



The Australasian Native Orchid Society The Warringah Group Inc.

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New website is up and
running be sure to
check it out.

Photos by Jane D'Olier

August 2019



Dockrillia rigida - Cary Polis



Dockrillia Wamberal - David Hemmings



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**Next Meeting
Neville Lee – Dockrillias
Tuesday 20th August**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on 16 July 2019

The meeting was opened by Bill Dobson at 8:10pm

Apologies: Ted & Nancy Shaw, Eric Lielkajis, Irene & Ian Chalmers, Gary & Harleen Williams, Bill Westwood.

The monthly meeting was then suspended and the Annual General Meeting was conducted.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018

The AGM was opened by Bill Dobson at 8.20pm.

The minutes of the last AGM as published in the bulletin were moved for acceptance by Bryan Spurrs, seconded by Judith Barry.

The Financial Report was tabled and was available for perusal.

The President's Report was given by Bill Dobson who will be standing down from the presidency as he has now completed his three-year term.

President's Report:

I am pleased to say that we have had a good year. The drought broke for us in the Warringah area indeed in some areas we had floods. I often tell people that we are in God's country on the Northern Beaches and while the rest of the country is in the grip of a long drought my tank has never gone below half full as the coastal showers seem to favour us.

Our meetings this year have been well attended and we have been able to attract some new members. My thanks to the members of our committee who have made my job easy, and special thanks to Trish Peterson as editor of our bulletin, and keeping us all informed of information. Jane D'Olier' has been working on our new website which will be up soon and should be a great information source. Thanks to James for his work and support of the society in the past.

The St Ives Orchid Fair went off again splendidly.

Who would have thought that this would still be going after 20 years? Thanks to all who pitched in and helped stage a great display, which was admired by all. To the members of ANOS Warringah Group who helped over the days of the show thanks this is our show and we are backing up next year to do it again. This 'Fair' is a tremendous effort that pools together the talent of the four local Societies to produce a Show that ALL the vendors and other Societies talk about in glowing terms. Once again it is important to remember that this fair supports this society for the year and takes a load off our minds about trying to raise funds in a time when all costs are going up.

Our Spring Show was an outstanding success. While it was a strange year in respect of growing and flowering our plants. We created 2 new species classes *Den gracilicaule* and *Den tetragonum* which were extremely supported. The quality and colour of the plants was great. Congratulations to all involved in the show. I have said it before and I will repeat it again it never fails to amaze me of the quality of

the members we have in our Society. Everyone goes about their job quietly and the work gets done without any fuss or bother and together you all perform like a well-oiled machine. Thanks to Mick who ran the sales table to perfection, with Cary and other members, although all were run off their feet. Special thanks to Ralph and Joy Lumby for their efforts in making and erecting some great banners which I'm sure helped bring in people to see our displays. Our thought go out to some of our long term members who are not well at the moment Ralph and Joy Lumby, Gary and Harleen Williams, Murray Corrigan, and Bill

Westwood, be assured you are in our thoughts.

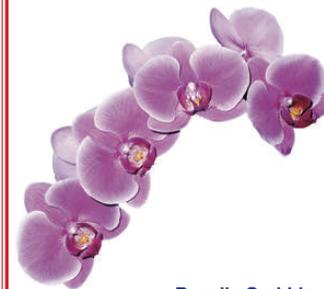
It is a wish I have for members of other ANOS groups to come to our show and we reciprocate. This year ANOS Sydney Group have 2 shows outside ours and I hope that you will go and see what is on display and also that they will come to our show. The benching of plants at our monthly meetings is a pleasure to see. Please continue to bring ALL your plants in, as this is the way we can all see what the plant population consists of, and gives you the grower a better idea of what to aspire to.

Far too often politics intrude on our lives and pleasures when most of us simply enjoy growing and talking about our orchids. I'm sure I have forgotten to thank someone so lastly my thanks go to all of you, the members of this group, which it's a pleasure to belong to as everybody is friendly and helps others out which is only as it should be.

Bill Dobson 2019

St Ives Orchid Fair

'The Big One'



ST IVES SHOWGROUND
Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 16th August 2019 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 17th August 2019 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 18th August 2019 9 am to 3 pm

ADMISSION \$5

Major Sponsors

Rosella Orchids - Garden City Plastics - Swagman Sprayers

ORCHID VENDORS

Alice's Orchids, Australian Orchid Nursery, Dark Star Orchids, Ezi-Gro orchids, Flora Laboratories, Fong Ping Orchids, Hills District Orchids, Macquarie Native Orchids, Mt Beenak Orchids, Nicky's Slippers, Orchid Care Services, Orchid Species Plus, Orchids of Distinction, Orchidland Nursery, Orchids on Newbold, Robertson Orchids, Rosella Orchids, The Orchid Mart / Serhan's Orchids, Royale Orchids, Tinonee Orchid Nursery, Woolf Orchidculture

For more Information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 02 9452 3202

<http://www.stivesorchidfair.com/>

Election 2018

Mick Korzenowski acted as Returning Officer and declared all positions vacant.

