Tim Dabbs.

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

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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Thelymitra pauciflora Trish Peterson



Calochilus robertsonii Trish Peterson



Thelymitra ixioides Trish Peterson

Members Sarcochilus Show 2024 Schedule

The classes for Sarcanthinae benching will be as follows:

There will be two main prizes:

Overall Sarcochilus point-scorer of the evening

- Based on the Judges' assessment.
- Results to be carried over and the most successful exhibitor to be announced at the Christmas Party.

Best Sarcochilus of the evening

- To be assessed by members as a group.
- The grower of the winning Sarcochilus to be awarded the Iris Pendle Memorial Trophy.

The classes will be:

Species:

1. *Sarcochilus hartmannii*
2. *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii*
3. Other Sarcanthinae species #1
4. Other Sarcanthinae species #2 (e.g. *Plectorrhiza* etc.)
5. Sarcanthinae seedling first flowering

Hybrids:

6. Primary *Sarcochilus* hybrid with *S. hartmannii* and/or *S. fitzgeraldii* parentage
7. Sarcanthinae hybrids predominantly WHITE
8. Sarcanthinae hybrids predominantly PINK/RED
9. Sarcanthinae hybrids predominantly OTHER COLOURS/ YELLOWS/BROWNS
10. Sarcanthinae hybrids – first flowering
11. SPECIMEN size SPECIES or HYBRID
12. Novelty Sarcanthinae (e.g. *Plchs.* Richard Jost, *Plchs.* Kilgra, etc.)

Novice:

13. Species
14. Hybrids

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Sarcochilus hartmannii hybrid Li Shan

In My Bushhouse

As I write this, we are into October the shows, apart from the *Sarcochilus*, are done and dusted and I have slowly started to repot.

So, this year as I'm older and slower I am attacking them systematically with nearly all of the *Den speciosum* removed from the greenhouse and dividing and repotting where necessary. Plenty of Tricleanium® in my bucket to sterilize the scissors and new pots and hangers. Funny I will reuse the hangers but always new pots. If anyone wants used port pots I have plenty they just need to be washed and sterilized.

With the warmer weather I get up earlier, I'm either woken by my wife or the cat, both want something to eat and drink, and clean up after them☺. No rest for the wicked. Anyway, time to get into the plants as each of them gets broken up or potted on I apply a 9-month slow-release fertilizer to each. I've graduated from stakes for the newly divided plant to hangers which in my mind support the plant better until the new roots appear.

At the start of each month until February I'll give all the plants a spray of Auxinone® and Seasol® to settle them in and get new roots coming.

I just had a waft of delightful perfume first from *Dockrillia schoenina* and then as I passed *Dockrillia pugioniformis*. Also flowering now, *Dockrillia striolata*, *Dockrillia mortii* as well as *Sarcochilus eriochilus*, *Sarcochilus hartmannii*, *Dendrobium fleckeri* all starting to open, with *Sarcochilus falcatus* and *fitzgeraldii* not far behind. *Bulbophyllum wadsworthii* is putting out some flowers as well as a couple of *Dockrillia linguiformis*, and *Dendrobium lichenastrum*.

So this is it for me for the next couple of months at least potting watering and fertilizing. Also starting in October once a month spray the plants with Mancozeb If it becomes too humid I'll also use Bravo, or similar, to combat any other fungal infections. Keep your eye out for *Dendrobium Beetle* as I had to dispose of one this morning, start of the season for me. I'll spray next week as the new growths are coming. 2ml/L Carbaryl and 20ml/L EcoOil to stick it to the plant.

Last month at ANOS Warringah I showed some of the types of Gutter Guard mounts I have been making and in particular using an item from Bunnings, Jack 90mm Gutterguard Plastic Downpipe Cover 2pk \$7-20. These I have found great for what I want to do but time will tell.

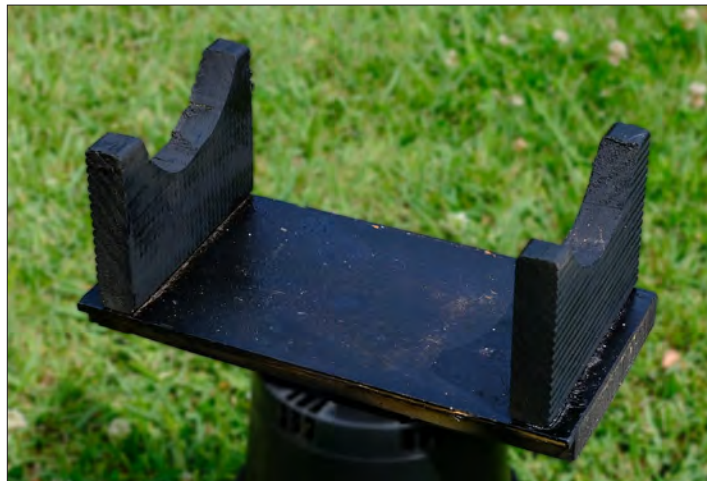
Further to this I found that as I intend to lay these flat like a raft for 12 months this brought up a problem, how to stop them rolling about and keep them off the bench so that plants can grow around them. So I have made some cradles. See the attached pics. I also had to cover the open ends of the 'tubes' for the moment with shadecloth which will be removed later when I hang the plants. Why would I have them open? a) so I can use a standard hanger, b) so I can add slow release fertiliser when required.

