



# The Australasian Native Orchid Society The Warringah Group Inc.

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

## January 2018

happy  
new year

**Congratulations to the Winners of the  
Australian Orchid Nursery Popular Vote  
Competition 2017**

**First Place:** David Hemmings  
**Second Place:** Garry & Harleen Williams  
**Third Place:** Erik Lielkajis



*Calanthe triplicata* – 'The Christmas Orchid' – Trish Peterson

**Our Christmas Party Meeting** was held at the Senior Citizens' Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

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

**Apologies** were accepted from Bill Westwood, Murray Corrigan, Allan Soars, Joy Lumby, David Stiles and Laurie McInnes.

**Welcome** to our special guests, Bernard & Marie Britton, Norm & Ann Byron, Val Houley, Kevin & Helen Crocker, Trevor & Pauline Onslow, Allan & Gloria Cushway, Nick & Helen Gill, Lesley & Garrie Bromley and visitor Jenny Richardson.

The formal structure of the meeting was then suspended and

**Prize Giving** was conducted by Bill and Mick who distributed awards and plants to members.

Everyone was then invited to enjoy the party.

Following supper, the Monster Raffle was conducted.

At the conclusion of the evening, Bill, on behalf of members thanked all who had contributed to a most enjoyable evening, the supper helpers and members of the committee who have made this a great year.

He wished all a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

**The meeting closed at around 9.45pm.**

### **Trophies for 2017**

Annual Points Score for all classes at monthly meetings:

David Hemmings

AOC Trophy – First Flowering Species Seedling

David Hemmings

Australian Native First Flowering Hybrid Seedling

David Hemmings

Joan Cook Memorial Trophy – Best *Den. kingianum*

David Hemmings

Iris Pendle Memorial Trophy – Best *Sarcochilus*

G & H Williams

### **ANOS Spring Show 2017 Results – Medallions**

#### **Gold**

Grand Champion Native Orchid David Hemmings

#### **Silver**

Champion Australian Native Epiphytic Species L & B Dobson

#### **Silver**

Champion Australian Native Terrestrial Species David Hemmings

#### **Silver**

Champion Australian Native Hybrid David Hemmings

#### **Silver**

Champion Australasian Native Species or Hybrid David Hemmings

#### **Bronze**

Champion Specimen Native Species L & B Dobson

#### **Bronze**

Champion Specimen Native Hybrid David Hemmings

### **Are you financial??**

Have you paid your subscription?

\$5 junior; \$10 concession

\$12.50 single; \$15 family

Pay by Direct Deposit - ANOS Warringah

BSB 062-155 Account No: 00908012

Or cash/cheque to Treasurer, Ela Kielich

P.O. Box 421, Forestville NSW 2087

Thank you!!

## In my Bushhouse

### Water First then Fertilise?

OK.... over the break I had a talk with a friend from Melbourne and the question came up about when to fertilise and he had always watered first then applied fertiliser.

I said that the roots of an orchid are covered with velamen *which consists of non-living compact cells with lignified strips of secondary walls. These cells provide support, prevent water loss and assist the plant in absorbing water. When dry the orchid root appears white, and when wet the root appears green because the cells of the velamen absorb water, become translucent and reveal the green cortical cells.*

So I asked him if he had ever tried to soak up a spill of water with a wet sponge!

That's the analogy I use and have been since growing orchids. If you want the plant to absorb the fertiliser in the amount you should be giving it, then why soak it in water first so it can't take it up?

Makes no sense to me....

What do you do?

First the heat then the rain, although I'm not complaining, as last night we received 80mm of rain so the plants received a thorough drenching. New roots and growths are appearing, so look after them. Keep aphids away and don't forget to watch for any rots as the warm and humid weather continues this month. With Dendrobiums I peel back the outer sheath when I can feel the flower eyes as this will prevent any fungal spores settling in here and rotting off. I will spray with Eco seaweed this month and next and also Eco fungicide.

This weekend I'm due to spray all the new growths for Dendrobium beetle. You must keep this up for the next 2-3 months or until the growths have matured and hardened off.

I continue to report as the plants demand it and the odd plant which may need dividing. But if you haven't done it within the next 2-3 weeks I would leave it until April and the cooler weather.

Keep the weeds at bay and remove all old leaves and old flower spikes as well, if you haven't done so already. If you haven't repotted plants, now is the time to top dress with some blood and bone and some slow release like Osmocote Pro Low Phosphorous 8-9 month 16 + 3.9 + 9.1 + 1.8 Mg + TE slow release. If you can't get this, use one for natives with the lowest in Nitrogen.

