



# The Australasian Native Orchid Society The Warringah Group Inc.

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## December 2019

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*Dendrobium fleckeri* David Hemmings



*Dendrobium antennatum* John McAuley



*Dockrillia cucumerina* David Hemmings

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 17th December**

**Members'  
Christmas Party**

## Minutes of the monthly meeting

held at the Senior Citizens' Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

The meeting was opened by Trish Peterson at 8.05pm, who welcomed members and visitor, Ian McKenzie.

**Guest Speaker** tonight will be David Hemmings.

**Apologies:** Lorraine Dobson, Cary Polis, Bill Westwood, Garry & Harleen Williams, 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 Ian Tanner.

### Matters arising:

- The proposed Sales Table will be deferred until the New Year. All orchid-related items will be on sale. Items will need to show the vendor's name and price. If more than one item, a list to be provided.

### Correspondence:

- ANOS refund of \$400 bond.
- Receipts from Council for monthly rent Oct/Nov/Dec.
- Bendigo Bank reinvestment for 3 months.
- Card from Corrigan family thanking for flowers.
- Authority requested by Mick Korzenowski to authorise purchase of raffle plants.
- Our Gardens magazine.

Moved for acceptance by Bryan Spurrs, seconded by Bruce Potter

### General Business:

- Website up-to-date with photos posted.
- Gerry Walsh has suggested Derris Dust for control of Dendrobium beetles in his latest issue of the Rock Lily Rag.
- Anne-Maree Mitford gave a summary of the recent ANOS Conference in Strathpine.
- Supper Volunteers – In light of the lack of response from members, it has been decided that 2 names will be selected randomly for duty that evening. Each volunteer will be selected only once per year.
- The Society's Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. Members are asked to bring raffle and supper contributions and volunteers are needed to assist on the evening.

### In Your Bushhouse:

Mick talked about the Dipodium genus; how six species are saprophytic and need to grow in association with mycorrhizal fungi. Two species have leaves and grow normally.

He also mentioned Yates Drought Shield available from Flower Power outlets – useful in the current hot weather.

**Judges Report:** John McAuley

### Plant of the evening:

*Plectorrhiza tridentata* – David Hemmings

### Other Plants of interest:

*Dendrobium* Micro Chip – David Hemmings

*Sarcochilus hillii* - Reiner Schneidereit

*Cymbidium canaliculatum* – Bill Dobson

*Dendrobium antennatum* – John McAuley

**After supper:** David Hemmings regaled us with a very instructive account of how and where he grows his orchids, including all the steps and precautions he takes.

**Lucky Door Prize:** Bryan Spurrs

**Raffle Prizes:** Bill Bradley, Anne-Maree Mitford, Ela Kielich, Ian Tanner, Ian Chalmers, Bruce Potter.

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

### The meeting closed at 10.00pm



*Dockrillia striolata* 'Neville'

## *Dockrillia striolata* (H.G.Reichb.) Rauschert 1983

(*Dockrillia striolata* ssp. *striolata*)  
(*Dockrillia striolata* ssp. *chrysantha*)  
(*Dockrillia banksii*)

Other names *Dendrobium teretifolium* Lindley 1810

*Dendrobium striolatum* H.G.Reichb. 1857

*Dendrobium milliganii* F. Muell. 1859

*Callista striolata* (H.G.Reichb.) Kuntze 1891

*Dockrillia striolata* was named from the Latin word stri'a meaning marked by longitude lines and channels and has the common name of the Streaked Rock Orchid.

This orchid is one of the smaller terete-leaved Dockrillias and is found from the southern side of the Hunter River in N.S.W. (except for an isolated location north of the River) down through N.S.W. and Victoria, across the Bass Strait Isles into north eastern Tasmania where it is the only *Dockrillia* to be found on this Island.

In Tasmania, it tends to grow near the sea on granite boulders with plants stronger than the mainland form. Flowers are larger and more golden yellow. In Victoria, it is very common and grows on granite and porphyry rock surfaces while in N.S.W. where it is also very common, it grows on sandstone rock. It grows most prolifically from the Illawarra region in southern N.S.W. and finishes at the Hunter Valley which acts as a barrier for many orchid species. The Tasmanian orchid has recently been re-classified as *Dockrillia chrysantha*. While it can be found at sea level, it prefers the mountain ranges up to around 1000 metres altitude and follows these ranges inland for some distance.

It is a lithophyte (grows on rocks) although there have been reports of it growing on Eucalyptus trees. The plant has creeping rhizomes and branching wiry stems which, when lying horizontally, freely produce roots that penetrate crevices and hollows where litter collects. Many plants grow to form huge masses overhanging the rock faces. It grows in very exposed positions and can withstand bright light and hot days but does need some shade against the afternoon sun.

Leaves are numerous, terete-shaped, slightly curved and faintly ribbed and are a light green to dark purple colour. If grown in an exposed position the leaves take on a reddish hue.

Flowering occurs from September to December with the flowers growing either singly or in pairs. Flowers are about 2cm in diameter, coloured greenish yellow to golden yellow with brown striations and a white labellum. They become very fragrant in warm weather. An easy orchid to grow, *Dockrillia striolata* likes a temperate to cool climate. Water well in the Summer and keep only slightly moist in the Winter to avoid drying out completely. It can withstand really cold temperatures as is experienced in some of its growing areas. Cultivation can be on slabs (cork, hardwood etc.) or in a pot with good drainage. Hang up high to allow for its pendulous habit. If grown properly it can look very nice in a hanging basket even when not in flower.