Well that's it for me for the moment. Keep cool.

Bill Dobson



Bunnings, Jack 90mm Gutterguard plastic downpipe Cover.



ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - February 2024

1. Dockrillia species

- 1st *Dockrillia striolata* 'Ruffles'
 2nd *Dendrobium lichenastrum*
 3rd *Dockrillia schoenina*

David Hemmings
 L & B Dobson
 R. G. Blaxland

11. Novice & Junior

- 1st *Dendrobium tetragonum*
 2nd *Den. Waverly Gem Grumpy* 'Cronulla'
 x *mortii* 'Gowrie'
 3rd *Dendrobium schoenina*

Chris Murray
 Ros Matthews
 Chris Murray

2. Dendrobium species

- 1st *Dendrobium smillieae*
 2nd *Dendrobium monophyllum*
 3rd *Dendrobium adae*

Erik Lielkajis
 Erik Lielkajis
 Erik Lielkajis

12. Pterostylis species

- 1st *Pterostylis baptistii*
 2nd *Pterostylis curta*
 3rd Nil

David Hemmings
 R. G. Blaxland

3. Sarcanthinae species

- 1st *Sarcochilus spathulatus*
 2nd *Sarcochilus spathulatus*
 3rd *Sarcochilus borealis*

Erik Lielkajis
 Erik Lielkajis
 Erik Lielkajis

13. Other terrestrials

- 1st Nil
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

4. Bulbophyllum species

- 1st *Bulbophyllum bracteatum*
 2nd *Bulbophyllum elisae*
 3rd *Bulbophyllum wadsworthii*

Erik Lielkajis
 Erik Lielkajis
 Erik Lielkajis

14. Terrestrial hybrids

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

R. G. Blaxland

5. Miscellaneous species

- 1st *Eria fitzalanii*
 2nd *Cadetia wariana*
 3rd Nil

Erik Lielkajis
 Erik Lielkajis

15. Best specimen

- 1st *Dockrillia mortii* 'Flowery Green'
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

David Hemmings

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

- 1st *Den. Delicatum* - remake
 2nd *Den. Brinawa Charm*
 3rd *Den. Seventh Heaven* 'Kennedy Green'
 x *Hilda Poxon*

David Hemmings
 Ela Kielich
 Li Shan

16. Best First Flowering seedling

- 1st *Den. Jayden* - Remake
 2nd *Den. kingianum* ('Snow Stopper' x 'Babylon Snow')
 3rd *Sarco. Kulnura Ballerina* 'Rob'
 x *Kulnura Treasure* 'Rich Boy Santería'

David Hemmings
 Ela Kielich
 Martin Davies

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

- 1st *Sarco. Victoria* x *Plect. tridentata*
 2nd *Sarco. hartmannii* 'Wikipedia'
 3rd *Sarco. Erin*

David Hemmings
 Li Shan
 Trish Peterson

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1st *Dockrillia* Duffy
 2nd *Dockrillia* Stephen 'Neil's Pick'
 3rd *Dockrillia nugentii* x *schoenina*

David Hemmings
 Martin Davies
 Martin Davies

9. Australasian species

- 1st *Dendrobium polysema*
 2nd *Dendrobium bilobum*
 3rd *Dendrobium bracteatum*

