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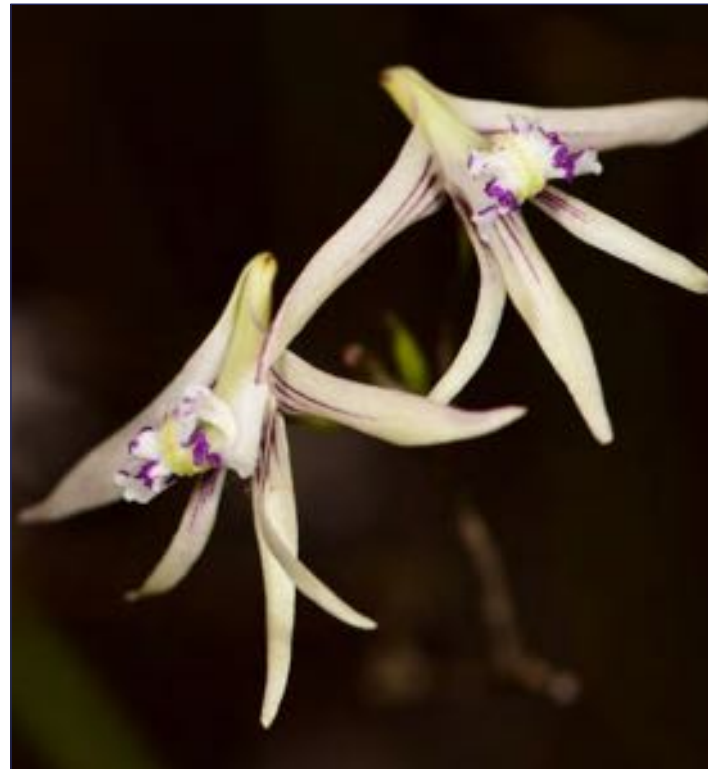
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October 2023



Dockrillia striolata 'Redback' David Hemmings



Dockrillia schoenina David Hemmings



Sarcochilus aequalis Erik Lielkajis

Tuesday 17th October
Members Sarcochilus Show
and
Iris Pendle Memorial Trophy

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Yoyo's Youth Centre, Forestway on Tuesday, 19/09/2023

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The meeting was opened at 8.07pm by Bill Dobson

Guest Speaker: No speaker tonight as the Joan Cook Memorial Trophy for the best *Dendrobium kingianum* competition is on. Likewise, there is no sales table or raffle.

Visitors: Kevin Crocker, Tony Agrela

Committee Members Present: Bill Dobson (President), Bill Saunderson (Secretary), Ela Kielich (Treasurer), Judith Barry, Jane D'Olier, Peter D'Olier, Cary Polis, Ian Tanner

Apologies: John McAuley, Trish Peterson, Joy Gouroussis, Graeme Russell

The minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Bulletin were accepted as a true record on the motion of Ian Tanner, seconded by Richard Blaxland.

Matters arising: Nil reported

Correspondence:

OSNSW – Thanks for recent membership payment.

Bulletins from various societies:

Berowra and district OS

Bankstown OS

Woolgoolga district OS

ANOS Newcastle

North Shore Orchid Society

Orchid Pot price list

Garden Clubs Australia

Commonwealth Bank Merchant Tax Invoice

General Business:

Cary Polis introduced St. Ives Orchid Fair Treasurer, Kevin Crocker who spoke of the recent St. Ives Orchid Fair, which was a great success. He thanked members for their support and hard work and stressed the need for such continuing support to ensure future successful Fairs. Attendance figures were detailed with these being the best yet. Friday and Saturday were exceedingly well attended with lower numbers attending on the Sunday. All vendors reported record sales and the society sales desk sold over 600 plants. EFT greatly facilitated payments.

A cheque for \$5500 was presented to ANOS Warringah, along with another of \$500 for our display.

Mick's Rambles:

Mick lamented the adverse effect that the recent heat had on orchid flowering. He brought in a variety of plants to intrigue members:

Den. gracilicaule v. *howianum* – this variety tends to have slightly larger flowers than its mainland counterpart with pink markings present on the labellum. It also displays more robust pseudobulbs and flowers well from back canes.

Den. gracilicaule x *kingianum* – occurs as a natural hybrid, as well as in manipulated forms. 'Doyle's River Gold' is one such example.

Delicatum-type orchids were discussed *Den. x Kestevenii* is one famous example, with flower colour different to other types, such as "Coloradi"?

Mick then spoke of a favourite book "The Orchids of NSW" by Reverend Rupp which was first published in the 1940s. This mentioned *Kestevenii* as being a species, although it is now known to be a hybrid.

