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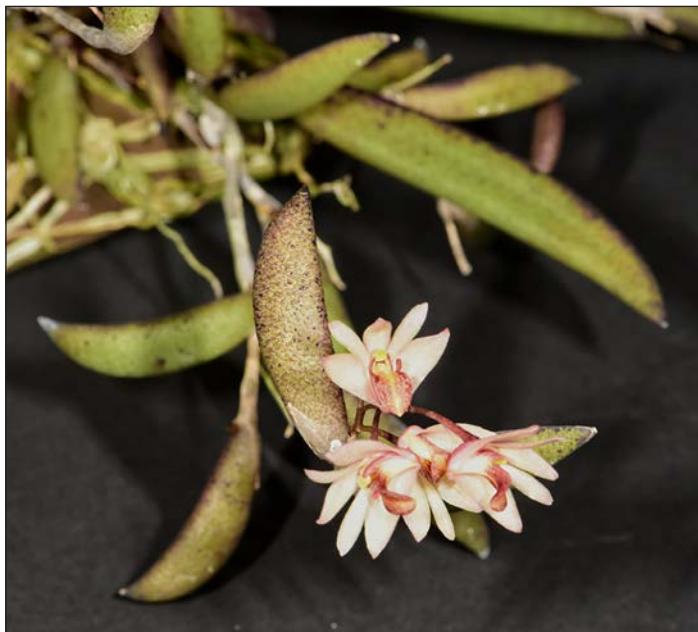
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April 2021

Photos by: Jane D'Olier



Dockrillia rigida David Hemmings



Luisia teretifolia Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium bigibbum David Hemmings

Tuesday 20th April 2021
Presentation by Erik Lielkajis
'Other Orchids'

Dear Members

Well.....autumn has definitely arrived....the nights are getting cooler and the terrestrials are emerging from their dormancy. We have been experiencing the wet and cool effects of La Niña and although the rain has been welcome after the long drought, it is great to see some sunny weather again.

We look forward to another great presentation by Erik Lielkajis at our April meeting – Erik will be speaking about those ‘other’ orchids which we often see on the bench – Cadetia, Oberonia etc. Erik is very knowledgeable and his photographs are superb ..don’t miss his talk!

Covid-19 restrictions are slowly being reduced and although social distancing and hand-washing are still required, other stringent measures are being eased.

Tea & coffee will be available at our meeting - volunteers are sought to help in the kitchen – and the Sales table will be in full swing.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 20th April.

Warm regards ..Trish

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

There are a number of precautions which must be observed by all attendees at our meetings:

DO NOT COME IF YOU ARE UNWELL or have had recent contact with anyone who has symptoms of cold or flu.

- Supper: Tea, coffee and a biscuit will be provided to members!
- Members to use hand sanitiser on arrival/leaving
- QR code to be scanned on arrival with your smart phone and please remember to also sign the Contact Tracing Sheet at the front desk
- George to record all attendees – contact details to be checked including phone numbers
- Masks – the wearing of masks is at your discretion
- 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
- Tables/chairs and other touch points to be wiped down before and after the meeting
- Chairs to be placed at a ‘social distance’ – 1 person/2sq.metres

We would like to see you at our meetings 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.

Hand sanitiser, antiseptic wipes, Glen 20, masks and gloves will be available for use by members.



Pterostylis tenuicauda Trish Peterson

Pterostylis tenuicauda is a plant in the orchid family Orchidaceae and is endemic to New Caledonia. It was first formally described in 1929 by Friedrich Kraenzlin and the description was published in Vierteljahrsschrift der Naturforschenden Gesellschaft in Zurich. Wikipedia

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ANOS WARRINGAH GROUP

HELD ON 16 MARCH 2021

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on 16 March 2021.

The Meeting was opened at 8.20 pm by President Trish Peterson.

Guest Speaker: There was no guest speaker as the Mystery Auction was to be held.

Visitors: Simon & Matthew, Guy Cantor, President MWOS and Thuy Tran who has joined the Group. We extend a warm welcome to Thuy.

