



# Australian Native Orchid Society - Macarthur Group



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**Secretary:** Mr. R. Morrison

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**Treasurer:** Mrs. C. Asquith (Ph. 46259874)

**Next Meeting:** TUESDAY, 17th March, 2020

**Life Members:** Mr. J. Riley, M. T. Cooke, and W. & M. Southwell, A. & C. Asquith. (J. English)

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**Mt. ANNAN.**

**Doors open 7.15pm, benching closes 7.55pm, meeting starts 8pm**

Hi to All

Congratulations to Michael Harrison for plant of the night and popular choice, Well Done. Michael then gave a very informative talk on the benched plants.

The three shows this year have all been booked and dates confirmed.

Rosemeadow Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Oran Park Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Oran Park Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October

**The speaker this month is Michael Graham on pest control**

Wally

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**General Meeting – 18 February 2020**

**7.55pm**

**Minutes of Meeting**

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an update regarding Terry Cooke.

**Attendance:** As per the sign on book.

**Apologies:** Terry Cooke, Jagath Dheerasekara, Marge Yabsley, Brian Birch.

**Acceptance of Previous Minutes:**

Moved: Phil Griffiths                      Seconded: Mary-Anne Warner                      **Carried**

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence:** Email – Roslyn Capell requesting Groups contact details and 2020 Show Dates.

**Business Arising from Correspondence:** Contact details and 2020 Show Dates provided to Roslyn Capell

**Treasurer's Report:** Current Balance - \$4367.86

Moved: Carol Asquith                      Seconded: Gordon Bush                      **Carried**

## General Business

1. 2020 Show Schedules were presented for ratification. Discussion involving the Heritage section in the Sarcochilus Show was debated. The Secretary also indicated that Terry Cooke had asked for additional information to be added into the Schedules highlighting types / species of plants that could be benched in each Section. This may encourage additional exhibitors. –

**Motion:** The presented 2020 Show Schedules be adopted.

**Moved:** Graeme Morrison                      Seconded: Greg Steenbeeke                      **Carried**

Additionally the Secretary was asked to:

Forward the 2020 Macarthur ANOS Group Show Schedules to ANOS NSW Judging Panel and include the appropriate Show Schedule as an agenda item at the meeting preceding the Show

2. Graeme Morrison provided some packets of Casuarina Needles to members for use covering terrestrial pots and aid in moisture retention.
3. Guest Speakers – the Secretary asked for ideas re: guest speakers. Suggestions provided include – Ray Clements - Tinonee Orchids, Lloyd Edwards – Earth to Joy Orchids, Gerry Walsh, Mike Harrison, Jim Cootes, Greg Steenbeeke, Amgrow, George Birss – Pot Man, Panel – Forum of Member, Representatives from Royal Botanic Gardens – Mt Annan. The Secretary to email people and develop a 2020 speakers program.
4. Sales Table will operate at the March Meeting.

## Benching Report

Michael Harrison provided plant discussion about various benched plants.

1. *Earina valida* – New Caledonia species from Mt Koghi – plant was a seedling in 1995 – slow, steady, cold grower. Grown in Bark / Pebble (15%) mix. Genus also found in New Zealand and related to *Cymbidiums*.
2. *Spiranthes australis* – Mike questioned Wally on growing strategy – repotted in Winter into seed raising mix and Seasol spray weekly. Greg provided a judging perspective. Growing at higher altitude may benefit.
3. *Dockrillia Limestone x brevicauda* – well grown plant which follows *brevicauda* flowering pattern. *Brevicauda* and *D. cucumerina* closely related.
4. *Cadetia taylori* – high altitude Nth QLD species – grows as lithophyte or epiphyte. In cultivation can be grown on slab or in pot.
5. *Liparis coelogyroides* – Mike feels is the nicest *Liparis* because of its flower raceme. Range from Colo to Far Nth QLD – needs plenty of water to be happiest.
6. *Bulbophyllum lageniforme* – Nth QLD species very hard to grow – cane reduction occurs with new growths and hates hot summers.
7. *Drymoanthus minutus* – only species within this genus in Australasia. Twig epiphyte from Nth QLD – Nth Townsville to Atherton Tableland / Mt Windsor Tableland – low to moderate altitude grower. Plants never huge in size and seed production is prolific. Has a very restrictive distribution but abundant and localised.
8. *Dendrobium toressae* – smaller of the *Dendrobium* species – Nth QLD species – Townsville to Cooktown. Increased light may help healthy plants flower.

**Raffles**                      - Ross Morrison, Robert Moon x 2, Mary-Anne Warner, Tony Asquith

## Further General Business

Nil

Guest Speaker: March – Michael Graham on Pest Control

Meeting Closed at 9.20 pm

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## February 2020 Benching Results

### Benching Results

<b>Class</b>	<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
<b>Dendrobium species</b>	<i>Dendrobium toressae</i>	Michael Harrison
<b>Dendrobium hybrid</b>	Den. Burana Emerald Jade	Ross Morrison
<b>Sarcanthinae species</b>	<i>Plectorrhiza tridentate</i>	Michael Harrison
	<i>2Drymoanthus minutus</i>	Michael Harrison
<b>Sarcanthinae hybrid</b>	Sarcochilus Riverdene x Melody	Michael Harrison
<b>Bulbophyllum</b>	<i>Bulbophyllum lageniforme</i>	Michael Harrison
<b>Rhizobium hybrid</b>	Dockrillia Limestone x <i>brevicauda</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell
<b>Australian Species Other</b>	1st <i>Cadetia taylori</i>	Michael Harrison
	2nd <i>Cadetia taylori</i>	Michael Harrison
<b>Terrestrial Evergreen Species</b>	1 <i>Spiranthes australis</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell
	2 <i>Spiranthes australis</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell
<b>Australasian Species</b>	<i>Earina valida</i>	Michael Harrison
<b>Growing Competition</b>	1st Ross Morrison	
	2nd Margaret and Wally Southwell	
<b>Judge's Choice</b>	<i>Earina valida</i>	Michael Harrison
<b>Popular Choice</b>	<i>Earina valida</i>	Michael Harrison

**GOOD GROWING**