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December 2023

Christmas Party this month and giant raffle so please bring something as a donation for the raffle that you would like to receive. The Group will supply hot and cold food and drinks. No benching this month, however if you have something significant that you would like us to see then feel free to bring.



Dendrobium monophyllum Trish Peterson



Dendrobium prenticei David Hemmings



Sarcochilus Burgundy on Ice Ian Tanner

Tuesday 19th December
Christmas Party and Prize Giving

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the YOYO's Forest Youth Centre, 10 Forest Way, Frenchs Forest on Tuesday, 21st November 2023.

The meeting was opened at 8.04pm by Bill Dobson.

Guest Speaker: Guy Cantor and David Hemmings will present a dissertation on the deflasking of orchids

Visitors: None were detected

Committee Members Present: Bill Dobson (President) Trish Peterson (Vice-President), Bill Saunderson (Secretary), Ela Kielich (Treasurer), Judith Barry, Jane D'Olier, Peter D'Olier, Cary Polis, Ian Tanner

Apologies:

Cathy Sinclair, Lynne Lane, Mick Korzenowski, Tony Agrela, Jim Hemmings, Barry Moore, Graeme Russell, John McAuley

The minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Bulletin were accepted as a true record on the motion of Ian Tanner, seconded by Irene Chalmers.

Matters arising: Not much to report here.

Correspondence:

Commonwealth Bank merchant tax invoice

The Orchadian journal in its most recent form

Our Gardens magazine

A variety of orchid society bulletins including North Shore Orchid Society,

ANOSCC, ANOS Newcastle and ANOS Sydney

OSNSW Christmas Celebration invitation

General Business:

Hand-held electric sprayers were discussed. Bill Dobson gave an update on battery usage with his Gardenia version discussed previously. Bill Saunderson mentioned that a Nylex product was available from Bunnings which was rechargeable. He thought the 1.2 litre version seemed ok but was less than impressed with the 5-litre model. After this interruption, Bill Dobson opined as to the rationale of various sprays for dealing with pests afflicting orchids. Products such as Carbaryl®, Supracide® and Pirimor® were alluded to here.

Once again, the importance of adequate airflow was emphasised for optimal orchid health. Members were reminded of the upcoming Christmas Party taking place next meeting and that no benching of member plants is planned.

Mick's Rambles:

Ordinarily, Mick Korzenowski's absence would have precluded this but Guy Cantor was enlisted to present Mick's musings with regard to *Den. monophyllum* and crosses with other related orchids. D. Aussie Choice is a cross between *D. monophyllum* and *D. speciosum*. Phil Spence developed this in 1987. It has the attributes of both parents and the example shown had been flowering for about six weeks. The only downside is that it is a progressive flowerer, with flowers going off at the lower part of the raceme as it continues to flower higher up. Mick was impressed with this plant and felt it was one of his favourites as it is easy to grow and flowers multiple times per year.

He also outlined some other crosses involving *D. monophyllum*;

with *D. kingianum* – D. Karani made by Col Brandon in 1983

with *D. falcorostrum* – D. Aussie Nectar

with *D. fleckeri* – D. Aussie Nugget.

Both of these were made by Phil Spence

with *Dockrillia striolata* – D. Fred made by Greg Steenbeeke.

Mick has not seen this and wondered whether anyone else had? Nevertheless, he felt that the name alone warranted mention.

Mick pointed out that many other crosses had been made with hybrids but chose only to discuss the primary hybrids and was unaware of any naturally-occurring hybrids.

Judges Report: Trish Peterson

Plant of the Evening:

Plectorrhiza tridentata – Chris Murray excelled himself here

Other Plants of Interest:

Cymbidium madidum – Cary Polis presented this admirable example

Dendrobium Engagement (engae x shiraishii) – Li Shan offered this desirable specimen for appraisal.

Dendrobium tangerinum – Peter & Jane D'Olier presented this warm-growing example from PNG

Taeniophyllum malianum – Erik Lielkajis offered this unusual orchid found in

Cape York. Erik and Bill Dobson informed the audience of some

Interesting aspects of this plant.

