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July 2020

Members

We plan to hold our July meeting at the Senior Citizens Hall, Forestville on **Tuesday 21st July** – hall open from 7.30pm

Due to the Covid-19 virus there are a number of precautions which must be observed:

DO NOT COME IF YOU ARE UNWELL or have had recent contact with anyone who has returned from overseas, a recognised 'hotspot' or has symptoms of cold or flu.

- The kitchen is closed – there will be no supper
- There will be no sales table or raffle
- Members to use hand sanitiser on arrival/leaving
- George to record all attendees – contact details to be checked including phone numbers - signature required
- Social distancing to be observed at all times
- Please avoid congregating at check-in, benching tables etc.
- Please do not touch plants belonging to other members on benching tables
- Tables/chairs and other 'touch points' to be wiped down before and after meeting
- Chairs to be placed at a 'social distance' – 1 person/4sq.metres

Members' Auction

- We will be conducting our Members' Auction at the July Meeting – please see attachments for further information.

Annual General Meeting

- The AGM has been deferred to later in the year.
- As advised, the current Committee has agreed to continue until the AGM.

Spring Show Cancellation

- We regret to advise that in view of the Covid-19 pandemic and the difficulty in complying with the strict precautions required, we have decided to cancel our Annual Spring Show this year. We are very sorry about the cancellation and understand that members will be very disappointed.

We would like to see you at our July meeting; however we are aware of the risks of Covid-19 and understand that you may not wish to attend.

Be assured that we will be taking all appropriate precautions to keep everyone safe and ask for your co-operation in managing the situation. We want our members to remain safe and well!!

Hand sanitiser, antiseptic wipes, Glen 20, gloves and some masks will be provided for use by members, or you may bring your own.

Trish Peterson
President



Den. Awesome 'Henry' David Hemmings



Bulbophyllum schillerianum L & B Dobson



Den. Esme Poulton 'Tinonee' L & B Dobson



Den. Hilda Poxon 'Lynwood' L & B Dobson



Doc. Wesley Pink 'Dennistone Goldstrike'
David Hemmings



Mediocalcar bifolium Cary Polis



Dendrobium prenticei L & B Dobson



Den. Hilda Poxon L & B Dobson



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***Dendrobium cacatua* the Eungella form.**

The Eungella form of *Dendrobium cacatua* it's nothing like the *cacatua* from up around the Atherton Tablelands. *Dendrobium cacatua* is distinguished from other tetragonum mainly by having no colour on the white labellum. The northern type form is much greener on the reverse of the blooms. This Eungella race can be seen with many hues from pure apple green to any dusky reddish hues you could dream up. Spotting, either salt and pepper type, to just plain obvious spots is common. This specimen is the best flowering I've ever had with a *cacatua*. There are about 100 flowers with some buds still closed. I'm rather partial to this wondrous specimen

These Eungella forms of a *Dendrobium tetragonum* keep bugging me. These are some of the latest ones opening up. Everything from pure green and white *cacatua* style to very spotted. Most have some rusty shades in the green background. On reverse as well. I and others know that they are intermediates of two styles. But their inhabiting the same trees is unusual. Around the high Atherton ranges they rarely overlap in altitude. So why do it at Eungella I hear you all cry out? Needs research!

I may go up and live among them for a year. Someone tell my wife please.

Gerry Walsh





Sarcophilus falcatus

George Hardy visited Mt Wilson and photographed some of the *Sarcophilus falcatus* that were spared from the fires earlier in the year. He aims to go back and photograph again when in flower.

This is a very hardy species that grows along the east coast of Australia from below the Victorian border all the way up to Far North Queensland just south of Cooktown. Flowers from June to October, depending on where it grows along the range.



Popular Vote - June

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1st *Den.* Cosmic Gold

2nd *Den.* White Grace 'Sato'

3rd *Doc.* Australian Yum Yum

David Hemmings

Steve Dunstan

Mick Korzenowski

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In My Bushhouse

by

Mick Korzenowski

Hi everyone Great to Chat to you again. I would like to chat about making the most of your growing area and my surrogate bush house The Frangipani Tree.