Bill Dobson then displayed a battery-powered hand sprayer made by Gardena, which makes light spraying/misting more convenient as it is not adversely affected by orientation. He also related an interesting bush walk he had recently where he noted magnificent displays of Waratahs and the presence of *Calochilus paludosus*.

Cary Polis was then coerced into giving members a dissertation of his remarkable *Den. smilliae* and its growing conditions.

Judges Report:

Plant of the Evening:

Dockrillia (mortii x striolata) x fuliginosa x striolata – yet another David Hemmings marvel

Other Plants of Interest:

Bulbophyllum bracteatum – David Hemmings again

Sarcochilus spathulatus – Erik Lielkajis

Dockrillia striolata 'Redback' – Mr D Hemmings...

After the supper break, members voted on the Joan Cook Memorial Trophy for the best kingianum. David Hemmings resoundingly won this with an impressive example,

gloriously titled with the epithet *Den. kingianum* 'Black Amethyst' x 'Rialto Burgundy', which could also be the name of a dubious video.

Next month we will be indulging ourselves with the members' Sarc. Show.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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

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In My Bushhouse

As I write this, we are into October the shows, apart from the *Sarcochilus*, are done and dusted and I have a full blown repot on my hands as I haven't touched a lot of my *Dendrobium speciosum* and *Den kingianum* for over 3 years.

So, this year as I'm older and slower I am attacking them systematically with nearly all of the *Den speciosum* removed from the greenhouse and dividing and repotting where necessary. Plenty of Tricleanium® in my bucket to sterilize the scissors and new pots and hangers. Funny I will reuse the hangers but always new pots. If anyone wants used port pots I have plenty they just need to be washed and sterilized.

With the warmer weather I get up earlier, I'm either woken by my wife or the cat, both want something to eat and drink, and clean up after them☺. No rest for the wicked.

Anyway, time to get into the plants as each of them gets broken up or potted on I apply a 9-month slow-release fertilizer to each. I've graduated from stakes for the newly divided plant to hangers which in my mind support the plant better until the new roots appear.

At the start of each month until February I'll give all the plants a spray of Auxinone® and Seasonol® to settle them in and get new roots coming.

I just took a walk through the bushhouse to give the plants another mist as it's been 38.5 deg today and although the temperature has dropped it's still 35. As I walk I had a waft of delightful perfume first from *Dockrillia schoenina* and then as I passed *Dockrillia pugioniformis*.

Also flowering at the moment, I have *Dockrillia calamiformis*, *Dockrillia striolata*, *Dockrillia mortii* as well as *Sarcochilus aequalis*, *Sarcochilus hartmannii*, *Dendrobium fleckeri* all starting to open, with *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii* not far behind. *Bulbophyllum wadsworthii* is putting out some flowers as well as a couple of *Dockrillia linguiformis* and some late flowering *Dendrobium kingianum*.

So this is it for me for the next couple of months at least potting, watering and fertilizing. Starting in October once a month spray the plants with Mancozeb® If it becomes too humid I'll also use Bravo, or similar, to combat any other fungal infections. When the new growths come be on the lookout for aphids as they can devastate a new growth. I use Pirimor® but if you don't have this use a similar bug spray.

Well that's it for me for the moment. Keep cool.

Bill Dobson



Dendrobium lichenastrum Bill Dobson

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - September 2023

1. Dockrillia species

- 1st *Dockrillia striolata* 'Redback' David Hemmings
 2nd *Dockrillia schoenina* 'Pretty Perfume x self' David Hemmings
 3rd *Dendrobium lichenastrum* L & B Dobson

2. Dendrobium species

- 1st *Dendrobium kingianum* 'Black Amethyst x Rialto Burgundy' David Hemmings
 2nd *Dendrobium kingianum* 'Dragonette' x 'Linda' David Hemmings
 3rd *Dendrobium kingianum* Ian Tanner

3. Sarcanthinae species

- 1st *Sarcochilus spathulatus* Erik Lielkajis
 2nd *Sarcochilus aequalis* Erik Lielkajis
 3rd *Sarcochilus spathulatus* Erik Lielkajis

4. Bulbophyllum species

- 1st *Bulbophyllum bracteatum* David Hemmings
 2nd *Bulbophyllum bracteatum* David Hemmings
 3rd *Bulbophyllum wadsworthii* L & B Dobson

5. Miscellaneous species

- 1st Nil
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

- 1st *Den. Delicatum* (man made remake) David hemmings
 2nd *Den. Flinders* 'World's Best' x 'Icing Sugar' Jim Hemmings
 3rd *Den. Esme Poulton* Ela Kielich

