The Australasian Native Orchid Society

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# **March 2019**



Dendrochilum longifolium – David Hemmings



Cadetia taylorii – Erik Lielkajis

Photos: Jane D'Olier



Patron: Mick Korzenowski

Next Meeting **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** 

'Places I Visited Last Year'

**Gerry Walsh** 

Dendrobium schneiderae var. schneiderae – Erik Lielkajis

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**Minutes** of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The meeting was opened at 8.05pm by President Bill Dobson.

Guest Speakers: Jane & Peter D'Olier

**Apologies:** Lorraine Dobson, Reiner & Judy Schneidereit, Irene & Ian Chalmers, Jan & Geoff Duggin, Clover & Bill Bradley, John McAuley, Ralph & Joy Lumby, Murray Corrigan, Bill Westwood, Greg Kazarian.

**The minutes** of the previous meeting as published in the Bulletin were accepted as a true record on the motion of Bryan Spurrs, seconded by Peter Dunstan.

## **Matters arising:**

• Bill asked for volunteers to staff the canteen for the mid-evening cuppa.

### **Correspondence:**

Our Gardens – Garden Clubs of Australia

Moved for acceptance by Bryan Spurrs, seconded Trish Peterson

#### **General Business:**

- ANOS Conference in Queensland; Earlybird registration extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Website https://anos.org.au/2019-conference/
- Reminder of Annual South Coast workshop at Batemans Bay with speakers including Ray Clement, Jeanne Dunne & Stephen Monkhouse 23-24 March 2019. (Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.)
- 3. ANOS Sydney Group is holding a major public Plant Auction on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground from 8am to 1pm.
- 4. Trish was awarded an ACC (Award of Cultural Commendation) for her *Dendrobium* Papuan Delight 'Ginger Falls' at the ANOS Sydney Group Sarcochilus Show in October 2018.

#### In Your Bushhouse:

Mick showed a *Sarcochilus falcatus* which he has transferred to a Cypress pine mount and which is growing well on the new host. Mick was asked about his watering regime. He described how his *Dendrobium blackdownense* has doubled in size in one year. He relies on natural rainfall for his speciosums. *Sarco. falcatus* is not as vigorous

as *Den. speciosum* and has no storage capacity. In consequence he has to water his *S. falcatus* plants much more frequently, i.e. every second day. In a mixed collection, you need to vary your watering management for different plants depending on their storage ability.

Judges Report: Trish Peterson

Plant of the Evening:

Dendrochilum longifolium - David Hemmings

#### Other Plants of Interest:

Dendrobium schneiderae var schneiderae – Erik Lielkajis Spiranthes australis – Trish Peterson

## **After Supper:**

Jane, with supplementation from Peter gave a very graphic presentation on life in the raw, travelling by dugout down the Sepik River in Papua New Guinea. The presentation vividly demonstrated the differences between living in the country as opposed to major towns.

Lucky Door Prize: Mick Korzenowski

**Raffle Prizes:** Peter Dunstan, Peter D'Olier, David Hemmings, Graeme Russell, Ian Tanner, Trish Peterson, Barry Moore (2)

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

## The meeting closed at 9.55pm.





Sarcochilus eriochilus – David Hemmings

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# In my Bushhouse

Well we are into March now and have passed the worst of the summer, but watch out for those hot days that may occur. Make sure that you don't let any water sit for too long in leaf axils. Better yet spray with a fungicide such as Eco Fungicide at 4gm/l and EcoOil at 5ml/l.

Keep an eye out for pests like aphids, grasshoppers and Dendrobium beetle. I have sprayed with my usual Bugmaster  $^{\otimes}$  Carbaryl at 2ml/l + 5ml/l Remember to ONLY spray new growths so you don't waste any.

Plants in flower: *Dockrillia* Hot Coals, *Dockrillia bowmanii* with those beautiful apple green petals and sepals with contrasting white labellum, *Dockrillia cucumerina*, *Cadetia taylori*, and *Dendrobium prenticei*.