The year 2000, what a year if you can remember. The computer bug, planes were going to fall from the sky the GST. And worst of all when we moved from a 1900 sq. mtr. block to our new 750 sq.mtr. block and a wife who was not willing to share her new block of land.

Where was I going to grow my Orchids? At that time they were at my brother in laws place till I figured what to do. Coming from a large yard with 2 Shade houses and a heated Glass house, I had problems. No longer could I get away with my good looks and a box of chocolates to get my way. I had to fall back on an old Polish trick and cried a lot. It worked somewhat and I was allowed a small shade house, nowhere near big enough. I had to figure a way to grow my larger plants. I finally used the landscaping in my front yard to grow my plants. A series of spaces were used which I will chat about later. This Chat is about my Frangipani Tree which I use as a surrogate shade house.

If you look at the picture of the Frangipani you will see many different Orchids. The Dockrillias love it, they appreciate the generous air movement and Just the right amount of shade which changes from summer to winter with the growing and falling of the leaves.

Hanging and attached I have Dockrillia, species and

hybrids, Dendrobium, mainly species, Bulbophyllum species and don't tell anyone but, Laelia love it as well as Vanda tricolour and an assortment of Tillandsias. I don't want to be banned from ANOS.

The difference in growing conditions from the front yard to the back yard is dramatic. You would not believe the difference in 20 mtrs. and what will grow well and what will struggle in these areas. Good lesson learnt and thank God for my Frangipani. It is important to know your Block. The conditions vary and what someone will grow in their yard may not be able to grow in your yard. Get to know your Yard, it will change frequently.

By the way I still have some orchids at the brother in laws place, that's 20 years. Must be my good looks.

Till we Chat again.

Regards

Mick





Pterostylis nutans Michael & Sheree Howard



Dockrillia Wameral L & B Dobson



Dockrillia Wameral L & B Dobson



Dockrillia Nutmeg L & B Dobson



Dockrillia Nutmeg L & B Dobson



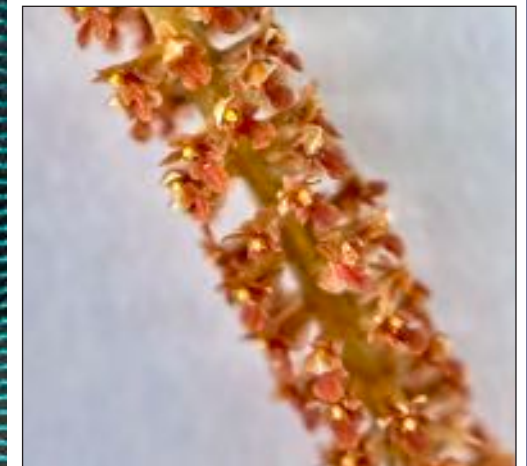
Dendrobium Flinders 'Grant Garrett'
x Australian Rhubarb Pie 'Henk Want's'
Michael & Sheree Howard



Dockrillia Wameral L & B Dobson



Dockrillia crateriformis L & B Dobson



Dockrillia crateriformis L & B Dobson

Autumn/Winter in Sydney – Helmet Orchids

These captivating little terrestrial orchids are popping their heads up in the cooler weather. The Corybas leaves have been evident for some time . heart-shaped leaves which hug the ground ..and the flowers are now emerging from the centre of the leaves.

Corybas prefer to grow in shady, moist but well-drained conditions but need sufficient light in order to flower. When you go walking in the bush, look under the brackens, ferns and grass trees or in shady sheltered areas where you might be lucky enough to spot a colony of Corybas ..the Helmet Orchids.

According to David L. Jones (Native Orchids of Australia, 2006) the Helmet Orchid Alliance consists of 7 genera which range from the Himalayas and China to Pacific Islands, PNG, Indonesia, New Caledonia and New Zealand. Jones identifies three genera on the Australian mainland which he separates into Tubular Helmet Orchids (Anzybas) Spurred Helmet Orchids (Corybas) and Toothed Helmet Orchids (Corysanthes). This nomenclature does not appear to have been widely adopted however, and most helmet orchids are generally referred to as Corybas.

