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## May 2023



*Dockrillia bowmanii* Erik Lielkajis



*Sarcophilus tricallatus* Erik Lielkajis



*Sarcophilus hirticalcar* Clover Bradley

**Tuesday 16th May**  
**Irene Chalmers**  
**Ira Butler Trophy awards**  
**2022**

**Minutes of the monthly meeting** held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**The meeting was opened** at 8.15pm by President, Trish Peterson.

**Guest Speaker:**

Dr Peter Weston – ‘Gondwanan Plants of Australia including Orchids’

**Visitors:** Trish welcomed everyone and was pleased to see several returning members.

**Apologies:** Brian Spurrs, Thanh Mai, Chris Murray, John McAuley, Bruce Potter

Trish advised that Bruce is currently in hospital after undergoing major surgery.

We send our best wishes to Bruce and wish him a speedy recovery.

**The minutes of the previous meeting** as published in the Bulletin were accepted as a true record on the motion of Bill Saunderson seconded by Ian Tanner.

**Matters arising:**

Members were reminded about the situation regarding beverage cups and the concomitant dwindling supply of disposable cups offset by the availability of glass mugs which require washing after use.

**Correspondence:**

- Newsletters from several orchid societies.
- ANOS Sydney Group advise they have a new impressive website.

**General Business:**

- Trish began this section with her infamous quiz regarding details from the last bulletin, involving questions about *Liparis* species currently flowering in Bill Dobson’s bush house (*L. fleckeri* and *L. reflexa*) then *Den. malbrownii*. Modest masterly silence was the predominant audience response. I suspect that clear recollection here by members was impeded by a general pleasing self-aggrandising notion of being nominally immortalised with a scientific taxonomic description through orchid development. Well done Mal Brown!
- Graeme Russell spoke about the “Orchid Market” website. This not-for-profit site was established by Kristoff Manns of Heathcote and, until now, has mainly catered for exotic orchids. Members were reminded of the possibilities of this site but, apparently, the response thus far has been somewhat lamentable. Registration details were explained.

**Mick’s Rambles:**

Mick Korzenowski gave an interesting chat regarding how orchids can have an intrinsic personal importance as well as their extrinsic aesthetic appeal. This personal value may involve memories peripheral to circumstances involving the plant itself, particularly with regard to colleagues associated with manipulation of it. An example of this was a *Dendrobium speciosum* originally sourced from the Smiths Creek locale by the late Roger Bedford, which had a pure albino inflorescence. Hybrids developed from this became the noted ‘Purity’ line, which were characterised by very clean yellow or white expressions. Roger was well-known for his sterling work with many types of orchids, particularly *Sarcochilus* and *Phalaenopsis*. Mick displayed an interesting example of *Den. speciosum* var. *speciosum* ‘Purity’ which possessed a somewhat bizarre side growth with aerial roots. Such side keikis are unusual with *Den. speciosum* and all present were appreciative of Mick for this presentation.

**Judges Report:** Erik Lielkajis

**Plant of the Evening:**

*Dendrobium monophyllum* - David Hemmings

David’s plant was a disturbingly-excellent example of *Dendrobium monophyllum*. Existing as a mounted specimen, this was cunningly supported in a pot with sundry adjuncts for safe transportation purposes. David elaborated on the history of this particular plant which included an epiphytic arrangement with a Liquidambar then transferral to the current mounted situation following the demise of the aforementioned tree. Watered daily, the plant has flourished in a manner befitting David Hemmings.

**Other Plants of Interest:**

*Dendrobium schneiderae* -

David Hemmings

*Bulbophyllum macphersonii* -

Bill Dobson

*Liparis angustilabris* -

Erik Lielkajis

**Guest Speaker:**

Peter Weston gave a quite expansive dissertation entitled “Gondwanan plants of Australia”. This delivered an explanation of the geological processes which have led to the current geographic situation we find ourselves in and showed the floral lineages existing internationally as a result of these tectonic shifts. Angiosperms featured predominantly in this discussion, with examples pertaining to orchids concluding this presentation. Peter’s talk was well received by members, and Trish thanked him for his interesting presentation.

