



The Australasian Native Orchid Society

The Warringah Group Inc.

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Next Meeting
Tuesday 16th April
Erik Lielkajis
'Bulbophyllums of FNQ'

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

April 2019



Liparis coelogynoides – Gerry Walsh



Dendrobium Hibiki – Ela Kielich



Sarcochilus Bessie – Clover Bradley

Photos: Ela Kielich

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 19th March 2019.

The meeting was opened at 8.08pm by President Bill Dobson.

Guest Speaker: Gerry Walsh

Visitors: Trudy and Greg from Stony Range Botanic Garden.

Apologies: Lorraine Dobson, Irene & Ian Chalmers, Jan & Geoff Duggin, Bruce Potter, Murray Corrigan, Bill Westwood, Garry & Harleen Williams, Bill Bradley, Ralph & Joy Lumby, Warleiti Jap.

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:

Incoming;

1. Renewal of Post Office box.
2. Northern Beaches Council – invoice for hall hire
3. Bendigo Bank – term deposit statement
4. Orchadian December 2018

Outgoing:

1. OSNSW re listing of our Spring Show
2. Guest speaker confirming appearance.

Moved for acceptance Bryan Spurrs, seconded by Ian Tanner.

In Your Bushhouse:

Mick exhibited a *Dendrobium* Yondi Tina Goliath hybrid showing Magnificent seasonal growth obtained from natural rainfall watering. Other plants in his collection, especially those on mounts need daily or twice daily spraying depending on conditions. Using two plants Mick showed that *Dockrillia rigida* needed winter warmth. The glasshouse plant was plumper and looked in better condition than the outdoor plant which was small and appeared pinched.

Judges Report: John McAuley

Plant of the Evening:

Liparis coelogynoides – Gerry Walsh

Other Plants of Interest:

Dendrobium Hibiki – Ela Kielich

[*Den. bracteosum* x *Den. laevifolium*] PNG

Dockrillia rigida – David Hemmings

Oberonia carnosa – Erik Lielkajis

Trachoma papuanum – Erik Lielkajis

After Supper:

Our guest speaker Gerry Walsh took members on a bush bashing trek to the Atherton Tablelands and showed slides of over 40 orchids in situ....and a carpet snake for good measure.

He also showed some wonderful *Sarcochilus falcatus* in a secret location.

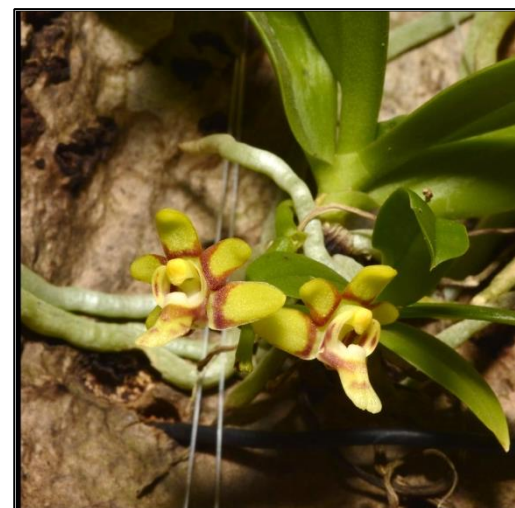
Gerry's presentation was very much appreciated by members.

Lucky Door Prize: Ted Shaw, John McAuley

Raffle Prizes: John McAuley, David Hemmings (2), Judith Barry, Peter Dunstan, Ron Howlett (2)

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

The meeting closed at 10.05pm



Sarcochilus hirticalcar – Clover Bradley

In my Bushhouse

Some years ago in the mid '80's I was really struck with native orchids after attending an ANOS show at Mona Vale Hall and seeing the arching spray of a *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *speciosum* 'Charlie'. I was hooked. I joined Manly Warringah Orchid Society and shortly thereafter was dragged in by Brian Gerhard to be Secretary to the Society where I remained as Secretary for the next 18 years.

I had been enamored by *Den speciosum* since the late '60's when I used to visit my step-father in Bega and while fishing in the river in spring would see and smell the intoxicating fragrance of the rock lilies along the banks.