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

- 1st *Sarco. Space Race* Clover Bradley
 2nd *Sarco. Shiraz* Clover Bradley
 3rd *Sarco. hartmannii* x wikipedia Li Shan

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1st *Den. Gowan's Tangelo* Li Shan
 2nd *Doc. Duffy* 'Denistone' David Hemmings
 3rd Nil

9. Australasian species

- 1st *Dockrillia cordiformis* David Hemmings
 2nd *Dendrobium bilobum* (PNG) Guy Cantor
 3rd *Dendrobium forberi* var. *praestrans* Guy Cantor

10. Australasian Hybrids

- 1st *Doc. (mortii x striolata) x (fuliginosa x striolata)* David Hemmings
 2nd *Den. engae x atrovioleaceum* Li Shan
 3rd *Doc. Oliver Jack Freckles* 'Gerard' Martin Davies

11. Novice & Junior

- 1st *Den. Unknown* Ros Mathews
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

12. Pterostylis species

- 1st *Pterostylis pedunculata* Judith Barry
 2nd *Pterostylis baptistii* R.G. Blaxand
 3rd Nil

13. Other terrestrials

- 1st Nil
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

14. Terrestrial hybrids

- 1st *Diuris Sulphurea Orientis* Judith Barry
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

15. Best specimen

- 1st *Dockrillia mortii* 'Flowery Green' David Hemmings
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

16. Best First Flowering seedling

- 1st Nil
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

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**Joan Cook Memorial Trophy
for**

Best Dendrobium kingianum

Dendrobium kingianum
'Black Amethyst x Rialto Burgundy'
David Hemmings

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Sarcochilus spathulatus Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium kingianum 'Black Amethyst x Rialto Burgundy' David Hemmings



