

The Australasian Native Orchid Society Sydney Group

"The Orchidophile" July 2016

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The Group meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at 8.00pm in the Baulkham Hills Community Centre, Conie Ave, Baulkham Hills

Next Meeting Friday 15th July 2016

ANOS Sydney Group - Auction (Visitors & Guests Welcome!)



Plant of the Evening - Dock. schoenina x tweetie x dolichophylla
- owned by P Murn



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Annual Auction Night.

Members, friends, and visitors are all encouraged to come along to participate in the Group's Annual Auction this month. In years past the Auction meeting nights have been some of the most entertaining and memorable.

Members can put a reserve on any plant/s they wish to sell. As the Group only takes a 5% sales commission, the auction provides a good opportunity to raise some funds for ongoing orchid purchases.

As expected, back cuts of good clones, quality plants of any size, and sought after crosses, generally attract the most interest and bids, however the Group welcomes the selling of any plants, as long as they are disease and pest free. (Please note that plants will be inspected by the auctioneer/s prior to the auction beginning. If any problem plant is identified, it will be excluded from the auction). Any Committee member can be contacted to provide additional information on the Auction if required.

Presentation of 2015 Ira Butler and Bill Murdoch Awards to David Butler at the June Sydney Group General Meeting

At the June 2015 meeting David Butler was presented with the Gold Ira Butler 2015 Trophy for the Champion Australian Native Orchid Hybrid which was *Sarco. Serenade* 'Lots of White' HCC/ANOS 2015.



Sarco. falcatus 'Big White #1'

In addition David was also presented with a Bill Murdoch 2015 Silver Certificate for *Sarco. falcatus* 'Big White #1' AM/ANOS 2015, and a Bill Murdoch 2015 Certificate for *Sarco. hartmannii* 'Baby Big White #1' AM/ANOS 2015.

All three plants were benched (and also awarded) at Sydney Group's *Sarcochilus* show last year. This is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations David!



Sarco. Serenade 'Lots of White'



Sarco. hartmannii 'Baby Big White #1'

Members are referred to the April Orchidophile which included photos and details of all the winners of the 2015 Ira Butler, Bill Murdoch, and G. Hermon Slade Trophies.



All photos thanks to Bill Dobson.

Minutes of the ANOS Sydney Group General Meeting Held at Baulkham Hills Community Centre – 17th June 2016

Meeting opened at 8:05pm by President Andrew Locke. Andrew Locke welcomed members and visitors.

Apologies:	Peter Dowling, Charlie Moraza, Graeme Russell, Bob Toombs.
New members:	None
Visitors:	Rob Buckwell.

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved John Klepetko, seconded George Oehm that the minutes be accepted as circulated in the June 2016 Orchidophile.

Correspondence in:

- Newsletters from other societies.
- The Orchadian June 2016.
- ANOS Conference details.
- Australian Orchid Foundation March 2016 Newsletter.

Correspondence out: - Guest speakers.

Treasurer's Report: Moved John Hurst, seconded Robert Bird that the report be accepted.

	May 2016
Income:	\$151.80
Expenditure:	\$45.50
Balance:	\$106.30
Cash Assets:	\$5114.89

General Business:

The President:

- Congratulated and presented David Butler with a Bill Murdoch silver certificate (for *Sarcochilus hartmannii* 'Baby BS # 2') and certificate (for *Sarcochilus falcatus* 'Big White # 1'), and the Ira Butler gold trophy (for *Sarcochilus* Serenade 'Lots of White'), for 2015.
- Reminded members about the 8th ANOS Conference and Show in Kempsey this year, and requested any members attending assist with supplying or taking plants, and setting up the group's table top display. Bill Bradley is coordinating the setup however will need help.
- Notified members that next month's meeting is the group's annual auction. Members were asked to look for spare bits of good plants they wish to have auctioned. Lists of plants can be provided to Charlie so they will be advertised in the July Orchidophile.
- Thanked Joe for preparing supper.

George Oehm advised members that Robert Bird is using the Orchid Growers Australia Facebook page to promote the Group's meetings. George is also advertising the Group's shows on his website (gotoorchids.com)

The Secretary advised members that AON is continually updating their website and offering some very good specials.

John Hurst advised members that he has brought in some trays for members to take.

The meeting broke for refreshments.

Presentation by Lloyd Edwards on *Sarcochilus* breeding programs at Earth to Joy.

Plant of the evening: *Dockrillia* (*schoenina* x Tweetie) x *dolicophylla* owned by P. Murn.

Popular vote: 1st: *Mediocalcar decoratum*. (B. Spurrs), 2nd: *Dockrillia* (*schoenina* x Tweetie) x *dolicophylla* (P. Murn), 3rd: *Den.* Nha Trang (J. Hurst).

Lucky door & raffle prizes were drawn.

