



Australian Native Orchid Society - Macarthur Group



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Next Meeting: 16th MARCH, 2021

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

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**Venue: BIRRAWA HALL
FITZPATRICK ROAD
Mt. ANNAN.**

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Doors open 6.45pm, benching closes 7.55pm, meeting starts 8pm

Hi to all,

Wally hopes to attend our next meeting...

General Meeting – 16 February 2021 8.00pm

Minutes of Meeting

The Vice -President welcomed everyone to the February meeting in place of Wally, the President, who was online but convalescing at home after cardiac surgery.

Attendance: Members:

Face to Face—as per sign on book but included Mike H, Mike M, Ian L, Tony C, Sandra C, Don R, Graeme and Ross M, Peter B, Greg S, Jim C, Noel B. Gordon B, Phil G, Robert M, Tony and Carol A.

Members: Online – Wally S

Visitor: Wendy E, Justin L, Kyle H

Apologies: Julia B, Jagath D, Mary-Anne W, Diane Mc, Marge Y

Acceptance of Previous Minutes: Moved: Don Roberts Seconded: Ian Lawson Carried

Business Arising: 2021 Shows have been confirmed.

Autumn Show 8th May

Spring Show 18 September

Sarcochilus Show 23 October

VENUE: ORAN PARK PODIUM

Correspondence: In: January – Central Coast ANOS Newsletter
ANOS NSW – booking of judges for show to Gerry Smee
The Orchadian

Note: The Secretary noted that photos of Mike H's – Sarc. *australis* awarded in 2019 with a ACC/HCC/AM and photographed by Greg S appeared in this quarterly Orchadian.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, reported a closing balance of \$9631.43 with two minor accounts awaiting payment.

Moved: Carol Asquith

Seconded: Gordon Bush

Carried

General Business

- The Chair welcomed the visitors to the meeting – Wendy E, Justin L and Kyle H and highlighted the clubs activities.
- The Secretary provided an update on Wally S condition and his hopeful return to the March meeting.
- The Secretary highlighted the anxious times for terrestrial orchid growers awaiting growths to appear – he highlighted – early *Diuris (sulphurea and maculata)* should be up, early *Pterostylis (acuminata, curta, concinna)* should be appearing and most *Chiloglottis* sp. should also be up.
- MANOS / AGL Survey: An update and handout was provided by the Secretary highlighting observations recorded and assistance of community members (see below).
- Camden Council will be doing a COVID policy review soon and hopefully our evening cuppa may return in March.
- The MANOS Editor indicated D.U.N.O. was moving away from the selling of plants to mainly flasks. Anybody interested should look at <https://www.duno.net.au/>
- AOC annual conference has been postponed to 2022.

Benching Review and Presentation

Mike Harrison was happy to provide an informative review across the plant benched at the February meeting. Thanks lot Michael.. He highlighted the following:

- *Dendrobium* Hybrid – Mike highlighted after speaking with Tony C that the plant benched as D. Annes Rainbow ‘Surprise’ x Andrew Persson should maybe better labelled as D. Annes Rainbow ‘Surprise’.
- Cane Disease: Mike mentioned that this season maybe due to the wetter times some newly formed canes become soft and diseased from the middle out and should be removed from the plant to maximise plant recovery. The problem is thought to be of viral / bacterial in nature.
- *Sarco. harticalcar* (Noel B plant) – Mike spoke about the restricted range of this plant in the wide from the McIllwraith Ranges (which are now closed to public access). The plant is a progressive flowerer and used extensively in hybridization. Mike brought a seedpod away from his expedition in the McIllwraith Ranges, which was flaked and led to the current cultivation of the species.
- *Bulbophyllum schillerianum* (Plant of the Night) – Growing range of Hunter River north to Cooktown. Can be a lithophyte but prefers Treefern fibre. Excellent plant grown by Wally S.
- *Bulbophyllum lageniforme* – rarer cultivated plant from North Queensland – Cloud forest species.
- *Spiranthes australis* – Mike highlighted the two different forms excellently be grown by Wally S.
- *Cryptostylis erecta* – Mike highlighted to abundance of these plant this year in the wild and nature of the pollinator. Greg S spoke about the particular wasp needed to pollinate all four species of the genera and Ross M showed photos taken by Jim C in situ of wasp in action.
- Scale Prevention – Mike recommended an appropriate 50/50 mixture of White Oil and Confidor for the eradication of scale

A few thoughts!! Retirement to do list : Wake up. Nailed it!

