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# November 2023



Sarcochilus hartmannii 'Mandarine' Clover Bradley



Sarcochilus dilatatus David Hemmings



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Sarcochilus olivaceous David Hemmings

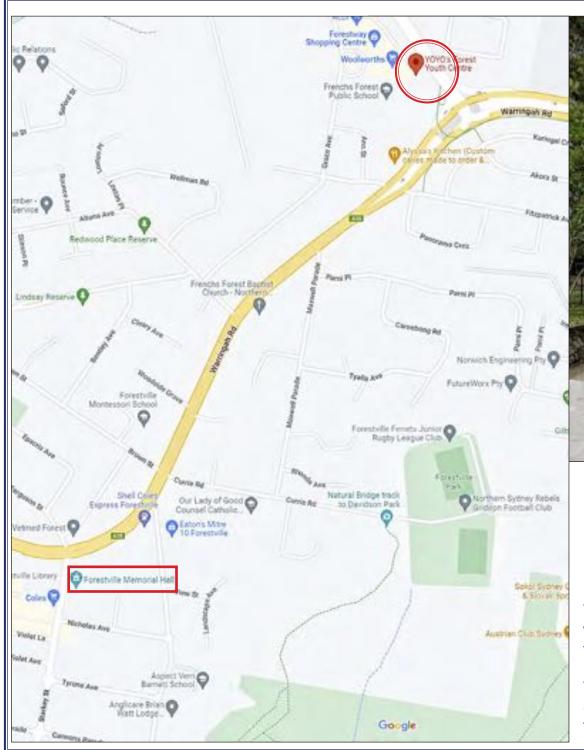
Tuesday 21st November

Please note

Meeting at YoYo's Centre details inside

**De-flasking with David and Guy** 

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Due to circumstances outside our control
Council have to do some emergency maintenance.

Our Nevember Meeting will take place at

Our November Meeting will take place at YOYO's Forest Youth Centre
10 Forest Way, Frenchs Forest.

The picture above shows the entrance to Forestway Shopping Centre with the hall being the colourful building on the left as you drive into the shopping centre.

The map on the left gives an indication of Forestville Memorial Hall at Starkey Street where we normally meet and YoYo's Youth Centre Hall to the North.

# **Minutes of Meeting October 2023**

**Minutes of the monthly meeting** held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday, 17/10/2023

The meeting was opened at 8.05pm by Bill Dobson.

**Guest Speaker**: No guest speaker per se due to tonight's Members' Sarc. Show and the awarding of the Iris Pendle Memorial Trophy.

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

**Visitors:** A mysterious person utilising the name of Liam and a welcome back to Bruce Potter!

**Apologies:** Cathy Sinclair, Lynne Lane, Mick Korzenowski

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

Matters arising: Nil Correspondence:

Garden Club of Australia forms

Bulletins from various societies – Manly Warringah Orchid Society, ANOS Sydney ANOS Inc. missive regarding possible sharing of a PO box.

#### **General Business:**

In the absence of Mick Korzenowski and his Rambles, Bill Dobson and David Hemmings provided valuable cultural information to members.

The lauded product known as "Envy" is available from Flower Power.

Bill Dobson waxed lyrical upon the virtues of misting to assist the well-being of orchids in hot weather. Fogger nozzles were recommended as being particularly useful in this regard.

The time period between September and November is ideal for the division and repotting of plants. Autumn is useful here as well.

David Hemmings then gave a very interesting dissertation as to some of his obviously tried and tested techniques in the bush house. Late September is the growing season and he advocated a protocol of inspection of all plants to determine the need for repotting or repositioning of plants to optimise growth rates. He regards the time from late November onwards to be getting too hot for ideal repotting.

He mentioned that Dockrillias which displayed slow growth whilst in the traditional tube seemed to respond favourably to transferral to an 80 mm web pot.

Regular inspection will aid success.

Bill Dobson spoke of his experience with bush house fabrication and longevity with regard to materials used.

Judges Report: Trish Peterson

Plant of the Evening:

Acriopsis emarginata - Erik Lielkajis.

Erik advised that this beautiful rare orchid grows on North QLD pandanus palms

Other Plants of Interest:

Eria eriaeoides – Erik Lielkajis. This a self-pollinating species

Den. fleckeri – David Hemmings produced a variety known as 'Kim's Gold' Den. engae x atroviolaceum – Li Shan Fan

#### Members' Sarc. Show:

Following supper, members voted for the best Sarcochilus, and Clover Bradley's *Sarcochilus hartmannii* 'Mandarin' was voted the winner and Clover will be awarded the Iris Pendle Memorial Trophy.

