



# The Australasian Native Orchid Society The Warringah Group Inc.

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## August 2021



*Dendrobium cacatua* L & B Dobson



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*Sarcophilus falcatus* L & B Dobson

**No Meeting this month  
due to COVID-19 lockdown.**



## In My Bushhouse

Well with spring just around the corner there are racemes all over the place but no where to go or show. This marks the 2nd year in a row that we have no St Ives Orchid Fair or our own ANOS Warringah Group Show. So send in some pics to Jane and myself for other members to see what is going on.

Interesting that orchids that bloom early in far North Queensland still keep their dates down here in the southern states. *Dendrobium cactus* 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 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 they 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, one of the reasons we created specific classes for this and the *Den tetragonum* complex.

*Sarcochilus falcatus* is one of my favourites 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 early from 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 real treat and is worth a bush walk or two to check it out, if it's with 10km of your home of course.

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. We have followed David Hemmings advice and use SlugOut® which still stays viable no matter the weather or watering. Available from Wayne Turville at AON. see link below

<https://www.australianorchids.com.au/blogs/blog/117831749-slug-and-snail-damage-on-orchids>

That's all for now. Good Growing

Bill Dobson



*Dockrillia teretifolia* L & B Dobson

Here is a *Dockrillia teretifolia* that I have had for years, first in an 80mm net pot then popped into a 140mm net pot. The sepals, especially the laterals twist back like the horns on big horn sheep. I was thinking of spatulata when I first saw it open. One of those plants that would never get an award but just grabs something in you. It's growing on me now, and I suppose the thing I like about it is that it's consistent and zygomorphic. I like it.

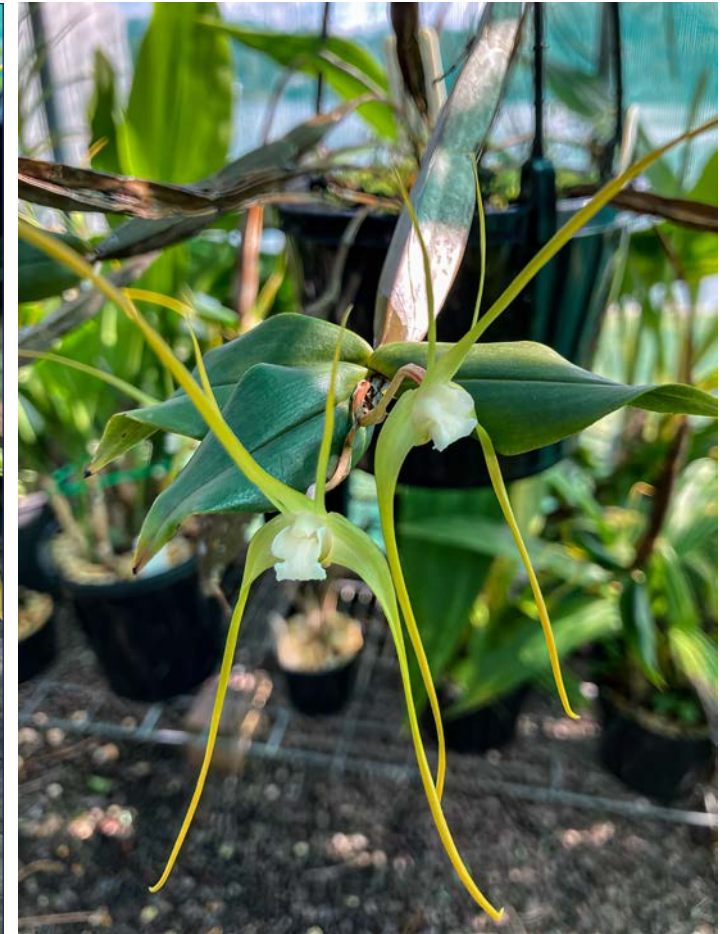




*Dendrobium cacatua* Guy Cantor



*Dendrobium cacatua* Mick Korzenowski



*Dendrobium cacatua* Mick Korzenowski



*Sarcochilus falcatus* - Atherton form Guy Cantor



Den. Hunter Dream x Hunter Titanium David Hemmings



*Dendrobium capitisyork* L & B Dobson



## Orchid Pests. The chewing varieties!

Wayne's tips after 40 years growing under Sth East Australian Conditions (Mediterranean, dry temperate) *March 24, 2020.*

There is nothing more annoying than growing an orchid from seed, waiting years and years to bloom it, and then some blasted cruncher eating the buds days before it opens. It happens to us all. Even after 40 years these beasties still get past my guard even though I look daily

The thing with chewing crunching pests is that they are eating, so they are quite easy to poison and kill. The main issue is that each year less and less poisons are in the tool kit to use as more issues arise with their usage. Even my long term favourite Carbaryl® is now difficult to find.