Den. Gowan's Tangelo Li Shan



Bulbophyllum bracteatum David Hemmings



Sarco. Space Race Clover Bradley



Doc. (*mortii* x *striolata*) x (*fuliginosa* x *striolata*) David Hemmings



Pterostylis pedunculata Judith Barry



Dendrobium bilobum Guy Cantor



Sarcophilus falcatus Trish Peterson



Dockrillia sulphurea x hepatica Trish Peterson



Bulbophyllum elisae Trish Peterson



Dendrobium fleckeri Trish Peterson



Bulbophyllum newportii and friend Trish Peterson



Sarco. (Rebecca x Topaz) x Kulnara Kaleidescope David Hemmings



Den. fleckeri 'Denistone Nugget' David Hemmings



Dendrobium gracilicaule var *Howeianum* David Hemmings



Dendrobium Australian Butterbright David Hemmings



Dendrobium kingianum 'Excelsior' x self David Hemmings



Dendrobium kingianum 'Gotcha' x 'Joyous' David Hemmings

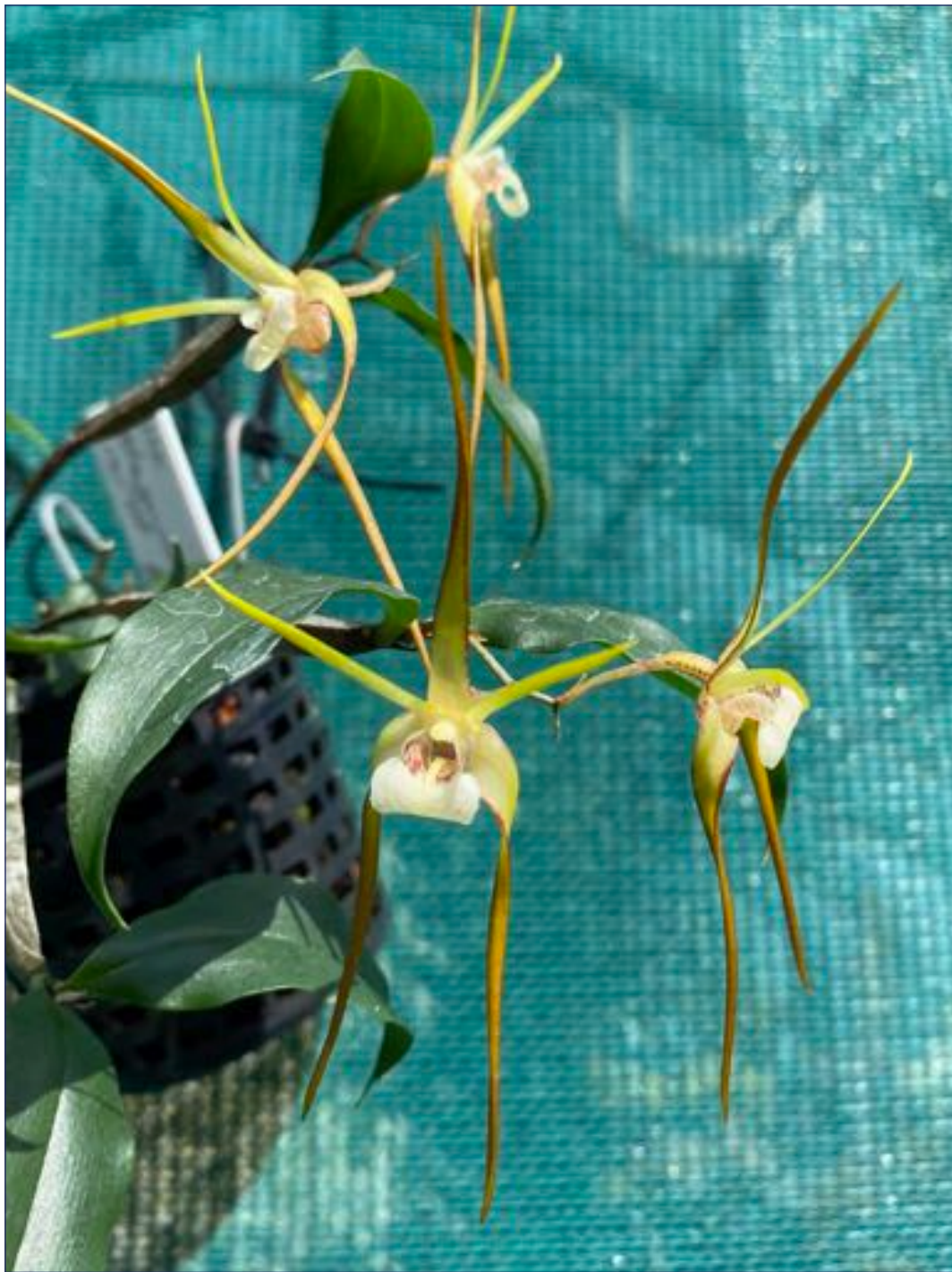


Den. speciosum 'Mt Larcom Gold' x 'Windermere' x 'Blackdown Bonanza' David Hemmings



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Den. speciosum 'Mt Larcom Gold' x 'Windermere' x 'Blackdown Bonanza' David Hemmings



Sarco. Hybrid orange David Hemmings



Den. White Magic FFS David Hemmings



Sarco. hartmannii x Kulnura Sanctuary David Hemmings



Sarco. Hybrid peach David Hemmings



Sarco. Hybrid red David Hemmings



Sarco. Hybrid red David Hemmings



Sarco. Hybrid pink David Hemmings



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Sarco. (Rebecca x Topaz) x Kaleidoscope David Hemmings