Congratulations to Clover for her efforts here... and a big "well done" for all the other entrants

### **Lucky Door Prize**

Cary Polis was the lucky winner here.

#### Raffle Prizes

The winners were too numerous to list owing partly to current privacy legislation but mainly due to inattention by the Secretary, who may well have been a winner here and was distracted by his rare good fortune.

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

## The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Erik Lielkajis gave some insight to his plant of *Acriopsis emarginata*, commonly known as the pale chandelier orchid, is a species endemic to Queensland, and is a clump-forming epiphyte with dark green leaves and curved, branching flower stems with many white and cream-coloured flowers.

Acriopsis emarginata is an epiphyte which forms dense clumps with the pseudobulbs surrounded by thin white roots. The pseudobulbs are pale green and onion-like Acriopsis emarginata was first formally described in 2006 by David Jones and Mark Clements from a specimen collected in the Daintree River valley and the description was published in Australian Orchid Research. The genus name is derived from the Ancient Greek words akris meaning "grasshopper" and opsis meaning "appearance" or "aspect", referring to the grasshopper-like appearance of the column. The specific epithet (emarginata) is a Latin word meaning "notched at the apex", referring to the notch on the labellum callus.

The pale chandelier orchid is widespread and common in tropical Queensland from Cape York to the Daintree River. It grows near the crown of trees, palms and Pandanus.



# In my Bush House

It's been very dry in October and I have been watering almost daily as well as a misting in the evenings. My potting is well under way but slower as I am older, and my body tells me so ⑤. Must keep on potting though, as these conditions are ideal. The new growths are coming and the rain will only stimulate them. I took pics of *Den. speciosum* var. curvicaule 'Blew Moon' repotted on 9th and 15th October and 2-3 weeks later new roots and new growths poking thru. I have been using Seasol® and Auxinone® every 2 weeks to stimulate all the *Dendrobium speciosum* I have split after giving them a no 1 haircut.

I'll keep this up every 2 weeks until end January. By that time the growths should be well on their way. Keep pushing them along as this is the way to grow.

A little on this, after 30 years of growing and flowering many awarded specimens I can say there are two ways to effectively grow your orchids into large well flowered plants.

- 1. Plants like to be fed just as we do, and I have chosen to feed regularly, that is each week of the year, with full recommended strength Peters Excel Finisher (previously Hi K Cal -Mag). Natives and exotics respond to this well as my garden and vegies, in my conditions. While I use the liquid fertiliser, I also have a slow release Osmocote Pro Hi K 8 9 months (11-4.4-15.8+1.2MG+TE) that will feed a small amount at the other times of watering.
- 2. Fertilise the same strength but break it down to so you fertilise each time you water. i.e. if you watered 4 times a week you would give the plants ¼ full strength fertiliser each time you water. Anyway that's my take on it.

Keep an eye out for Aphids and other bugs as the weather warms up. I am due to spray again for *Dendrobium* beetle this week. Also I found one in my bushhouse trying to get out! I helped him to a higher plane. ©

I will also start spraying with Mancozeb® or Eco-fungicide mixed with Eco Oil, and alternate with Bravo® as a protectant against any pathogens that could attack the new growths until they harden off. Also I use a seaweed tonic Seasol® once a month.

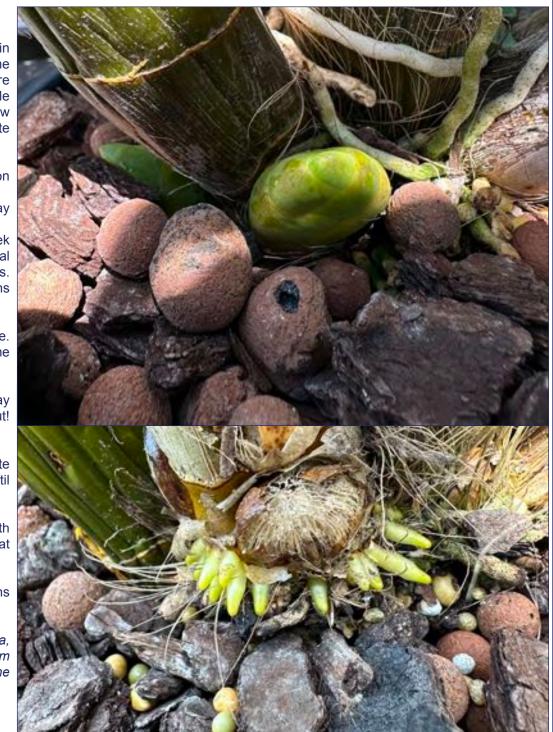
I'll remove all the old racemes from my *Sarcochilus* after they have finished and top up with slow release Ozmocote and Blood and Bone. I did this last year and what a difference that made....plumper and healthier plants with fatter and more flowers.

