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January 2020

Our Christmas Party Meeting was held at the Senior Citizens' Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 17th December 2019.

The meeting was opened at around 8pm by President Trish Peterson, who welcomed members, visitors and guests.

Special guests included our Patron Mick Korzenowski; Barry Moore (President ANOS Sydney Group); Gloria Cushway (President NSOS) & Allan, and members of the St Ives Orchid Fair Committee: Chairman Cary Polis, Treasurer Kevin Crocker & Helen; former Treasurer Norm Byron & Ann, Trevor & Pauline Onslow, Nick & Helen Gill, Val Houley, Show Marshal Garrie Bromley & Lesley and Secretary Bill Dobson & Lorraine.

Visitor Jenny Richardson was also welcomed as were our judges and guest speakers.

Apologies were received from Mike Fish, Dylan Morrissey, John & Cathy McAuley, David Stiles,

Jim Hemmings, Bill Westwood, Jan & Geoff Duggin, David E Stiles and Cameron Lanceley.

Trish told the meeting that David had recently lost his property at Laguna, near Wollombi, in the bushfires, and that his mate Cameron was giving him a hand. Commiserations were expressed by members at David's loss.

Prize Giving was then conducted by Christmas elves, Mick and Bill who distributed awards, trophies and plants to members.

Special awards were given by Patron Mick to Judith Barry and George Hardy for their outstanding service to the society.

Everyone was then invited to enjoy the party. Following supper, the Monster Raffle was conducted. At the conclusion of the evening, Trish thanked everyone who had contributed to a most enjoyable party. She thanked those who had made donations to the raffle and the supper table, and a special

thanks to those who helped in the kitchen and with setting up the hall.

Trish wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a great New Year.

The meeting closed at around 10.30pm



Sarcochilus setosus

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st January

Cultural Class
Bill Dobson

Cymbidium canaliculatum

Bushfires have been at the front of all the news lately with fires all along the east coast of Australia as well as in South Australia and Kangaroo Island. The loss of animal life and vegetation has been catastrophic, but I'm reminded of the results of fires we have seen on our numerous trips to Queensland.

While the quote in Queensland advertising is "Beautiful one day, Perfect the next". The truth is every year, particularly in the north they are hit with cyclones, flooding and yes fires.

I believe that the country will come back and as long as the powers that be look after the country after this the bush will recover and thrive again.

I will tell you a story about our trips to Blackdown Tablelands in Qld. This is a rocky outcrop of sandstone that juts up from the plain 2/3's of the way from Rockhampton to Emerald.

When we first visited in 2005 there was a tree lying on the forest floor that had a small plant of *Cymbidium canaliculatum* growing in it. It was obvious from it's position that if ever a fire came along this was not going to survive.

We returned in 2009 and were surprised to see that the plant had not only survived but had grown and flourished in the intervening 4 years. This is an area that is not known for rain, indeed the area is very reminiscent of our local Blue Mountains with a very sandy soil and plant life very similar.

In 2014 we returned and shocked to see a massive fire storm had damaged kilometres of this fragile area. Whole trees had been burnt to a crisp and we were worried about this single plant of *Cymbidium canaliculatum*. To our surprise although the plant and the tree was more charcoal than wood there were some new growths showing. It will be interesting if we venture there again to see how this plant is faring.





2009

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2014

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FIRE IN CATHEDRAL ROCKS NATIONAL PARK - SERPENTINE NATURE RESERVE STYKS RIVER STATE FOREST NSW

I had a number of responses to the email from ANOS Conservation Officer, Peter Dowling, which I forwarded to our members.

Here is one received from Jim Hemmings who has memories of the area which he visited with his two sons on a number of occasions.
Trish Peterson

Hi Trish,

Thanks for sending this to me. I am absolutely stunned by the size and devastation of this area as it has great memories for David, Frank and me. I often took the boys camping, bushwalking and trout fishing in the area. We camped at the old timber mill site, firstly with a mate I worked with in the 1960's, and then later I took Frank there in the 70/80's. At that time we walked into the Styx River, fishing for trout via the Forest Road and while on the river we saw probably hundreds of *Sarcochilus falcatus* orchids on the tree branches overlooking the stream. There were also endless numbers of *Diuris sulphurea* orchids and other terrestrial orchids just everywhere in the grass meadows. I could almost cry when I try to think what it must look like now. I also had a friend from the fly-fishing club send me an e-mail showing how close the fires went to the trout hatchery up there. It came right up to their fences... luckily the buildings and ponds are okay I believe.

David and I also had a wonderful trip to the Ebor area in the early 1970's. We camped at the old timber mill site, although by then most of the mill had collapsed and gone, but I took him down the Forest Road to a campsite area called Wattle Flat which is down lower in the big Styx River. While there, although we did not see any orchids, we did see wallabies and some huge trout which we failed to catch...and massive gumtrees reaching up to the sky. Boy what a wilderness it was, and we did not have a 4WD wagon...we did it in a 1957 VW sedan.

Thanks again Trish.

Regards Jim

In My Bushhouse

Welcome to 2020 and the next decade with the rest of summer still to come. We have had a little rain here about 20mm which was enough to top up my tank again. If you are growing orchids I can suggest nothing more than having a good supply of water. Tanks are relatively cheap and come in various sizes indeed you can even get bladders to go in the space under your house or deck.

