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Monthly Meetings: 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 pm - Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville

April 2023



Dendrobium erectifolium Guy Cantor



Dendrobium erectifolium Guy Cantor



Bulbophyllum argyropus Erik Lielkajis

Tuesday 18th April
Peter Weston
Gondwanan plants of Australia,
including orchids

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 21st March 2023.

The meeting was opened at 8.26pm by Trish Peterson.

Guest Speaker: Eric Lielkajis – Topic: A Meander through South Queensland

Apologies: Brian Spurrs, Thanh Mai, Irene & Ian Chalmers, Bruce Potter.

Trish advised members that our Honorary Secretary, Bruce has been diagnosed with a serious illness and will be unavailable for several months. Bill Saunderson has generously agreed to take on the role of Secretary in the interim. We send our very best wishes to Bruce for a speedy recovery and thanks to Bill for accepting the position.

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

Matters arising:

Supper cups:

The present supply of paper cups is running out. Sensible options would appear to be use of the cups kept here at the hall with subsequent washing by users or for members to bring their own cups.

Correspondence:

- The Southern Orchid Spectacular is no more. However, a replacement event in Bankstown is planned for 13-15th October 2023 with exhibitors to be recompensed at a rate proportional to their exhibit size.
- Upcoming ANOS shows to be listed in next bulletin.
- Gerry Walsh's website has been updated.
- The MWOS auction is on next month – 16th April - Catalogue has been circulated to members.
- ANOS Sydney Group – Friday 24th March - Guest Speaker Clover Bradley.

Moved for acceptance by Trish Peterson seconded by Ian Tanner

General Business:

Awards:

Medals and Awards from our 2022 Spring Show and the St Ives Orchid Fair 2022 were presented to winners:

- Barry Moore – Medal – Champion Specimen Hybrid - ANOS Spring Show
- David Hemmings – several Certificates from our Spring Show and from St Ives Orchid Fair – Awards of Merit and Cultural Commendation.

Congratulations to Barry and David.

Orchids Central – 13-15 October - Bankstown

- Peter D'Olier addressed the meeting and spoke about the planned major show which is a replacement for the Southern Orchid Spectacular. He asked for a response from members about their wish to participate, but the response was less than optimal.

Q & A – It is good to see that most members are reading our monthly bulletin. Well done to Martin Davies and Rev. Peter Dunstan for providing correct answers!

Mick's Rambles: Mick Korzenowski

Mick clarified a point from last month's chat which was incorrectly noted in the minutes in the bulletin. He advised that anthocyanins are not water soluble. He discussed the use of the product "Drought Shield" which is water soluble and available from Flower Power. He then spoke of the manipulation of orchids during their growing period to improve their final appearance. *Dendrobium speciosums* were emphasized here.

Judges' Report: John McAuley

Plant of the Evening:

Dendrobium erectofolium -

Guy Cantor

Other Plants of Interest:

Dendrobium cyanocentum -

Peter D'Olier

Dendrobium malbournii –

Erik Lielkajis

Dendrobium monophyllum -

David Hemmings

Dendrobium Rubbie Heart x *convolutum* -

Steve Dunstan

Guest Speaker:

Erik Lielkajis gave an entertaining presentation titled "A Meander through South Queensland" which was very well received by members. Trish thanked Erik for his excellent and informative talk.

Lucky Door and Raffle Prizes were won by various members. (No details available!)

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

The Meeting closed at.....9.40'ish



Dendrobium schneiderae var *schneiderae* Erik Lielkajis

Dendrobium schneiderae

Dendrobium schneiderae, commonly known as the Eungella moon orchid or small moon orchid, is endemic to eastern Australia. It has crowded pseudobulbs with two leaves on the tip of each and arching flowering stems with up to thirty-five waxy, yellowish, cup-shaped flowers. It grows in open forest and rainforest.

Taxonomy and naming

Dendrobium schneiderae was first formally described in 1886 by Frederick Manson Bailey and the description was published in Occasional Papers on the Queensland Flora. The specific epithet (*schneiderae*) honours the collector of the type specimen, "Mrs H. Schneider, a lady cont. p4



Dendrobium malbrownii Erik Lielkajis

Dendrobium malbrownii

Dendrobium malbrownii, epiphytic or lithophytic orchid is endemic to tropical North Queensland. It has thin, wiry, crowded stems each with narrow, dark green leaves and a single shiny, cream-coloured flower with a purple labellum. It grows on trees, fallen logs and rocks in rainforest on the Mcllwraith Range.

