

The Australasian Native Orchid Society

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

Next Meeting
Tuesday 15th May
Mystery Auction!

May 2018



Dendrobium Alice's Rainbow – G & S Russell



Vanda hindsii – Cary Polis



Oberonia crateriformis – L & B Dobson

Photos by Jane D'Olier

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 17th April, 2018.

The meeting was opened at 8.05pm by Bill Dobson, who welcomed members and our Guest Speaker, Eleanor Eakins.

Apologies were accepted from Bill Westwood, Murray Corrigan, Bryan Spurrs, Joy Lumby, John McAuley and Mick Korzenowski.

The minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Bulletin were accepted as a true record on the motion of Trish Peterson, seconded by Peter Dunstan.

Matters arising: nil

Correspondence:

1. 9th Australian ANOS Conference, August, 2019 – Strathpine, Qld, KABI Group – Updates to be provided as they come to hand.
2. Amended Constitution – to be circulated when finalised.
3. AOF Newsletter – Essay Competition – ‘My Orchid Disaster’
4. Northern Beaches Council – receipt for payment
5. Australian Post – payment receipt for PO Box
6. The Orchadian – March 2018
7. MWOS Auction – will be held next Sunday 22nd April.

Moved for acceptance by Trish Peterson seconded by Ian Tanner.

In My Bushhouse: Cary Polis

Cary reported on conditions he is currently experiencing in his bushhouse with continuing very hot and windy weather; has difficulty in keeping up with watering especially those plants on mounts which need daily watering, sometimes more than once per day. He has lowered his *Den. tetragonum*s in the bushhouse and they are growing well.

Not many slugs or snails, but *Dendrobium* beetles still around...even at night!

Overhanging foliage from neighbour's yard is blocking light on his orchids.

Has fans running constantly in his hothouse – an extraction fan kicks in at 30degrees. His hard cane *Dendrobiums* and *Den. bigibbum*s are growing really well, but he has lost some special plants due to the heat.

Judges Report: Erik Lielkajis

Several Plants of Interest:

Oberonia crateriformis – L & B Dobson

Dendrobium Alice's Rainbow – G & S Russell

Vanda hindsii – Cary Polis

Dendrobium nindii – Erik Lielkajis

After Supper:

After supper our Guest Speaker, Eleanor Eakins gave an informative and entertaining presentation on Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden.

She showed historical and recent photographs of ‘Stony’ several of which featured former and current members of our Group - some of whom were involved in the early establishment of the reserve.

Eleanor's talk generated a great deal of interest.

Lucky Door Prizes: Garry Williams, Barry Moore

Raffle: Ann-Maree Mitford, Ted Shaw, Eleanor Eakins, Ian Tanner, Lorraine Dobson

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

The meeting closed at 10.10pm approx.



Dendrobium nindii - Erik Lielkajis

In my Bushhouse

Well finally some cooler weather has arrived over the last week with the temp dipping this morning to 11 degrees in my Bushhouse. We have had a dump of rain this past week too which topped up the tank again. The average we have had this year is 4 downpours in 4 months with little or nothing between.

With the 'unseasonal' warmer autumn, my plants have all either finished growths or decided to put on more. This is evidenced by lovely new growing tips on nearly all my orchids. So if you are considering potting on then do so now while the real cold has not hit.

While your plants are growing, feed them. I noticed recently some people advocating not feeding native orchids. Yes, they do all right in the bush without fertiliser, but I am all about growing my orchids to their optimum. The other thing, in the wild they are hit and miss with rain and also different genera and species grow on selected rocks and trees whereas we drop them into a plastic pot with bark that no orchid grows on naturally. So believe me they do better with feeding.

With the warmer weather this autumn I don't have many initiated 'spikes' showing yet. Normally they would be showing by Anzac day, and some before. So time will tell whether this season is going to be a great flowering year or not. I will let you know over the coming months whether they progress, or not.

All my *Sarcochilus falcatus* and *Sarcochilus olivaceus* have 'spikes' initiated but will sit there until later in the year, as will *Plectorrhiza tridentata*.

Dendrobium prenticei is in flower as is *Cadetia taylori* both of which are worth having in your collection. *Oberonia crateriformis* is in flower and usually stays for 6-8 weeks. This plant looks so delicate but has to tolerate a range of conditions in the wild and depending where it is grown it can look a light olive green to an almost bright orange with the amount of light it has. They can be propagated from one fan and can get from 1 to 2 new fans per season.