*Wayne is out of stock of this now however it is available in bulk as Bugmaster® In 5 litre containers as a liquid. I purchase in bulk so if members like we can share the cost, it is about \$20 for 500ml and dosing rate is 2ml/ltr. Ed.*

This is a simple stomach poison that is ingested. It was the main ingredient in Tomato dust we used for ever in the past.

Its good for Dendrobium beetle adults, grasshoppers, caterpillars, katydids, earwigs and all crunchers. It is of no use though for molluscs and mice. It works by diluting in water and spraying to coat the leaves or blooms (whatever is being eaten). The liquid dries and a fine powdery residue remains to do the job The very first rain or watering washes it away so be wary when you spray. *To stop it washing away when you water, mix EcoOil® with it at 10ml/lt this will stick it to the leaves and will last for 2-3 weeks. Ed.*



I was inspired to write this blog because even hardened professionals still get hit. This little bas\*%#d took out 28 x \$8 seedlings before I finally found him. I just couldn't see him or his droppings, just the damage.

### **Caterpillars, inchworms, loopers and cutworms.**

These are all the juvenile of moths and butterflies of various species and genus.

### **Grasshoppers, crickets, katydids.**

These are quite intelligent insects that eat orchid blooms and new growths simply by crunching and digesting all the orchid tissue suited to their tastes.

Tender young bulbs and blooms disappear overnight with no telltale droppings (as in caterpillars) or silver trail (as for molluscs).

Rural and outer suburban areas as well as larger grassy backyards are more suited for these insects. Black field crickets and locusts may swarm in rural areas. The obvious cure is to keep them out in the first place, using a complete shade cloth screening on all walls, roof and door. Should they opportunistically get in then a simple coating spray of Carbaryl® will knock them out. If you can find the insect a direct spray of Carbaryl® or Confidor® will suffice.

I remember once seeing a 15cm 6 inch grasshopper in an orchid collection in far Northern NSW, heavens know how much damage that would do!!



### **Cockroaches**

These seem to be a problem in more humid regions such as Sydney and North along the east coast. Once again these eat tender shoots and orchid blooms. Carbaryl® again is very effective. Commercial cockroach traps may be tried.

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## Dendrobium Beetles.

These occur from East Gippsland near the NSW Vic border all the way up the east coast to far Nth QLD. This attractive orange and black weevil like beetle are sometimes so common they swarm like flies around a dead carcass. Individual wild *Dendrobium speciosum* may be dozens all over it. They eat all the tissues except the roots. Leaves, canes blooms and even seed pods are all eaten until they look like lace. Fortunately these beetles only occur when epiphytic orchids grow naturally so they are currently not a problem in Melbourne, Adelaide or Perth or Tasmania.

Orchid purchasers from NSW and QLD may contact eggs larvae and occasionally live adults so care must be taken to watch for them. In Pambula in the far south of NSW I have seen whole colonies of *Dendrobium speciosum* near destroyed with all the blooms and seed pods eaten.