**Lucky Door and Raffle Prizes** were won by various members. (No details available)

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

**The Meeting closed at around 9.55pm**

## *Phreatia baileyana*

*Phreatia baileyana*, (*Octarrhena pusilla*), commonly known as the wispy grub orchid, is an epiphytic or lithophytic plant. It has thin roots, usually only a single stem, between three and six fleshy, cylindrical leaves and up to twenty small, white to cream-coloured flowers. This orchid is endemic to tropical North Queensland, Australia.

### **Taxonomy and naming**

The wispy grub orchid was first formally described in 1889 by Frederick Manson Bailey who gave it the name *Oberonia pusilla* and published the description in Report of the government scientific expedition to Bellenden-Ker Range: upon the flora and fauna of that part of the Colony. In 1992 Mark Clements and David Jones changed the name to *Octarrhena pusilla*. The specific epithet (*pusilla*) is a Latin word meaning “very small”, “little” or “petty”.

### **Distribution and habitat**

The wispy grub orchid grows on mossy trees and rocks in rainforest between the Cedar Bay and Paluma Range National Parks in Queensland.

### *Phreatia baileyana*

One of the most difficult orchids I've had to grow and photograph mainly because the flowers are so small I couldn't even see if they were open. Flowers are 1 to 1-1.5 mm across.

Fujifilm X-H2s and 80mm macro f/16, 1/50, ISO800

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Bill Dobson



*Phreatia baileyana* L & B Dobson



*Phreatia baileyana* L & B Dobson

## ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - January 2023

### 1. Dockrillia species

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Dockrillia bowmannii</i>	Erik Lielkajis
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nil	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nil	

### 2. Dendrobium species

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Dendrobium schneiderae</i>	David Hemmings
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Dendrobium monophyllum</i> 'Mick's Orange'	David Hemmings
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i> 'Sunset' x 'Enobi Purple'	David Hemmings

### 3. Sarcanthinae species

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Sarcochilus tricalliatatus</i>	Erik Lielkajis
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Sarcochilus hirticalcar</i>	Clover Bradley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Luisia teretifolia</i>	Erik Lielkajis

### 4. Bulbophyllum species

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Bulbophyllum macphersonii</i>	L & B Dobson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Bulbophyllum exiguum</i>	David Hemmings
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Bulbophyllum lageniforme</i>	Erik Lielkajis

### 5. Miscellaneous species

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Oberonia palmicola</i>	Erik Lielkajis
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Liparis angustilabris</i>	Erik Lielkajis
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Phreatia baileyana</i>	L & B Dobson

### 6. Dendrobium Hybrids

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Den.</i> Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'	Jim Hemmings
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Den.</i> Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'	Mark Ashbury
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Den.</i> NOID	R.G. Blaxland

### 7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Bessie	Clover Bradley
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Elegant Heart x Velvet	Clover Bradley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nil	

### 8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Dockrillia</i> Limestone	David Hemmings
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nil	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nil	

### 9. Australasian species

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Dendrobium cyanocentrum</i>	P & J D'Olier
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nil	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nil	

### 10. Australasian Hybrids

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Doc.</i> Tweetas x <i>cucumerina</i>	David Hemmings
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Den.</i> Alice's Rainbow	G & S Russell
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Den.</i> NOID	Li Shan

### 11. Novice & Junior

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Dendrobium monophyllum</i>	Roslyn Mathews
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nil	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nil	

### 12. Pterostylis species

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Pterostylis ophiglossa</i>	Jim hemmings
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nil	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nil	

### 13. Other terrestrials

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nil
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nil
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nil

### 14. Terrestrial hybrids

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nil
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nil
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nil