Keep the humidity up from now to April for the *Den. tetragonums* as when the new growths start you don't want them to dry off.

Flowering now I have Sarcochilus falcatus, Sarcochilus niveus, Plectorrhiza tridentata, Dendrobium prenticei, Dendrobium fleckeri, Dendrobium canaliculatum, Cymbidium canaliculatum, Cymbidium suave, and Dockrillia hercoglossum as well as my Calanthe triplicata in bud and looking good.

Keep on potting

Bill Dobson



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# The St Ives Orchid Fair, 2023 The Warringah Group of the Australasian Native Orchid Society

The St Ives Orchid Fair is an annual event held at the St Ives Showground in Sydney which brings orchid lovers, growers and vendors together to celebrate their wonderful interest. This year is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year since its inception and once again the Fair brought crowds of visitors to view, admire, purchase and sell.

The four societies who initiated the Fair, North Shore Orchid Society, Ku-ring-gai Orchid Society, Manly Warringah Orchid Society and the Warringah Group of the Australasian Native Orchid Society are involved in the planning, organising and running of the Fair with members of each society volunteering their time, energy and expertise. Other orchid societies participating this year were Blacktown, Eastwood and S.P.E.C.I.E.S.

Each society sets up a display of members' orchids in the Display Pavilion and as well as the 7 large society displays, individuals or groups may demonstrate their skill in growing and exhibiting their orchids on table top displays. This year there were six table top displays.

Orchid vendors throughout Australia are keen to obtain a place at the Fair and this year we had vendors from Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria as well as New South Wales with a variety of tempting orchids and other orchid growing necessities.

The Fair was officially opened on Friday 18th August by the Mayor of Ku-ring-gai Council, Jeff Pettett who was very impressed by the quality and diversity of the displays. Judging took place on the Thursday night prior to the official opening, and panels of judges spent several hours making their selections late into the night. The displays themselves are judged according to a list of criteria and then each genus of orchid is judged by the judges, and those orchids deemed worthy of Awards are chosen. The judges were exclusively AOC judges but we are hopeful that ANOS judging might occur in future Fairs.

The Australasian Native Orchid Society restricts orchids used in our display to those which are exclusively found in Australasia. In the past this has resulted in the judges considering our display to be somewhat lacking in colour compared to the large colourful exotic orchids seen in other displays. This year however, David Hemmings excelled himself with orchids of exceptional colour and Barry Moore's spectacular speciosums resulted in a very beautiful display receiving high points for colour!

Our display included both species and hybrids and included mounted, epiphytic and terrestrial orchids, all grown and brought in by our members.

The backdrop for our display was erected by Bill Dobson and Ted Shaw and subsequently the design team, David, myself, Judith Barry and Barry Moore spent much of Thursday assembling the display. Other members of the society, including Martin, Jim, John, Bill and Kim assisted with the setting up and pulling down and despite those pesky pot sleeves, we all enjoyed the camaraderie of a shared activity.

Numerous members of our Group also volunteered to act as security, ticket and raffle sellers and to answer the many questions from the general public about our display and native orchids in general.

ANOS Warringah achieved a very pleasing result this year, coming a close third in the ranking of displays with several Awards being conferred. Our display included the Champion Australian Native Species, Champion Australian Native Hybrid and Champion Seedling any other Genera.

- The Champion Australian Native Species orchid was *Dendrobium speciosum* 'Red Factor' x 'Kel' grown by Barry Moore.
- The Champion Australian Native Hybrid was an unregistered orchid, Dockrillia Vivian Margaret x Doc. Australian Ginger (subsequently registered and named as Dockrillia Australian Embers) grown by David Hemmings.
- The Champion Seedling Any Other Genera orchid was *Dendrobium* Kayla x *Den*. Avril's Gold 'Pumpkin Pie' also grown by Hemmings.

Our display was honoured to receive a total of 7 Awards and many of our growers achieved First and Second places.

The pull-down occurred on Sunday afternoon....and we are already thinking about next year's display!

