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January 2023



Dockrillia cucumerina L & B Dobson



Dendrobium fleckeri L & B Dobson



Liparis coelogynoides L & B Dobson

Tuesday 17th January

Cultural talk



Dockrillia cucumerina

Commonly known as the cucumber orchid or gherkin orchid is endemic to eastern Australia. It is an epiphytic orchid with creeping stems, gherkin-like leaves and flowering stems with up to eighteen cream-coloured, yellowish or greenish white flowers with purple stripes.

The cucumber orchid usually grows on *Casuarina cunninghamiana* trees but sometimes also on other species of tree and on rocks. It occurs between Jimna in Queensland and Picton in New South Wales, also as far inland as Armidale and the Blue Mountains.

Dendrobium fleckeri

Commonly known as the apricot cane orchid, is a species of epiphytic or lithophytic orchid endemic to far north Queensland, Australia. It has thin cylindrical pseudobulbs with two or three dark green leaves and up to four apricot-coloured or yellowish green flowers with tangled white hairs on the edge of the labellum.

This orchid grows in trees, shrubs and boulders in mist forest above 1000m on the Atherton and Windsor Tablelands.



Just to show you don't need a fancy camera to take good photos this was taken with the camera below. Just remember a steady hand, lean against something, or preferably a mount on tripod with remote

Photo: Apple iPhone 11 Pro

f/1.8, 1/122, ISO-32

In my Bushhouse

What a country we live in as I reflect on 2022. Huge rainfall Indeed the whole Eastern seaboard of Australia has being drenched. I hear on the news today that Menindee Lakes near Broken Hill are still expecting a peak from the Darling River. Last I was out that way the Lakes were nothing more than mud flats. As I write this I ducked out to the bushhouse and checked my rain gauge to see how much we had today, and we had at least 25mm in the last few hours..

However, with the big wet in Sydney it meant that orchids that were putting up new growths had the best of times such as the *Dendrobium tetragonum* complex. Previously I have had problems keeping the moisture up to them when new growths emerged only to have them die off. The last few years I have them in pot culture using home-made water well or standard pots and this helps retain enough moisture that I have some beautiful new growth emerge and continue into fat new pseudobulbs.

New growth is emerging on my *Dockrillia calamitormis* and indeed a lot of the *Dockrillia* complex. This excess moisture combined with warmer temperatures has signalled most *Dendrobium* species and hybrids to throw new growths. Things look good, and that's the time to worry as the insects and plant eating grubs seem to think that this smorgasbord is meant for them so be on your guard.

I have made sure that all the plants in the bushhouse have been topped up with 9-month slow-release fertilizer to take advantage of any rain and as I water so the plants get a little food.

I've also taken steps to clean-up the bushhouse and rid it of old leaves and grass and weeds from under the benches. If I were to construct a bushhouse I would do it differently today. Hindsight is a great thing. What a job I think it will take me a week to recover or a couple bottles of wine ☺.

Bill Dobson



Diplocaulobium auricolor Guy Cantor

Diplocaulobium auricolor belongs to a trio of very showy species, all characterised by the broad petals, but each quite distinct in the shape of the lip. The other members are *Diplocaulobium regale* and *Diplocaulobium centrale*.

Endemic to New Guinea, Papua (Nabire, Puncak Jaya, Merauke, and Jayapura Regencies); Papua New Guinea (Sandaun, Madang, and Morobe Provinces)

Epiphyte in lowland and montane forest, altitude 250 to 2300 m.

Flower orange-yellow, the keels on the lip pale yellow with red spots, with confluent red spots between the keels, lateral lobes lemon-yellow.

A beautiful species that sadly only lasts a day.



Dipodium variegatum Richard Blaxland



Cryptostylus erecta Richard Blaxland

Bush Walk

In the week before Christmas I went for a walk through the Ku-Ring-Gai Wildflower Garden at St Ives with my niece Jess and her 4 week old daughter Ida. I had the job of pushing the pram I didn't really expect to see any terrestrial orchids but we spotted a few.

There were quite a few racemes of *Dipodium variegatum* in full flower and one patch of *Cryptostylus erecta* just starting to flower. The *Cryptostylus* racemes had lots of buds and should be in flower through most of January.

Richard Blaxland.



Santa's helpers discussing the presentations with President Trish



Clover being presented with the Iris Pendle for Best Sarcophilus from our October members Sarcophilus Show.



David Hemmings being presented with the Points Score Trophy for 2022, among one of many awarded to David.



Santa's helpers Bill and Mick



David Hemmings being presented with the inaugural Murray Corrigan Dockrillia Specimen Species Trophy for 2022, by Murray's son Adam.



MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ANOS WARRINGAH GROUP HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2022

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on 20 December 2022

The Meeting was opened at 8.30pm by President Trish Peterson

Trish welcomed all members and guests to tonight's meeting which was the Group's Annual Christmas function and prize-giving. A special welcome was extended to Life Member Lorraine Dobson and representatives from various local orchid societies and the St Ives Orchid Fair organising committee.

Trish also welcomed special guest Adam Corrigan and family members.