Committee Members Present: Trish Peterson (President), Bruce Potter (Secretary), Ela Kielich (Treasurer), Judith Barry, Jane D'Olier, Peter D'Olier, Cary Polis, Ian Tanner

Apologies: Bill Dobson, Lorraine Dobson, Peter Dunstan, Steve Dunstan, Clover & Bill Bradley, Ted Shaw, Bryan Spurrs, Lexie Wood-Webber, Warleiti Jap.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 February 2021 as published in the Bulletin were accepted as a true record on the motion of Trish Peterson seconded by Ian Tanner .

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Incoming:

- Northern Beaches Council
 - 16 February - invoice for hall booking for March \$85.72
 - 3 March - invoice for annual storage at meeting hall - \$250
- Bendigo Bank - notice of reinvestment of Term Deposit 150554319 mat. 21/9/21 0.25%pa
- Australia Post - invoice for renewal of lease of PO Box
- Flask catalogue from Fitzsimmons Orchids
- Notice from Bryan Spurrs - resignation from Committee
- Manly-Warringah OS - catalogue of items for auction on 18 April

Outgoing:

- Notice to members - DUNO catalogues – flasks & divisions

The correspondence was moved for acceptance by Bruce Potter seconded by Ian Tanner.

General Business:

- Sales table - access to the sales table will continue to be allocated by ticket but, to avoid disrupting the flow of the meeting, numbers will be called during the break. Limit 3 plants per person.
- Supper at tonight's meeting will be limited due to Council restrictions on the use of the kitchen facilities.
- Raffle/Lucky Door prizes - none tonight due to Mystery Auction.
- Photo benching will continue. This is an opportunity for members to share plants that have flowered between meetings. Please get your photos to Bill Dobson before the Friday preceding the meeting and he will arrange for them to be included in the Bulletin.
- Guest speakers - Erik Lielkajis has kindly offered to give a presentation at our next meeting; topic to be advised.

Trish is following up a suggestion from a member for a talk on bush walks around Sydney.

- Annual subscriptions for 2021/22 are due on 1 July.
- Members to be sent the catalogue for the Manly-Warringah OS auction being held on 18 April.
- Members to be sent the flask list from Fitzsimmons Orchids
- Ian Chalmers advised that the Southern Orchid Spectacular would now most likely be held in September.
- New Constitution - a new constitution for the Group has been prepared and approved by the Committee.
It will be sent to members shortly and then put to a general meeting for voting for its adoption.
- Bryan Spurrs - Bryan has resigned from the Committee after more than 20 years many of these as Secretary.
Trish thanked Bryan for his dedication and hard work. Bryan will continue as a valued member of the Group.

Patron Mick Korzenowski - In Your Bushhouse

Mick spoke about a couple of "old favourites" in his collection. The first was the *Den. speciosum* var. *grandiflorum* 'Kroombit Gold' which was featured in this month's Bulletin. Mick grows it in an old chair in large chunks of bark and feeds it with a handful of slow release pellets once a year. It has 12 new canes and a total of 68 canes. Mick believes that when a plant is repotted it can be setback, so his approach is if the new growth is as big, or bigger, than last year's he leaves it alone. The second plant Mick showed and discussed was a *Dendrobium x delicatum*, a natural hybrid between *Den. speciosum* and *Den. kingianum*. Mick has had the plant since the late 1970s. The original of this plant dates back to the 1930s when it was collected on Alum Mountain near Bulahdelah, NSW. The plant was given to a Dr Kesteven and became known as *Den. x kestevenii* and was originally thought to be a separate species.

Trish thanked Mick for his usual informative talk.

Judges Report: John McAuley

Plant of the Evening: *Dockrillia bowmanii*

Other Plants of Interest: *Dendrobium monophyllum*

David Hemmings

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Erik Lielkajis

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Ian & Irene Chalmers

Oberonia titania

Bulbophyllum weinthalii

Vanda hindsii

Trish thanked all for attending, wished them a safe trip home and hoped to see all again at the next meeting on 20 April.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Pink Flannel Flowers - *Actinotus forsythii*

Unusually large numbers of people visited the Blue Mountains during March ...not just to see the Three Sisters but specifically to see the Pink Flannel Flowers!