### 15. Best specimen

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Dendrobium monophyllum</i> 'Huffs Tree'	David Hemmings
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nil	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nil	

### 16. Best First Flowering seedling

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nil
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nil
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nil

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*Bulbophyllum lageniforme* Erik Lielkajis



*Luisia teretifolia* Erik Lielkajis

# St Ives Orchid Fair



**'The Big One'**

**ST IVES SHOWGROUND**  
**Mona Vale Road, St Ives**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 9 am to 4 pm**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023 9 am to 4 pm**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 9 am to 3 pm**

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For more Information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049  
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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Orchids Out West** at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon on 26th - 28th May  
**NSOS** show at St Ives Shopping village, 15th - 17th June  
**Mingara Orchid Club** Fair and Show at Tumbi Umbi will be on 24th - 25th June  
**National Orchid Extravaganza** and Paphiopedilum Society Shows -11th -13th August  
**St Ives Orchid Fair** 18th - 20th August  
**ANOS The Warringah Group** Spring Show 14th - 16th September  
**NSOS** show at St Ives Shopping village, 15th - 17th June  
**Orchids Central Show** at Bankstown - 13th - 15th October  
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*Dendrobium bigibbum* 'Sunset' x 'Enobi Purple' David Hemmings

## ANOS Shows for 2023

**Central Coast Spring Show** 25-26 August 9.00 to 4.00 pm 27 August 9.00 to 1.30 pm  
Narara Valley Nursery, 2 Manns Road, Narara 2250 Carole Barnett

**Sydney Early Spring Show** 26 August 10.00 am to 5.00 pm 27 August 9.00 am to 4.00 pm  
North Rocks Shopping Centre, North Rocks Road, North Rocks 2151 Barry Moore

**Crescent Head Show** 2 Sept 10.00 am to 4.00 pm 3 Sept 9.30 am to 4.00 pm  
73 Neville Morton Drive, Crescent, Head 2440 Chris Price

**Central Coast Orchid Show / Fair** 9 Sept 9.00 to 4.00 pm 10 September 9.00 to 3.00 pm  
Anglican Parish Hall, Cnr Brooke Ave & Eastern Rd, Killarney Vale 2261 Steve Dunstan

**Warringah Spring Show** 9 September 9.00 am to 4.00 pm 10 Sept 9.00 am to 3.00 pm  
Forestville Memorial Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville 2087 Bill Dobson

**Illawarra Spring Show** 9 September 9.00 am to 4.00 pm 10 September 9.00 am to 3.00 pm  
The Old Courthouse, Cliff Road, Wollongong 2500 Bruce Porter

**Newcastle Spring Show** 9 September to 10 September 10.00 am to 4.00pm  
Windale -Gateshead Bowling Club, 2A Lake Street, Windale 2305 Tony Clarke

**Macarthur Spring Show** 9 September 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Oran Park Podium,  
351 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park 2570 Ross Morrison

**Illawarra Late Spring Show** 14 October 9.00 to 4.00 pm 15 October 9.00 am to 3.00 pm  
The Old Courthouse, Cliff Road, Wollongong 2500 Bruce Porter

**Central Coast Sarc Show** 14 October 10.00 to 4.00 pm 15 October 9.00 am to 1.30 pm  
Narara Valley Nursery, 2 Manns Road, Narara 2250 Carole Barnett

**Sydney Group Sarc Show** 21 October 10.00 am to 5.00pm 22 October 9.00 am to 4.00 pm  
North Rocks Shopping Centre, North Rocks Road, North Rocks 2151 Barry Moore

**Newcastle Sarc Show** 21 October and 16 October 9.00 am to 4.00 pm  
Windale -Gateshead Bowling Club, 2A Lake Street, Windale 2305 Tony Clarke

**Macarthur Late Spring Show** 22 October 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Oran Park Podium,  
351 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park 2570 Ross Morrison