Later when I had been involved with ANOS Warringah, I was approached to see if I wanted to see *Den. speciosum* var. *pedunculatum* in the wild. How could I refuse? So began a pilgrimage to Queensland where we have been returning for the last 20 years. I have seen some amazing sights on those trips and other ventures throughout NSW in search of *Dendrobium speciosum*.

For years that was my focus until the last 2 years when I realised I was neglecting the small native gems. Like *Bulbophyllum macphersonii* which this year has exploded with flowers. It's not until I took some macro shots that I appreciated the unique structure of the flower. Who designed this, I ask? Also with my eyes opened after 18 years of only seeing *Bulbophyllum sladeanum* once I saw it twice in one day and recognised it immediately for what it was, even though it was not in flower. What was in flower was *Sarcochilus serrulatus* and what a beautiful sight! I remember this from the very first trip, but it is not often seen in flower as often when we went we were too early.

So currently it's the little gems that are in flower - *Bulbophyllum macphersonii*, *Cadetia taylori* that seems to spot flower throughout the year, and *Dockrillia rigida*. This was an enigma to me until last year when I realised that it didn't require as much light as I thought. I had seen it in

very exposed conditions previously and though that this was how it grew BUT it was looking very harsh. Then last year we saw lots of large specimens that were in shadier conditions 70% and they looked fabulous. *Dockrillia rigida* is in flower in the bushhouse and looking good. Another in flower again is *Dockrillia cucumerina* which will spot flower 2 to 3 times and *Dockrillia wassellii* is in flower for the second time.

With all the new growths coming there are a few thoughts; continue back on the fertiliser after the rain as you need to push those growths to the maximum. With all the rain that prevented fertilising as it was silly to water when we had centimeters each week and this is where the use of slow release fertiliser comes into its own.

With the rain and humid conditions 2 dangers exist: rots due to fungal infections so you can use Eco fungicide. The second thing is it's still warm and I have noticed some aphids persisting so check the new growths and keep them strong. Remember you do not have to 'dose' the plant just the new growths.

Happy gardening!

Bill Dobson



Dockrillia rigida – David Hemmings

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results March 2019

1. Dockrillia species

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| 1 st <i>Dockrillia rigida</i> | David Hemmings |
| 2 nd <i>Dockrillia toressae</i> | Mick Korzenowski |
| 3 rd <i>Dockrillia cucumerina</i> | David Hemmings |

2. Dendrobium species

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|---|----------------|
| 1 st <i>Den. monophyllum</i> | Trish Peterson |
| 2 nd <i>Den. monophyllum</i> | David Hemmings |
| 3 rd <i>Den. monophyllum</i> | David Hemmings |

3. Sarcanthinae species

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|---|----------------|
| 1 st <i>Sarco. hirticalcar</i> | Clover Bradley |
| 2 nd <i>Trachoma papuanum</i> | Erik Lielkajis |
| 3 rd <i>Sarco. hirticalcar</i> | Clover Bradley |

4. Bulbophyllum species

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| 1 st <i>Bulb. argyropus</i> | Erik Lielkajis |
| 2 nd <i>Bulb. argyropus</i> | Erik Lielkajis |
| 3 rd <i>Bulb. baileyi</i> | Bryan Spurrs |

5. Miscellaneous species

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| 1 st <i>Liparis coelogynoides</i> | Gerry Walsh |
| 2 nd <i>Oberonia carnosa</i> | Erik Lielkajis |
| 3 rd <i>Liparis condylobulbon</i> | Bryan Spurrs |

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

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| 1 st <i>Den. bigibbum</i> | John McAuley |
| 2 nd <i>Den. Hilda Poxon</i> | Clover Bradley |
| 3 rd <i>Den. Topaz Dream x bigibbum</i> | Cary Polis |

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids_

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|---|----------------|
| 1 st <i>Sarco. Bessie</i> | Clover Bradley |
| 2 nd <i>Sarco. Elegance x Velvet</i> | Clover Bradley |
| 3 rd <i>Sarco. Bonanza</i> | Trish Peterson |

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

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| 1 st <i>Doc. Goosebumps</i> | David Hemmings |
| 2 nd Nil | |
| 3 rd Nil | |

