



The Australasian Native Orchid Society

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Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th April

The Story of Stony Range

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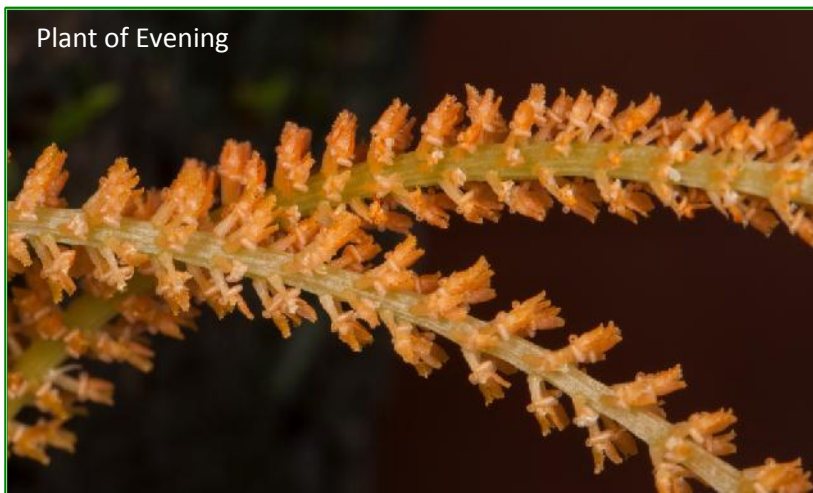
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Monthly Meetings: 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 pm - Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville

April 2018

Plant of Evening



Oberonia carnosa – Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium erectifolium – Jane & Peter D'Olier



Podochilus australiensis – Erik Lielkajis

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Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 20th March 2018.

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

Apologies were accepted from Bill Westwood, Murray Corrigan, Graeme Russell and Ralph & Joy Lumby.

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 Peter Dunstan.

Matters arising: nil

Correspondence:

1. Letter to Treasurer – membership renewal, Barry Collins
2. Renewal of P.O. Box lease \$127 p.a.
3. Eleanor Eakins will speak on Stony Range Reserve at the April meeting.

Moved for acceptance by Bryan Spurrs, seconded by Peter Dunstan.

General Business:

AOC Conference & Show to be held in July – discuss possibility of putting on a display at the next meeting.

In Your Bushhouse:

Mick spoke generally on growing conditions, mentioning good rains received and good growth. Discussion of pests, aphids, grasshoppers and Dendrobium beetles.

Judges Report: Trish Peterson

Plant of the Evening:

Oberonia carnos – Erik Lielkajis

Other Plants of Interest:

Podochilus australiensis – Erik Lielkajis

Dendrobium erectifolium – Peter & Jane D'Olier

Dockrillia Goosebumps – David Hemmings

After Supper:

Greg Steenbeeke gave a very detailed and well-illustrated treatise on the epiphytic orchids of New South Wales which was very well received.

Lucky Door Prizes: Trish Peterson, Chris Dalrymple

Raffle Prizes: Bill Bradley (2), Graham Slater (2), Jan Duggin, Peter Dunstan, Cary Polis, Ted Shaw.

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

The meeting closed at 10.15pm approx.

Rimacola elliptica

We have searched several times for *Rimacola elliptica* without success....however with more specific directions from Ron Howlett, and inspired by Greg Steenbeeke's talk in March, we were finally successful.

We discovered them in the Mount Wilson area of the Blue Mountains – along an easy bush track then down a precarious slippery rocky incline and as Ron described, we spotted them growing in the crevices of the wet overhanging rock face.

The flowers were obviously past their prime, but still recognisable. Several clumps of healthy plants – very satisfying!

We also spotted a number of *Eriochilus cucullatus* in the bush along the upper track.....a worthwhile trip.

Trish Peterson



Chinaman's Hat



Rimacola elliptica – Blue Mountains



Eriochilus cucullatus

Rimacola elliptica – Green Rock Orchid.

A monotypic orchid endemic to New South Wales. Grows in horizontal fissures and crevices of sandstone cliffs which are wet for most of the year. (David L. Jones) Not suitable for cultivation.

In my Bushhouse

What has happened to autumn I ask, as it seems that summer just rolls along? Yesterday on my deck, under cover, it was 39 degrees. But don't look a gift horse in the mouth. The roots on all my plants are moving and growing so fertilise and push them along while you can. Winter is coming, to paraphrase a TV show so move them along now. If you do this you will be rewarded in the spring.

Sarcochilus are moving well now, so if you were going to repot now would be the time with the roots growing so well they would jump into new bark. Add some blood and bone and they will respond. *Sarcochilus* should be sending out their 'spikes' now so feeding them is important as is watering.