Meeting closed: 9:45pm.

Next meeting: 15 July. Annual Auction.

Benching Results for June 2016

***Dendrobium* species (6 entries)**

1. *Den. bigibbum* P. Murn
2. *Den. tetragonum* S. P. Siah
3. *Den. speciosum* var. *capricornicum* C. Bradley

***Dendrobium* hybrids (15 entries)**

1. *Den. Nha-Trang* J. Hurst
2. *Den. Flute 'Dark'* J. Hurst
3. *Den. Gilleston Jazz 'Fishing Point'* Y. & S. Chan

***Dockrillia* hybrids (4 entries)**

1. *Dock. (schoenia x Tweetie) x dolichophylla* P. Murn
2. *Dock. Jungle Juice* P. Murn
3. *Dock. Waverly x racemosa* G. Steenbeeke

***Sarc.* & other epiphytic hybrids (5 entries)**

1. *Sarco. Bonanza* C. Bradley
2. *Sarco. Lustrous* Y. & S. Chan
3. *Sarco. Caramello* B. Spurrs

Other epiphytic species (3 entries)

1. *Liparis reflexa* B. Spurrs
2. *Cadetia taylorii* B. V. Williams
3. *Cadetia taylorii* B. Spurrs

Australasian species (1 entry)

1. *Mediocalcar decoratum* B. Spurrs

Other terrestrial species (1 entry)

1. *Corybas fimbriatus* G. Steenbeeke

First flowered seedlings (3 entries)

1. *Den. Topaz Dream 'Ben' x 'We'va'* Y. & S. Chan
2. *Dock. nugentii x baseyana* Y. & S. Chan
3. *Sarco. Galaxy 'Misty Spangles' x hartmannii 'Gold Spot'* C. Bradley

***Dockrillia* species (0 entries)**

***Sarcanthinae* species (0 entries)**

Australasian hybrids (0 entries)

***Pterostylis* species (0 entries)**

***Diuris* species (0 entries)**

***Caladenia* species (0 entries)**

Terrestrial hybrids (0 entries)

Plant of the evening

***Dock. (schoenia x Tweetie) x dolichophylla*
P. Murn**

Popular Vote placings

Photos by John Klepetko



1st - *Mediocalcar decoratum* - B Spurrs



2nd & PoE - *Dock. schoenina x tweetie x dolichophylla* - P Murn



3rd - *Den. Nha Trang* - J Hurst

Out and About

By Mark Daniels

Hi all ANOS members and native orchid growers. With great respect and admiration to the older orchid growers, toilers and their innovations, which I am also one of, in recent years we have gained in our midst some very talented commercial growers who unlike a lot of people, need to use their wits to earn a living. One of these guys is Dan Tomich a long time commercial Cymbidium Grower, a good mate of mine. Over the last 6 years he has gone from some natives to a very impressive collection and already winning cultural awards. I have been observing his methods, they are very simple, right filtered white light, 900mm high benches for correct humidity and fertilising his orchids every time he waters with an inline feeder at the correct conductivity of 300 parts per million. Dan averages three sets of growths on speciosums a year and they flower their heads off. Next year they will be so big, he will need me as a friend to help him get them out of the bush house. We will need a logger's cross cut saw to cut them up!



So why am I telling you all this? I have a modified Hudson spray applicator model 2204, I am now getting the same results, you will see the difference in your plants after just 6 weeks. Also you can regulate the unit to spray at the right strength, there have been many before it, but alas are just not reliable. Believe it or not I was surprised to find that the nozzle adjustments were perfect for watering orchids. This means you only need this unit to water your plants, get them saturated or mist them, then turn the adjustment knob and away you go - fertilise your orchids and garden in minutes.

The unit is well made, of good quality and should give good service for many years. I have 4 of them. I bought mine from Masters for \$28.00. The sprayer needs 4 extra installed components to make it work reliably plus labour it will be about \$30.00 more. This a bit more than I expected when speaking at the meeting, but for what it does, there is nothing on the market as cheap as this. Quick easy and no mess, easy to clean and maintain. If it does clog (only when using coarse ingredients over 1.5mm), just reverse flush with the hose and away you go again.

The Sprayer does not have the problems of some in line feeder tanks where the fertiliser sinks to the bottom all the time and cannot be agitated for consistency.

Keep it in mind and let me know. I will bring some to the meeting if you want one (Mark can be contacted by email at: strongrow.orchids@gmail.com or by phone on: (02) 4996 4288 - Ed).



Orchid Growers Australia Public Facebook Site.

What is it? How to access it?

At the last general meeting there was some discussion raised by George Oehm about the Orchid Growers Australia (OGA) Facebook Site. For those of you who are not familiar with Facebook, Facebook is a website that is operated by a for-profit corporation of the same name (co-founded by Mark Zuckerberg who is often referred to in the media).