Dockrillia bowmanii is in its second flush and this is the best yet. What a stunning colour combination - lime green petals and sepals and pure white labellum. Most of the clones I have seen are of quite good shape and more

could be done in the hybridisation with this pretty plant. At the same time and not surprisingly my *Dockrillia* Limestone (*Doc. bowmanii* x *Doc. cucumerina*) is again in flower. These plants that flower a couple times per year are a real bonus. As are *Sarcochilus* hybrids. Today I would be surprised if there was not a *Sarcochilus* on the show bench every month of the year. Keep an eye out for insects; I killed a grasshopper this morning in the bushhouse. Check for aphids as they will breed at an astonishing rate. Keep those plants growing and hopefully we will have a glorious flowering spring. Good growing.

Bill Dobson



Dendrobium Warringah – S & G Russell



Dendrobium bigibbum – I & I Chalmers

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results – April 2018

1. Dockrillia species

- 1st *Den. prenticei* R & J Schneidereit
 2nd *Doc. rigida* David Hemmings
 3rd *Doc. rigida* R & J Schneidereit

2. Dendrobium species

- 1st *Den. nindii* Erik Lielkajis
 2nd *Den. monophyllum* David Hemmings
 3rd *Den. bigibbum* David Hemmings

3. Sarcanthinae species

- 1st *Vanda hindsii* Cary Polis
 2nd *Schoenorchis micrantha* Cary Polis
 3rd Nil

4. Bulbophyllum species

- 1st *Bulb. schillerianum* Erik Lielkajis
 2nd *Bulb. macphersonii* Jim Hemmings
 3rd *Bulb. shepherdii* David Hemmings

5. Miscellaneous

- 1st *Oberonia crateriformis* L & B Dobson
 2nd *Oberonia titania* G & H Williams
 3rd *Oberonia crateriformis* L & B Dobson

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

- 1st *Den. Warringah* G & S Russell
 2nd *Den. Fantasy Land* I & I Chalmers
 3rd *Den. Topaz Dream x bigibbum* Cary Polis

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

- 1st *Sarco. Bessie* Clover Bradley
 2nd *Sarco. Riverdene x Melody* David Hemmings
 3rd *Sarco. Space Race* Clover Bradley

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

No entries

9. Australasian species

- 1st *Den. bracteosum* J & P D'Olier
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

10. Australasian hybrids

- 1st *Den. Alice's Rainbow* G & S Russell
 2nd *Doc. affine hybrid* David Hemmings
 3rd *Den. Alice's Rainbow* Cary Polis

11. Junior & Novice

No entries

12. Pterostylis species

- 1st *Ptst. baptistii* Judith Barry
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

13. Other terrestrials

No entries

14. Terrestrial hybrids

No entries

15. Best specimen

No entries

16. Best First Flowering seedling

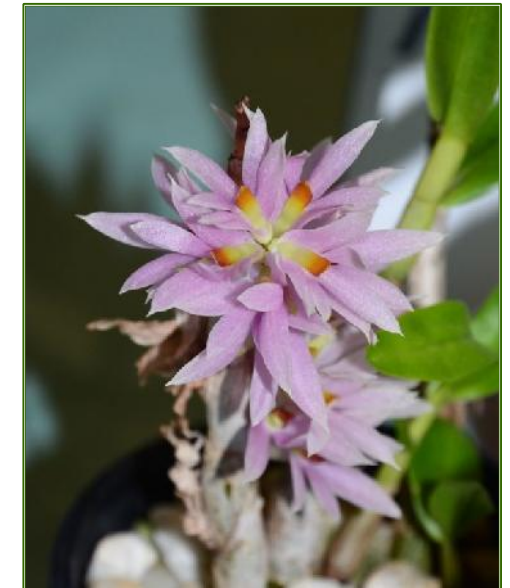
- 1st *Den. bigibbum* I & I Chalmers



Den. prenticei - J & R Schneidereit



Sarco. Bessie - Clover Bradley



Den. bracteosum – J & P D'Olier



Pterostylis baptistii – Judith Barry

Australian Orchid Nursery - Popular Vote Results -

April 2018

1. *Dendrobium nindii* - Erik Lielkajis

2. *Dendrobium Alice's Rainbow* – G & S Russell

3. *Dendrobium Fantasy Land* – I & I Chalmers



Bulbophyllum exiguum

A widespread, common species which grows on trees and rocks in rainforest, along stream banks and in sheltered locations in open forest. It extends from the coast to over 1000m altitude and is sometimes seen in very extensive patches. It often grows on sandstone boulders along with other epiphytes. Plants flower profusely in some seasons.

A distinctive species which can be recognised by its widely creeping habit and the widely opening greenish cream flowers on multiflowered inflorescences.

David L. Jones

Native Orchids of Australia 1988

A wonderful display of this lovely orchid in its natural environment.

Photographed by Judy & Reiner Schneidereit on the South Coast recently.