Good Growing .... Bill Dobson



### Cryptostylis Citizen Science Project

Allysa Weinstein is a PhD. student at the ANU and is working on Cryptostylis ecology. She is conducting a citizen science survey to look at the distribution and co-occurrence of different Cryptostylis species.

Please see attached field data sheet if you are able to assist!

## ANOS Warringah Class Points 2017 – Final Totals

|                                    |    |  |    |
|------------------------------------|----|--|----|
| <b>1. Dockrillia species</b>       |    | <b>10. Australasian hybrids</b>          |    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> David Hemmings     | 21 | 1 <sup>st</sup> David Hemmings           | 48 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> L & B Dobson       | 18 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> I & I Chalmers           | 18 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Erik Lielkajis     | 12 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> R & J Schneidereit       | 13 |
| <b>2. Dendrobium species</b>       |    | <b>11. Novice &amp; Junior</b>           |    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Erik Lielkajis     | 28 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Roger Lodsman            | 10 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> David Hemmings     | 22 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil                      |    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> G & H Williams     | 18 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil                      |    |
| <b>3. Sarcanthinae species</b>     |    | <b>12. Pterostylis species</b>           |    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Trish Peterson     | 21 | 1 <sup>st</sup> David Hemmings           | 27 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> David Hemmings     | 18 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> {Cameron Lanceley        | 5  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Erik Lielkajis     | 12 | {Judith Barry                            | 5  |
| <b>4. Bulbophyllum species</b>     |    | <b>13. Other terrestrials</b>            |    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Erik Lielkajis     | 25 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Bryan Spurrs             | 12 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> David Hemmings     | 16 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> David Hemmings           | 9  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> {Bryan Spurrs      | 7  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Trish Peterson           | 7  |
| {Ralph Lumby                       | 7  | <b>14. Terrestrial hybrids</b>           |    |
| <b>5. Miscellaneous species</b>    |    | 1 <sup>st</sup> David Hemmings           | 4  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Eric Lielkajis     | 23 | <b>15. Best specimen</b>                 |    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> {David Hemmings    | 15 | 1 <sup>st</sup> {David Hemmings          | 4  |
| {L & B Dobson                      | 15 | {Erik Lielkajis                          | 4  |
| <b>6. Dendrobium Hybrids</b>       |    | <b>16. Best First Flowering seedling</b> |    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> David Hemmings     | 54 | 1 <sup>st</sup> David Hemmings           | 38 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Clover Bradley     | 12 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Clover Bradley           | 22 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> R & J Schneidereit | 11 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> G & H Williams           | 5  |
| <b>7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids</b>     |    |  |    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Bryan Spurrs       | 33 |  |    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Clover Bradley     | 25 |  |    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> G & H Williams     | 22 |  |    |
| <b>8. Miscellaneous Hybrids</b>    |    |  |    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> David Hemmings     | 19 |  |    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> R & J Schneidereit | 13 |  |    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> {G & H Williams    | 8  |  |    |
| {Ralph Lumby                       | 8  |  |    |
| <b>9. Australasian species</b>     |    |  |    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> I & I Chalmers     | 20 |  |    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bryan Spurrs       | 15 |  |    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> David Hemmings     | 14 |  |    |

### Terrestrials!

It's time to sort out your tubers and pot up the survivors!

We hope to see them on the bench this year!

Nita's information sheet available on request.

## ANOS ANNUAL POINT SCORE 2017

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. David Hemmings          | 320 |
| 2. Bryan Spurrs            | 114 |
| 2. Erik Lielkajis          | 114 |
| 4. R & J Schneidereit      | 94  |
| 5. G & H Williams          | 90  |
| 6. Clover Bradley          | 86  |
| 7. Trish Peterson          | 73  |
| 8. L & B Dobson            | 65  |
| 9. I & I Chalmers          | 52  |
| 10. Ralph Lumby            | 41  |
| 11. Jim Hemmings           | 31  |
| 12. Ela Kielich            | 25  |
| 13. David E. Stiles        | 23  |
| 13. Judith Barry           | 23  |
| 15. Cary Polis             | 18  |
| 15. Chris Dalrymple        | 18  |
| 17. P & J D'Olier          | 17  |
| 18. Ian Tanner             | 11  |
| 18. Ted Shaw               | 11  |
| 20. Roger Lodsman [Novice] | 10  |
| 21. G & S Russell          | 9   |
| 21. John McAuley           | 9   |
| 21. Cameron Lanceley       | 9   |
| 24. Jimmy Moore            | 4   |
| 25. George Hardy           | 3   |
| 26. J & G Duggin           | 2   |
| 27. Warleiti Jap           | 1   |