General Business:

The forced change of venue meant that no raffles or door prizes were happening for this meeting. Likewise, the sales table was but a distant memory.

Guest Speakers

Guy Cantor began this discussion pertaining to orchid deflasking with a practical demonstration of seedling processing with a flask of *Sarcochilus roseus* he had fathered. Guy gave his preferred recipe for flask growth medium which appeared to comprise 20g sugar, 2.5g fertiliser, 1g Trypan and 6g agar. This was mixed with water to make up a one litre solution.

Deflasking involved careful removal of these seedlings from the flask after water was used to soften the agar gel complex, allowing the plants to be carefully jiggled out and cleaned of remaining gel. Guy is experimenting with the use of Propagation Plugs, which are coir-based wonders which allow the seedling to be enfolded in its substance. He mentioned that bonsai pots can also be useful in this regard. He recommended weekly spraying with Auxinone to facilitate growth.

David Hemmings then took the floor to outline his protocol for this matter. David preferred to place the seedlings directly into a fine mix of equal parts of bark, charcoal and perlite which is then made into a slurry. He stressed the need to maintain a humid environment for best results and noted that use of a systemic fungicide could be indicated here. Previcure was an applicable agent for this. 30mm tubes were utilised and placed in a Bunnings seed tray which functions as a mini greenhouse allowing humidity maintenance and adjustable aeration. He recommended deep shade for the first two to three weeks and application of fertiliser one week after deflasking.

He then demonstrated another technique whereby *Sarco. falcatus* seedlings were mounted directly onto cork slivers for three weeks.

Rapturous applause resulted and both presenters were profusely thanked for this most informative lecture.

Bill Dobson thanked all for attending and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Meeting closed at 9.54pm

In my Bush House

I am well behind where I wanted to be at this time of year with potting on and breaking up plants, but the weather is still OK with relative mild days and the occasional rain the roots are growing and new growths are starting to emerge. It's time to keep a watchful eye on these, as I have also noticed aphids around and of course the usual *Dendrobium* beetle. With the weather starting to warm up and humidity increase they will likely multiply unless kept under control.

Use whatever insecticide that you are happy with and have available but read the directions and keep safe. Currently I am using Pirimor® for aphids 3g/l and Bugmaster® (Carbaryl) 2ml/l with Eco Oil 5ml/l for control of *Dendrobium* beetle.

As I re-pot I add some slow-release fertiliser 'Scotts Osmocote Exact' which is 8-9 Month Hi-K. I have been doing this for the last 15 years and as the rain falls or I water the bushhouse the plants get a small release of fertiliser.

This is from Osmocote's 3rd generation of controlled release fertilizers. It combines patterned release, consistency and safety. Some of the advantages are:

- Controlled release fertilizer with all essential trace elements.
- Part of the granules are colour-coded according to longevity.
- Very consistent product, every bag of product gives identical results.
- Excellent quality – exceeds all other industry standards.
- Available in various release patterns according to crop requirements.
- Provides optimal plant growth.
- Efficient and environmentally friendly.

You should have, unlike me, gone through your collection and decided what plants need potting on and what need breaking up by now. I'm still at it but it will continue into the New Year. As long as it doesn't get too hot I will break-up plants but will give them a break between January and February and resume any I have missed in mid to late march and April. After that I will have to wait until after the spring.

Monitor how your plants are growing and water accordingly. Too little is better than too much. Pick your plants up have a look at them and weigh the plant in your hand to know how much water they like and are getting you may have to move them around if they are not responding to your care.

Flowering currently, I have *Dendrobium prenticei*, *Dendrobium lichenastrum*, *Dendrobium finniganense*, *Dockrillia cucumerina*, *Cymbidium canaliculatum*, *Cadetia taylori*, *Bulbophyllum newportii*, *Calanthe triplicata*, *Cymbidium suave*.

Good growing.

