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Bulbophyllum newportii David Hemmings



Dendrobium prenticei David Hemmings



Dendrobium d'albertsii Erik Lielkajis

**Tuesday 17th December
Christmas Party and Prize Giving**

Next Meeting - Christmas Party

We will have a raffle so please bring a donation that you would be pleased to receive yourself.

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday, 19th November 2024.

The meeting was opened at 8.12pm by President Bill Dobson.

Guest Speaker: Bill Dobson will present a talk about the recent expedition to FNQ by Cary Polis, Guy Cantor, Paul McDonough and himself.

Committee members present:

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

Visitors: Steve Dunstan, Peter Dunstan, Richard from Penrith

Apologies: Ted Shaw, Guy Cantor, John Macauley, Mick Korzenowski.

At this point Bill Dobson and Cary Polis left the meeting in order to rectify noted shortcomings in the sphere of audiovisual technology. Trish Peterson then assumed the mantle of President for the next part of this meeting.

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

Matters Arising

- The next meeting on 17/12/24 will be both the Christmas Party as well as the 60th Anniversary of this group. Prizes for members will also be presented.
- George Hardy is now being assisted by Bryanna Whitaker.
- Mark Asbury will take over the role of Benching Result Recorder from Judith Barry.
- Peter Dunstan from the ANOS Central Coast Group then gave an interesting report on aspects of the recent bushwalk to Piles Creek. A variety of terrestrials were noted, as well as various epiphytes.
- It is rumoured that the recent "Last Sarcday" held at Barrita Orchids was successful and may not be the last after all.
- Ian Chalmers then spoke to the assembled throng about the Orchardian and its recent launching of the digital version. Certain "teething problems" were noted and steps are being taken to correct these. Disappointingly, uptake of this digital version has been slow and more subscribers were needed. Increasing costs of production of the hard copy version were forcing a rise in the subscription cost for this, just to break even. It was thus hoped that member interest in the digital version would increase.
- Peter D'Olier mentioned that the Royal Botanic Gardens are looking for an example of *Dendrobium* Nancy Fairfax.

Correspondence:

- Orchids Central thank you from Daniel Coulson
- Barrita's last Sarcday notice
- ANOS Sydney Sarc Show 19th October
- Orchid News from OSNSW
- Bulletins ANOS Newcastle, NSOS, MWOS, Bankstown OS,
- MWOS Auction cancellation notices
- GCA Remembrance Driveway
- ANOS Central Coast bushwalking invitation 10/11
- Garden Club booking for the Neutrog team
- OSNSW Brindabella orchids notice
- ANOS Sydney Cymbidium Spectacular 9/11
- MWOS invitation to Christmas Party
- ANOS SECRETARY - Ira Butler Trophy information

Judges Report:

Plant of the Evening:

Sarcochilus ceciliae – the D'Oliers produced this admirable example of this interesting orchid. Originally sourced from David Hemmings, this plant is misted regularly.

Other Plants of Interest:

- *Den. normanbyense* x Microchip – Li Shan
- *Peristeranthus hillii* – Steve Dunstan presented this salt-tolerant orchid which demands a high level of air movement to thrive.
- *Saccolabiopsis armitii* – David Hemmings was the grower here.

Guest Speaker:

Bill Dobson presented an impressive report on his recent expedition to FNQ with Cary Polis, Guy Cantor and Paul McDonough. Once again, many interesting orchids were found and photographed. Interesting comparisons were made with previous trips and orchids noted.

Raffle & Lucky Door Prizes:

Ian Tanner (2), Jane D'Olier (3), Ian Chalmers (2), Li Shan. Lynn Dabbs, Clover Bradley, Richard Blaxland.

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

The Meeting closed at around 10pm

In My Bushhouse

This week we are experiencing very hot humid weather, fortunately there are breezes as well. However, that said with sun and wind you'll need to keep up the water as I do every morning. Apart from the orchids my veggie patch is going gang busters. But just when you think all is rosy with this mornings watering I flushed out 2 x *Dendrobium* beetles and caught them on the wing. I did take some sadistic pleasure in ripping their heads off. Then I caught 2 grass hoppers on the outside of the bushhouse. So moral is to be active and keep inspecting your plants and spray when necessary.

Lots of new growths on *Dockrillias* and *Dendrobiums* so keep up the weekly fertilizing or whatever your feeding routine. I continue to repot when I can and this week I did some of my *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *capricornicum* and *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *pedunculatum*, all of which are putting out new growths. Just be careful. I top these with some slow release and then they get watered in with Peters Excel Finisher® and some Seasol®.

I have some *Dockrillia striolata* var. *banksii* spot flowering as are my *Cadetia taylori*. *Dendrobium prenticei* and *Dendrobium lichenastrum* are flowering and *Dendrobium capitisyork* continue to spot flower here and there. *Bulbophyllum newportii* blooms are opening and so are *Bulbophyllum johnsonii* both delightful species. *Dockrillia wassellii* and *Sarcophilus setosus* are starting to flower and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* is still in flower.