Dendrobium malbrownii was first formally described in 1967 by Alick Dockrill in Australian Plants. The specific epithet (*malbrownii*) honours Malcolm Brown, the collector of the type specimen.

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Oberonia complanata Trish Peterson



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Oberonia complanata

Oberonia complanata, commonly known as the southern green fairy orchid or yellow-flowered king of the fairies, is a clump-forming epiphyte. It has between three and eight leaves in a fan-like arrangement on each shoot and up to three hundred tiny cream-coloured or greenish flowers arranged in whorls around the flowering stem. It is endemic to eastern Australia, between Gympie in Queensland and Coffs Harbour in New South Wales.

Flowering occurs between February and July.

The southern green fairy orchid was first formally described in 1839 by Allan Cunningham who gave it the name

Dendrobium complanatum and published the description in Edwards's Botanical Register. In 1989 Mark Clements and David Jones changed the name to *Oberonia complanata*.

The specific epithet (*complanata*) is a Latin word meaning "flattened".



Dendrobium bigibbum var *superbum* 'Cobbs Pride' x 'Cobbs Best'
Steve Dunstan

Dendrobium bigibbum* var. *superbum

Dendrobium bigibbum, commonly known as the Cooktown orchid or mauve butterfly orchid, is an epiphytic or lithophytic orchid. It has cylindrical pseudobulbs, each with between three and five green or purplish leaves and arching flowering stems with up to twenty, usually lilac-purple flowers. It occurs in tropical North Queensland, Australia and New Guinea.

Dendrobium bigibbum var. *superbum*, has the largest flowers in the group but lack the white spot in the centre of the labellum and occurs between Cooktown and Mount Molloy.



Oberonia palmicola Erik Lielkajis

Oberonia titania

Oberonia palmicola (*titania*), commonly known as the soldier's crest orchid, or red-flowered king of the fairies an epiphyte. It has between four and ten leaves in a fan-like arrangement on each shoot and up to 350 tiny pinkish to red flowers arranged in whorls around the flowering stem. It is found in Java, New Caledonia and eastern Australia including Norfolk Island.

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - March 2023

1. Dockrillia species

1 st <i>Dockrillia rigida</i>	Martin Davies
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

2. Dendrobium species

1 st <i>Dendrobium schneiderae</i> var <i>schneiderae</i>	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd <i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i> var <i>superbum</i> 'Cobbs Pride' x 'Cobbs Best'	Steve Dunstan
3 rd <i>Dendrobium malbournii</i>	Erik Lielkajis

3. Sarcanthinae species

1 st Nil
2 nd Nil
3 rd Nil

4. Bulbophyllum species

1 st <i>Bulbophyllum argyropus</i>	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

5. Miscellaneous species

1 st <i>Oberonia palmicola</i>	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd <i>Oberonia complanata</i>	Trish Peterson
3 rd <i>Oberonia</i> sp.	Erik Lielkajis

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

1 st <i>Dendrobium</i> Post Printing	Steve Dunstan
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1 st <i>Sarcochilus</i> 'God Only Knows'	Rev Peter Dunstan
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

1 st <i>Dockrillia</i> Numbat	Martin Davies
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

9. Australasian species

1 st <i>Dendrobium erectifolium</i>	Guy Cantor
2 nd <i>Dendrobium cyanocentrum</i>	P & J D'Olier
3 rd <i>Dendrobium bracteosum</i>	P & J D'Olier

10. Australasian Hybrids

1 st <i>Dendrobium</i> no name	Li Shan
2 nd <i>Dendrobium</i> Lime Delight	Li Shan
3 rd <i>Dendrobium</i> Hibiki	Li Shan

11. Novice & Junior

1 st <i>Liparis reflexa</i>	Chris Murray
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

12. Pterostylis species

1 st Nil
2 nd Nil
3 rd Nil

13. Other terrestrials

1 st Nil
2 nd Nil
3 rd Nil

14. Terrestrial hybrids

1 st Nil
2 nd Nil
3 rd Nil

15. Best specimen

1 st <i>Dendrobium monophyllum</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

16. Best First Flowering seedling

1 st <i>Den.</i> Rubbie Heart x <i>convolutum</i>	Steve Dunstan
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

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Dendrobium schneiderae cont. p2
who has been most successful in collecting and cultivating Queensland ferns and orchids".

