

The Australasian Native Orchid Society Sydney Group

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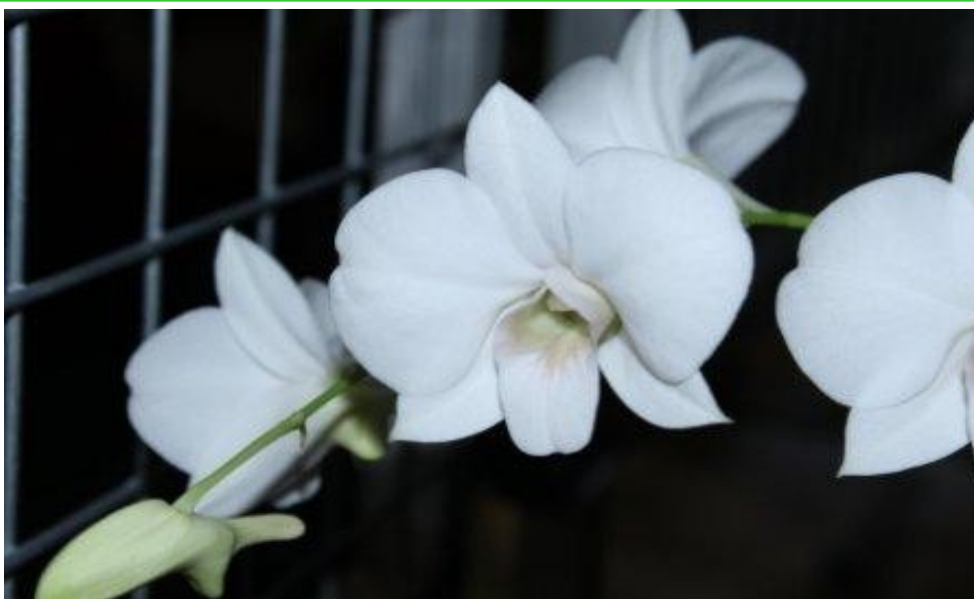


The Group meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at 8.00pm in the Baulkham Hills Community Centre, Conie Ave, Baulkham Hills

Next Meeting Friday 15th April 2016

***'The influence of Sarco weinthalii on spotted Sarco breeding'
by John Woolf of Woolf OrchidCulture***

"Over my 50 years of growing and breeding orchids of many genera, I have made quite a few crosses with the beautiful *Sarcochilus weinthalii*. It's interesting to see how the different colours of this species come out in the hybrids."



Plant of the evening

Den. bigibbum—grown by Phyl Murn

Photo by John Klepetko

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Presidents Report

Welcome to another edition of The Orchidophile, I hope you and your family are well and your orchids are growing well. This is a good time to get out and make sure your pest treatments are doing their jobs. Many orchids are developing their spikes for this year's flowering so you need to ensure these are protected.

I would like to thank James Indstro for his wonderful presentation, it was wonderful to see the native orchids from another part of the world.

Details of the Travel Club have been released. If you would like further details on the trip to WA then please get back to me. Seats are limited and going fast.

This month we welcome John Woolf as our guest speaker. John will be talking on the spotted sarcochilus and their use in breeding. I strongly encourage you all to come along for an enjoyable evening.

As a number of you were away I will bring in the growing competition plants again. The price is \$6.00 per plant.

As mentioned at the February meeting our group would like to participate at the ANOS conference in September. If you would like to be involved either with our display or you think you can assist ANOS Mid North Coast at some stage of the conference then please let me know and I will pass this information on.

Happy growing and I look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

Andrew Locke
President

Our Guest Speaker for April - John Woolf

Woolf OrchidCulture is run by John, Jeannie, David and Carolyn Woolf. It is located at Drayton Queensland, near Toowoomba. John has been growing native orchids since the mid 1960's.

Woolf OrchidCulture is one of the largest orchid nurseries in Australia. They specialise in Australian native Dendrobiums and Sarcochilus, Oncidium Alliance, Promenaeas and Zygopetalums and has an extensive range of plants available for sale. It has bred many award and show winning plants.

Pricelists, photos of breeding stock, and a range of great articles on orchid culture written by John, are available at:
<http://www.woolforchidculture.com/>

Note: John, as usual, will be at the Castle Hill International Orchid Fair on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 April. See <http://www.orchidfair.com.au/> for more details.

John will also bring some seedlings to the meeting to sell to members.



Minutes of the ANOS Sydney Group General Meeting Held at Baulkham Hills Community Centre – 18th March 2016

Meeting opened at 8:15pm by President Andrew Locke. Andrew Locke welcomed members and visitors.

Apologies: Dan Tomich, Liliana Hurst, Trevor Miller, Bob Toombs.