Committee Members Present: Trish Peterson (President), Bruce Potter (Secretary), Ela Kielich (Treasurer), Judith Barry, Bill Dobson, Jane D'Olier, Peter D'Olier, Cary Polis, Bill Saunderson, Ian Tanner, **Apologies:** Barry Moore, Bryan & Marie Spurrs, Lynne Lane, Matthew Roberts, John & Cathy McAuley, Peter Dunstan, Steve Dunstan, Kevin & Helen Crocker, Gerry & Sue Walsh

Welcome from Patron Mick Korzenowski

Mick extended a warm welcome to all present and expressed his pride at being the Patron of the Group. Mick noted that for the past 3 years Christmas celebrations had been curtailed or cancelled due to the effects of the pandemic. He said how good it was to return to our traditional way of recognising the Group and its members' achievements in 2022.

Mick, Bill and Trish then conducted the prize-giving for the year.

David Hemmings again demonstrated his considerable growing skills with the receipt of numerous trophies and awards including the highest annual point score.

Next in the point score was Erik Lielkajis followed by Trish Peterson, Ela Kielich, Peter & Jane D'Olier, Ian Tanner, Judith Barry, Martin Davies, Jim Hemmings and Richard Blaxland.

Inaugural Murray Corrigan Memorial Trophy

The inaugural Murray Corrigan Memorial Trophy for the best Specimen Dockrillia Species at the Spring Show was presented to David Hemmings by Murray's son Adam.

As Trish explained, Murray was a Founding Member of

ANOS Warringah where he held many positions including President and was our Patron for many years. Murray was particularly interested in species Dockrillia orchids, and the Trophy is in recognition of his contribution to our Group and to the Australian native orchid community.

Trish thanked Adam for coming to our meeting for this special occasion.

Patron's Awards

As Patron, Mick also acknowledged particular members in recognition of their contribution to the Group during the year – Ros Mathews, Chris Murray and new Committee Member, Bill Saunderson.

Members and guests then enjoyed a very enjoyable supper, followed by the Monster Raffle.

Trish thanked all those who contributed to both the supper and the raffle.

The meeting was closed at 10.15 by Trish who wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.



Plectorrhiza tridentata Trish Peterson



Cadetia taylori Trish Peterson



Calanthe triplicata Trish Peterson



Dendrobium fleckeri L & B Dobson

Bushwalking with Chris Murray

Since my last contribution to the bulletin in November, I have been on quite a few bushwalks and seen some varied environments within New South Wales. The highlight of which was doing a 24km two day hike to the peak of Mount Kosciuszko (which is well worth the trip at this time of year). The Mountain *Caladenia*'s are stunning. I only found one patch which had several hundred, but didn't see any others on the entire trail. There are Leek orchids up there too but they slipped my gaze.

I also managed to hike through some extremely impressive rainforest, not too far north of Sydney. At one location there was a branch which fell from a large Strangler Fig which had a Blotched Cane orchid, (*Dendrobium gracilicaule*) on it! Very much on the southernmost limit of its range. In another rainforested gully, I found what appears to be a *Dendrobium tetragonum x speciosum*. And yes, I will go back in September to see if it flowers! Nearby, high up a tree was a tetragonum with between 40 and 50 pseudobulbs. I'll need to go back with a drone with a camera to get a good picture of it flowering! A number of years back, I found a Green Rock Orchid, *Rimacola elliptica*, in Lane Cove National Park and at last it flowered for the first time this year.

I have also included some photos of other interesting finds from my travels

Happy Bushwalking!

Chris

Caladenia alpina
Dendrobium tetragonum
Dendrobium tetragonum x speciosum
Sarcochilus olivaceus
Plectorrhiza tridentata
Rimacola elliptica
Calanthe triplicata
Dendrobium gracilicaule
Bower bird nest with blue accoutrements.



Caladenia alpina



Sarcochilus olivaceous



Sarcochilus olivaceous



Dendrobium tetragonum



Plectorrhiza tridentata



Rimacola elliptica



Dendrobium gracilicaule



Dendrobium tetragonum x speciosum ???



Satin Bower Bird nest



ANOS Warringah Group

Points Score 2022

OPEN

David Hemmings	231
Erik Lielkajis	93
Trish Peterson	90
Ela Kielich	60
P ^ J D'Olier	54
Ian Tanner	47
Judith Barry	30
G & S Russell	26
Martin Davies	26
Jim Hemmings	25
Cary Polis	17
R.G. Blaxland	17
L & B Dobson	17
Clover Bradley	16
Guy Cantor	12
Barry Moore	11
I & I Chalmers	9
Bruce Potter	9
Thuy Tran	8
Mark Asbury	8
Li Shan	7
Mick Korzenowski	4
John McAuley	3
Ted Shaw	2
George hardy	1

NOVICE

Nel Davis	9
Ros Mathews	9

MEDALIONS

Grand Champion	Grand Champion Ribbon	Gold	David Hemmings
Champion Australian Native Epiphytic Species		Silver	David Hemmings
Champion Australian Native Terrestrial Species		Silver	David Hemmings
Champion Australian Native Hybrid		Silver	David Hemmings
Champion Australasian Species or Hybrid		Silver	David Hemmings
Champion Specimen Native Species		Bronze	David Hemmings
Champion Specimen Native Hybrid		Bronze	Barry Moore

TROPHY

Annual Point Score Trophy	Trophy	David Hemmings
Australian Native First Flowering Hybrid Seedling	Trophy	David Hemmings
Joan Cook Memorial Trophy - Best kingianum	Trophy	David Hemmings
Iris Pandal Memprial Trophy - Best Sarcocoilus	Trophy	Clover Bradley
Murray Corrigan Memorial Trophy – Dockrillia Specimen Species	Trophy	David Hemmings