The Facebook website allows people to create web pages that allow the exchange of messages, sharing of photos, videos and other information. Additionally users may join common-interest user groups organised by other Facebook users.

The OGA Facebook Site is co-run, managed, and was set up, by Robert Bird - who is also a member of ANOS Sydney Group. Robert has kindly been using the OGA Facebook Site to advertise and promote Sydney Group functions to the very large OGA Facebook Site readership.

The OGA Facebook Site can be viewed and read by anyone, however posting of information, comments, photos, etc, on the site is only by members. Facebook membership is free, and is gained by registering for a Facebook account. After a Facebook member "Joins" the OGA Facebook Group, they can "post" (ie. write information, add pictures, comments, etc) to the OGA Facebook website.

The OGA Facebook Group states it is for the discussion of growing orchids. It also aims to showcase and promote to the rest of the world all species and hybrid orchids that are native to and are hybridised by Australians, and also the many quality nurseries we have in Australia.

The OGA Facebook page also states it aims to actively encourage OGA Group members to work together to make our hobby more affordable to the average hobbyist grower.

Looking over recent posts to the OGA Facebook Site shows discussion on a broad range of topical, interesting and relevant issues related to Australian native (and exotic) orchids. Currently (as of 29 June 2016) the OGA Facebook Group has 8534 members with ~40-45 new members added each week. It is a very active site being added to continually - day and night. Photos,

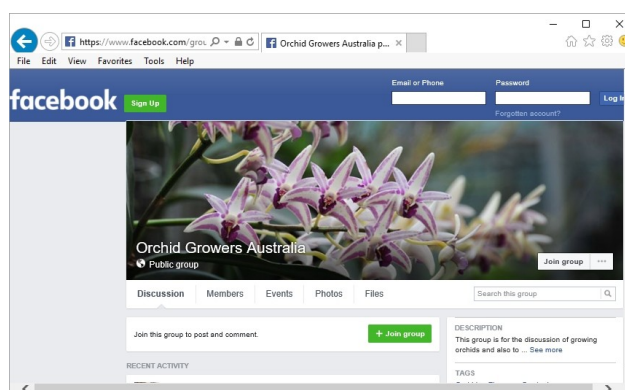
questions and comments are being posted and responded to frequently - enabling readers to learn from other people's (expert or otherwise) point of view and experiences.

So if you haven't already, check the OGA Facebook Site out (link below) to see what "social media" is all about, and what it can offer you, other orchid growers and the orchid world.

p.s. Members are also encouraged to view and post on the [ANOS Sydney Group Facebook site](#) - which has been running since 2011.



[Orchid Growers Australia](#)



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facebook>

by John Klepetko with assistance from Robert Bird.

What have you photographed?

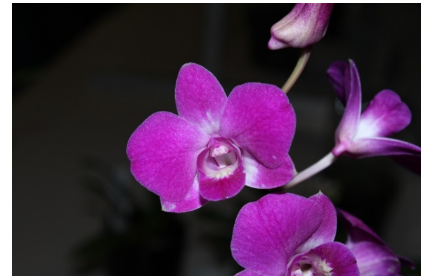
Photos by John Klepetko from our June 2016 meeting:



Corybas fibriatus



Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray'



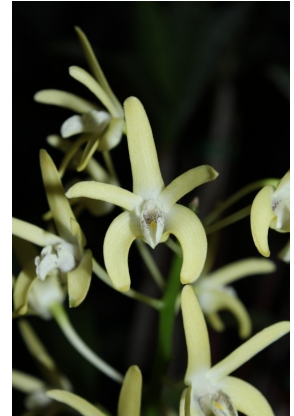
Den. Topaz Dream 'Ben' x 'We'va'



Den. Fantasy Land 'Princess'



Den. bigibbum



Den. capricornicum

Photos of [Avril's Gold 'Angus'](#) from Wayne Turville of [Australian Orchid Nursery](#):



Dates to Remember...	
9 - 10 July 2016	<u>Tinonee Orchids Open Day and Show - 768 Tinonee Rd, Tinonee</u>
15 July 2016	ANOS Sydney Group - Auction (All welcome to bring plants to sell!)
12 - 14 August 2016	<u>National Orchid Extravaganza - Round Corner, Dural</u>
19 - 21 August 2016	<u>St Ives Orchid Fair - St Ives Showground</u>
1 - 4 September 2016	<u>8th ANOS Conference and Show – Kempsey</u>
17 - 18 September 2016	ANOS Sydney Spring Show - Eden Gardens Nursery, Lane Cove Rd, North Ryde
15 October 2016	ANOS Sydney Sarcanthinae Show, 41 - 43 Eaton Rd, West Pennant Hills
16 December 2016	ANOS Sydney Group Christmas Party!

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