The star of my bushhouse at the moment are 2 plants of *Calanthe triplicata* which are in flower at the moment. What great plants these are flowering in December and January they really are the Christmas Orchid. I've seen these from the South coast of NSW all the way up to Cooktown in FNQ with some fantastic examples on Baldy Mountain near Atherton. However a few years ago I had the pleasure to walk among these in the Wilson River area with my daughter Barbara and they were impressive.

Next week I'll be fertilising and final time this year for Auxinone®, except for individual plants that I might break up. I think it's done its job the last couple of months as not only new growths but the roots I can see are moving well.

Keep an eye open for bugs, the usual aphids, mealy bug, scale, and the ones with big teeth and voracious appetites grasshoppers and *Dendrobium* beetles. Protect those new growths at all cost otherwise you'll have to wait until next year.

Good growing and merry Christmas to you all.

Bill Dobson



Calanthe triplicata L & B Dobson



Dendrobium finiganense L & B Dobson



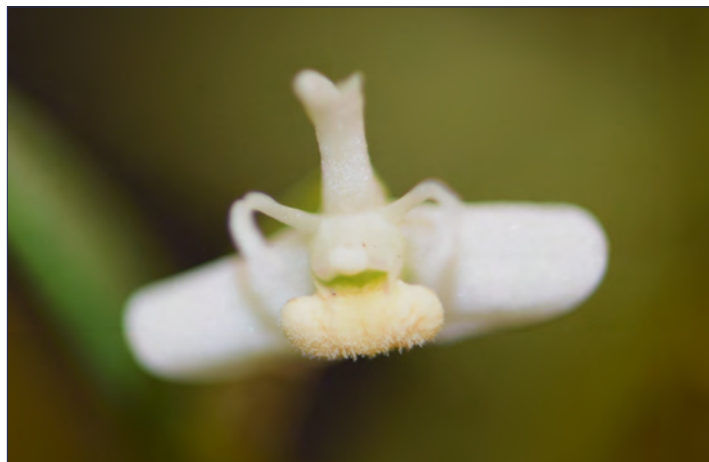
Peristeranthus hillii Steve Dunstan



Bulbophyllum globuliforme Erik Lielkajis



Sarcophilus ceciliae P & J D'Olier



Cadetia taylori L & B Dobson



Cymbidium canaliculatum L & B Dobson

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - November 2024

1. Dockrillia species

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

2. Dendrobium species

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

3. Sarcanthinae species

- 1st *Sarcochilus ceciliae*
- 2nd *Peristeranthus hillii*
- 3rd *Sarcochilus dilatatus*

4. Bulbophyllum species

- 1st *Bulbophyllum newportii*
- 2nd *Bulbophyllum newportii*
- 3rd *Bulbophyllum globuliforme*

5. Miscellaneous species

- 1st *Cymbidium madidum*
- 2nd *Cymbidium canaliculatum*
- 3rd *Cadetia taylori*

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

- 1st *Dendrobium Tweetie*
- 2nd *Dendrobium Korani* 'Burgundy'
- 3rd Nil

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

- 1st Sarco. Unknown
- 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

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

9. Australasian species

- 1st *Coelogyne fragrans*
- 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

10. Australasian Hybrids

- 1st *Dendrobium normanbyense* x Microchip Li Shan
- 2nd *Doc. Hepatica* x *cucumerina* David Hemmings
- 3rd *Dendrobium* Microchip David Hemmings

11. Novice & Junior

- David Hemmings 1st *Dendrobium monophyllum* Ros Mathews
- David Hemmings 2nd *Doc. Sultana* x *Tweetie* x *calamiformis* Ros Mathews
- Erik Lielkajis 3rd Nil

12. Pterostylis species

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

13. Other terrestrials

- P & J D'olier 1st *Malaxis latifolia* (PNG) Rev. Peter Dunstan
- Steve Dunstan 2nd Nil
- Erik Lielkajis 3rd Nil

14. Terrestrial hybrids

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

15. Best specimen

- R. G. Blaxland 1st Nil
- L & B Dobson 2nd Nil
- L & B Dobson 3rd Nil

16. Best First Flowering seedling

- David Hemmings 1st *Saccolabiopsis armitii* David Hemmings
- David hemmings 2nd Nil
- 3rd Nil

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Dendrobium monophyllum Ros Mathews