9. Australasian Species

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| 1 st <i>Dockrillia hepatica</i> | David Hemmings |
| 2 nd <i>Coelogyne longifolia</i> | Bryan Spurrs |
| 3 rd <i>Den. erectifolium</i> | David Hemmings |

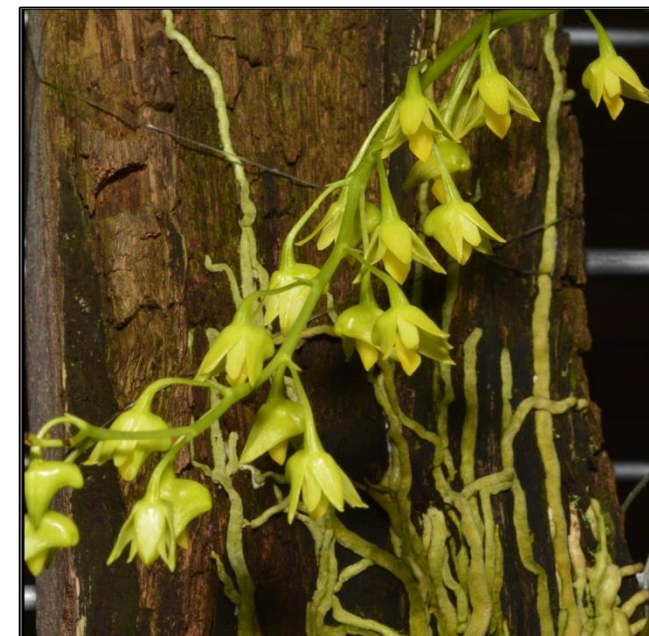
10. Australasian Hybrids

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| 1 st <i>Den. Hibiki</i> | Ela Kielich |
| 2 nd <i>Den. Alice's Rainbow</i> | Cary Polis |
| 3 rd Nil | |

Classes 11 & 16 – No entries



Dockrillia Goosebumps – David Hemmings



Dendrobium monophyllum – Trish Peterson



Trachoma papuanum – Erik Lielkajis

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1st Place:

Dendrobium Hibiki **Ela Kielich**

2nd Place:

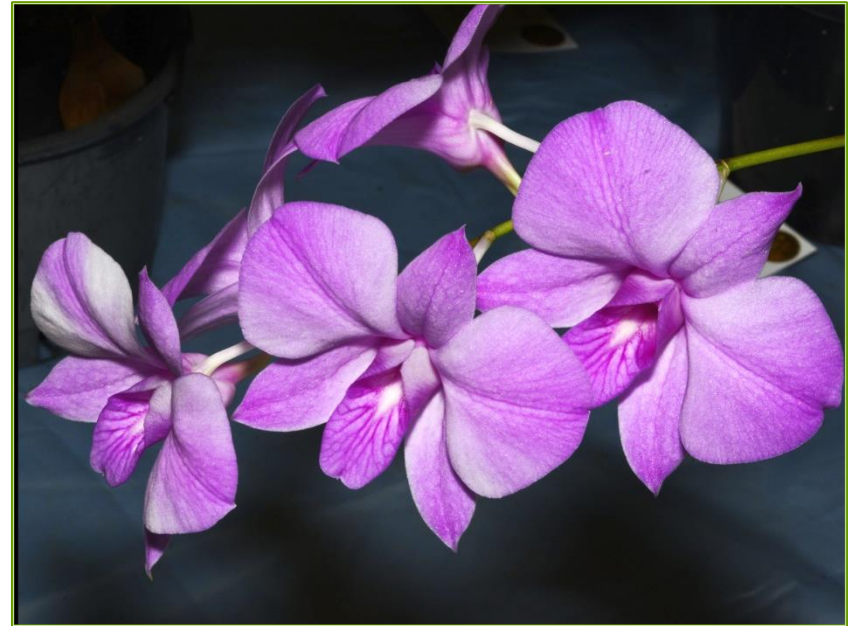
Dendrobium Alice's Rainbow
Cary Polis

3rd Place:

Dockrillia rigida
David Hemmings



Liparis coelognoides – Gerry Walsh



Dendrobium bigibbum hybrid – John McAuley



Dendrobium Hibiki [*Den. bracteosum* x *Den. laevifolium*] Ela Kielich