The following Office Bearers were elected:

President: Trish Peterson

Secretary: Bryan Spurrs

Treasurer: Ela Kielich

Editor: Bill Dobson

Librarian: Judith Barry

Committee Members:

Cary Polis, Ian Tanner, Lorraine Dobson, Bruce Potter and Peter & Jane D'Olier

The AGM was closed by new President Trish Peterson at 8.30pm and the monthly meeting was then recommenced.

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last AGM, as published in the Bulletin, were accepted as a true record on the motion of Bryan Spurrs seconded by Judith Barry.

Business arising from last meeting: Nil

Correspondence: Nil

General Business:

Subscriptions are now due

St Ives Roster circulated

Reminder to participate in popular vote

New website by Jane D'Olier is nearly up and available to be seen shortly.

Canteen volunteers; Cameron and James

Next Month's speaker will be Neville Lee on Dockrillias. Don't miss this.

Sick list at the moment Gary and Harleen Williams, and Joy Lumby. Members send their best wishes.

Coming Events:

ANOS Sydney monster Native Orchid Auction

MWOS Orchids by The Sea 2nd-4th August

St Ives Orchid Fair Note: members advised that plant tags for any natives sold must be accompanied with plant list. See Bill Dobson for more information.

9th ANOS National Conference & Show at

Brisbane 21st – 26th August

ANOS Warringah annual Spring Show Set-up

Friday 6th and Show 7th-8th September

In Your Bushhouse:

Mick Korzenowski reminisced on history of our group and the annual spring show which has been held for 45 years. He also reminded members to use protective clothing when using insecticides and fungicides.

John McAuley gave the judges report:

Plant of the evening:

Dockrillia Wamberal – David Hemmings

Other plants of Interest were

Dockrillia calamiformis (baseyana) – David Stiles

Dendrobium Autumn 'Strawberry' - David Hemmings

Dendrobium cacatua – Cary Polis

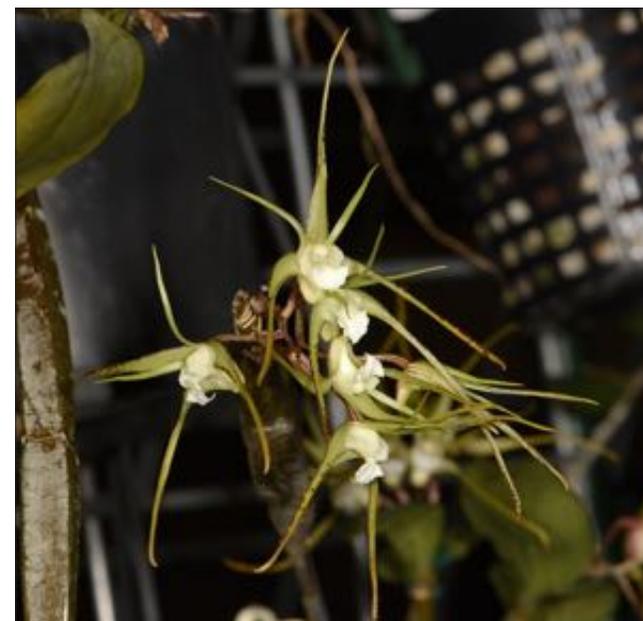
After the supper Cary Polis acted as Auctioneer and did a great job with plant sales totalling \$822