The helmet orchid species which I have discovered in the bushland around Sydney are C. pruinus, C. fimbriatus, C. barbara, C. unguiculatus and C. aconitiflorus. They are in flower right now, so if you are interested in an unusual and beautiful little terrestrial orchid, now is the time to go looking in your local bushland.

I have attempted to grow Corybas orchids on a number of occasions with varying success. I currently have two pots which I am watching carefully .hopefully they might make it to the bench .or at least our photo-benching later this season. One of these pots contains 5 tubers of Corybas incurvus which I won in an ANOS raffle, and I am pleased to include a photo (right) of the first of these to flower.

Trish Peterson



Corybas aconitiflorus



Corybas fimbriatus/Corysanthes fimbriata



Corybas/Anzybas unguiculatus



Corybas incurvus/Corysanthes incurva



Corybas pruinus/Corysanthes pruinosa



Corybas/Anzybas unguiculatus



Corybas barbara



Corybas pruinus/Corysanthes pruinosa

Coronavirus getting you down? It was me as I have been waiting to go bush and also get the camera out. Thanks to Lesley Bromley, NSOS, I was alerted to an oasis in Brookvale that I didn't know existed.

I have worked all my life on the Northern Beaches, except for a 2 year stint when the company I worked for decided to make a fatal decision and move from Frenchs Forest to Girrawheen.

It's a little wonderland that has waterfalls, birds, water dragons, wallabies and other wildlife as well as terrestrial orchids.

Bill Dobson



Corybas aconitiflorus



Pterostylus nutans



Corybas aconitiflorus



Dockrillia crateriformis L & B Dobson



Dockrillia crateriformis L & B Dobson



Dockrillia crateriformis L & B Dobson



Den. Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks' Reiner & Judy



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Den. Australian Black and Green 'Black Velvet' x Jesmond Sparkler 'Greg Hall' Reiner & Judy



Den. Robbie McInness Reiner & Judy



Cadetia taylorii Reiner & Judy



Den. Regal Hilda 'Rockstar'
x *Sparkler 'Greg Hall'* Reiner & Judy



Doc. Australian Freckles Reiner & Judy



Den. Pinteray KWR 'Bright Purple' Reiner & Judy



Den. Hilda Poxon Reiner & Judy



Den. Esme Poulton 'Tinonee' Reiner & Judy



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Den. Hilda Poxon Reiner & Judy



Doc. Tweetas 'Red Lip' Reiner & Judy

In My Bushhouse July 2020

In the middle of Winter, past the shortest day and we continue to get rain but no temperature below 5 deg, yet. In my bushhouse it has rained overnight and the forecast today is for heavy showers but with a temperature of up to 17 degrees. The overnight temperature was 6 degrees and this is predicted for the rest of the week thru Sunday.

So what does this mean for the plants, well they are still growing strongly with new growths on some Dockrillias, speciosum, adae and tetragonum. Strong root activity is seen on all these plants, along with buds forming. The only plants that seem to be waiting are my Dendrobium falcorostrum, and the Den jonesii var. magnificum which always flower later.

I await Sarcochilus falcatus buds to open, some from FNQ are about to pop as they will flower this month but for the rest they, as usual, have the racemes there with buds but will wait for later in the year to do their flowering. The northern Queensland versions that still seem to flower in July-August each year repeatedly so as previously I wonder if they have a different pollinator. Gerry Walsh has said that they have a different scent so chances are a different insect to go with it.

My Den speciosums outside the bushhouse variety capricornicum and pedunculatum have racemes well on the way to have a flowering in August indeed some of the capricornicums have started to flower now. Meanwhile there are still some racemes that have not even broken from their sheaths yet. Den cecatua will flower soon as their buds are swollen whereas the other varieties of tetragonum, melaleucaphilum and capitisyork, all exhibit buds but are well away from flowering yet, hopefully. Some of the Den aemulum and gracilicaule are only a week or two away from flowering while others have little stalks with pinheads on top so looks like a good year for them.

I have still seen the odd aphids and some mealy bug on barely a couple of plants and very little of the little grey codling moth that in the past has done some damage so that looks good.

