

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
**'You don't see that real often'**  
**Erik Lielkajis**

## February 2018



*Dendrobium Gladstone Twist* – John McAuley



*Liparis nugentiae* – L & B Dobson



*Dipodium ensifolium* – Mick Korzenowski

Photos by Ciaran Nagle

**Minutes of the monthly meeting** held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The meeting was opened at 8.10pm by President Bill Dobson, who welcomed members and visitors Val Houley and Mark.

**Apologies** were accepted from Bill Westwood, Murray Corrigan, Joy Lumby, Erik Lielkajis, Graeme Russell, Judith Barry, Jan & Geoff Duggin and Cary Polis.

The minutes of the November meeting as published in the Bulletin were accepted as a true record on the motion of Bryan Spurrs, seconded by Ralph Lumby.

Matters arising: nil

**Correspondence:**

1. Bendigo Bank statement and reinvestment details.
2. Northern Beaches Council receipt for rent Jan/March 2018.
3. Commonwealth Bank statement for Society's cheque account.

Moved for acceptance by Bryan Spurrs, seconded Ian Tanner.

**In Your Bushhouse:**

1. Mick described the use of hydrated lime to raise the pH, and to prevent fungal attack as young *speciosum* leaves are opening.
2. Use of seedling tubes for *Dendrobium tetragonum* plants until they reach a much larger size. A large flowering sized plant was shown in a seedling tube.
3. A *Dipodium ensifolium* was shown to members. It is the only *Dipodium* species which has a rhizomatous root system and capable of being grown in a pot.

**Judges Report:** Trish Peterson

**Plant of the Evening:**

*Dendrobium Gladstone Twist* – John McAuley

**Other Plants of Interest:**

*Dockrillia brevicauda* – Ralph Lumby

[Plant was growing from the base of small terracotta pot where it had been inserted upside down.]

*Liparis nugentiae* – Bill Dobson

[Bill uses miscellaneous mix for this plant which lives in cloud forests and requires lots of moisture.]

**After Supper:**

Bill Dobson demonstrated the division of a *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *speciosum* from the Minnamurra area, and the use of hangers to support each cane, thus preventing movement/slippage within the pot.

Bill also described how to remove a terete orchid from a rotting paling mount and suggested replanting it in a mesh pot.

**Lucky Door Prize:** Reiner Schneidereit

**Raffle Prizes:** Graham Slater (2), Reiner Schneidereit, Ian Tanner, John McAuley, Jim Hemmings, Mark (visitor), David Hemmings (2), and Lorraine Dobson.

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

**The meeting closed at 9.40pm.**



*Dockrillia brevicauda* – Ralph Lumby

## In my Bushhouse

The weather has returned to normal summer with warm days and finally, for some, rain. This is good growing weather so make the most of it. Lots of plants are making new growths - look after them as they are your flowers for later in the year.

After the blast of heat we had I have used some Eco Seaweed and will do this as a tonic to my plants again in February, March and April. I also have used some Eco fungicide to keep any problems to a minimum during the period of high humidity that we are currently experiencing and will continue to do so during February and March.

Be on the lookout for aphids as they will attack the new growths. Keep checking, as although your plants are 'protected' by shade cloth this will NOT protect them from these little buggers which are so small they will just glide through the mesh. Remember that if you leave them, they can give birth to live young, up to 100 per night, and they can collapse a new growth in a couple of days. I use Pirimor® but you could just use Eco-Oil or Natrasoap to smother the little buggers.

I continue to repot where necessary. Normally I won't let a plant go for more than 3-4 years *without* repotting at this seems to give them a new zest of life and they get a spurt on. For those requiring the axe or saw I will leave until the end of this month when things should start to cool down a bit.

Plants in flower this month are *Dendrobium prenticei*, *Bulbophyllum macphersonii*, *Cadetia taylori*, *Sarcochilus ceciliae*, and *Sarcochilus seriterifus* an unpublished *Sarcochilus* similar to *S. ceciliae* but with a very hairy labellum.

All varieties of *Dendrobium tetragonum* are sending out new growths as are *Dendrobium jonesii*, and the roots just keep getting longer on the *Plectorrhiza tridentata*, so keep up the humidity. Currently I am watering 3 times a week with nightly misting to cool down the plants and for the humidity. I am fertilising once a week, checking on the sheaths of *Dendrobium speciosum* and folding back where necessary.