These daisy-like flowers are in the same genus as the well-known white Flannel Flower (*Actinotus helianthus*), but flower so infrequently that they are seldom seen. The seeds of the plant can remain dormant for many years and they germinate only in response to smoke from bush fires.

Following the catastrophic bushfires experienced in the Blue Mountains last year and some recent good rainfalls, the pink flannel flowers have come to life this autumn. The blackened trunks and branches of the Banksia trees are a stark contrast to the bright pink of the flannel flowers which are delighting the many visitors.

The Information Centres provided directions to the best areas to see the flowers; we were given directions to Narrow Neck in Katoomba, however the flowers are blooming in other burnt-out areas of the Mountains where the bushfires have stripped the land of trees and other vegetation. I understand the last time the flowers bloomed was in 1957 after previous disastrous bushfires and it cannot be predicted when they will be seen again.

Thanks to Jan Duggin, and my partner John for the great photographs!

Trish Peterson



ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - March 2021

1. Dockrillia species

1st *Dockrillia bowmannii*

2nd *Dockrillia rigida*

3rd *Dockrillia bowmannii*

2. Dendrobium species

1st *Dendrobium monophyllum*

2nd *Dendrobium bigibbum*

3rd *Dendrobium bifalce*

3. Sarcanthinae species

1st *Luisia teretifolia*

2nd *Trachoma papuanum*

3rd Nil

4. Bulbophyllum species

1st *Bulbophyllum bowkettiae*

2nd *Bulbophyllum exiguum*

3rd *Bulbophyllum weinthalii*

5. Miscellaneous species

1st *Oberonia carnosa*

2nd *Cadetia taylori*

3rd *Oberonia complanata*

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

1st *Den. Red Ballerina*

2nd *Den. Red Ballerina 'Macquarie'*

3rd *Den. Lustrous*

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1st Nil

2nd Nil

3rd Nil

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

1st Nil

2nd Nil

3rd Nil

9. Australasian species

1st *Vanda hindsii*

2nd *Dendrobium atroviolaceum* - 2

3rd *Dendrobium atroviolaceum* - 1

10. Australasian Hybrids

1st *Doc. Tweetas x brevicauda*

2nd *Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise*

3rd *Den. Hibiki*

11. Novice & Junior

David Hemmings 1st Nil

David Hemmings 2nd Nil

Erik Lielkajis 3rd Nil

12. Pterostylis species

David Hemmings 1st Nil

David Hemmings 2nd Nil

Erik Lielkajis 3rd Nil

13. Other terrestrials

Erik Lielkajis 1st Nil

Erik Lielkajis 2nd Nil

3rd Nil

14. Terrestrial hybrids

Erik Lielkajis 1st Nil

David Hemmings 2nd Nil

Erik Lielkajis 3rd Nil

15. Best specimen

Erik Lielkajis 1st Nil

Erik Lielkajis 2nd Nil

Trish Peterson 3rd Nil

16. Best First Flowering seedling

Ela Kielich 1st *Den. Regal Hilda x Star of Gold*

David Hemmings

David Hemmings 2nd Nil

Richard Blaxland 3rd Nil

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Popular Vote

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1st Ela Kielich. *Den. atroviolaceum*

I & I Chalmers

Ela Kielich 2nd. *David Hemmings* *Dock. bowmanii.*

Ela Kielich

3rd. *David Hemmings.* *Den. Anne's Rainbow 'Surprise'*

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Dendrobium capitis York L & B Dobson



Dendrobium Happy Face Ela Kielich

In my Bushhouse

Rain, a curse and a blessing. We have had enough as my 'Rain Gauge' was filled and emptied repeatedly. However, all my orchids have responded magnificently, and you find it hard to see that they were nearly decimated by the 49 degrees that we had in early January. The plants have had a new lease of life and many new growths.

Although I have not been able to do my usual fertilizing program it does not matter as the use of slow release has continued thru this period and the growths are plump and shiny.