New members: None.

Visitors: Chandola Herath.

Correspondence in:

- Newsletters from other societies.
- Leura Gardens Festival flyer.

Correspondence out:

- Guest speakers.
- Conference sponsorship cheque (for \$400) to ANOS Mid North Coast.

Treasurer's Report:

	February 2016
Income:	\$135.70
Expenditure:	\$459.00
Balance:	- \$323.30
Cash Assets:	\$5907.644

Moved John Hurst, seconded Bernadette Williams that the report be accepted.

General Business:

The President:

- Invited members to participate in the new growing competition;
- presented David Butler with: Silver Bill Murdoch Certificate 2014 for Sarco. hartmannii 'Goodie'; and Silver Ira Butler Certificate 2014 for Sarco. Galaxy 'Cream 2011';
- congratulated David Butler for being awarded the Gold Ira Butler Trophy for 2015;
- thanked Charlie, Joe and John Hurst for bringing cake/food, and Charlie and Joe for preparing supper; and
- advised members that bushwalks will be organised after (not during) the 8th ANOS Conference.

The meeting broke for refreshments.

Presentation by James Indsto on "Orchids and Other Wildflowers of Arctic Norway".

Plant of the evening: *Dendrobium bigibbum* by Phyl Murn.

Popular vote: 1st: Sarco. Gadal (D Butler), 2nd: *Den. bigibbum* (P Murn), 3rd: *Den. bigibbum* (P Murn), *Den. Colonial Maid* (P Murn), *Den. Pink Orb* (Y&S Chan).

Lucky door & raffle prizes were drawn.

Meeting closed: 9:24pm.

Next meeting: 15 April. John Woolf: tbc.

ANOS Sydney Current Competitions

With the new Growing Competition, commencing March 2016, the following summary is provided to clarify the four areas where members may show their growing skills.

1. Annual Points Score Competition

Members may bench plants at Monthly Meetings from January to November inclusive. Judges decide on the three placings in each class. Points are allocated for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class and to each plant benched.

Points are tallied after the November meeting with the winner and other placings announced at the December Christmas party. A full rundown of results will be included in the January 2017 Orchidophile.

2. The Australian Orchid Nursery Popular Vote Competition

This completion is sponsored by The Australian Orchid Nursery for 2016. It is designed to encourage members to bench plants at each monthly meeting.

Members may bench plants at Monthly Meetings from January to November inclusive. Members vote on their three plant choices at each meeting with the top 3 grower placings announced on the night.

Points are tallied after the November meeting from the three grower placings each month with the winner and other placings announced at the December Christmas party. A full rundown of results will be included in the January 2017 Orchidophile.

See February 2016 Orchidophile for full details.

3. Growing Competition – Starting September 2014

Plants are

- *Dendrobium fleckerii* and
- *Dendrobium* Warragul 'Magenta' x Flinders 'World Best'

The completion with these two plants will finish at the November 2017 meeting. See September 2014 Orchidophile for full details.

4. Growing Competition – Starting March 2016

This competition runs concurrently with the September 2014 Growing Competition but will finish later. Members are reminded they will again have the opportunity to purchase the growing competition plants for this year at the April meeting. Plants are \$6 each and will be allocated randomly at the meeting. Any remaining plants will be sold or raffled as non competition plants.

Plants are:

- *Sarcochilus Aequalis* Yellow x *Aequalis* 'Brown Spot' and
- *Dendrobium dolichophyllum* x Grumpy 'George'

The completion with these two plants will finish at the May 2019 meeting. See March 2016 Orchidophile for full details.

NOTE - The growing competition benching months for both 3 and 4 above will be the same. i.e. February, May, August and November. So it will just be a matter of bringing all of your growing competition plants on the same evening.

RESULTS FOR MARCH

***Dendrobium* species (4 entries)**

1. *Den. bigibbum* P. Murn
2. *Den. bigibbum* P. Murn
3. *Den. bigibbum* P. Murn

***Dendrobium* hybrids (6 entries)**

1. *Den. Colonial Maid* P. Murn
2. *Den. Australis Delight* Y. & S. Chan
3. *Den. Pearl Vera* C. Nidagal

***Sarco.* & other epiphytic hybrids (15 entries)**

1. *Sarco. Gatial* D. Butler
2. *Sarco. Velvet* D. Butler
3. *Prschs. Cherub* D. Butler

Other epiphytic species (2 entries)

1. *Bulbo. exiguum* J. Portelli
2. *Liparis reflexa* C. Nidagal

Australasian hybrids (1 entry)

1. *Den. Pink Orb* Y. & S. Chan

First flowered seedlings (3 entries)