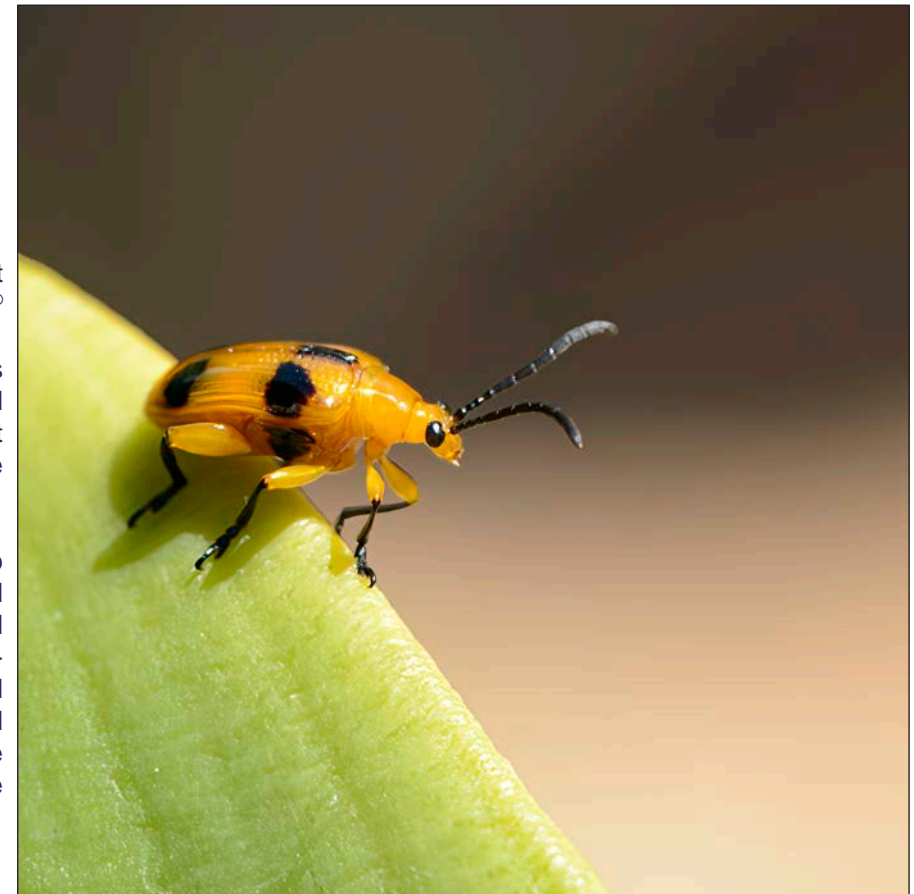
### Dendrobium Beetles

#### Treatment and Eradication

*Bill Dobson*

Over many years I have found the most effective treatment is spraying with Carbaryl® available by the trade name Bugmaster® 2ml/litre Bugmaster® and 10ml/ltr EcoOil® This has the advantage that it sticks to the leaf and pseudobulb and will stay on the plant for at least 3 weeks come rain or watering. The least little nibble by grub or beetle and they are dead.

The other alternative and when repotting is to use Confidor® balls these Initiator Imidacloprid balls contain both Imidacloprid Insecticide and Fertiliser, to provide enhanced growth and long-lasting protection against the damage caused by various insects that attack newly planted and established plants. Initiator tablets are formulated to release the Imidacloprid active ingredient and Fertiliser slowly.