Bill Dobson's excellent photographs of our display and winning orchids are included in this article.

Trish Peterson – Vice-President ANOS The Warringah Group



Mayor Jeff Pettett, prior to opening the Fair with Garrie Bromley, Cary Polis, Dennys Angove

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Dendrobium speciosum 'Red Factor' x 'Kel' grown by Barry Moore

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Dendrobium speciosum 'Red Factor' x 'Kel' grown by Barry Moore

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Den speciosum mild x Daylight Woon Darry Wo

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ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - October 2023 Hybrids:					
ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - October 2023  1. Dockrillia species  3rd Nil				5. Primary Sarcochilus hybrid with S. hartmannii	
1. Dockrillia species  1st Dendrobium prenticei				and/or S. fitzgeraldii parentage	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dockrillia linguiformis var huntianum	•	12. Pterostylis species		1st Sarcochilus hartmannii x 'Red Snow'	Judith Barry
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dendrobium prenticei	-			2 <sup>nd</sup> Sarco. Fitzhart	David Hemmings
· •	Judith Barry	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sarco. Cherie Snow	lan Tanner
2. Dendrobium species  1st Dendrobium fleckeri	David Hemmings			6. Sarcanthinae hybrids predominantly	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dendrobium antenatum	•	13. Other terrestrials	Martin Davies	1 <sup>st</sup> Sarco. Fitzhart Rusty Bucket'	Clover Bradley
	Erik Lielkajis		Martin Davies	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sarco. Heidi x Bunyip	David Hemmings
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sarco. Rachel x Sweetheart	Trish Peterson
3. Sarcanthinae species		3rd Nil		7. Sarcanthinae hybrids predominantly	
1st Nil		14. Terrestrial hybrids		1 <sup>st</sup> Sarco. 'Salmon' x Amber 'Apricot'	Clover Bradley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		1 <sup>st</sup> Nil		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sarco. Kulnura Dazzle x Kulnura Abs	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		2 Sarco. Rumara Bazzle x Rumara Abs	David Hemmings
4. Bulbophyllum species	Enile I delle die	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sarco. Sweetheart x Bunyip	David Hemmings
1st Bulbophyllum lamingtonense	Erik Lielkajis	15. Best specimen	Decidal Hermania an	8. Sarcanthinae hybrids predominantly	_
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bulbophyllum lamingtonense		1 <sup>st</sup> Dendrobium fleckeri	David Hemmings	YELLOWS/BROWNS	y other colours
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bulbophyllum schillerianum	Trish Peterson			1 <sup>st</sup> Sarco. Heidi x Fizzy Dove	Clover Bradley
5. Miscellaneous species	Established	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sarco. Sunny x Amber	Clover Bradley
1 <sup>st</sup> Acriopsis emarginata	Erik Lielkajis	16. Best First Flowering seedling		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sarco. Fitzhart	Clovel bradiey
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cymbidium canaliculatum	P & J D'Olier			9. Sarcanthinae hybrids – first flowerii	20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Eria eraeodies	Erik Lielkajis			1 <sup>st</sup> Sarco. Melba 'New Moon'	Trish Peterson
6. Dendrobium Hybrids		3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sarco. George Colthup	Trish Peterson
1st Den. DUNO Burgundy Sheen x Eureka Yellow Cake		-000-		3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil	IIISII Peterson
Li Shan Members Sarcanthinae Show 2023			10. SPECIMEN size SPECIES or HYBR	ID	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		Species:		1st Sarcochilus hartmannii x 'Sylvan Sur	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		1. Sarcochilus hartmannii		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sarco. Kulnura	lan Tanner
7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids		1st Sarcochilus hartmannii 'Mandarine'	Clover Bradley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil	ian iannei
1st Nil		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sarcochilus hartmannii Albus	Clover Bradley	11. Novelty Sarcanthinae (e.g. Pichs. F	Pichard lost \
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		1st Nil	Richard 30St,)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		2. Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii		2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil	
8. Miscellaneous Hybrids		1st Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii 'The Clown'	x 'Red'	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil	
1st Dendrobium lineale PNG	I & I Chalmers		Trish Peterson		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		Novice:	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		1. Species 1st Sarcochilus hartmannii x 'Red Snow'	y 'Vollow Spow'
9. Australasian species	<b>=</b> 1 12 11 1	3. Other Sarcanthinae species #1		1 Sarcocrillus Hartmarimii X Reu Show	
1 <sup>st</sup> Dendrobium atroviolaceum	Ela Kielich	1 <sup>st</sup> Sarcochilus dilatatus	David Hemmings	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil	Ros Mathews
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nil		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sarcochilus olivaceous	David Hemmings	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sarcochilus dilatatus	Trish Peterson		
10. Australasian Hybrids		3A. Other Sarcanthinae species #2		2. Hybrids	Dog Mathaus
1 <sup>st</sup> Den. engae x atroviolaceum		1 <sup>st</sup> Plectorrhiza tridentata	Trish Peterson	1st Sarco. Unknown	Ros Mathews
2 <sup>nd</sup> Den. Microchip	David Hemmings		Trish Peterson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sarco. Cherie Snow	Ros Mathews
3rd Den. normanbyense x Microchip	Li Shan			3 <sup>rd</sup> Nil	
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Dendrobium fleckeri David Hemmings