With the warm weather the aphids are out, and I have kept a bottle of spray to hit new growth when I see any. I use Pirimor® but you can and should use something as they breed and multiply overnight. I am not quick as I used to be and missed 3 dendrobium beetles. It is a good sunny day today, so I sprayed all new growths with Carbaryl® and EcoOil®. I have spoken to a few growers who have mentioned Mealy Bug which is insidious. Make sure that you check under the leaves of your plants and always a good idea to pick them up. I use the same Carbaryl® and EcoOil®, but you could use EcoOil® and your favorite insecticide.

There are a few plants out at the moment the rewarding *Dockrillia bowmanii* with its beautiful contrasting apple green and white flowers and this is the 3rd time this year they have flowered. Everyone should have one of these. *Dendrobium capitis York* will spot flower throughout the year and does not disappoint. *Dendrobium prenticei* is another that seems to always present a flower or more.

With more rain due this week and from what we have had in the past there has not been the need to water. However, I'm sure that some growers will have had problems with waterlogged plants particularly if you are using a small water retentive mix. My mix is fairly open so drains quickly. Check your plants daily if you can and if you see a plant under stress then relocate it to a covered area.

Good growing

Bill Dobson



First fill of the rain gauge



Dockrillia bowmanii L & B Dobson



Second empty of the rain gauge before working on the 3rd.



Dendrobium prenticei L & B Dobson



Dendrobium monophyllum David Hemmings



Dendrobium bifalce Erik Lielkajis



Bulbophyllum bowkettiae Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium bigibbum David Hemmings



Dendrobium Anne's Rainbow Surprise David Hemmings



Vanda hindsii I & I Chalmers



Doc. Tweetas x brevicauda David Hemmings

Dendrobium Colonial Maid

I have been chatting with Steve Dunstan and Phil Spence and I am advised that apparently *Dendrobium Colonial Maid* 'Verity' was the clone of the original cross of *Den. bigibbum* sub.var. *compactum* 'Jellat' x self and *Den. falcorostrum* that I made in the mid 1980's before I was posted west. There were only two seedlings of the cross which Phil had flasked and somehow got from a basically empty green seed pod. Upon departing I gave one to Phil and one to Wally Upton.

In 1991 Phil contacted me advising the cross had flowered and that he had sought registration proposing the name I had given of *Dendrobium Purple Falcon* with the alternative *Den. Colonial Maid*. Kew apparently rejected the first name as another breeder was using the "delicate" designation so the cross was registered as the latter.

Unbelievably a plant of the cross was benched at Mingara last week and Phil drew it to my attention and the owner incredibly has given me a piece back of what appears to have been the cross I made nearly 40years ago.

I have spoken again with Phil Spence and 'Verity' is a clone of a cross that Phil made, the fate of my original cross being unknown (alas probably like the *bigibbum* x *cucumerinum* that never flowered), but I would still like a keiki if any are available.

Peter Dunstan



Dockrillia Beverly Anne Trish Peterson



Dendrobium atrovilaceum - 2 Ela Kielich



Bower of the Satin Bowerbird - Darvall Park David Hemmings

Question and Answer

We are starting a new section Ask a Question, and the first from new member Nel Davis a few questions:

- Light requirements - high light, lumens, dappled, full shade, east facing etc etc. What do they all really mean in relation to the sun and shade conditions in the back yard i.e. do I always need to use the right shade cloth or will some orchids be happy under the shade of a tree? How much shade? Evergreen or deciduous etc etc.

Nel. Most orchids like good light. In my observations of tramping the bush for the last 40 yrs and growing native orchids since the mid '80s nearly all orchids can take at least 4-8 hrs a day of full sun provided they are allowed to adapt to a full growing year. In the bush most epiphytic or lithophytic orchids are growing, and importantly flowering best, in plenty of light ie they are growing in the tree canopy or on the edge of the forest. The ones out here are Bulbophyllums, Sarcochilus and the terrestrials, but they require different conditions overall. If using shadecloth for a bushhouse better to start with a lighter ie 50% and then if required you can add more. Remember that one of the most important factors for growing orchids is air movement and additional layers should only be added to the top of the bushhouse no the sides.