Speaking of rain I just finished fertilising the orchids when it rained or I should say we had a little shower, not even a mm. The plants are all growing strongly at the moment the winds that have plagued us throughout December still persist. However if they dry out the orchids then you can water and feed again. As long as the heat doesn't get above 40 then all is good. If and when it exceeds 40 then just try and mist. I am using Damm Fogg-it nozzles ½ gal and 1 gal US per minute (1.82 to 3.79 litres). You can cover a 4x10m bushhouse in 5min so the amount of water used is very little.

While I have a water sprinkler system installed with 36 heads and a pump that at max pressure and flow delivers 40LPM. However, I decided that this was wasteful as that probably 50% of this was going on the floor of the bushhouse. Now it can be argued that this increases the humidity available but I reasoned if I watered each plant separately then the water goes thru each pot before hitting the floor. The only downside it that now it takes half to three quarters of an hour to water the bushhouse only let alone the plants outside. On the upside I get to see each and every plant as I water them.

Tomorrow I am due to continue spraying with EcoOil, Azamax (Neem Oil) and Mancozeb B necessary until all the new growths have finished. There are still bugs around Mealy bug due because of drier conditions I have found these only on my Plectorrhiza so check yours. Aphids are looking for new growths so look out for them and get rid of ASAP because they breed very quickly. On the outside Dendrobium beetles are around so look around new growths.

I'm pleasantly surprised that there are some plants in flower at present *Dockrillia cucumerina*, *Dendrobium*

prenticei, *Cadetia taylori*, *Liparis nugentae*, *Sarcochilus ceciliae*, *Sarcochilus* and a *Dockrillia* hybrid.

I have prepared some potting mix and will continue to pot-on as required. If you damp down the mix it will be ready to go when you need it and will not repel water. This will help the roots attach to the mix and anchor itself in the pot.

Good growing

Bill Dobson

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Vale - Barry Collins - 1934 - 2020

I first met Barry Collins when invited to a Christmas Party for ANOS Warringah while I was secretary of Manly Warringah Orchid Society around 1988. ANOS Warringah had their meetings then at a church at Curl Curl and when I walked in all the old members were sitting in chairs around the hall walls. I thought what a bunch of stiffs! But then came Barry and jovially introduced himself as President and chaired the meeting, and I eventually joined ANOS Warringah Group.

I represented MWOS at Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society and there he was again. Over the years I met Barry on and off, he was always the same with a smile and another joke. He came, spoke and reminisced at our 50th Anniversary party in 2018.

Always with a joke and a smile on his face, I will miss your wit and smile Barry.



ANOS Warringah Benching Results - 2019

	Points
1. Dockrillia species	
1 st David Hemmings	39
2 nd L & B Dobson	13
3 rd Erik Lielkajis	12
2. Dendrobium species	
1 st David Hemmings	40
2 nd Erik Lielkajis	25
3 rd Bryan Spurrs	12
3. Sarcanthinae species	
1 st Erik Lielkajis	33
2 nd David Hemmings	17
3 rd Bryan Spurrs	9
4. Bulbophyllum species	
1 st Erik Lielkajis	35
2 nd L & B Dobson	13
3 rd Bryan Spurrs	12
5. Miscellaneous species	
1 st Erik Lielkajis	46
2 nd R & J Schneiderei	13
3 rd David Hemmings	10
6. Dendrobium Hybrids	
1 st David Hemmings	41
2 nd Ela Kielich	10
3 rd R & J Schneiderei	9
7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids	
1 st Bryan Spurrs	38
2 nd Clover Bradley	10
3 rd David E Stiles & David Hemmings	4
8. Miscellaneous Hybrids	
1 st David Hemmings	40
2 nd R. G. Blaxland	5
3 rd Ela Kielich \$ L & B Dobson	4
9. Australasian species	
1 st David Hemmings	14
1 st Bryan Spurrs	14
3 rd John McAuley	12
10. Australasian Hybrids	
1 st David hemmings	45
2 nd Ela Kielich	26
3 rd Trish Peterson	26
11. Novice & Junior	
1 st Bruce Potter	17

2 nd David Morgan	9
3 rd Jolan Leforestier	5
12. Pterostylis species	
1 st Judith Barry	16
2 nd David Hemmings	15
3 rd M & S Howard	5
13. Other terrestrials	
1 st David Hemmings	8
2 nd Judith Barry	7
3 rd Trish Peterson & David E Stiles	4
14. Terrestrial hybrids	
1 st David Hemmings	4
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	
15. Best specimen	
1 st David Hemmings	12
2 nd Clover Bradley	4
3 rd Nil	
16. Best First Flowering seedling	
1 st David hemmings	38
2 nd Trish Peterson	7
3 rd P & J D'Olier	4
3 rd Ian tanner	4
3 rd Bryan Spurrs	4

Trophies

Spring Show 2019

Gold Medal Grand Champion	Trish Peterson
Silver Medal Champion Aust. Native Epiphytic Species	Trish Peterson
Silver Medal Champion Aust. Native Terrestrial Species	M & S Howard
Silver Medal Champion Aust. Native Hybrid	David Hemmings
Silver Medal Champion Australasian Species or Hybrid	L & B Dobson
Bronze Medal Specimen Native Species specimen	R & J Schneiderei
Bronze Medal Champion Specimen Native Hybrid	Ela Kielich
Australian Native Orchid Species Seedling	David Hemmings
Australian Native Orchid Hybrid Seedling	David E. Stiles
Annual Points Score 2019	David Hemmings
Joan Cook Memorial Trophy	David Hemmings
Iris Pendle Memorial Trophy	David Hemmings

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