Bill Dobson



Dendrobium finniganense Bill Dobson



Dendrobium lichenastrum Bill Dobson

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - November 2023

1. Dockrillia species

- 1st *Dockrillia wassellii*
 2nd *Dendrobium prenticei*
 3rd *Dendrobium prenticei*

2. Dendrobium species

- 1st *Dendrobium monophyllum*
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

3. Sarcanthinae species

- 1st *Sarcochilus dilatatus*
 2nd *Taenophyllum malianum*
 3rd *Sarcochilus ceciliae*

4. Bulbophyllum species

- 1st *Bulbophyllum newportii*
 2nd *Bulbophyllum johnsoniae*
 3rd *Bulbophyllum johnsoniae*

5. Miscellaneous species

- 1st *Cymbidium madidum*
 2nd *Cadetia taylori*
 3rd *Eria Irukundjiana*

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

- 1st Nil
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

- 1st Sarco. Heidi 'Snow' x Dove 'Good' R.G. Blaxland
 2nd Sarco. Kulnura Sanctuary Ian Tanner
 3rd Sarco. Burgundy on Ice Ian Tanner

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1st *Dockrillia* Tweetie 'Huge' x fasciculatum 'Tumbi' Judith Barry
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

9. Australasian species

- 1st *Dendrobium tangerinum* P & J D'Olier
 2nd *Dendrobium atrovioleaceum* Ela Kielich
 3rd *Coelogyne fragrans* Li Shan

10. Australasian Hybrids

- 1st *Dendrobium engae* x *shiraishii* Li Shan
 2nd *Dendrobium* Nancy Fairfax Li Shan
 3rd *Dendrobium normanbyense* x Microchip Li Shan

11. Novice & Junior

- Ela Kielich 1st *Plectorrhiza tridentata*
 David Hemmings 2nd *Saccolabiopsis armitii*
 Erik Lielkajis 3rd *Dendrobium prenticei*

12. Pterostylis species

- Trish Peterson 1st Nil
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

13. Other terrestrials

- Erik Lielkajis 1st Nil
 Erik Lielkajis 2nd Nil
 P & J D'Olier 3rd Nil

14. Terrestrial hybrids

- David Hemmings 1st Nil
 Erik Lielkajis 2nd Nil
 Erik Lielkajis 3rd Nil

15. Best specimen

- Cary Polis 1st *Dendrobium* Microchip David Hemmings
 Cary Polis 2nd Nil
 Erik Lielkajis 3rd Nil

16. Best First Flowering seedling

- 1st *Sarcochilus ceciliae* David Hemmings
 2nd Nil
 3rd Nil

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Dendrobium atrovioleaceum Ela Kielich

The Orchid Hobbyist's Creed

Orchids are to me an escape from artificiality into a sane world of order and balance. They give me a feeling of security and satisfy a primitive need for the assurance of unchanging fundamentals. In my bush-house I find never-shifting values. I find the eternal laws of the universe in a most tangible form.

Growing orchids makes me humble. For there I am working with a force far greater than I. When I realise that flowers absorb colour, perfume, beauty and form from a dimension beyond my understanding, my belief in God is strengthened. Orchid culture satisfies my hunger for spiritual beauty and creation.

If ideals seem futile, if friends disappoint me, if my heart is sad, or my mind in turmoil, if eyes are dull and my body sluggish, I can go into the bush-house among my orchids and find faith, tranquillity, comfort and physical exercise, all of which gives me a renewed feeling of well-being, confidence and inspiration.

Anon



Dendrobium Chocolate Chip David Hemmings

Bulbophyllum newportii

Bulbophyllum newportii, is a species of epiphytic or lithophytic orchid that is endemic to tropical North Queensland. It has widely spaced, oval or cone-shaped, light green pseudobulbs, a single stiff, dark green egg-shaped leaf and up to eight bell-shaped white, cream-coloured or greenish flowers with a long, narrow yellow labellum. It grows on trees and rocks, usually at moderate to high elevations, usually in humid, airy locations and often in exposed places. It is found on the Mcllwraith Range and between the Cedar Bay National Park and Eungella National Park in Queensland.



Bulbophyllum newportii Bill Dobson



Sarcophilus dilatatus Erik Lielkajis



Cadetia taylori Cary Polis



Sarcophilus Kulnura Sanctuary Ian Tanner



Dendrobium tangerinum P & J D'Olier

Dendrobium tangerinum

Flowers orange-yellow to orange-red speckled with red-brown or maroon on sepals, with a lilac callus on the lip.