1. *Sarco. Misty 'Spangles' x Snowhart 'Yellow'* J. Portelli
2. *Sarco. Vellvet x Snowhart* B. Spurrs
3. *Sarco. Velvet Dawn x Amber* D. Butler

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

***Dockrillia* hybrids (0 entries)**

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

Other epiphytic species (0 entries)

Australasian species (0 entries)

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

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

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

Other terrestrial species (0 entries)

Terrestrial hybrids (0 entries)

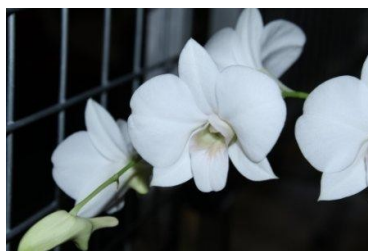
Plant of the evening

***Den. bigibbum* Phyl Murn**

Popular Vote placings



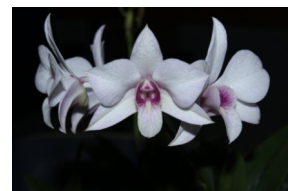
1st - *Sarco. Gatial*



2nd - *Den. bigibbum* - P Murn



Eq 3rd- *Den. bigibbum* - P Murn



Eq 3rd—*Den. Pink Orb* - Y&S Chan



Eq 3rd- *Den. bigibbum* - P Murn

Ira Butler, Bill Murdoch & G Hermon Slade Trophy Winners for 2015

The winners of the 2015 *Ira Butler, Bill Murdoch and G Hermon Slade Trophies* have recently been announced. The winner of the **Gold Ira Butler Trophy for the Champion Australian Native Orchid Hybrid of the Year** was awarded to *David Butler's Sarco. Serenade 'Lots of White'*. This plant was benched (and received a Highly Commended Certificate (HCC)) at Sydney Group's Sarcanthinae show last year. Congratulations David!



Sarco Serenade 'Lots of White'

The winner of the **Bill Murdoch Trophy 2015 for the Champion Australian Native Orchid Species of the Year** was awarded to *Den. speciosum 'Maddison'* owned by *Grahame Young & Callyn Farrell (Down Under Native Orchids)*.



Den. speciosum 'Maddison'

David Butler's Sarco. falcatus 'Big White #1' received a **Bill Murdoch Silver Certificate**. David's plant was also benched (and received Award of Merit (AM)) at Sydney Group's Sarcanthinae show last year.



Sarco falcatus 'Big White #1'

The **G Hermon Slade Trophy 2015 for the Champion Australasian Native Orchid Species of the Year** was won by *Den. polysema 'Twist in the Tail'* owned by *Craig and Graeme Scott-Harden*.

The **G Hermon Slade Trophy 2015 for the Champion Australasian Native Hybrid of the Year** has been awarded to *Den. Lauren 'Holly Chief'* owned by *Grahame Young & Callyn Farrell (Down Under Native Orchids)*.



Den. Lauren 'Holly Chief'



Den. polysema 'Twist in the Tail'

The following nominations were awarded a Silver Ira Butler Certificate:



Den. Jayden 'Goodie' owned by Hank van den Berg



Den. Edric 'Islander' owned by Eric Bailly



Den. Dingdee 'Roger' owned by Wayne Perrim



Den. Topaz Dream 'Sweet' owned by Grahame Young & Callyn Farrell (Down Under Native Orchids)



Sarco. Otways Sunset owned by John Douglas

The following nominations also each received a Bill Murdoch Silver Certificate:



Chil. trapeziformis owned by Les Nesbitt



Liparis swenssonii owned by Geoff and Lucy Spear



Den. speciosum var. *curvicaule* 'Palmerston Mist Matilda' owned by T&W Walmsley



Den. teretifolium owned by Noel Oliver

What have you photographed?

Some exceptional photos from **Jan Mohandas** from our March meeting



Sarco Velvet



Bulbophyllum exiguum



Dendrobium bigibbum



Dendrobium bigibbum



Liparis reflexa



Sarcochilus Cosmic Snow

Dates to Remember...

- 15 April 2016 - ANOS Sydney Group - *'The influence of Sarco weinthalii on spotted Sarco breeding' by John Woolf*
- 15 - 16 April 2016 - Castle Hill Orchid Fair - Castle Hill Showground
- 13 - 15 May 2016 - Orchids Out West - Hawkesbury Racecourse, Clarendon (opposite RAAF Base)
- 9 - 10 July 2016 - Tinonee Orchids Open Day and Show - 768 Tinonee Rd, Tinonee
- 19 - 21 August 2016 - St Ives Orchid Fair - St Ives Showground
- 1 - 4 September 2016 - 8th ANOS Conference and Show - Kempsey
- 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

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Den. Flinders 'Grey Lady'



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