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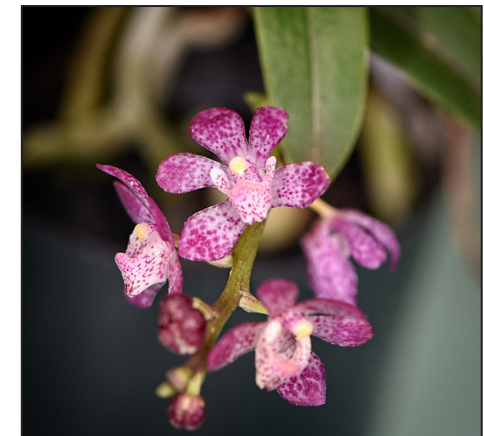
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Dendrobium lawesii I & I Chalmers



Trish Peterson *Oberonia complanata*



Peristerchilus Cherub Peter Dunstan

Next Meeting
Tuesday 17th March 8:00pm

Mystery Auction

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens' Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday, 18th February, 2020.

The meeting was opened by Trish Peterson at 8.05pm, who welcomed members and visitor Matt Roberts.

Our Speaker tonight will be Bill Dobson whose topic is 'Visit to a Cloud Forest'.

Apologies: Lorraine Dobson, Bill Westwood, Garry & Harleen Williams, Warleiti Jap, Jan & Geoff Duggin

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 Jim Hemmings

Matters arising: Nil

Correspondence:

- Our Gardens magazine
- Bendigo Bank statement
- Australia Post invoice for Post Office box.

Moved for acceptance by Bryan Spurrs, seconded by Ela Kielich

General Business:

- Cary's Sales Table is up and running tonight.
- Supper Duty – Ted Shaw and Lynne Lane – thanks to you both.

Coming Up:

- March - Mystery Auction
- April – there will be no meeting in April as the hall is undergoing refurbishment
- May – Guest Speaker, Gerry Walsh
- June – David Banks – Sarcophilus presentation

Eurobodalla Orchid Club Workshop – this has been rescheduled as a one-day workshop due to the bushfires in Merimbula. It will be held in Moruya on 21st March 2020.

In Your Bushhouse:

Mick gave us an informative and entertaining update on the latest developments in his bushhouse and Cary talked about the efficacy of water well pots especially for orchids such as *Dendrochilum* and *Coelogyne*.

Judges Report: John McAuley

Plant of the evening: *Oberonia complanata* – Trish Peterson

Other Plants of interest: *Peristerchilus* Cherub – Clover Bradley
Appendicula australiensis – Erik Lielkajis
Dendrobium cucumerinum – David Hemmings
Sarcophilus hirticalcar – Erik Lielkajis

After supper: Bill Dobson gave a very interesting presentation on a recent visit to a Cloud Forest in Eungella and Cathu with photographs of numerous orchids and platypus!

Lucky Door Prize: Richard Blaxland, Peter Dunstan

Raffle Prizes: Matt Roberts (2), Richard Blaxland (2), Peter Dunstan, Barry Moore, Graeme Russell, Mark Reddacliff.

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

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

In my Bushhouse – March 2020

Well now I'm saying rain, rain, bloody rain. So far the last 2 days my rain gauge (wheelbarrow) is $\frac{3}{4}$ full so approx. 80-100mm not very scientific but OK for my needs. Now I used to work, since 1991, for one of the premier suppliers of water treatment equipment all over Australia and I can tell you with confidence that Sydney has some of the best quality drinking water anywhere in the world. However, as far as plants go you can't beat a good fall of rain. It's oxygenated and relatively free from chemicals. A good fall of rain and the plants seem to stand up and say "look at me".

Plants look fantastic with massive new growths on *Dendrobium falcorostrum*. I used to think that I couldn't grow this beautiful Aussie native near the coast but the secret is to keep it moist but not wet over the summer and misting nightly. Any way they look fantastic so I'm expecting lots of blooms come spring.

Dockrillias are forcing out new roots and just as well we have these in net pots as they are well and truly wet now. Most of my *Dendrobium speciosum* are finishing their new growths and make sure that the bracts are just turned down to avoid and bacteria getting in now I will wait until a dry day and spray with Bravo® which is a different fungicide from Mancozeb®. It's important to alternate so things don't build up an immunity.

Plants in flower at the moment *Cadetia taylori*, *Bulbophyllum johnsonii*, and a few others in bud. *Dendrobium* Avril's Gold 'Ray', *Dendrobium prencei* and still a display is *Sarcophilus ceciliae* and *Sarcophilus setosus* both of which have been in flower for nearly 3 months. I was having a great time in the bushhouse then had to come back inside as its pouring rain again.

March – April is a good time to repot *Sarcophilus* as the main heat is gone and the roots are starting to grow. One thing to look for is the root and plant habit, for hybrids. If the plant looks like it is trying to climb out of the pot try a net pot as this will be similar to mounting on a totem. Some plants with twig epiphytes in their background just don't like being in a pot and yet won't do well on a mount, so the net pots are a compromise and plants do well in these.

Overall the plants are looking good and promises to be a good year.