Li Shan
 Guy Cantor
 Cary Polis

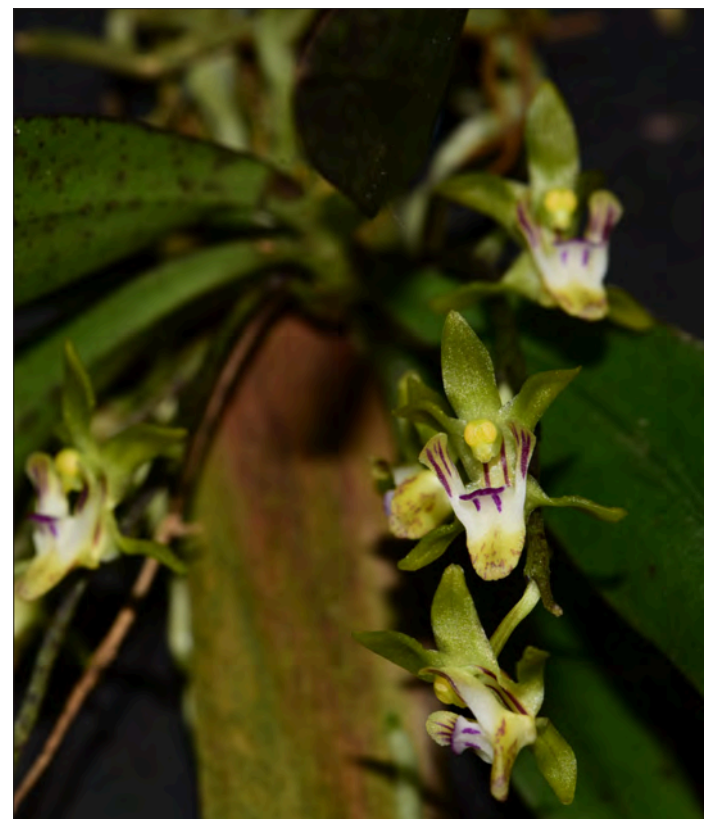
10. Australasian Hybrids

- 1st *Den. engae* x *atroviolaceum*
 2nd *Den. Stephen* 'Pink'
 3rd *Doc. Doug's Spots* x *Grumpy*

Li Shan
 R. G. Blaxland
 Trish Peterson



Dendrobium adae Erik Lielkajis



Sarcochilus spathulatus Erik Lielkajis



Bulbophyllum bracteatum Erik Lielkajis

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Sarcophilus borealis Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium tetragonum Chris Murray



Pterostylis baptistii Erik Lielkajis



Bulbophyllum elisae Erik Lielkajis



Doc.Spots x Grumpy Trish Peterson



Dendrobium kingianum 'Inferno' Ela Kielich



Dockrillia schoenina R. G. Blaxland



Dendrobium monophyllum Erik Lielkajis



Den. Seventh Heaven 'Kennedy Green'
x Hilda Poxon Li Shan



Bulbophyllum wadsworthii Erik Lielkajis



Den. kingianum 'Snow Stopper' x 'Babylon Snow' Ela Kielich



Dendrobium bracteatum Cary Polis



Dendrobium Delicatum - remake David Hemmings



Dendrobium polysema Li Shan



Plect. Victoria x tridentata David Hemmings



Dendrobium Brinawa Charm Ela Kielich



Sarco. Erin Trish Petersen



Dendrobium bilobum Guy Cantor



Dendrobium Happy Children Li Shan



Dendrobium Happy Children Li Shan



Dockrillia mortii 'Flowery Green' FCC/ANOS David Hemmings



Dockrillia mortii 'Flowery Green' FCC/ANOS David Hemmings



Pterostylis curta R. G. Blaxland



Sarcochilus hartmannii Bill Dobson



Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii Bill Dobson



Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii Bill Dobson

Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii, commonly known as the **ravine orchid**, a lithophytic orchid endemic to eastern Australia. It forms large clumps with between four and eight dark green, linear leaves and up to fifteen white flowers with crimson spots near the centre.

Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii was first formally described in 1870 by Ferdinand von Mueller from a specimen collected near the Bellinger River by Robert Fitzgerald.

The ravine orchid usually grows on rocks in dense rainforest or in shady gorges and ravines but sometimes also on the base of fibrous-barked trees. It is found between Maleny in south-east Queensland and the Macleay River in New South Wales.



Sarcochilus Fitzhart 'Rusty Bucket' AM/AOC/ANOS Bill Dobson



Sarcochilus falcatus, commonly known as the **orange blossom orchid**, is a small epiphytic or lithophytic orchid that is endemic to eastern Australia. It has up to eight, leathery leaves with fine teeth on the edges and up to twelve white to cream-coloured flowers with a white labellum that has orange and purple marking. Flowering occurs between June and October. It grows on trees but sometimes on rocks, usually in places exposed to air movement, clouds and drizzly weather.



Sarcochilus falcatus was first formally described in 1810 by Robert Brown. It was the first species of *Sarcochilus* to be described and is therefore the type species. The specific epithet (*falcatus*) is a Latin word meaning “sickle-shaped” or “curved”, referring to the shape of the leaves. It grows in the Cedar Bay National Park in Queensland and south to the coast and nearby tablelands of New South Wales. It rarely occurs in the far north-eastern corner of Victoria.



Glossodia major Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus falcatus Trish Peterson