**Sydney Cymbidium Spectacular** 18 November 9.30 am to 2.00 pm Senior Citizens Hall,  
Conie Avenue, Baulkham Hills 2153 Barry Moore

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*Bulbophyllum exiguum* David Hemmings



*Oberonia palmicola* Erik Lielkajis



*Docrillia* Limestone David Hemmings



*Docrillia* Tweetas x *cucumerina* David Hemmings



*Bulbophyllum macphersonii* L & B Dobson



*Dendrobium cyanocentrum* P & J D'Olier



Den. Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy' Jim Hemmings



## In my Bushhouse

Well finally some cooler weather has arrived over the last week with the temp dipping this morning to 12 degrees in my Bushhouse. We had a dump of rain last night too which topped up the tank again.

With the 'unseasonal' warmer autumn my plants have all either finished growths or decided to put on more. This is evidenced by lovely new growing root tips on nearly all my orchids. So if you are considering potting on then do so now while the real cold has not hit.

I have been reworking a lot of my *Dendrobium kingianum* plants to put them in saucers. With a lot of our natives, we put them in pots mostly to keep the moisture up to them. However, this is not the case in nature and ALL the plants of *Dendrobium kingianum* I have seen in the wild are growing as lithophytes on rock or sand covered rock with a little leaf litter around and covering the roots.

While your plants are growing feed them. I noticed recently some people advocating not feeding native orchids. Yes they do alright in the bush without, but if you are all about growing your orchids to their optimum then feed them. The other thing in the wild they are hit and miss with rain and also different genera and species grow on selected rocks and trees whereas we drop them into a plastic pot with bark that no orchid grows on naturally. So believe me they do better with feeding.

With the warmer weather this autumn I have had only a few initiated 'spikes' showing. Normally they would be showing by Anzac day, and some before. So time will tell whether this season is going to be a great flowering year or not. I will let you know over the coming months as they progress, or not. However, I have noticed some spikes on *Den speciosum* var *capricornicum* 'Pine Mountain' and this variety will flower in the wild from May to July.

All my *Sarcochilus falcatus* and *Sarcochilus olivaceous* have 'spikes' initiated but will sit there until later in the year, as will *Plectorrhiza tridentata*.

*Dendrobium prenticei* is in flower as is *Cadetia taylori*

both of which are worth having in your collection. *Oberonia crateriformis* is in spike and I look forward to this flowering in the coming month. This plant looks so delicate but has to tolerate a range of conditions in the wild and depending where it is grown it's appearance can be a light olive green to an almost bright orange depending on the amount of light it has. They can be propagated from one fan and can get from 1 to 2 new fans per season.

Some of the species in flower are *Dendrobium prenticei*, *Bulbophyllum macphersonii*, *Cadetia taylori*, *Dockrillia cucumerina*, *Dockrillia hepatica*.

Keep an eye out for insects, I killed a grasshopper this morning in the bushhouse. Check for aphids as they will breed at an astonishing rate. Also, I had to kill some scale on my native Finger Lime and kill the ants that were cultivating them. I used EcoOil and Neem Oil. Keep those plants growing and hopefully we will have a glorious flowering spring.

Good Growing

Bill Dobson



*Dockrillia hepatica* L & B Dobson

### ***Dockrillia hepatica***

*Dockrillia hepatica* is an orchid species identified by M.A.Clem. & D.L.Jones in 1996. Culture information and photos for this orchid are commonly detailed under the currently accepted name (Kew) is *Dendrobium erythraeum*.