Epiphyte in the canopy of tall rainforest trees and on trees along rivers. Mainly below 250 m above sea level, but some specimens have been found as high as 1250 m growing as lithophytes on exposed rocks.

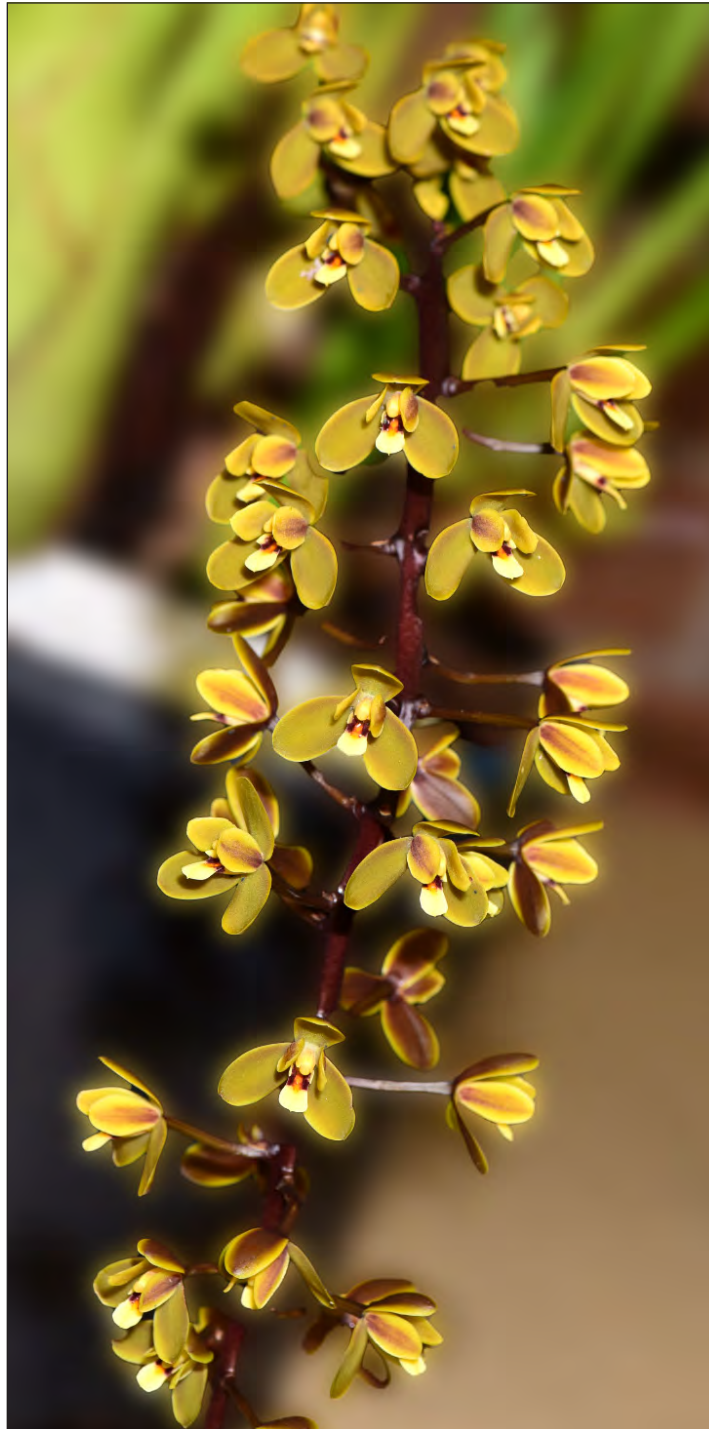
Distribution Papua New Guinea (Madang, Morobe & Milne Bay Districts).



Bulbophyllum johnsoniae Erik Lielkajis



Dockrillia wassellii Ela Kielich



Cymbidium maddium Cary Polis



Dendrobium Nancy Fairfax Li Shan



Taenophyllum sp. Erik Lielkajis



Sarcochilus Ailsa R. G. Blaxland



Sarcochilus ceciliae P & J D'Olier