Bulbophyllum lamingtonense Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium antenatum Erik Lielkajis





Den. DUNO Burgundy Sheen x Eureka Yellow Cake Li Shan



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# **Name Changes**

Li Shan your *Den. engae x atroviolaceum* was registered in 2020 by Phil Spence as *Den.* Happy Children.

also

Den. normanbyense x Microchip was registered in 2018 by H & R as Den. Chocolate Chip.

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Sarcochilus hartmannii Albus Clover Bradley



Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii 'The Clown' x 'Red' Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus dilatatus Trish Peterson



Plectorrhiza tridentata Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus hartmannii x Red Snow Clover Bradley



Sarcochilus Fitzhart David Hemmings





Sarcochilus Heidi x Bunyip David Hemmings



Sarco. 'Salmon' x Amber 'Apricot' Clover Bradley





Sarco. Kulnura Dazzle x Kulnura Absolute

David Hemmings

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Dendrobium fleckeri Bill Dobson



# Cymbidium suave

Cymbidium suave, commonly known as the snake orchid or grassy boat-lip orchid, is endemic to eastern Australia. It forms long-lasting clumps of grass-like leaves. Up to fifty crowded olive green to dark or brownish green flowers are borne on an arching flowering stem. Of the three Australian species of Cymbidium, this is the only one that does not have prominent pseudobulbs

The snake orchid grows in woodland and forest in the hollows of old trees or in fallen, decaying trees. It occurs between Cooktown in Queensland and Bega in New South Wales and as far inland as Tamworth.



# Dendrobium fellowsii

Dendrobium fellowsii, commonly known as the native damsel orchid, has upright pseudobulbs, up to five leaves and groups of up to five pale green or yellowish flowers with a deep purple labellum. It grows in tropical North Queensland.

# **Description**

Dendrobium fellowsii is an epiphytic or lithophytic orchid that has upright, cylindrical dark purplish pseudobulbs 50–250 mm (2–10 in) long and 6–10 mm (0.2–0.4 in) wide.

There are between two and five dark green leaves 15–100 mm (0.6–4 in) long and 15–20 mm (0.6–0.8 in) wide. The flowering stems are 40–80 mm (2–3 in) long and bear between two and seven resupinate, pale green or yellowish flowers 15–20 mm (0.59–0.79 in) long and 20–25 mm (0.8–1 in) wide. The dorsal sepal is egg-shaped, 6–10 mm (0.24–0.39 in) long and about 5 mm (0.20 in) wide.

The lateral sepals are triangular, 8–12 mm (0.31–0.47 in) long, about 5 mm (0.20 in) wide and spread widely apart from each other. The petals are narrow egg-shaped, 5–8 mm (0.2–0.3 in) long and about 3 mm (0.12 in) wide. The labellum is deep purple, about 10 mm (0.4 in) long and 7 mm (0.3 in) wide with three lobes. The side lobes are relatively large and curve upwards and the middle lobe is broad with two parallel ridges. Flowering occurs from October to January.

# Taxonomy and naming

Dendrobium fellowsii was first formally described in 1870 by Ferdinand von Mueller from a specimen collected near Rockingham Bay by John Dallachy. The description was published in Fragmenta phytographiae Australiae and the specific epithet (fellowsii) honours Thomas Howard Fellows.

#### **Distribution and habitat**

The native damsel orchid grows on trees or shrubs with stringy or flaky bark, in deep gullies or around the edges of large granite sheets in rainforest between the Mount Finnigan in the Cedar Bay National Park and Townsville in Queensland and in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

source Wikipedia

Dendrobium fellowsii Bill Dobson



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Sarcochilus niveus Trish Peterson



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