Dockrillia hepatica x *cucumeriana* David Hemmings



Dockrillia hepatica x *cucumeriana* David Hemmings



Malaxis latifolia Rev. Peter Dunstan



Saccolabiopsis armitii David Hemmings



Doc Sultana x Tweetie x calamiformis Ros Mathews



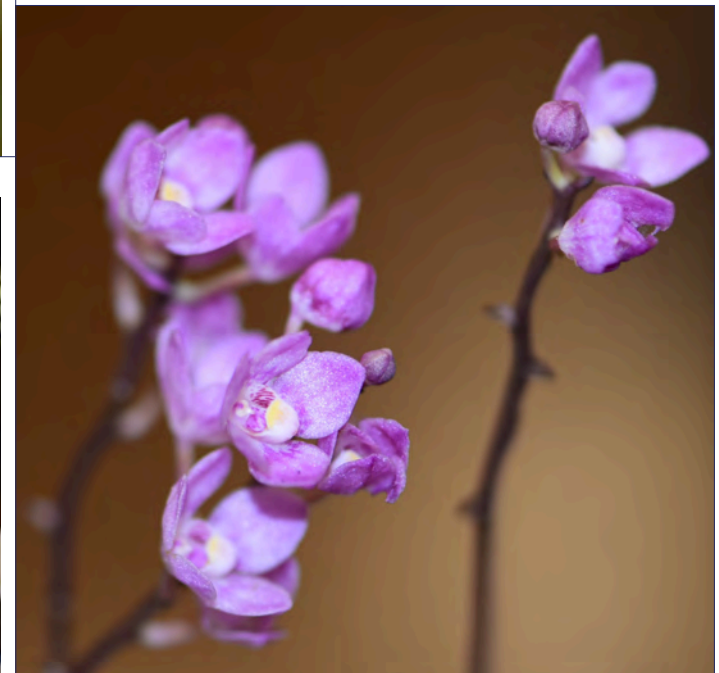
Dendrobium Tweetie David Hemmings



Sarcochilus dilatatus Erik Lielkajis



Ceologyne fragrans Li Shan



Sarcochilus Hybrid David Hemmings



Cymbidium madidum R. G. Blaxland



Dendrobium normanbyense x Microchip Li Shan

Calanthe triplicata

Plant

Calanthe triplicata commonly known as the common Christmas orchid is an orchid native to Oceania, Asia, Pacific islands, and the islands of eastern Africa. It is a terrestrial orchid that grows in clumps with crowded pseudobulbs, dark green corrugated leaves and up to forty white flowers. The sepals and petals are similar to each other and the labellum has three spreading lobes and a yellow callus.

Description

Flowering occurs from October to February in Australia and in April and May in China.

Taxonomy and naming

The common Christmas orchid was first formally described in 1796 by (Pierre) Remi Willemet, who gave it the name *Orchis triplicata* and published the description in Paul Usteri's book *Annalen der Botanick*. In 1907, Oakes Ames changed the name to *Calanthe triplicata*. The specific epithet (*triplicata*) is derived from the Latin prefix *tris* meaning "thrice" and *plicatus* meaning "folded".

Distribution and habitat

Calanthe triplicata is found in Mauritius, Madagascar, Seychelles, Assam, eastern Himalayas, southern India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, Cambodia, south China, Vietnam, Borneo, Java, Lesser Sunda Islands, Moluccas, Philippines, Sulawesi, Sumatra, Bismark Islands, New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Australia, Fiji, New Caledonia, Samoa, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna, Marquesas, Santa Cruz Islands, Caroline Islands, the Marianas Islands, Taiwan, Ryukyu Islands. In Australia it occurs between the Iron Range in Queensland and the Illawarra in New South Wales as well as on Norfolk Island and Lord Howe Island. It grows in evergreen broad-leaved forests, rainforests and other wet forests in dense shade.

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Dipodium variegatum - Berry Island Trish Peterson



Dockrillia racemosa Trish Peterson



Erythrorchis cassythoides - seed pods, Balls Head 2024 Trish Peterson



Erythrorchis cassythoides - Balls Head 2021 Trish Peterson

Erythrorchis cassythoides, commonly known as the black bootlace orchid. It has long, dark brown to blackish stems and groups of up to thirty yellowish to greenish, sweetly scented flowers and is endemic to eastern Australia.

The black bootlace orchid was first formally described by Richard Cunningham who sent a specimen and hand-written description to his brother Allan, giving the plant the name *Dendrobium cassythoides*. Allan Cunningham, in turn sent the description to John Lindley who published it in *Edwards's Botanical Register*. Lindley noted "It is not a little remarkable that so highly curious a plant as this should so long have been overlooked". In 1986, Leslie Andrew Garay changed the name to *Erythrorchis cassythoides*.

Erythrorchis cassythoides grows in forest on eucalypts, stumps and logs in near-coastal areas and nearby tablelands between the Blackdown Tableland in Queensland and Waterfall in the Royal National Park, New South Wales.



Dendrobium tetragonum - Conway Ranges - Trish Peterson



Plectorhizza tridentata - Green Form - Trish Peterson



Calanthe triplicata - Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus hillii - Trish Peterson