If you have *Sarcochilus falcatus* for example, they should have their little stubby spikes initiated by now but will not burst into flower until late spring, September-October. It should come as no surprise that this is one of my favourite orchids. They grow from below the Victorian border all the way up the Great Dividing Range to just short of Cooktown. The interesting thing is there are some large gaps in between and the further north you get the earlier the flowering. So, some of the plants from the Windsor and Atherton Tablelands flower as early as mid-July and even if they are brought down to Sydney the flowering time remains the same.

A lot of the *Dendrobium* growths are about to finish their growth spurt and will be hardening off, so look after them with water and fertilising. This is essential for flowers this year and next.

With the hot weather still here I have caught a couple more grasshoppers, so keep an eye out as they will chomp on new growths. The best time I have found is to go out after dark with a bright torch and you can see their feelers. The light will temporarily blind them and then you can grab them. Aphids are around so you have to be out and looking at your new growths as these can suck the life out of them. I use Pirimor which was made especially as an aphicide, but you can use Eco Oil which will smother them.

Keep the bushhouse clean, pick-up and dispose of old leaves and make sure you have plenty of room around plants that should flower this spring as you don't want to be moving them about later.

Dendrobium prenticei, *Cadetia taylori*, *Bulbophyllum schillerianum*, are in

flower as are some hybrid *Sarcochilus*. *Oberonia titania* are coming into flower with their delicate tresses. These plants are hardier than they look but do come from cloud forests or wet forested areas, so keep misted on the hot days.

Good growing.

Bill Dobson



Dendrobium bigibbum – Ela Kielich



Dockrillia Goosebumps - David Hemmings

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results – March 2018

1. Dockrillia species

- 1st *Doc. rigida* I & I Chalmers
- 2nd *Doc. rigida* Bryan Spurrs
- 3rd *Doc. rigida* R & J Schneidereit

2. Dendrobium species

- 1st *Den. bigibbum* Ela Kielich
- 2nd *Den. bigibbum* David Hemmings
- 3rd *Den. monophyllum* David Hemmings

3. Sarcanthinae species

- 1st *Sarco. hirticalcar* David Hemmings
- 2nd *Sarco. hirticalcar* Clover Bradley
- 3rd *Sarco. ceciliae* R & J Schneidereit

4. Bulbophyllum species

- 1st *Bulb. shepherdii* David Hemmings
- 2nd *Bulb. exiguum* George Hardy
- 3rd *Bulb. whitei (johnsonii)* Erik Lielkajis

5. Miscellaneous

- 1st *Oberonia carnosa* Erik Lielkajis
- 2nd *Podochilus australiensis* Erik Lielkajis
- 3rd *Cadetia taylorii* Erik Lielkajis

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

- 1st *Den. bigibbum* hybrid R & J Schneidereit
- 2nd *Den. Hilda Poxon* Jim Hemmings
- 3rd *Den. Angeline* Ela Kielich

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

- 1st *Sarco. Bonanza* Clover Bradley
- 2ⁿ *Sarco. Velvet x DUNO Nicky's Twin* Clover Bradley
- 3rd *Sarco. Riverdene x Melody* David Hemmings

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1st *Dockrillia Goosebumps* David Hemmings

9. Australasian species

- 1st *Den. erectifolium* J & P D'Olier
- 2nd *Den. bracteosum* J & P D'Olier
- 3rd *Mediocalcar decoratum* Trish Peterson

10. Australasian hybrids

- 1st *Den. affine* hybrid David Hemmings
- 2nd *Doc. Tweetie* remake David Hemmings
- 3rd Nil

11. Junior & Novice

No entries

12. Pterostylis species

No entries

13. Other terrestrials

No entries

14. Terrestrial hybrids

No entries

15. Best specimen

No entries

16. Best First Flowering seedling

- 1st *Sarco. Mystic* R & J Schneidereit
- 2nd *Sarco. Velvet x Velvet 'Cool Dude'* R & J Schneidereit
- 3rd *Den. Red River x Jesmond Sparkler* David Hemmings



Dockrillia rigida – Irene & Ian Chalmers



Sarco. Bonanza – Clover Bradley



Den. bracteosum – J & P D'Olier



Den. bigibbum hybrid – R & J Schneidereit



Bulb. macphersonii – Jim Hemmings



Sarcochilus hirticalcar – D. Hemmings

Australian Orchid Nursery - Popular Vote Results - March 2018

1. *Oberonia carnosa* - Erik Lielkajis

2. *Dendrobium bigibbum* – Ela Kielich

3. *Dendrobium erectifolium* – Jane & Peter D'Olier