Good growing

Bill Dobson

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Bulbophyllum lageniforme Erik Lielkajis

Peristerchilus Cherub

David Butler 2020

The small-flowered *Sarcs* have special appeal for many growers to the extent that Novelty Classes are now included in many Show Schedules. These Novelties are usually the result of crossing a normal *Sarc.* flower with a small-flowered species or hybrid.



Peristerchilus Cherub

In the case of *Prschs.* Cherub, the tiny-flowered species *Peristeranthus hillii* was crossed on to the purple hybrid *Sarcochilus* Elise (*S. ceciliae* x *S. Nicky*). This pollination came about because I had been given a raceme of *Perths. hillii* flowers and *S. Elise* happened to be in flower at the same time. From this chance crossing of *S. Elise* 'Plum' x *Perths. hillii* we now have *Peristerchilus* Cherub, a beautiful little novelty.



A differently coloured *Prschs.* Cherub

Despite its parent *Perths. hillii* being quite epiphytic, most growers find *Prschs.* Cherub amenable to pot culture. This and many similar hybrids can be grown happily in pots provided drainage and air circulation are adequate. The grower often chooses a relatively coarse bark for the potting medium, and has the pot hanging freely, or suspended from the wall of the shade-house for unimpeded air circulation.



Sarcochilus Elise 'Plum'



A wonderful flowering of *Prschs.* Cherub
by Clover Bradley

Growers who favour the classic style of *Sarcochilus* may find the cuteness of the novelties a welcome change and well worth a try.



Close-up of *Prschs.* Cherub
by Clover Bradley

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - February 2020

1. Dockrillia species		11. Novice & Junior	
1 st <i>Dockrillia cucumerina</i>	David Hemmings	1 st Den. normanbyense x Wonder Nishi 'Spotted Bird'	Bruce Potter
2 nd <i>Dendrobium prenticei</i>	L & B Dobson	2 nd Den. normanbyense x rhodostictum	Bruce Potter
3 rd <i>Dendrobium prenticei</i>	I & I Chalmers	3 rd Nil	
2. Dendrobium species		12. Pterostylis species	
1 st <i>Dendrobium discolor</i>	Cary Polis	1 st Nil	
2 nd <i>Dendrobium schneiderae</i> var <i>schneiderae</i>	Erik Lielkajis	2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil		3 rd Nil	
3. Sarcanthinae species		13. Other terrestrials	
1 st <i>Sarcochilus hirticalcar</i>	Erik Lielkajis	1 st Nil	
2 nd <i>Sarcochilus setosus</i>	L & B Dobson	2 nd Nil	
3 rd <i>Sarcochilus ceciliae</i>	L & B Dobson	3 rd Nil	
4. Bulbophyllum species		14. Terrestrial hybrids	
1 st <i>Bulbophyllum lageniforme</i>	Erik Lielkajis	1 st Nil	
2 nd <i>Bulbophyllum exiguum</i>	Trish Peterson	2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil		3 rd Nil	
5. Miscellaneous species		15. Best specimen	
1 st <i>Oberonia complanata</i>	Trish Peterson	1 st Nil	
2 nd <i>Cadetia taylori</i>	Erik Lielkajis	2 nd Nil	
3 rd <i>Cadetia taylori</i>	Jim Hemmings	3 rd Nil	
6. Dendrobium Hybrids		16. Best First Flowering seedling	
1 st <i>Den. Red Ballerina</i>	Ela Kielich	1 st <i>Peristerchilus Cherub</i>	Peter Dunstan
2 nd <i>Den. Johulatum</i>	I & I Chalmers	2 nd Nil	
3 rd <i>Den. Suzanne x tangerinum</i>	Ela Kielich	3 rd Nil	
7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids		Popular Vote	
1 st <i>Peristerchilus Cherub</i>	Clover Bradley	sponsored by Australian Orchid Nursery.	
2 nd <i>Sarco. Bonanza</i>	Clover Bradley	https://www.australianorchids.com.au/	
3 rd <i>Sarco. Belmont Rose</i>	Clover Bradley	1 st Clover Bradley	<i>Peristerchilus Cherub</i>
8. Miscellaneous Hybrids		2 nd I & I Chalmers	<i>Dendrobium lawesii</i>
1 st <i>Dockrillia</i> Goose Bumps	David Hemmings	3 rd Trish Peterson	<i>Oberonia complanata</i>
2 nd Nil			
3 rd Nil			
9. Australasian species			
1 st <i>Dendrochilum longifolium</i>	David Hemmings		
2 nd <i>Dendrochilum longifolium</i>	Bryan Spurrs		
3 rd <i>Dendrobium lawesii</i>	I & I Chalmers		
10. Australasian Hybrids			
1 st <i>Den. Stephen Batchelor</i>	Ela Kielich		
2 nd <i>Den. Hibiki</i>	Trish Peterson		
3 rd <i>Den. leporinum x stratiotes</i>	I & I Chalmers		



Sarcochilus hirticalcar Erik Lielkajis



Den. Red Ballerina Ela Kielich

Dockrillia cucumerina David Hemmings