*Den. Alice's Glory* G & S Russell



*Dendrobium monophyllum* Roslyn Mathews



*Pterostylis ophiglossa* Jim Hemmings



*Den. NOID* Li Shan



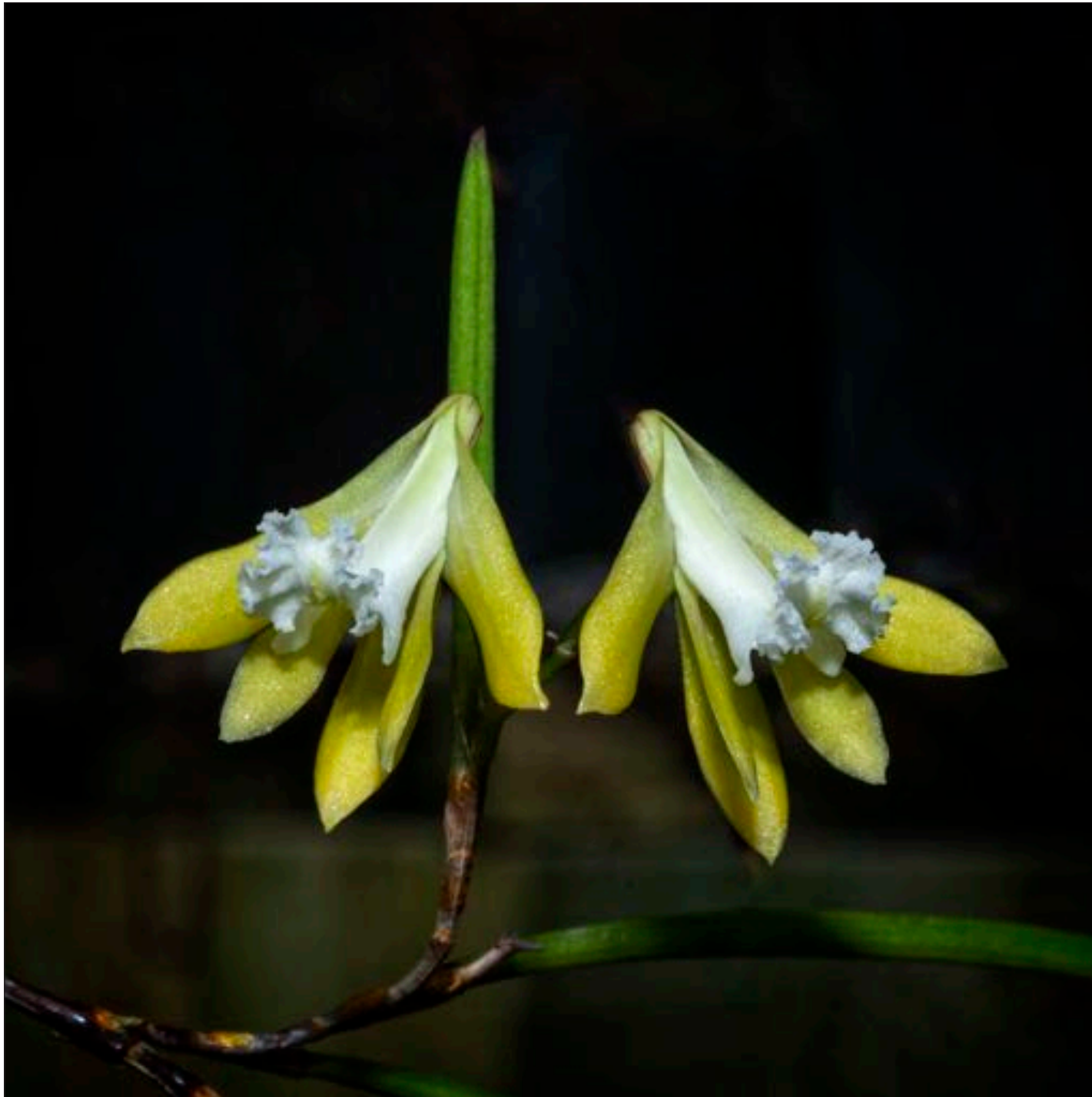
*Liparis angustilabris* Erik Lielkajis



*Den. Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'* Mark Ashbury



*Dendrobium monophyllum* 'Huff's Tree' David Hemmings



## *Dockrillia bowmanii*

*Dockrillia bowmanii*, commonly known as the straggly pencil orchid, is an epiphytic or lithophytic orchid. It has thin wiry, straggly stems with a small number of small leaves and up to four greenish or brownish flowers with a conspicuous white labellum. It grows in drier rainforests and coastal scrub in New South Wales, south eastern Queensland and New Caledonia.