*Plectorrhiza tridentata* Chris Murray

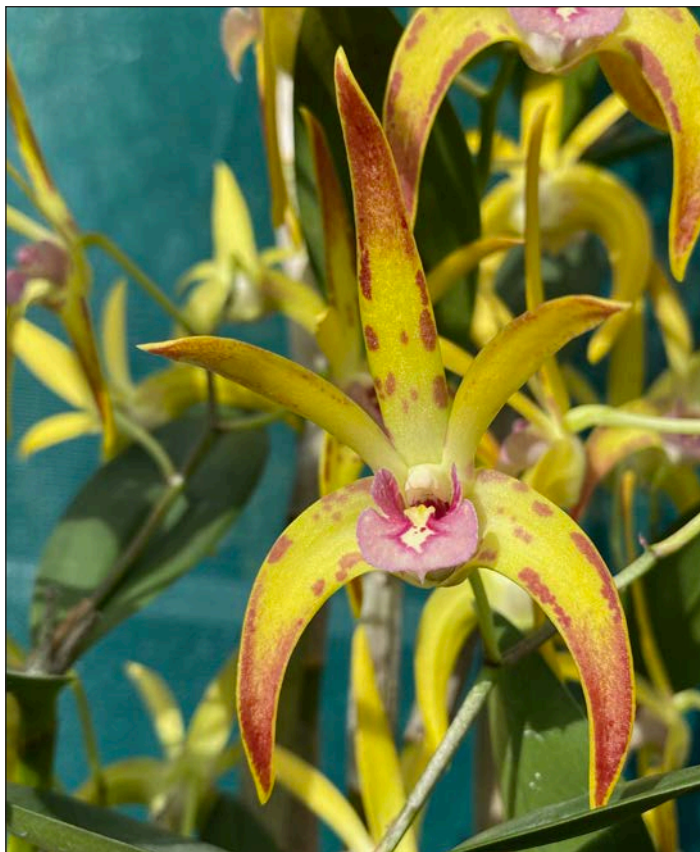


*Dendrobium speciosum* Chris Murray  
*Bulbophyllum exiguum* Chris Murray



*Dendrobium aemulum* Chris Murray

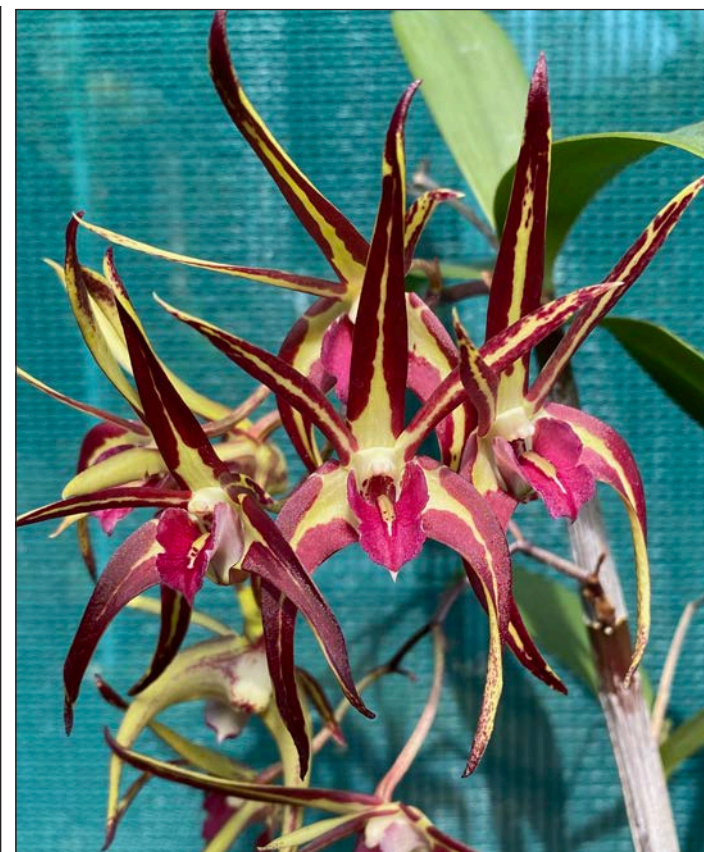




*Den. Autumn x Hilda Poxon* David Hemmings



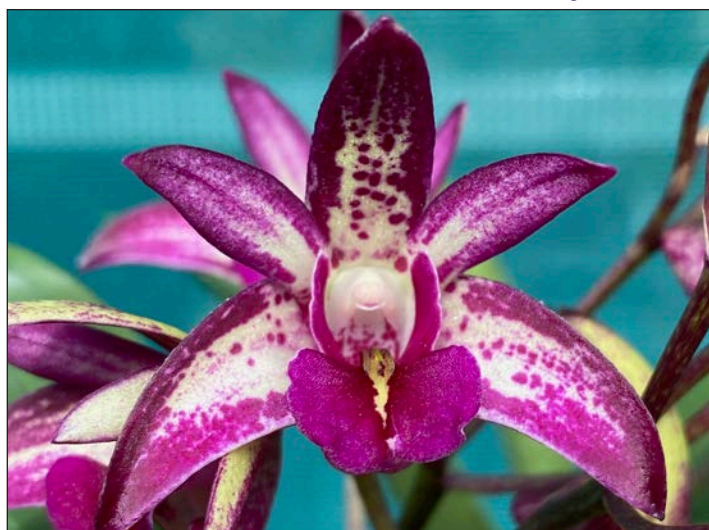
*Den. Autumn x Hilda Poxon* David Hemmings