Keep up the fertilising and at the start of each month, last week, I continue to spray with Azamax (Neem extract) 3ml/l and EcoOil at 5ml/l and plants look good. For optimum use you should be doing this every 14-21 days or until the problem, pest go away.

So with premium flowering time now only 4-8 weeks away clean up around them get rid of any weeds, stake up pseudobulbs, and turn the plants with racemes coming to face north. By facing the plants north as the racemes fully extend they tend not to twist following the sun. Their natural reaction when we have sun is to follow from east to west in a reduced arc.

Anyway that is enough to digest for now. Have some hot soup and toast or a roast and glass of red and think of the flowering to come.

Good growing Bill Dobson



Den. Aussie Parade x Regal Hilda David Hemmings



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Den. Aussie Parade x Regal Hilda David Hemmings



Den. bigibbum 'Pete' x 'Big Dave' David Hemmings



Den. Aussie Parade x Regal Hilda David Hemmings



Den. Brimbank 'Uluru' David Hemmings



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Den. Brimbank 'Uluru' David Hemmings



Doc. Saboteur David Hemmings



Den. Cheryl's Glory David Hemmings



Den. Class ex DUNO David Hemmings



Den. Cosmic Gold FFS David Hemmings



Den. Cosmic Gold David Hemmings



Den. Brimbank Uluru David Hemmings



Den. Cosmic Gold FFS David Hemmings



Den. Cosmic Gold FFS David Hemmings



Den. Cosmic Gold David Hemmings



Den. Nora Tokunaga x abberans David Hemmings



Den. Regal Gilliston
x Regal Hilda David Hemmings



Den. Regal Gilliston
x Regal Hilda David Hemmings



Den. Robbies Sparkling River 'Denniston'
David Hemmings



Den. Regal Gilliston
x Regal Hilda David Hemmings



Den. Regal Gilliston
x Regal Hilda David Hemmings



Den. Robbies Sparkling River 'Denniston'
David Hemmings



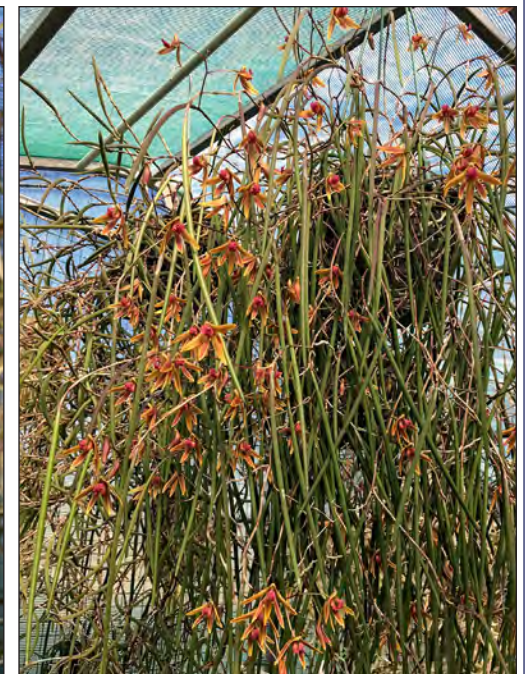
Den. Robbies Sparkling River 'Denniston'
David Hemmings



Doc. Tweetas 'Neville' David Hemmings



Doc. Saboteur David Hemmings



Doc. Tweetas 'Neville' David Hemmings



Doc. Tweetas 'Neville' David Hemmings



Doc. Saboteur David Hemmings

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Doc. Tweetas 'Neville' David Hemmings



Doc. Wamberal 'Denniston Fog' David Hemmings



Doc. Unknown Jim Moore



Den. speciosum var. *capricornicum* 'Tall Boy'
L & B Dobson



Doc. Tweetas 'Neville' David Hemmings



Doc. Unknown Jim Moore



Den. speciosum var. *capricornicum* 'Tall Boy'
L & B Dobson



Den. speciosum var. *grandiflorum* 'Cania Gorge'
L & B Dobson

Oberonia crateriformis

Oberonia crateriformis, commonly known as the cratered fairy orchid,] is a plant in the orchid family and is a clump-forming epiphyte or lithophyte. It has between four and six leaves in a fan-like arrangement on each shoot and a large number of pale red flowers arranged in whorls of eight around the flowering stem. It is endemic to Queensland.