### **Taxonomy and naming**

*Dockrillia bowmanii* was first formally described in 1873 by George Bentham and the description was published in *Flora Australiensis*. The specific epithet (*bowmanii*) is apparently a reference to Edward Macarthur Bowman who collected the type material.

### **Distribution and habitat**

The straggly pencil orchid grows in drier rainforests and in coastal scrub between the Forty Mile Scrub National Park in Queensland, about midway between Townsville and Cairns, and the Clarence River in New South Wales. It is also widespread in New Caledonia. It also has, in rare cases, been recorded hybridising with the cucumber orchid (*Dockrillia cucumerina*) where they grow together.

I've been fortunate to see this growing in a number of places in South East Queensland from the Salt water growing in the mangroves to the highlands at an altitude of 800m.

If you're lucky they can flower a number of months in succession in the growing season from February to April.

I grow mine like all my *Dockrillia* in mesh pots/baskets with a combination of medium and fine bark. A little slow release 9-month and regular watering during the growing season tapering off in the colder months.

What a joy to see this in full flower in the orchid house.

Bill Dobson

*Dockrillia bowmanii* Bill Dobson



## *Dockrillia cucumerina*

*Dockrillia cucumerina*, commonly known as the cucumber orchid or gherkin orchid, is endemic to eastern Australia. It is epiphytic with creeping stems, gherkin-like leaves and flowering stems with up to eighteen cream-coloured, yellowish or greenish white flowers with purple stripes. It often grows on large trees near streams but is also found in drier forests.

### **Taxonomy and naming**

*Dockrillia cucumerina* was first formally described in 1842 by William MacLeay and the description was published by John Lindley in Edwards's Botanical Register. Macleay had collected the specimen growing on swamp oak (*Casuarina glauca*) at Brownlow Hill. Lindley noted "Of all the queer things which this strange order produces this is one of the very oddest. Only fancy a handful of little stunted cucumbers lying in a heap, and producing a few pale dirty-yellow striped flowers in the midst, and you have this plant before the eye". The specific epithet (*cucumeriaum*) is derived from the Latin word *cucumis* meaning "cucumber". Lindley recorded the name "W.MacLeay" with the description, but William Woolls noted in 1867 that "*Dockrillia cucumerina* was found by the late Mr.W.S.Macleay, near Brownlow Hill, growing on the swamp oak".

*Dockrillia cucumerina* has been recorded hybridising with the straggly pencil orchid (*Dendrobium bowmanii*) where they grow together.

### **Distribution and habitat**

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 moorei* Mick Korzenowski

## *Dendrobium moorei*

*Dendrobium moorei*, commonly known as the drooping cane orchid, is a species of epiphytic or lithophytic orchid endemic to Lord Howe Island. It has cylindrical pseudobulbs, leathery, dark green leaves and between two and fifteen small, white drooping flowers that do not open widely.

### **Taxonomy and naming**

*Dendrobium moorei* was first formally described in 1869 by Ferdinand von Mueller from a specimen collected by Charles Moore. The description was published in *Fragmenta phytographiae Australiae*. The specific epithet (*moorei*) honours the collector of the type specimen.

### **Distribution and habitat**

The drooping cane orchid grows on trees and rocks in humid, sheltered forests, usually at altitudes of above 400 m (1,000 ft) on Lord Howe Island.