All plants are at varying stages of growth and I hardly have a plant inside or outside of the bushhouse that has not had new growth. The roots are growing everywhere through the bark so keep up the fertiliser. Most plants in my collection have a dose of blood and bone and a slow release like Osmocote Pro 8-9 month. Also keep up the fertilising weekly with Peters Excel CalMag Finisher.

Dendrobium speciosum var. capricornicum, a little grown species that is continuing with an amazing growth spurt this year. Here is a plant that I obtained in 1998 from Ray Clement when Tony Blewitt was selling off some plants. I named this one 'Granite' after the volcanic plugs that this species likes to grow on. They become so hot in the summer you could fry an egg on them. Yet this plant grows there happily...well they used to as they have been decimated long ago due to over-collecting. Happily the remainder are behind fences on private property.

They are a strange species and if you want to find out more about them, go to Gerry Walsh's Rock Lily page

http://therocklilyman.com/

This plant was a division of one that has not been re-potted since 2011, unusual for me, and with only 10 pseudobulbs has sprouted 8 new growths. (More photographs on last page.)

This is nothing unusual as all my plants, some 15 are all exhibiting phenomenal growth this year. Do they know something we don't? They have a massive number of 'eyes' and even some up on the top of pseudobulbs have converted into new growths.

Take care, and happy growing.

#### **Bill Dobson**



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# ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results February 2019

1.	Dockrillia species
	No entries
2	Dondrobium cnoci

2. Dendrobium species

1<sup>st</sup> *Den.schneiderae* var.*schneiderae* E. Lielkajis 2<sup>nd</sup> *Den. malbrownii* Erik Lielkajis 3<sup>rd</sup> *Den. schneiderae* major Erik Lielkajis

3. Sarcanthinae species

1st Sarco. eriochilusDavid Hemmings2nd Drymoanthus minutusErik Lielkajis3rd Sarco. eriochilusDavid Hemmings

4. Bulbophyllum species

1<sup>st</sup> Bulb. macphersonii G & H Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> Bulb. macphersonii L & B Dobson 3<sup>rd</sup> Bulb. bailevii Erik Lielkajis

5. Miscellaneous species

1<sup>st</sup> Cadetia taylorii Erik Lielkajis 2<sup>nd</sup> Oberonia complanata Erik Lielkajis 3<sup>rd</sup> Cadetia taylorii G & H Williams

6. Dendrobium Hybrids
No entries

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1<sup>st</sup> Sarco. Bessie Bryan Spurrs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarco. Velvet Bryan Spurrs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarco. Velvet Bryan Spurrs

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

1<sup>st</sup> *Doc.* Goosebumps David Hemmings 2<sup>nd</sup> *Doc.* Goosebumps David Hemmings 3<sup>rd</sup> *Doc.* Limestone L & B Dobson

9. Australasian Species

1<sup>st</sup> Dendrochilum longifolium David Hemmings

2<sup>nd</sup> Nil 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

10. Australasian Hybrids

1<sup>st</sup> *Den.* Pam Tajima David Hemmings 2<sup>nd</sup> *Den.* Samarai P & J D'Olier 3<sup>rd</sup> *.Doc.* Hot Coals Trish Peterson

Classes 11 & 12 - No entries

13. Other Terrestrials

1<sup>st</sup> Spiranthes australis Trish Peterson

Classes 14, 15 & 16 - No entries



Bulbophyllum macphersonii - G & H Williams



*Spiranthes australis* – Trish Peterson



Bulbophyllum macphersonii – single flower G & H Williams

# AUSTRALIAN ORCHID NURSERY POPULAR VOTE FEBRUARY 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Place:

Den. schneiderae var. schneiderae

**Erik Lielkajis** 

**Equal 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** 

Spiranthes australis

**Trish Peterson** 

Dendrochilum longifolium

**David Hemmings** 







Dendrobium speciosum var. capricornicum 'Granite' – L & B Dobson



*Dockrillia* Goosebumps – David Hemmings



*Dendrobium* Pam Tajima – David Hemmings



Sarcochilus Bessie – Bryan Spurrs

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