There are two varieties of this orchid:
Dendrobium schneiderae var. *major*, Rupp – the Eungella moon orchid, which has larger flowers and only occurs near Eungella in Queensland, where it grows on ironbark in open forest and palm trees in rainforest.

Dendrobium schneiderae var. *schneiderae* – the small moon orchid which has smaller flowers and is found between Gympie in Queensland and the Clarence River in New South Wales where it grows in well-lit places in rainforest.



Oberonia palmicola Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium Post Printing Steve Dunstan



Sarcophilus 'God only knows' Rev. Peter Dunstan



Dendrobium cyanocentrum P & J D'olier



Dockrillia Numbat Martin Davies



Dendrobium bracteosum P & J D'olier

Dendrobium bracteosum

Dendrobium bracteosum (bracted Dendrobium) is a species native to New Guinea, the Bismarck Archipelago and the Indonesian Province of Maluku.

A sympodial, epiphytic warm-growing orchid.

The leaves are thin but tough and green with an acute apex.

Stems The plant has slender, erect or pendulous yellow-green to green stems which are covered with papery leaf sheaths when young. The stems become grooved and leafless when old.

Flower Colours Orange, Pink, Red, White.



Dendrobium Lime Delight Li Shan



Dendrobium NOID Li Shan



Liparis reflexa Chris Murray



Liparis reflexa Chris Murray

Liparis reflexa

Liparis reflexa, commonly known as tom cats, onion orchid or dog orchid, is a plant in the orchid family and is endemic to New South Wales. It is a lithophytic orchid with up to four leaves and up to thirty or more yellowish green flowers which smell like urine. It grows on rocks, sometimes on the ground, in moist forests.

Distribution and Habitat

Liparis reflexa usually grows on rocks, including on escarpments and boulders in gorges and only rarely on trees. It is found between the Clyde River, Hastings River and Hunter River valleys.

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St Ives Orchid Fair



'The Big One'

ST IVES SHOWGROUND
Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 18th August 2023 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 19th August 2023 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 20th August 2023 9 am to 3 pm

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For more Information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049
<http://www.stivesorchidfair.com/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Collectors Plant Fair, Hawkesbury Racecourse, Clarendon – 15th -16th April
Manly/Warringah Orchid Society April Auction at Cromer - Sunday, 16th April
Orchids Out West at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon on 26th - 28th May

NSOS show at St Ives Shopping village, 15th - 17th June

Mingara Orchid Club Fair and Show at Tumbi Umbi will be on 24th - 25th June
National Orchid Extravaganza and Paphiopedilum Society Shows -11th -13th August

St Ives Orchid Fair 14th - 16th September

ANOS The Warringah Group Spring Show 14th - 16th September

NSOS show at St Ives Shopping village, 15th - 17th June

Orchids Central Show at Bankstown – 13th - 15th October

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Den. Rubbie Heart x convolutum Steve Dunstan



Den. Hibiki Li Shan



Dendrobium monophyllum David Hemmings

In My Bushhouse

We are finally into Autumn now and still have strange weather and rain all along the East Coast of Australia. It is starting to cool off but the pests are still with us. So keep a lookout for aphids, scale and Dendrobium beetle, although I haven't seen many beetles around this year..

We have new growths coming on *Den. speciosum* particularly on curvicaule and grandiflorum so continue the fertilizer. At my place I usually start looking for the new flower spikes from Anzac Day onwards. Once you have determined what plants are in spike make sure that they are separated enough so that the inflorescences will not hit each other and you have room to get plants out without damaging them. I have a couple that will need to come up on my deck as if they flower I won't get them through the door of the bush house.

Another thing I do at this time is to arrange the plants. If one had the room, and time, you would turn the plant around each day so the spikes remain straight and not twisted trying to follow the light. So I turn the plant around so that the main spikes are facing north. Each day they will move a little from east to west following the sun. If you leave them I have seen some turn through 90-180 degrees to follow the sun.

Keep the weeds down and tie or stake up growths to make the plant as compact as possible.