Description

Oberonia crateriformis is an epiphytic or lithophytic, clump-forming herb. Each shoot has between four and six fleshy, sword-shaped, green to reddish leaves 50–80 mm (2.0–3.1 in) long and 4–6 mm (0.16–0.24 in) wide with their bases overlapping. A large number of pale reddish flowers about 1.7 mm (0.067 in) long and 1.5 mm (0.059 in) wide are arranged in whorls of eight on an arching or hanging flowering stem 50–150 mm (2.0–5.9 in) long. The sepals and petals are elliptic to egg-shaped, spread widely apart from each other and about 0.7 mm (0.028 in) long. The sepals are turned back towards the ovary. The labellum is about 0.9 mm (0.035 in) long with three lobes. The side lobes spread apart and the middle lobe has a crater-like pit. Flowering occurs between February and June.

Taxonomy and naming

Oberonia crateriformis was first formally described in 2006 by David Jones and Mark Clements who published the description in *Australian Orchid Research*. The type specimen was grown in the Australian National Botanic Gardens from a plant collected near Eungella. The specific epithet (*crateriformis*) refers to the bowl-shaped pit on the labellum

Distribution and habitat

The cratered fairy orchid grows on trees and rocks in rainforest and in other humid, sheltered places. It is widespread and common between Eungella and Mount Misery in Queensland



Bulbophyllum bowkettiae L & B Dobson



Dendrobium cacatua - Cathu L & B Dobson



Dendrobium cacatua - Eungella L & B Dobson



Den. Esme Poulton Trish Peterson



Dockrillia baseyana x Grumpy George Trish Peterson



Dendrobium tetragonum Trish Peterson



Doc. Tweetas 'Neville' Trish Peterson



Dockrillia rigida Trish Peterson



Doc. Tweetas 'Red Lip #1' Trish Peterson



Den. Avril's Gold 'Pumkin Pie' Trish Peterson



Den. Avril's Gold 'Pumkin Pie' Trish Peterson



Dockrillia rigida Trish Peterson



Bulbophyllum shepherdii Trish Peterson



Corybus incurvus Trish Peterson



Medicalcar decoratum Trish Peterson



Doc. Tweetas 'Red Lip #1' Trish Peterson



Doc. Tweetas 'Neville' Trish Peterson



Bulbophyllum shepherdii Trish Peterson



Den. Hilda Poxon Trish Peterson



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Den. Hilda Poxon Trish Peterson



Corybus incurvus Trish Peterson



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Den. Regal Gilliston x Hilda Poxon Trish Peterson



Doc. Tweetie x teretifolia Trish Peterson



Pterostylis curta Trish Peterson



Doc. Goose Bumps David Hemmings



Den. Regal Gilliston x Hilda Poxon Trish Peterson



Doc. Tweetie x teretifolia Trish Peterson



Den. Regal Gilliston x Hilda Poxon Trish Peterson



Pterostylis curta Trish Peterson



Doc. Goose Bumps David Hemmings



Den. Regal Gilliston x Regal Hilda David Hemmings



Den. Aussie Parade x Regal Hilda David Hemmings



Den. Aussie Parade x Hilda Poxon David Hemmings



Den. Aussie Parade x Hilda Poxon David Hemmings



Den. Autumn x Hilda Poxon David Hemmings



Den. Autumn x Hilda Poxon David Hemmings



Den. Autumn x Hilda Poxon David Hemmings



Den. Autumn x Hilda Poxon David Hemmings



Den. Poxon David Hemmings



Den. Regal Hilder x Jesmond Sparkler
David Hemmings



Den. Hilda Poxon David Hemmings



Den. Cosmic Gold -FFS David Hemmings



Den. Cosmic Gold -FFS David Hemmings



*Den. Regal Gilliston
x Rutherford Starburst 'Hot Stuff'*
David Hemmings



Den. Regal Gilliston x Rutherford Starburst 'Hot Stuff' David Hemmings