As for the question do I need a bushhouse? Well our native orchids have been doing quite well without one for years. However, we usually have our little beauties in a bushhouse for protection more than shade. You can quite easily grow your plants in your backyard without one BUT you will have to be more vigilant in regard to protecting them, not from the elements but from all the bugs, possums, and rats that seem to think you have put them out there to feed them. Ed.

Send your answers to me and we can print them in the Bulletin or separate attachment to members. Ed.



Dockrillia rigida Trish Peterson



Dockrillia bowmanii 'Bill' Trish Peterson



Dendrobium Hibiki Trish Peterson



Liparis swenssonii Trish Peterson



Dendrobium bigibbum 2 David Hemmings



Dendrobium bigibbum 2 David Hemmings



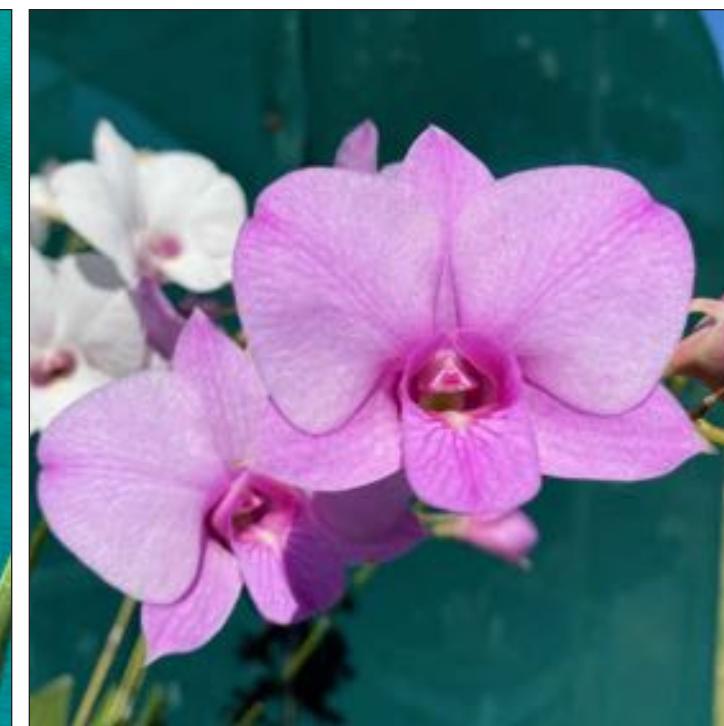
Dendrobium bigibbum 1 David Hemmings



Dendrobium Hilda Poxon 'Dennistone' David Hemmings



Dendrobium monophyllum 'Mick's Orange' David Hemmings



Dendrobium bigibbum 3 David Hemmings



Dendrobium schneiderae David Hemmings



Dendrobium Balmaring David Hemmings



Dendrobium schneiderae David Hemmings



Dockrillia bowmanii 'Adam' David Hemmings



Dockrillia bowmanii 'Lime Olive' David Hemmings



Dockrillia bowmanii 'Lemon Lime' David Hemmings



Dockrillia bowmanii David Hemmings



Dockrillia Lilac Queen x nugentae David Hemmings



Dockrillia rigida David Hemmings



Dockrillia Goosebumps David Hemmings



Dockrillia Tweetas 'Redlip' x hepatica David Hemmings



Dockrillia Tweetas 'Redlip' x cucumerina David Hemmings



Dockrillia rigida David Hemmings



Dockrillia rigida David Hemmings



Liparis reflexa David Hemmings



Liparis reflexa David Hemmings



Dendrobium hybrid Ela Kielich



Dendrobium Engagement Ela Kielich



Dendrobium bigibbum Ela Kielich



Dendrobium Red Ballerina Ela Kielich



Dendrobium Silver King Ela Kielich



Dendrobium Hilda Poxon Ela Kielich



Liparis condylobulbon Nel Davis



Liparis condylobulbon Nel Davis