Went to an antique show and people were bidding on me.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE. Nothing to do with the virus. I'm just a grouch.

I came. I saw. I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps. Got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.

Monthly Benching Results

Benching Class	Place	Plant Name	Owner
Dendrobium species	1	<i>Dendrobium toressae</i>	Mike Harrison
	2	<i>Dendrobium fleckeri</i>	Mike Harrison
Dendrobium hybrid	1	Dendrobium Rainbow 'Surprise'	Sandra Crosby and Tony Costa
	2	Dendrobium Issys Summer x Aussie Victory	Sandra Crosby and Tony Costa
Sarcanthinae species	1	<i>Sarcophilus harticalcari</i>	Noel Bates
	2	<i>Sarcophilus setosus</i>	Mike Harrison
Bulbophyllum	1	<i>Bulbophyllum schillerianum</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell
	2	<i>Bulbophyllum lageniforme</i>	Mike Harrison
Rhizobium species	1	<i>Dockrillia bowmanii</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell
Rhizobium hybrid	1	Dockrillia x grimesii	Mike Harrison
Australian species other	1	<i>Cadetia taylorii</i>	Mike Harrison
	2	<i>Cadetia taylorii</i>	Mike Harrison
Terrestrial Evergreen species	1	<i>Spiranthes australis</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell
	2	<i>Spiranthes australis</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell
Terrestrial Species other	1	<i>Geodorum densiflorum</i>	Mike Morris
	2	<i>Geodorum densiflorum</i>	Ross Morrison
Growing Competition	1		Ross Morrison
	2		Gordon Bush
Judge's Choice		<i>Bulbophyllum schillerianum</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell
Popular Choice		<i>Bulbophyllum schillerianum</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell

Raffles: Noel Bates, Ian Lawson, Peter Brown

2021 MANOS Meeting Dates

19 January	16 February	16 March	20 April
18 May	15 June	20 July	17 August
21 September	19 October	16 November	21 December





Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

UPDATE: MANOS / AGL Orchid Survey

Beginning in late October, the MANOS Orchid Survey sponsored by AGL has already had a number of successes. To date the following has been achieved.

- Over 300 orchid observations have been recorded,
- Apart from the MANOS members over 15 community members have supplied observations,
- Observations are being compiled within a locked database as well as utilising a project within iNaturalist at <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/macarthur-region-orchid-search>

Five previously unknown orchids identified within the Macarthur Region –

	Slender or Late Bearded Orchid - <i>Calochilus gracillimus</i> -		Upright Maroonhood Orchid – <i>Pterostylis erecta</i>
	Marsh Greenhood <i>Pterostylis uliginosa</i> (<i>Speculanthauliginosa</i>),		Honey Cap Orchid - <i>Caladenia testacea</i> (<i>Stegostyla testacea</i>)



Fringed Midge Orchid –
Genoplesium fimbriata
(*Corunastylis fimbriata*),

- Two 'Press Releases' have been written and sent to stakeholders (see in files / attached),
- Orchids or Macarthur – rewritten to include the revised scientific names and common names (see in files / attached).

In the current flowering season the following orchids are yet to be observed in Macarthur (Any help locating would be greatly appreciated:



Leafless Tongue Orchid –
Cryptostylis hunteriana



Bonnet Orchid –
Cryptostylis erecta



Pink Spiral Orchid –
Spiranthes australis

GOOD GROWING TO ALL