



Australian Native Orchid Society - Macarthur Group

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Next Meeting: 19th December, 2023

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Mt. ANNAN.

Doors open 7.00pm, benching closes 7.30pm, meeting starts 7.30pm

Hi to All

A very merry Christmas and a happy new year to all members. What a great time of the year with goodwill everywhere and the opportunity to catch up with friends and family and maybe get the odd Christmas present.

Well done to Nicole Beres for her great presentation on orchids in South Australia. Very well done and much appreciated by the members present.

Congratulations to Mike Harrison for plant of the night and popular choice, well done.

Our xmas party this month, come along, bring your party for a great social night. Margaret asks everyone to bring a plate.

Merry Christmas
Wally

General Meeting – 14 November 2023 7.30 pm

Minutes of Meeting

The President welcomed everyone to the November meeting.

Attendance:

Members: as per sign on book:

Apologies: Greg S, Joy G, Ian L

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

: Moved: Robert Moon

Seconded: Wendy Estall

Carried

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Various Newsletters – distributed via email to all members

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer highlighted income received, accounts requiring payments and the existing closing balance.

Moved: Carol Asquith

Seconded: Justin Lee

Carried.

General Business

Late Spring and Sarcophilus Show Sashes, Prize Money and Sales Money was distributed.

CHAMPIONS

	Plant	Grower
Sarcanthinae Species	Sarcochilus falcatus 'La Luna'	Michael Harrison
Sarcanthinae Hybrid	Sarcochilus Hlghfields	Ian Lawson
Sarcanthinae Seedling	Sarcochilus Newbold Bicklery	Kyle Hall
Other Orchid	Dendrobium fleckeri	Michael Harrison
Specimen Orchid	Sarcochilus hartmannii	Michael Harrison
Reserve Grand Champion	Sarcochilus Hlghfields	Ian Lawson
Grand Champion	Dendrobium fleckeri	Michael Harrison

- Late Spring and Sarcochilus Show sponsorship of champions acknowledged and Kyle H and Justin L complimented on the great work achieved.
- The President presented new members Kaula and Angelic Rafailidis with their membership badges.
- The President thanked Kyle for his assistance at the Wollondilly Bloom Festival and highlighted the success of the day regarding orchid interest and membership inquiries.
- Kyle H highlighted the success of the Macarthur ANOS Group Facebook page.
- Sales Plants: Plants were purchased from Baritta Orchids and Kings Nursery to sell at the Late Spring and Sarcochilus Show. This worked very well and was a income source for the Club. This concept will be utilised at MANOS Shows moving forward.
- 2024 Show Dates – following membership discussions the Show dates were ratified as (below with venue to be advised:

2024 Show Dates

Autumn Show 11 May 2024

Spring Show 14 September

Late Spring and Sarcochilus Show 19 October

- Motion: That an Australasian Orchid Champion be awarded at All Macarthur ANOS Shows.
Moved: Justin Lee Seconded: Rob Moon Carried.
- Kyle H updated members on the current sponsorship arrangements for 2024 and thanked the 2023 sponsors.
- The Secretary thanked Justin L for his assistance with monthly presenters in 2023 and sought speaker suggestions for 2024.
- Xmas Party arrangements – the President discussed the arrangements for the December meeting celebrations.
- Members requested that a speaker be purchased to increase the amplification of guest speaker presentations.

Guest Speaker

Nicole Beres provided a remote Powerpoint presentation: Spring Orchids of Eastern Adelaide. A wonderful talk and delightful photos on the various orchid genera seen in East Adelaide.

Benching Discussion

Selected plants:

Dendrobium fleckeri	Mike Harrison
Sarcochilus ceciliae	Kyle Hall
Cymbidium Midnight	Noel Bates
Dendrobium Fire Wing	Justin Lee

Raffle Winners

Margaret S, Roos M, Wendy E, ????

Judge's Choice Dendrobium fleckeri Mike Harrison

Popular Choice Sarcochilus niveus Mike Harrison

A big thank you to Jim Cootes for judging and well done to exhibitors .

Meeting Closed at 9.25 pm

Dockrillia bowmanii

From Bribie Island Orchid Society Website.

One of our distinctive Australian native species, *Dockrillia bowmanii* is a terete-leaved epiphyte that forms straggly clumps to 60cms long. The dark green leaves from to 15cms long and 4mms in diameter. Flowers, to about 25mm across, are pale green to a yellowish green with a white labellum.