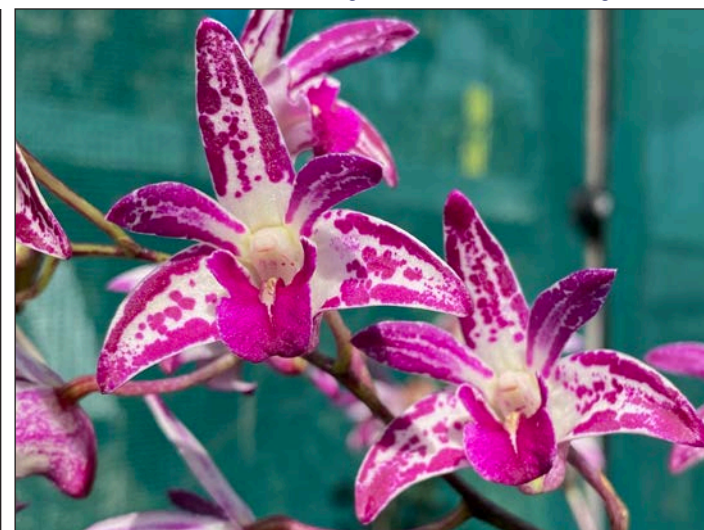
*Den. Aussie Parade x Regal Hilda* David Hemmings