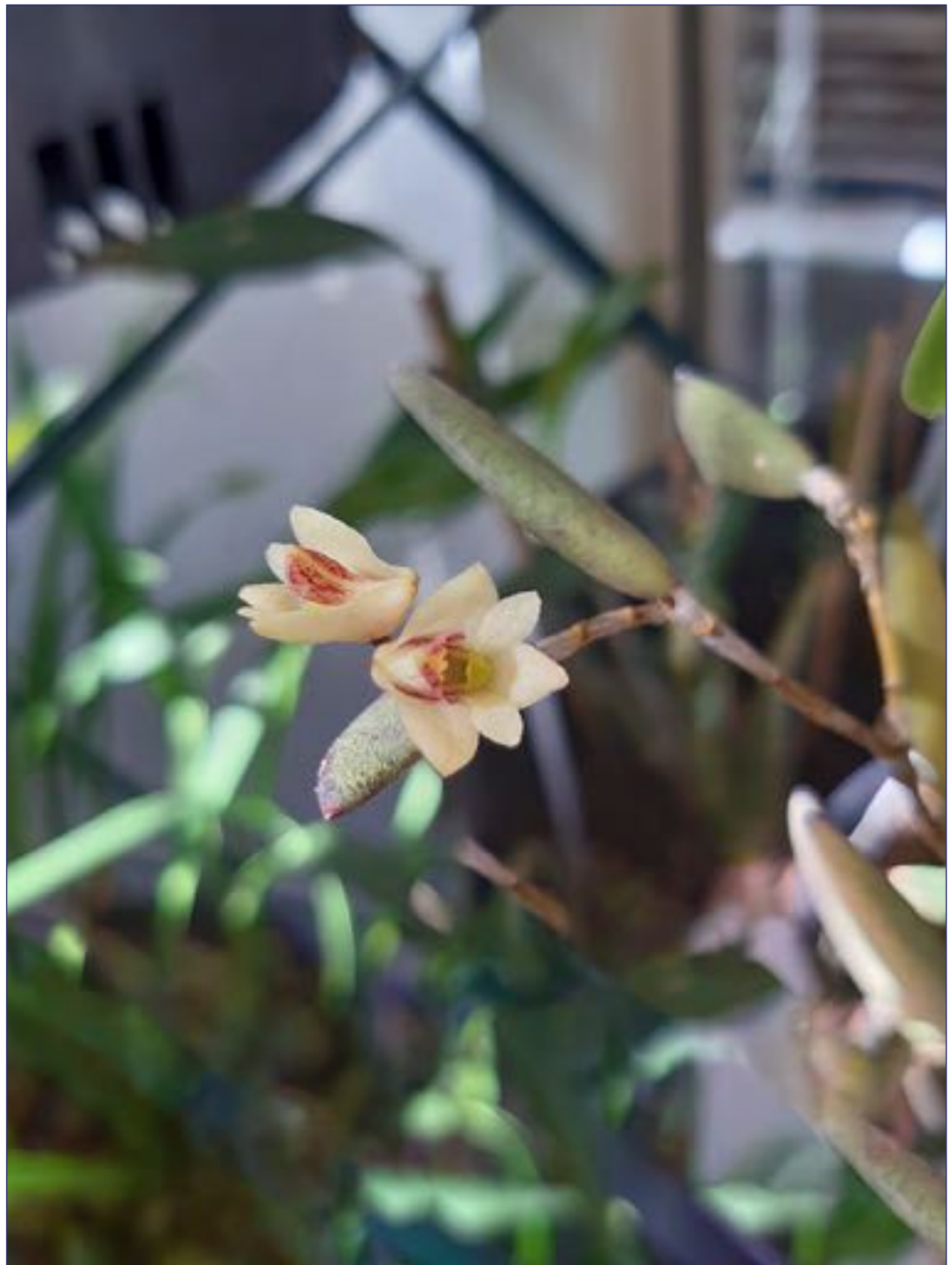
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*Bulbophyllum schillerianum* Trish Peterson



*Dockrillia bowmanii* Trish Peterson



*Dockrillia rigida* Trish Peterson



*Liparis condylobulbon* Trish Peterson