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

Meeting closed at 10:05pm



Dendrobium bigibbum var superbum - Cary Polis



Dendrobium cacatua - Cary Polis



Dendrobium tetragonum (Red Legs x Black Witch)
David Hemmings

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - July 2019

1. Dockrillia species		3 rd <i>Doc. Tweetas 'Neville'</i> David Hemmings
1 st <i>Dockrillia rigida</i>	Cary Polis	11. Novice & Junior
2 nd <i>Dockrillia rigida</i>	Cary Polis	1 st <i>Den. Aussie Parade 'Carrot Splash' x</i>
3 rd <i>Dockrillia rigida</i>	Cary Polis	Hilda Poxon 'Rusty Bucket' Bruce Potter
2. Dendrobium species		2 nd <i>Den. Stoney Point</i> David Morgan
1 st <i>Dendrobium cacaetua</i>	Cary Polis	3 rd <i>Den. Balnaring #2</i> Bruce Potter
2 nd <i>Dendrobium tetragonum (Red Legs x Black Witch)</i>	David Hemmings	12. Pterostylis species
3 rd <i>Dendrobium bigibbum var superbum</i>	Cary Polis	1 st <i>Pterostylis baptistii</i> David Hemmings
3. Sarcanthinae species		2 nd <i>Pterostylis concinna</i> Judith Barry
1 st <i>Sarcochilus falcatus</i>	Bryan Spurrs	3 rd <i>Pterostylis concinna</i> Cameron Lanceley
2 nd Nil		13. Other terrestrials
3 rd Nil		1 st <i>Acianthus fornicatus</i> David Hemmings
4. Bulbophyllum species		2 nd Nil
1 st <i>Bulbophyllum macphersonii</i>	Peter & Jane D'Olier	3 rd Nil
2 nd <i>Bulbophyllum schillerianum</i>	Trish Peterson	14. Terrestrial hybrids
3 rd <i>Bulbophyllum shepherdii</i>	Bryan Spurrs	1 st Nil
5. Miscellaneous species		2 nd Nil
1 st Nil		3 rd Nil
2 nd Nil		15. Best specimen
3 rd Nil		1 st <i>Doc. Wamberal 'Denniston Fog' AM/AOC</i> David Hemmings
6. Dendrobium Hybrids		2 nd Nil
1 st <i>Den. Autumn 'Strawberry Sunset Shades x</i>		3 rd Nil
Hilda Poxon 'Jaguar'	David Hemmings	16. Best First Flowering seedling
2 nd <i>Den. Red River 'Rustic' x</i>		1 st <i>Den. Regal Gilliston x Regal Hilda 'Rockstar'</i>
Jesmond Sparkler 'Greg Hall	David Hemmings	David Hemmings
3 rd <i>Den. Avril's Gold 'Pumkin Pie'</i>	Trish Peterson	2 nd <i>Den. Regal Gilliston x Regal Hilda 'Rockstar'</i>
7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids		David Hemmings
1 st <i>Sarco. Bessie x burgundy Bubbles</i>	Bryan Spurrs	3 rd <i>Den. Jazz 'Windsor Downs' x</i>
2 nd Nil		Aussie Parade 'Carrot Splash' David Hemmings
3 rd Nil		
8. Miscellaneous Hybrids		
1 st Nil		
2 nd Nil		
3 rd Nil		
9. Australasian species		
1 st <i>Mediocalcar decoratum</i>	Trish Peterson	
2 nd <i>Mediocalcar decoratum</i>	Bryan Spurrs	
3 rd Nil		
10. Australasian Hybrids		
1 st <i>Doc. baseyana x Grumpy</i>	George David E. Styles	
2 nd <i>Doc. Sabateur x Will</i>	David Hemmings	

This sounds like scientists chatting around the water cooler, so let's look at a more real-life example: A cup of drip brewed coffee has about **115 milligrams** of caffeine, an espresso (and percolated coffee) about **80mg**, while instant coffee has about **65mg** of caffeine. Thus, drip brewed coffee is about twice as strong as the instant stuff, which means you want to **use drip brewed coffee for repelling slugs and snails.**

Coffee grounds are already recommended as a home remedy for keeping slugs and snails at bay. Grounds repel slugs, Hollingsworth found, but a caffeine solution is much more effective, he says: "Slugs turn back immediately after contacting the [caffeinated soil]."

Personally, I've had good results (if you want to call making a slug uncomfortable "good results") with sprinkling coffee grounds around plants as well as spraying slugs with brewed coffee, you know, the stuff that doesn't get consumed in the morning and tastes really bad when you try to microwave it in the afternoon? Many other gardeners have told me they've had similar luck.

How does caffeine repel slugs and snail?

Well, caffeine is an alkaloid compound that acts as a stimulant in humans. Alkaloids are usually derivatives of amino acids and most alkaloids have a very bitter taste. Just think about your first taste of coffee. Pretty bitter, wasn't it? Caffeine is found in the beans, leaves, and fruit of over 60 plants, where it acts as a **natural pesticide** that paralyzes and kills certain insects feeding on the plants.

Bottom line: caffeine is more effective against slugs than metaldehyde products. The United States Department of Agriculture's Research Service in Hilo, Hawaii, and his colleagues were testing caffeine sprays against the coqui frog, an introduced species that infests potted plants. They also noticed that a 1 to 2 percent caffeine solution killed nearly all the slugs and snails within two days. Concentrations as low as 0.01 percent put the pests off their dinner. A cup of instant coffee contains about 0.05 percent caffeine, and brewed coffee has more.

for more information

<http://www.plantea.com/slug-baits-coffee.htm>

To the President and members of the ANOS Warringah Group

Our spring show started in 1974 at Mona Vale Memorial Hall and has been going for 45 years.