*Den. Ausome 'Henry'* David Hemmings



*Den. Tyabb Treasure x Auscobber* David Hemmings

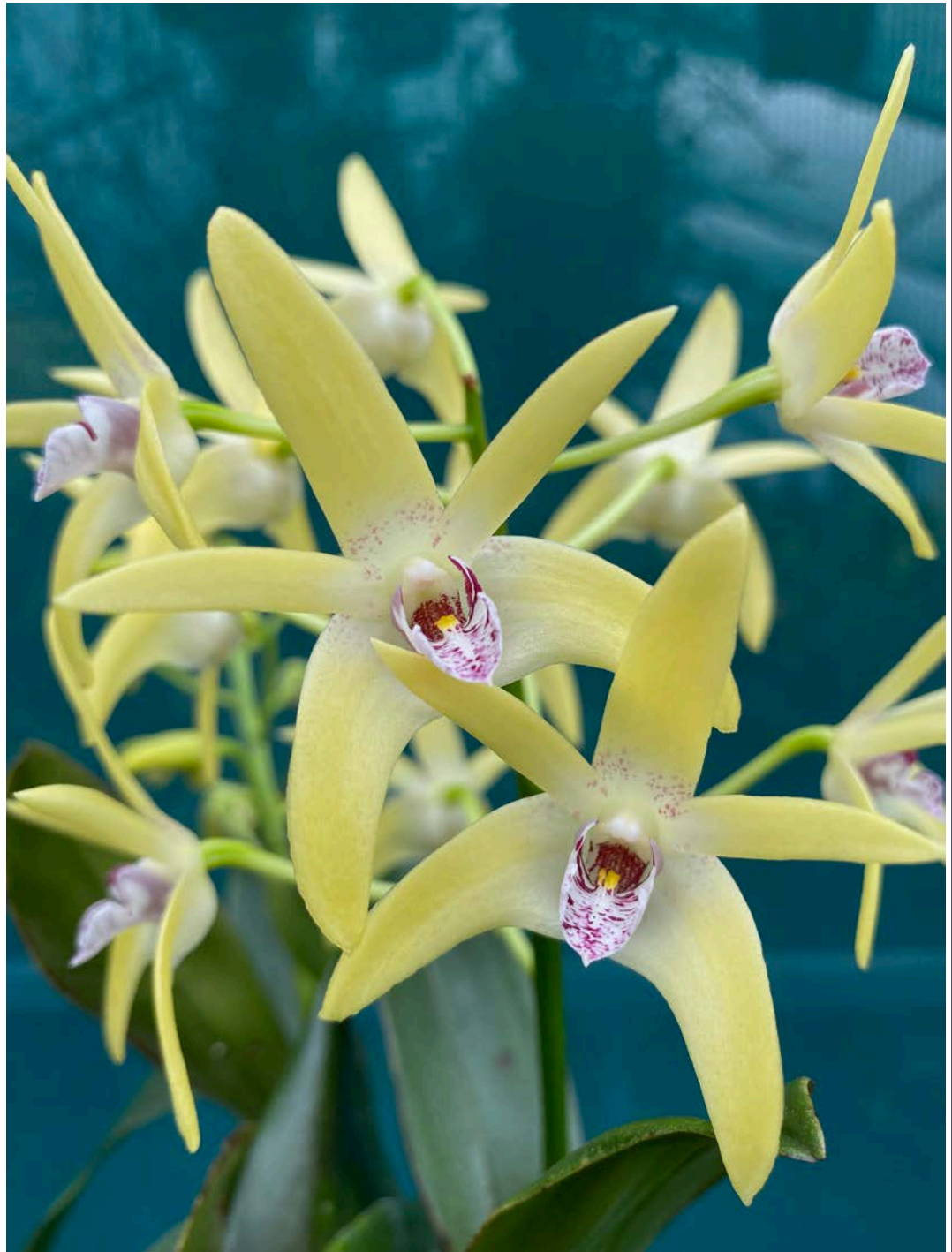


*Den. Tyabb x Australian Rhubarb Pie* David Hemmings





*Den. Aussie Parade* x *Hilda Poxon* David Hemmings



*Den. (Riversun x Sunglow)* x *Dunokayla* David Hemmings

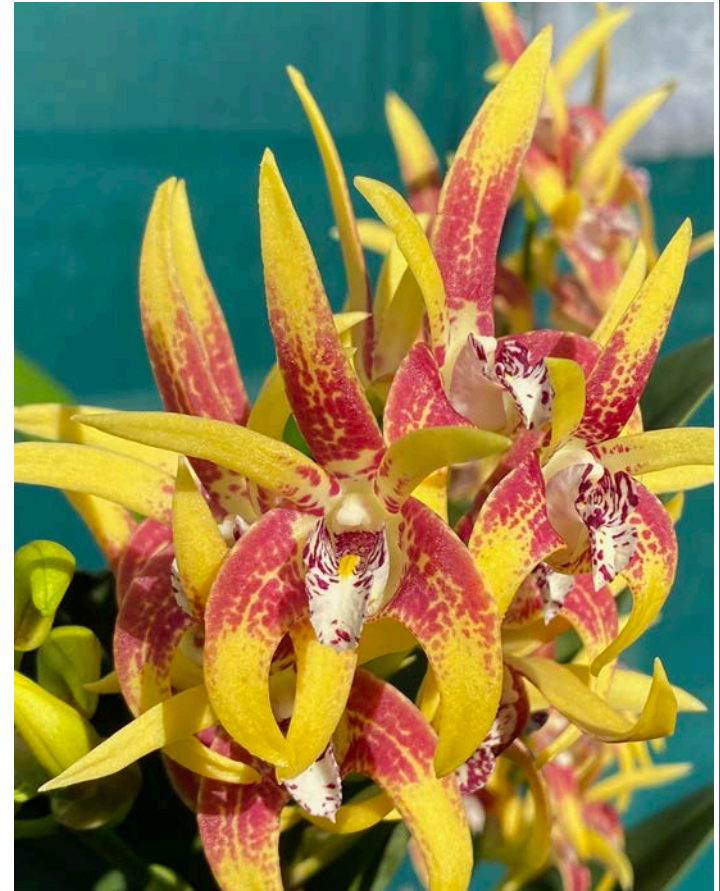




*Den. Cosmic Gold '1'* David Hemmings



*Den. Brimbank Dream 'Lemoncello'* David Hemmings



