



# Australian Native Orchid Society - Macarthur Group



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**Secretary:** Mr. R. Morrison COURIDJAH. 2171  
**Treasurer:** Mrs. C. Asquith (Ph. 46259874) **Next Meeting: Tuesday , 15th MARCH, 2022**  
**Life Members:** Mr. J. Riley, M. T. Cooke, and W. & M. Southwell, Ross morrison, Marj Yabsley, (J. English)  
**Conservation Officer:** *ANOS Macathur Group disclaims any responsibility for any losses which may be attributed to the use or misuse of any materials published in this newsletter*  
**Venue: BIRRAWA HALL** **Should you wish to pay into our account for your fees**  
**FITZPATRICK ROAD** **BSB 062517 A/C 00909929**  
**Mt. ANNAN.** **Doors open 7.15pm, benching closes 7.55pm, meeting starts 8pm**

Hi to All,

Congratulations to Michael for plant of the night and popular choice. Thanks for the informative discussion on the benched plants, and as always, well received.

Annual auction to be held at the **April** meeting, orchid, plants, bric-a -brac or anything that is saleable, all proceeds to the club.

At the present time, masks no longer need to be worn indoors, this is optional, but nothing seems to be certain with this rotten virus, but the future is looking good.

At this time it is pouring rain AGAIN, but it will stop raining sometime soon, and we can get back to growing orchids.

Stay safe and out of the rain.

Wally

**Please keep in mind that fees are really overdue.. Account Details above!!**

## **General Meeting – 15 February 2022 8.00pm** **Minutes of Meeting**

The President welcomed everyone to the February meeting and acknowledged to good attendance and hoped the COVID 19 issues has pasted, and a bright future would occur.

Attendance: Members:as per sign on book but included Wally and Marg S, Carol and Tony A,Brian B, Julia B, Wendy E, Kyle H, Col L, Mike H, Mike M, Ian L, Tony C, Sandra C, Graeme and Ross M, Jim C, Noel B. Gordon B, Phil G, Robert M.  
Apologies: Don R, Greg S, MaryAnne W, Neil R, DianeMc

It was noted Don R was unwell and currently in hospital.

### **Acceptance of Previous Minutes:**

Moved: Jim Cootes S econded: Gordon Bush Carried

**Business Arising: Nil**

## Correspondence:

### In:

February – Central Coast ANOS Newsletter  
The Orchadian  
Our Gardens Journal  
ANOS Intergroup Show certificates  
Acknowledgement of request for ANOS NSW Judges

### Out:

Request for ANOS NSW Judges to Gerry Smee

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer, reported a closing balance of \$10,317.34 with various accounts awaiting payment.

Moved: Carol Asquith    Seconded: Gordon Bush    Carried

## General Business

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- The Secretary, distributed copies of recent Show schedules for members to review and highlight possible changes at the March meeting.
- The Secretary distributed a Macarthur Native Orchid Survey report and indicated it was a summary of a more detailed report that would be published in 'The Orchadian' in March / April.

## **• Additional Table Benching monies was distributed to Members in attendance.**

- The Secretary highlighted guest speakers who would be participating at 2022 meetings and requested additional suggestions.
- The Secretary indicated that ANOS was asking for additional support in the provision of articles for 'The Orchadian'
- Macarthur ANOS Group Facebook page has over 140 members and the Secretary thanked members for their posting and support of the sight and highlighted its importance in the awareness of native orchid, the MANOS native orchid survey and attracting new members. Link to page is via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/509610969709917>

## Benching Review

Mike Harrison provided an informative review across some of the plants benched at the February meeting. Highlighting the following:

- *Dendrobium cucumerinum* – type specimen comes from Macarthur – Mt Hunter / Brownlow Hill. This is its southern most location and occurs north to southern QLD. The plant normally grows on the underside of River Sheoak - *casuarina cunninghamiana* overhanging water. *Dendrobium cucumerinum* is often found growing with *D. linguiforme* and can be quite common. Best host in cultivation is cork and the Secretary should be 'plant' this specimen soon.
- *Dendrobium torressae* – Mike discussed the roots and the way the plant will often grow across itself. This species flowers from the centre of the tiny cane (leaf). It grows on rocks and trees across Nth QLD generally at altitude. Reddish colouring of canes not abnormal but indicates high light locations.
- Dendrobium Red Ballerina 'Macquarie' – Cross – Red Ballerina originally made by Wally Upton – 75% *Dendrobium bigibbum* and is (*Dendrobium bigibbum* x *Dendrobium agrostophyllum*) x *Dendrobium bigibbum*. Dendrobium Red Ballerina 'Macquarie' is an awarded line breed plant by Macquarie Orchids. Very good cold grower often with 12 or so flowers from very long canes.
- *Sarcochilus harticalcar* – Mike spoke about the restricted range of this plant in the wild from the McIlwraith 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 McIlwraith Ranges, which was flaked and led to the current cultivation of the species.
- *Plectrohiza tridentata* – a twig epiphyte – variable flowering time but very quick grower. *Bulbophyllum lageniforme* – rarer cultivated plant from Mt Windsor / Mt Lewis, North Queensland – Cloud forest species. Grows on main trunk of tree often with *B newportii*. Difficult to grow but prefers – hard black treefern to grow on in cultivation

## Monthly Benching Results

Benching Class	Place	Plant Name	Owner
<b>Dendrobium species</b>	1	<i>Dendrobium toressae</i>	Mike Harrison
	2	<i>Dendrobiumlichenastrum</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell
<b>Dendrobium hybrid</b>	1	Dendrobium Issys Summer x Aussie Victory	Sandra Crosby and Tony Costa
	2	Dendrobium Red Ballerina 'Macquarie'	Margaret and Wally Southwell
<b>Sarcantinae species</b>	1	<i>Sarcochilusceciliae</i>	Mike Harrison
	2	<i>Plectrohiza tridentata</i>	Mike Harrison
<b>Bulbophyllum</b>	1	<i>Bulbophyllumlageniforme</i>	Mike Harrison
	2	<i>Bulbophyllumelisae</i>	Mike Harrison
<b>Australian species other</b>	1	<i>Cadetiataylorii</i>	Mike Harrison
	2	<i>Cadetiataylorii</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell

<b>Terrestrial Evergreen species</b>	1	<i>Spiranthes australis</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell
	2	<i>Spiranthes australis</i>	Margaret and Wally Southwell
<b>Terrestrial Species other</b>	1	<i>Arthrochilusprolixus</i>	Ross Morrison
<b>Australasian Hybrid</b>	1	Dock. fuliginosa x Dock. bowmanii	Mike Harrison
	2	Dendrobium Impact	Margaret and Wally Southwell
<b>Judge's Choice</b>		<i>Sarcochilusceciliae</i>	Mike Harrison
<b>Popular Choice</b>		<i>Cadetiataylorii</i>	Mike Harrison

**Raffles:**

Gordon Bush, Wally Southwell, Margaret Southwell, Julia Bismare, Phil Griffiths, Ian Lawson, Brian Birch, Jim Cootes

**2022 MANOS Meeting Dates**

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

**Meeting Closed at 9.15pm**

**GOOD GROWING ALL**

The report on the **Macarthur ANOS Native Orchid Survey 2021** was originally part of this newsletter. It is available online as a separate document for your convenience.