Flowering at the moment are *Dendrobium prenticei*, *Cadetia taylori* and *Liparis fleckeri*. Also a hybrid *Dendrobium* Class.

By this time next month we should know what the flowering season will be like this year Bill Dobson



Liparis fleckeri L & B Dobson

Liparis fleckeri

Liparis fleckeri, commonly known as the slender sphinx orchid, is a plant in the orchid family and is endemic to Queensland. It is an epiphytic or lithophytic orchid with two thin leaves and up to twenty pale green or whitish flowers. It grows in rainforest at altitudes of 900 m (3,000 ft) or more in tropical far North Queensland.

Taxonomy and naming

Liparis fleckeri was first formally described in 1938 by William Henry Nicholls from a specimen collected by Hugo Flecker on Mount Bellenden Ker. The description was published in The North Queensland Naturalist, the specific epithet (*fleckeri*) honouring Hugo Flecker.

Distribution and habitat

The mountain sprite orchid grows on rocks and trees in rainforest at altitudes between 900 and 1,600 m (3,000 and 5,000 ft) between Cedar Bay National Park and Tully.

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Bulbophyllum exiguum David Hemmings



Bulbophyllum exiguum David Hemmings



Dendrobium bigibbum 'Sunset' x 'Enobi Purple' David Hemmings



Dendrobium monophyllum 'Huffs Tree' David Hemmings



Dendrobium monophyllum 'Huffs Tree' David Hemmings



Dendrobium monophyllum 'Mick's Orange' David Hemmings



Dendrobium Nora Tokunaga x aberrans David Hemmings



Dendrobium schneiderae David Hemmings



Dendrobium schneiderae David Hemmings



Dendrochilum longifolium David Hemmings



Dendrochilum longifolium David Hemmings

Dendrochilum longifolium

Dendrochilum longifolium Rchb.f. is one of the most commonly encountered orchids in New Guinea. It is noteworthy that the genus *Dendrochilum*, so rich in species in Sumatra, Borneo and the Philippines, is represented in New Guinea by just one species, which is not even endemic but is one of the most common orchids on the island..

Colours: Pseudobulbs green to orange, the latter especially when growing in exposed positions. Sepals and petals translucent green to greenish yellow. Lip yellow, green or brownish, usually with a brown mid-lobe, the keels and often the central groove bright green.

Habitat: Epiphyte in lowland to montane forest in shaded to exposed positions (upper altitudinal limit dubious). Altitude 250-3000 m.