This species is a sporadic flowerer and will flower anytime and several times a year with flushes in mainly spring and autumn. It can have 1 to 4 flowers per leaf. I have a few of these plants and can guarantee that when one flowers, all will flower. *Dockrillia bowmanii* likes humidity, slab mounting and being hung high in the shadehouse, best somewhere where they don't touch anything underneath. This allows them to grow longer.

Mine are grown under double shade cloth, watered twice a week in autumn and spring, once every two weeks in winter and three times weekly in summer. Natural rainfall is also taken into account. I fertilize with Manutec only once a week

. By K Walker - From News and Views - Sunshine Coast Orchid Society May 2002

A Note on Nomenclature -

this is one of the Australian species involved in a proposed change of genus name from *Dendrobium*, as it has been known since its discovery and identification, to *Dockrillia*. The purpose of this proposed change is to create a separate new genus which would group together a number of terete-leaved species heretofore classified as being in the *Dendrobium* genus. Although this change has been promoted by Australian botanists for the past couple of decades and is used by Australian botanists, it has not yet been accepted by the Royal Horticultural Society, which is the registering authority.

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Dendrobium canaliculatum and its Hybrids

An important characteristic of *Den canaliculatum* is its short thick pseudobulb which gives this species the common name the "Onion Orchid". This characteristic is passed onto its progeny. *Den canaliculatum* is often mistaken with *Den carronii*. With *Den canaliculatum* all dorsals, sepals and petals are the same length, where as with *Den carronii* all dorsals, are longer than the petals and sepals.

Den canaliculatum comes in a wide range of colours from white, pinks, violets, yellows and browns to almost black. Thus when used in hybridising they give us a very wide range of colours. Another bonus is the number of flower spikes that are produced on each bulb, anywhere from five to eight spikes on each bulb. This creates a very spectacular specimen in a very short time. Another advantage of these hybrids is that they bloom more than once a year.

Den canaliculatum likes plenty of water during the growing season of the summer months. They like good drainage so they can dry out quickly. They also like good air movement and high light. This can be obtained by hanging plants high under a fibreglass roof. The heat from the fibreglass helps the plants to dry out quickly between waterings. When plants begin to spike, lower them to about two metres so as not to burn off the developing inflorescences.

Some growers grow them on slabs of cork, *Callistemon* and *Melaleuca* branches while most growers use pots with a bark and charcoal mix. They are best repotted every two years. These plants grow and flower best when fertilised each week with a low nitrogen fertiliser such as aqua-k, phostagen etc. The most common disease and pests are usually crown rot from not being allowed to dry out and aphids which like to get among the flower buds.

By Mel Wheeler

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One liners

- Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.
- - When I get a headache I take two aspirin and keep away from children, just like the bottle says.
- - Message on phone system "Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo".
- - Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's still mowing the lawn.
- - I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad, and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime. (Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud)
- Scientists recently studied the effects of alcohol on a person's walk. The results were staggering.
- Father and son compulsively lit fires, so the son asked "Dad, are we pyromaniacs?" Dad answered "yes. We arson"

Monthly Benching Results November '23

Benching Class	Place	Plant Name	Owner
Dendrobium Species	1	Dend.fleckeri	
	2	Dend. Jonesii var. magnificum	Mike Harrison
Dendrobium Hybrid	1		Mike Harrison
	2	Dendrobium Aussie Virgin	Mike Harrison
Sarcanthinae Species	1	Sarcochilus niveus	Mike Harrison
	2	Sarcochilus olivaceus	Mike Harrison
Sarcanthinae Hybrid	1	Sarcochilus Confetti	Ross Morrison
	2		
Bulbophyllum Species	1	Bulbophyllum lewisense	Mike Harrison
	2		
Rhizobium Species	1	<i>Dockrillia cucumerina</i>	Mike Harrison
	2	<i>Dockrillia cucumerina</i>	Mike Harrison
Terrestrial Species Other	1		
Australasian Species	1	Dendrobium longiflorum	Justin Lee
	2	<i>Dendrobium aberrans</i>	Justin Lee
Australasian Hybrid	1	<i>Dendrobium Fire Wing</i>	Justin Lee
	2	<i>Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga</i>	Justin Lee
Seedling	1	Sarcochilus ceciliae	Kyle Hall
	2	Sarco. ceciliae	Kyle Hall
Judges Choice		Dendrobium Fleckerii	Mike Harrison
Popular Choice		<i>Sarcochilus Niveus</i>	Mike Harrison

Growing 1 **Carol Asquith**
 2 **Tony Asquith**

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See you at our Christmas night..Merry Christmas

Good Growing