Sarco. Kulnura Sanctuary David Hemmings



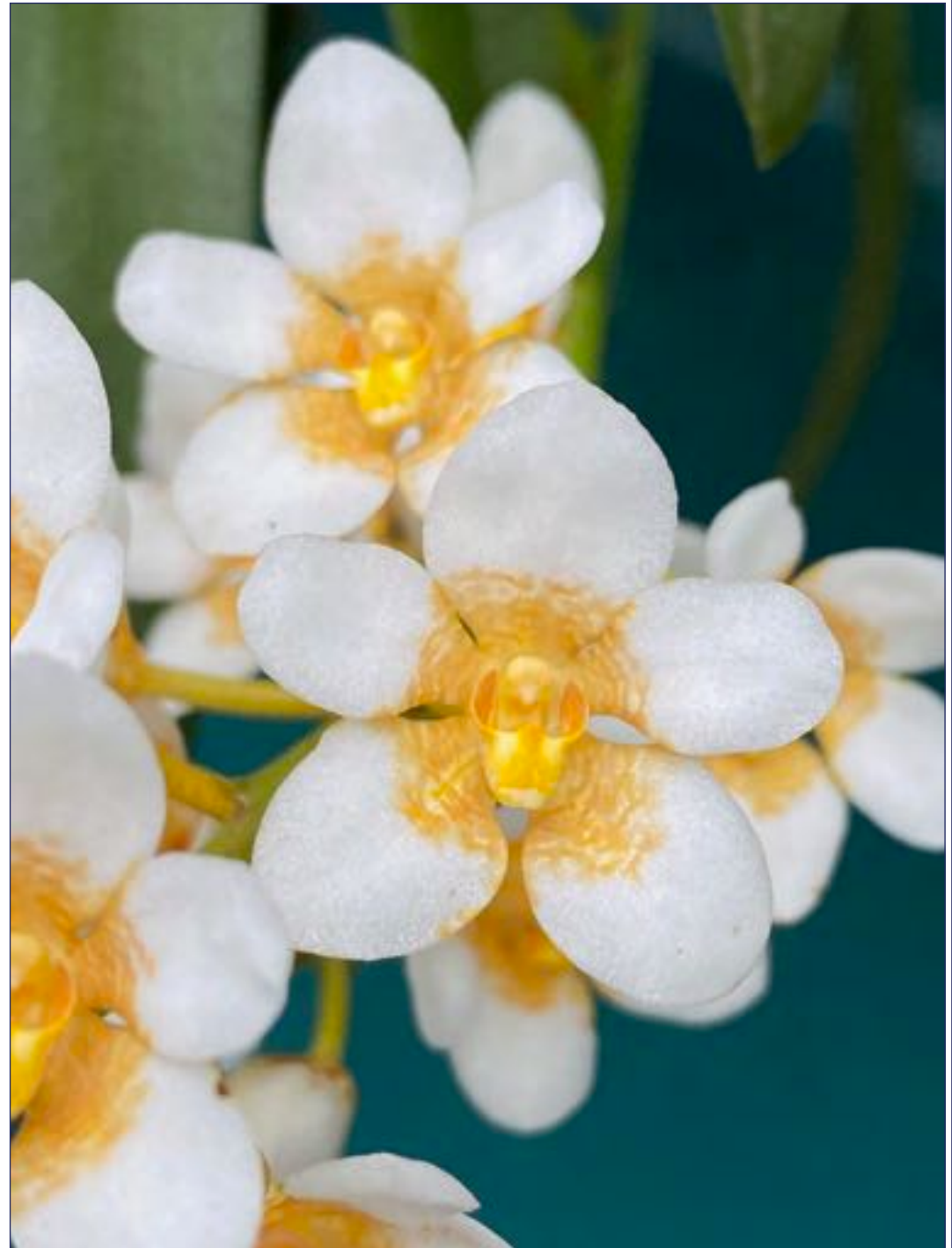
Sarco. Kulnura Shades x Kulnura Kaleidoscope David Hemmings



Sarco. Hybrid orange David Hemmings



Sarco. Madge David Hemmings



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Sarco. Sweetheart x Bunyip David Hemmings



Sarco. Sweetheart x Bunyip David Hemmings



Sarco. Sweetheart David Hemmings



Sarco. Yvette x *spathulatus* David Hemmings



Sarco. Yvette x spathulatus David Hemmings



Sarco. Melba Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus olivaceous Trish Peterson



Sarcophilus dilatatus Trish Peterson

In the Bush with Chris Murray

Over the past few months I have spent quite a lot of Saturday mornings going down various gullies and creeks, looking for the southernmost *Dendrobium gracilicaule* that I can find. This has been quite a slog and is mostly responsible for why I completely missed the *Dendrobium speciosum* flowering season. Not that I didn't see any *speciosum*, but all the ones you find in shady gullies never seem to flower. I needed to see the ones on the more exposed rocky outcrops. However, I did get to go on some great walks and tick off some spots that I have been eyeing up for a while. In the end, I was successful in finding a new location for *D. gracilicaule*, but not as far south as I was hoping for.

I was lucky enough to also go on a quick trip to Barrington Tops to check out the *Dendrobium falcorostrum*. None in flower sadly. It has been a tough dry winter in the mountains it seems. Further south too, the winter has been hard. I did briefly go to check out the last/only *Dendrobium speciosum* growing in Lane Cove National Park and they were in a pretty bad condition. I do not expect them to survive the summer.

I also visited some *Doc. banksii* in the Watagans and they were struggling too, I was about a week too early to see them flower annoyingly. The Ku-ring-gai *D. striolatum* seemed OK though. Hopefully, the summer humidity will give our local epiphytes a boost.

Next year, I think I will spend some time visiting the local *speciosum*'s...and *teretifolium*'s. There are some great spots- if you know where to look :)

Photos:

Dendrobium striolatum

Dendrobium gracilicaule

Bulbophyllum exiguum

Diuris aurea

Thelymitra anyonesguess...not *ixioides*.

Sarcochilus olivaceus

Dendrobium falcorostrum

Dendrobium tetragonum- I have been told this one is a cross with *melaleucaphilum*.