I caught 2 *Dendrobium* beetles on the wing yesterday just outside the Bushhouse, a reminder that I was due to spray this weekend, so I did it

that day as well. Remember you only have to spray the new growths until they harden up. Spray the whole pseudobulb as well as under and on the leaves. I had found 2 small grasshoppers in the Bushhouse and killed them and decided, for good measure, to spray in there as well so mixed up a batch of Bugmaster® and turned on the sprinkler. Haven't seen any bugs the last couple of nights. Something else to watch out for is ants as with the new growths coming they will exude some sticky sugars and the ants will bring scale, so don't forget to check under the leaves..... sort of 'out of sight out of mind'.

That's all for now, enjoy the weather and look after yourselves and your plants.

**Bill Dobson**

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## In my Courtyard

Well.....okay, I don't have a bushhouse like some people, but I do have a small shady courtyard where I grow my mounted species orchids. I have regular battles with *Dendrobium* beetles and a persistent ringtail possum but on the whole it is a harmonious space.

I enjoy going out into my courtyard every day and watering my orchids, checking for new buds and growths and making sure that the beetles and slugs are not visiting.

My waterproof trousers are hanging under cover ready for me to use and they are very useful in stopping my legs from getting wet. When I pulled them on yesterday I could feel an unusual wetness on one leg....I pulled up the leg and to my surprise out hopped a huge frog! After squawking in fright, I managed to take a photograph. I think it is a Peron's tree frog and I am very happy to share my courtyard with him/her.....but I now thoroughly check my trousers for frogs.....Trish





## ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results – January 2018

### 1. Dockrillia species

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Doc. brevicauda* Ralph Lumby  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *Doc. prenticei* L & B Dobson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> *Doc. toressae* I & I Chalmers

### 2. Dendrobium species

Nil benched

### 3. Sarcanthinae species

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Sarco. ceciliae* Clover Bradley  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *Sarco. ceciliae* Trish Peterson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> *Sarco. hirticalcar* John McAuley

### 4. Bulbophyllum species

Nil benched

### 5. Miscellaneous species

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Liparis nugentiae* L & B Dobson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *Cadetia taylori* L & B Dobson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> *Liparis coelogyoides* L & B Dobson

### 6. Dendrobium Hybrids

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Den. Hilda Poxon* Ela Kielich  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *Den. Lustrous* David Hemming  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

### 7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Sarco. Nicky* Bryan Spurrs  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *Sarco. Sundani Galaxy* Clover Bradley  
 3<sup>rd</sup> *Sarco. Velvet* Bryan Spurrs

### 8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

Nil benched

### 9. Australasian species

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Bulbophyllum ebulbe* [apodum] John McAuley  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *Den. tangerinum* I & I Chalmers  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

### 10. Australasian hybrids

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Den. Gladstone Twist* John McAuley  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *Doc. Hot Coals* David Hemmings  
 3<sup>rd</sup> *Doc. Tweetie x racemosa x linguiformis* Ela Kielich

### 11. Novice & Junior

Nil benched

### 12. Pterostylis species

Nil benched

### 13. Other terrestrials

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Dipodium ensifolium* Mick Korzenowski

### 14. Terrestrial hybrids

Nil benched

### 15. Best specimen

Nil benched

### 16. Best First Flowering seedling

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Sarco. ceciliae* Clover Bradley



*Sarco. ceciliae* – Clover Bradley



*Den. Lustrous* – David Hemming

A request from Judith our diligent Results Recorder – could you please make sure your plants are in the correct class and that your name is clearly written on your benching cards.....Thank you!



*Liparis coelogyoides* – L & B Dobson



*Doc. prenticei* - L & B Dobson

### Australian Orchid Nursery - Popular Vote Results - January 2018

1. *Dockrillia brevicauda* – Ralph Lumby
2. *Dendrobium Gladstone Twist* – John McAuley
3. *Dipodium ensifolium* – Mick Korzenowski



*Dendrobium Samurai* – P & J D'Olier



*Dendrobium Hilda Poxon* – Ela Kielich



*Rimacola elliptica* – Blue Mountains – Ciaran Nagle



*Dendrobium toressae* – I & I Chalmers



*Sarcochilus ceciliae* – Jim Hemmings



*Cryptostylis subulata* – Ciaran – Blue Mountains



*Cryptostylis leptochila* – Blue Mts – Ciaran Nagle