*Den. Cosmic Gold '#2'* David Hemmings



*Den. Cosmic Gold '1'* David Hemmings



*Den. Cosmic Gold FFS* David Hemmings



*Doc. Wamberal 'Dennistone Fog'* David Hemmings

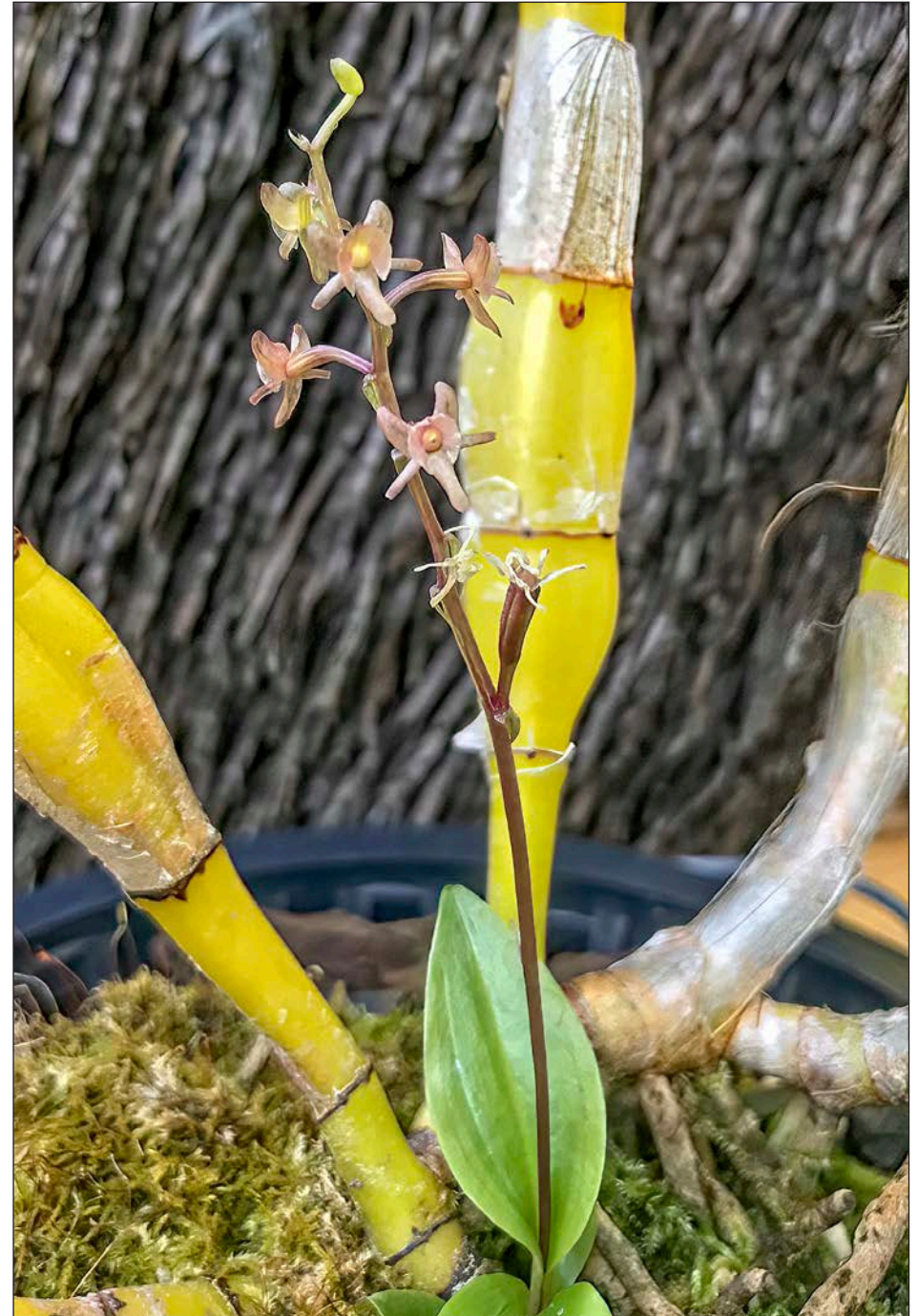




*Sarcophilus falcatus* L & B Dobson



*Dockrillia dolichophylla* L & B Dobson



A self sown plant of *Malaxis lawleri* growing in a pot of *Dendrobium antennatum*, this is the smallest and most obscure of the *Malaxis* spp. Erik Lielkajis