The first ten years it was run on behalf of ANOS Warringah with Sydney Group. The show has been very successful. In the glory days we had 2000 paying guests attending our show. These days 450 is a good weekend. I have been associated with the show since joining the group, that's 43 years. The last 25 years as assistant show marshal looking after the sales table and the sales money. Cary polis has been my right hand man in recent years and has made my work easier.

I now feel it is time to move on. I would like someone to join Cary and myself over our coming show weekend to get the feel of the setup of the plant sales and collection of the money with a view to take over with Cary.

This is definitely my last show as assistant show marshal. The show sales are most important as without them it would be a burden on the finances of the group. This is not an elected position, it is a show committee position. You work as a team with the show marshal Bill Dobson. It requires your help one long weekend a year. We need 2 people on the till most times especially when busy. You need to be at the show Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday.

Believe me I have enjoyed the show for all those years. Now time to move on. I finish up Sunday afternoon after the show is finished.

Please give it a go you will enjoy it. Regards **Mick Korzenowski.**

My extra-large *Dockrillia fairfaxii*

I took the advice of George and Eric I soaked it for 24 hours in a plastic garbage bin. The only chemical I added was a wetting agent. Looks like it worked and no pesticides.

These days, with all the bad news about chemicals, (roundup etc.) we have to look at alternatives if possible. We have to show leadership to our younger members and our families. We have to take extra precautions and be more responsible with our own health.

Your best weapon against pests is your own eyes and some elbow grease. Take note what is going on in your collection and take action. If it is a Dendrobium beetle then remove it. If it is scale then hose them off.

In coming meetings I will ask members if they have any chemical free methods they may share with us. There are times when you may have to use pesticides and or chemicals. Please take all the precautions you can. Cover up, use a good face mask and gloves, and be aware that you do not affect your neighbours.

Regards **Mick Korzenowski.**



Pterostylis baptistii - David Hemmings



Dockrillia baseyana
x Grumpy George
David E. Styles



Acianthus fornicatus
David Hemmings



Den. Jazz 'Windsor Downs' x
Aussie Parade 'Carrot Splash' David Hemmings



Bulbophyllum macphersonii - Peter & Jane D'Olier



Den. Autumn 'Strawberry Sunset Shades x Hilda Poxon 'Jaguar' David Hemmings

In My Bushhouse

Well with spring just around the corner there are racemes all over the place, with some opening in time for St Ives Orchid Fair.

Interesting that orchids that bloom early in far North Queensland still keep their dates down here in the southern states. *Dendrobium cacatua* have been out and dazzling all with their lime green petals and sepals and contrasting pure white labellum. I love looking at these each year and they don't disappoint. The rest of the *Dendrobium tetragonum* complex are not far behind as we have fat buds on *Den. capitisyork*, *Den. melaleucaphilum*, *Den. tetragonum*.

Dendrobium aemulum growing in net pots have proved to be a boon as the canes and the flowers are bolt upright and look forward to their displays in the coming weeks. *Dendrobium gracilicaule* are in various stages of bud with some of the flowers ready to crack and others still with more growing to do. Most people seem to think there is not much variability in this species but if you look closely there are short and long cane forms and quite a bit of variation in the flowers from pale to intense yellow and no spotting to heavily spotted. *Dendrobium adae* is another that has quite a bit of variation in flowers and this year all mine are budding up well, that looks like a great flowering of this far North Queensland highland species, with colours range from pale cream, green, and some peach.

Sarcochilus falcatus is one of my favorites and this doesn't look like disappointing with its white crystalline flowers with those distinctive vibrant yellow and purple splashed side lobes of the labellum. Again the far North Queensland form flowers from early July and at the moment the buds are starting to pop in my bushhouse. I love these little gems and they are at least 2-3 months ahead of plants in NSW.

Dockrillia teretifolia has opened up and looks a treat. To see this in full flight in the bush is a really something and always worth a bush walk or two to check it out.

We have been very fortunate with rain that has skirted the coast and my tank is still full. Keep up the fertilizing and watch out for any pests if you haven't put out snail pellets yet you should do so now. These little devils seem to stay hidden until the racemes are out of the sheath and then can disfigure one overnight.

Stake up any pseudobulbs and yes you can tie up inflorescences for transport but untie them when you put them on the show bench.

That's all for now. Good Growing

Bill Dobson