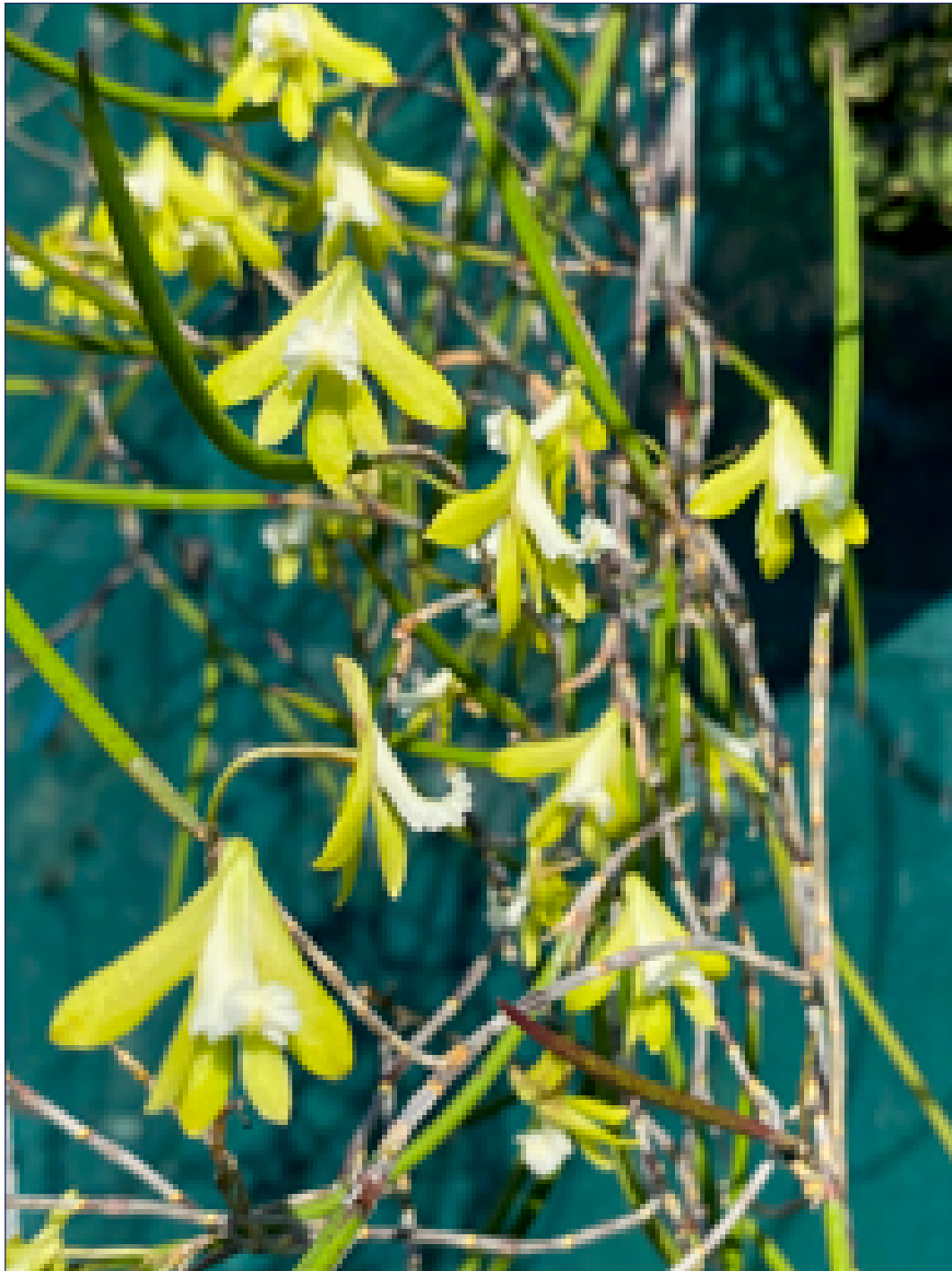
Distribution: New Guinea: Malesia (Peninsular Malaysia, Singapore, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, Sulawesi, Lesser Sunda Islands, Moluccas, New Guinea, The Philippines), Burma.

Cultivation: Warm to cool growing epiphyte.

Flowering time in the wild: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, September, October, December.



Dockrillia rigida David Hemmings



Dockrillia bowmannii 'Adam' David Hemmings



Dockrillia bowmannii x *brevicauda* David Hemmings



Dockrillia Tweetas x cummerina David Hemmings



Oberonia complanata David Hemmings



Dockrillia Tweetas x *brevicauda* David Hemmings



Dockrillia *cucumerina* x Australian Purple Pepper David Hemmings



Oberonia complanata David Hemmings



Dendrobium prenticei L & B Dobson

Bushwalking with Chris Murray

Here are photos of what may be the last/only outpost of *Dendrobium striolatum* on Sydney's north shore (happy to be proven wrong!). Frustratingly, it is within meters of where I had previously searched but a tip off from a friend led me here. Previous locations that I am aware of have long disappeared underneath roads, such as the Pacific Highway heading north out of Wahroonga. This may complete my search for all the epiphytic orchids now growing on Sydney's north shore. There is a possibility of seeing *Den. pugioniforme* (there is a rumour which I am yet to fully explore...) and there was once a report of *Rhinerrhiza divitiflora* (Raspy Root orchid) being found near Berowra, though I doubt that is still there- if indeed it was ever found there.

I also had the pleasure of a day trip to the Blue Mountains for the first time (I had been there before, but never without the family on an orchid hunt). Wasn't entirely sure where to go, but as always, I had a fair idea. I had hoped to find *Den. pugioniforme*, but I didn't even need to get out of the car to find it..which was slightly disappointing! Lots of *Sarc. falcatus* and the odd patch of *Den. teretifolium*...or maybe *fairfaxii*?

Thought that you may also enjoy this photo of a Waratah with seed pods. Never seen one like that before.

Chris



Sarcocilus falcatus



Dockrillia striolata



Dockrillia fairfaxii



Waratah with seed pods



Dockrillia pugioniformis