A feeding programme during its growing period is beneficial. *Dockrillia striolata* forms a natural cross with *Dockrillia pugioniformis* to form *Dockrillia X duffy*, and one of the reasons that this article is here as I have witnessed this benched in a few societies and *Dockrillia striolata*.

Note the labellum that there is no purple and the leaves are round and soft on the ends. Whereas in *Dockrillia pugioniformis* the leaves are flat and pointed, hence it's common name 'Dagger Orchid'.



*Dockrillia pugioniformis*



*Dockrillia chrysantha*

### In my bushhouse – December 2019

The winds and lack of humidity have been drying out my orchids so I mist in the evenings to keep the moisture around the plants for longer. Fortunately I have, still, about 8000lt of water in my tank.

The *Sarcochilus* are continuing to flower particularly *Sarcochilus hillii*, *Sarcochilus setosus*, and *Sarcochilus ceciliae*. While all quite different they are in that group with stiff thin leaves that probably appreciate dryer conditions. They have many upright racemes of pretty and delicate pink flowers that can last up to 2 months. This time of year they can take as much water as they want but during winter in Sydney they don't like wet and cold so some protection is a good idea. Mine are going great in basket pots and have no problem growing into nice sized specimen plants.

Other plants are *Dendrobium prenticei*, *Dockrillia striolata*, *Dockrillia pugioniformis*, and *Dockrillia X duffy*.

I only pot up where necessary and will leave any that can now until the weather cools in the autumn. At the moment I am experiencing great growth in most of my species with *Den speciosum* var. *curvicaule*, var. *speciosum*, var. *pedunculatum* and var. *capricornicum* all have multiple

growths and pushing on strongly.

I spray this week with Eco-Oil®, Azamax® (Neem) oil as there are aphids about. I usually knock them on the head with Pirimor® then use the Eco-oil® and Azamax® to keep them from coming back. At the same time I mix in Mancozeb® to combat any fungal diseases during this time of growth. I'm using my new Swagman sprayer and it saves my time and gives great coverage for all the plants and pots.

As I pot on or divide I am dropping in a ¼ or ½ Confidor® tablet, depending on pot size. Also to this I add some 9 month Ozmacote slow release fertilizer and some Slug-Out®

I have been checking on maintenance issues with the bushhouse as it was first put up in 1991 so some work always has to be done with sewing up shade cloth, replacing screws/bolts, and those plastic clips on the misting water tube. I regularly have to do a check and clean-up of leaves and weeds to keep the floor of the house clean.

Anyway that's enough for now put my feet up and have a wine or beer☺.

Merry Christmas to you all and good growing.

Bill Dobson



Assassin Bug - a good bug, look after these.

## ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - November 2019

<b>1. Dockrillia species</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Dendrobium prenticei</i>	Erik Lielkajis	1 <sup>st</sup> Nil
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Dockrillia cucumerina</i>	David Hemmings	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil
3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Dendrobium prenticei</i>	L. & B. Dobson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil
<b>2. Dendrobium species</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Dendrobium fleckeri</i>	David Hemmings	1 <sup>st</sup> Nil
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil
<b>3. Sarcanthinae species</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Plectorrhiza tridentata</i>	David Hemmings	1 <sup>st</sup> Nil
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Sarcochilus hillii</i>	R. & J. Schneidereit	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil
3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Sarcochilus dilatatus</i>	Mick Korzenowski	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil
<b>4. Bulbophyllum species</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Bulbophyllum newportii</i>	David Hemmings	1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i> Clover Bradley
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Bulbophyllum newportii</i>	Erik Lielkajis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil
3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Bulbophyllum johnsonii</i>	Jim Hemmings	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil
<b>5. Miscellaneous species</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i>	L. & B. Dobson	1 <sup>st</sup> Sarc. Marina Harriot x Hartmannii Bryan Spurrs
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Cymbidium madidum</i>	R. & J. Schneidereit	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil
3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Cymbidium madidum</i>	David Hemmings	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil
<b>6. Dendrobium Hybrids</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Nil		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		
<b>7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Plectochilus Orkology Timara</i>	David Hemmings	
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Sarcochilus Kilgra</i>	Bryan Spurrs	
3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Sarcochilus Earth Song</i>	Clover Bradley	
<b>8. Miscellaneous Hybrids</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Dockrillia Goose Bumps</i>	David Hemmings	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		
<b>9. Australasian species</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Dendrobium antennatum</i>	John McAuley	
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Dockrillia hepatica</i>	Mick Korzenowski	
3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Coelogyne fragrans</i>	Bryan Spurrs	
<b>10. Australasian Hybrids</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Dendrobium Microchip</i>	David Hemmings	
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Dockrillia sulphurea x hepatica</i>	Trish Peterson	
3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Dendrobium Gowan's Tangelo</i>	Trish Peterson	
<b>11. Novice &amp; Junior</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Nil		
<b>12. Pterostylis species</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Nil		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		
<b>13. Other terrestrials</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Nil		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		
<b>14. Terrestrial hybrids</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Nil		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		
<b>15. Best specimen</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i>		Clover Bradley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		
<b>16. Best First Flowering seedling</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Sarc. Marina Harriot x Hartmannii		Bryan Spurrs
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		

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*Sarcochilus Earth Song* Clover Bradley



*Cymbidium canaliculatum* L & B Dobson



*Coelogyne fragrans* Bryan Spurrs



*Dendrobium Microchip* David Hemmings