*Thelymitra ixioides* Erik Lielkajis



*Dockrillia calamiformis x cucumerina* David Hemmings



*Dockrillia calamiformis x cucumerina* David Hemmings



*Dockrillia Purple Pepper x striolata* David Hemmings



*Den. Tyabb x Australian Rhubarb Pie #2* David Hemmings





Display by David Hemmings





A beautiful remake of *Dendrobium* Greta Snow David Hemmings





*Dockrillia dolichophylla* Mick Korzenowski



*Dockrillia teretifolia* Mick Korzenowski





*Dockrillia Amphon Axios* Trish Peterson



*Bulbophyllum schillerianum* Trish Peterson



*Doc. Australian Ginger x (Tweetas x Fiona Louise)* Trish Peterson





*Pterostylis pedunculata*  
Trish Peterson





*Den. Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee'* Trish Peterson



*Doc. Australian Freckles* Trish Peterson



*Sarcophilus falcatus* Trish Peterson



*Doc. Tweetas 'Red Lip'* Trish Peterson

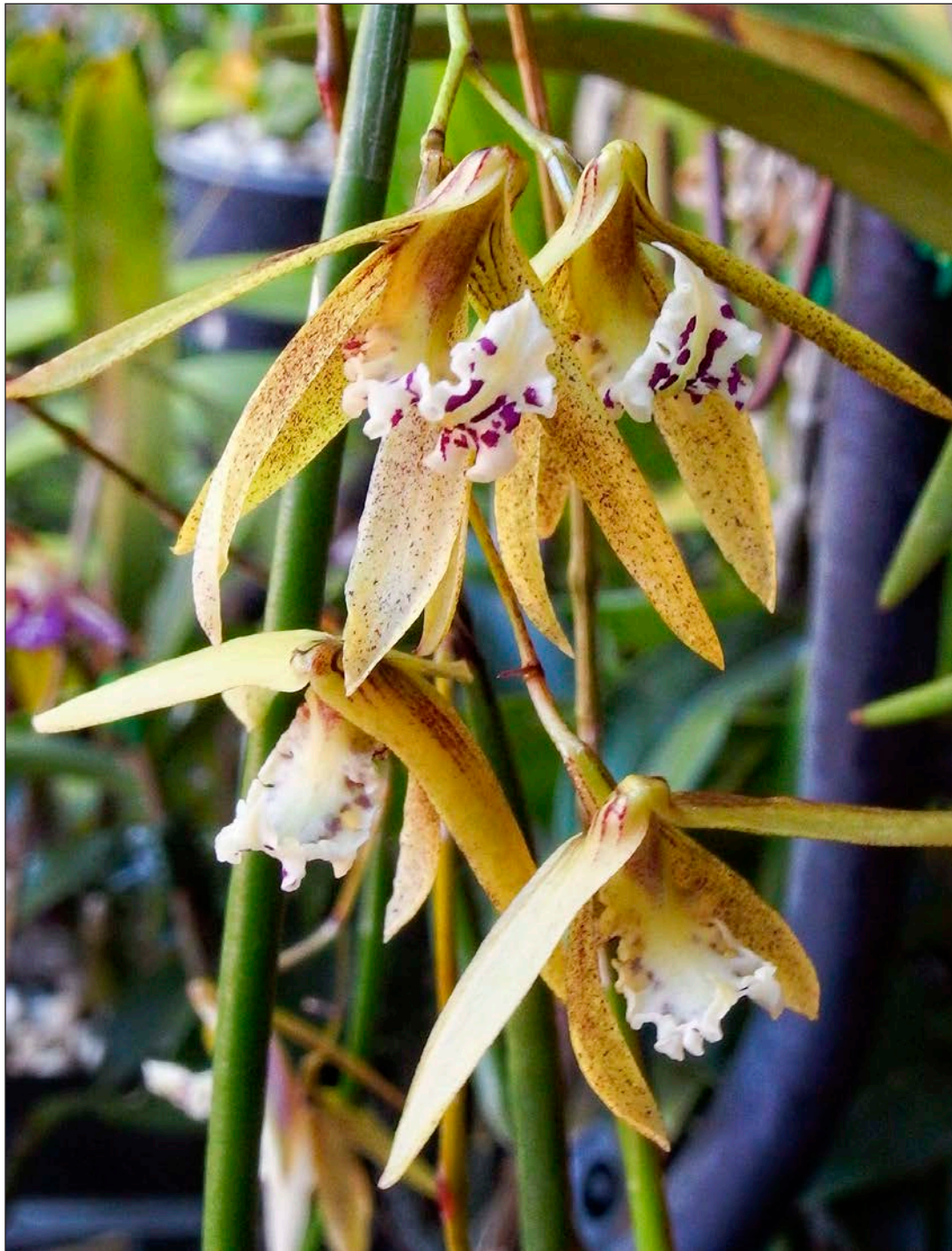


*Doc. Tweetas 'Neville'* Trish Peterson



*Pterostylis curta* Trish Peterson





Doc. Australian Ginger Ela Kielich



Doc. Australian Freckles Ela Kielich





*Den. Candice x Aussie Sandy* Ela Kielich



*Den. Lawrose x falcorostrum* Ela Kielich



*Den. Australian Artist* Ela Kielich





*Doc. Dolichophylla x teretifolia* Ela Kielich



*Doc. RGOFA x JSGH* Ela Kielich



*Doc. Saboteur x Australian Sunblest* Ela Kielich