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We meet on the 3rd Friday of each month at 8.00pm in the
[Baulkham Hills Community Centre, 15 Conie Ave, Baulkham Hills, NSW](#)

Next Meeting Friday 20 July 2018
Visitors are very welcome!

***Guest Speaker: Chris Nidagal – “Some
rarely seen epiphytic and terrestrial
orchids of South India”***



Orchids in situ – South India

Photo by Chris Nidagal

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Our Club Bulletin Board

Our Guest Speaker: Chris Nidagal

Some rarely seen epiphytic and terrestrial orchids of South India.

Chris will talk about his recent trip to India and the incredible orchids he saw and was able to photograph. Chris says "India has many orchid species but hardly any proper studies of them have been done. What was astounding for me was in two trips over 2 years, I saw something like 70 species, but nearly 30 to 35 species have not been seen or heard of outside the region they grow in India, let alone rest of the world. Yet, not too long in future, these may become extinct due to increased deforestation and therefore loss of habitat. These are literally rarely seen plants indeed, as the title of the presentation proclaims, and does not include more prevalent and commonly known orchids that also grow there and elsewhere in India."



It is hard to imagine a more enthusiastic and passionate lover of orchids than Chris. Chris has been a member of Sydney Group since 2009, has been on the Sydney Group committee for many of these years, and also is an ANOS Judge. Chris is a member of a large number of orchid societies and is a regular at all the major orchid events around Sydney. Chris is keen on the cultivation of as many species as practical and keen on visiting and photographing orchids in their natural habitat. Chris grows a staggering array of orchids, and has a huge knowledge of many native and exotic orchid species and is always yearning to see, grow and learn more about orchids.

ANOS Sydney Sales Table

Member's Plants Welcome!

Members are encouraged to bring plants to sell at the (new) sales table at each meeting.

This provides a regular and great opportunity for members to sell any excess divisions and desirable plants to members and visitors.

A 15% sales commission applies to all sales plants, the same as at our shows and auction. Sales plants should be in good health and clearly tagged with the selling price and sellers initials. On the sale of the plant this tag will be removed/detached and used as a record of the sale.

Barry manages the sales table and will organise the selling of any sales plants brought in by members, and the payment back to members for any plants sold (minus the sales commission).

Contact Barry if you have any queries.

Our Native Orchid Annual Auction 2018!

Everything is set for our annual auction on **Saturday 28 July**, at the **Federation Pavillion in the Castle Hill Show Ground** – kicking off at 10:00am sharp (Plants can be inspected from 9:00am). This year **Bill Dobson** and **Henk van den Berg** have kindly offered to be the auctioneers. The response from orchid growers everywhere has been fantastic, so be sure not to miss out on all the action! [Click on this link to view or download the final plant list as well as the 2018 auction program details on our web site.](#)

Credit card facilities will be available and payment (for plants) can also be made by cash or cheque.



Would you like to be the new owner of this magnificent *Cymbidium* 'Black Sambo' (*madidum* x *canaliculatum*) from Wayne Perrin? See you at the auction!

Orchids in the Foothills (18 – 22 July 2018)

The **21st Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show 'Orchids in the Foothills'** is set in a perfect location at the foot of Sydney's famous Blue Mountains in South Windsor.

The venue for the conference is the **Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium via Greenhills Way, South Windsor, NSW.**

Beautiful orchid displays will be put on by affiliated societies, individuals and international guests. Vendors both local, Australia wide and international will be selling their orchids.

For more details visit:

<http://aocc2018.orchidsocietynsw.com.au/>

Growing Competition Numbers

Could I request members to please make sure the numbers on your growing competition plant tags are clear and legible? Alternatively you can fill in a benching slip with the plant number on it – which would make life much easier for me. Last round there were more than a few I could not easily read – and potentially missed out on being counted.

Cheers, John Klepetko

Bulletin Board (Cont..)

Minutes of the ANOS Sydney Group General Meeting Held at Baulkham Hills Community Centre – Friday 15 June 2018

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

Apologies: Yin and Sau-wan Chan, Lilliana Hurst, Robbie Edwards.

Visitors: John Siemon.

Correspondence In/Out: Routine

Treasurer's report: presented for the May 2018 period.

General Business: The President advised:

- A new monthly meeting section for *bulbophyllum* species is starting from tonight – thanks to Brian for suggesting this.
- Members are encouraged to nominate for the Secretary position. In addition a Show Marshall and Publicity Officer is needed on Committee. Please speak to Andrew if you are able to assist.
- This year's auction will be on Saturday 28 July, at the Federation Pavilion at the Castle Hill Show Ground – kicking off at 10:00am sharp. Further details will be provided in the June issue of The Orchidophile or in separate emails. Thanks to the sub-committee for organising this.
- The ANOS NSW Judging Panel is looking to start a new judging course. If you are interested please speak to Andrew.
- The next ANOS Conference will be next year in Strathpine Qld. More information will be provided as it is advised.
- **Orchids in the Foothills** is on in July. See The Orchidophile for further information.
- Talk to Barry about the sales table if you have any requests or ideas. Thanks to George for assisting in getting a special discount on supplies.
- **ANOS Sydney Group has applied for a growers licence** through the Office of Environment and Heritage.
- ANOS Sydney shirts are still available in selected sizes – speak to Charlie.
- Charlie has updated the website and it now also includes links to our online membership application form.
- George Oehm advised the Royale Orchids open day is next weekend.

- Greg Steenbeeke advised that he has brought some seedlings to sell for \$10 each.

Meeting broke for refreshments.

Presentation by: John Siemon: "The Australian PlantBank".



Guest speaker John Siemon & Andrew Locke

Plant of the evening – *Den. Macquarie Spectrum* '5' – J. Hurst.

Next meeting: 20 July 2018. Presentation: Chris Nidagal – "*Some rarely seen epiphytic and terrestrial orchids of South India.*"

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

Den. Macquarie Spectrum '5' - June 2018 Plant of the evening

The cross was done by Mike Harrison and a flask I acquired was planted out in 2001. It has been fairly slow to flower as the first plant only flowered in 2010 with '5' flowering in 2017. It is grown cold under 50% shade cloth but with a solid cover all year 'round.

It is fertilised with Peters® CalMag finisher during the growing season.

The mix I use is my standard 4 to 1 medium bark with gravel (about 10 to 15 mm).

Watering is about every two weeks in winter and roughly every five to seven days in summer. This will vary depending on the weather conditions. As the cross came from Macquarie Orchid Nursery it was named last year as *Den. Macquarie Spectrum*. Spectrum since all the seedlings that flowered varied widely in colour.

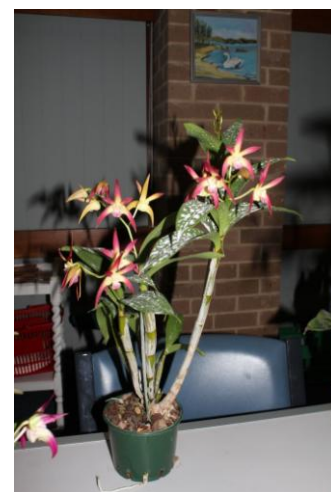


Photo by J. Klepetko

John Hurst

June 2018 Meeting Photos:



Plant of the Evening

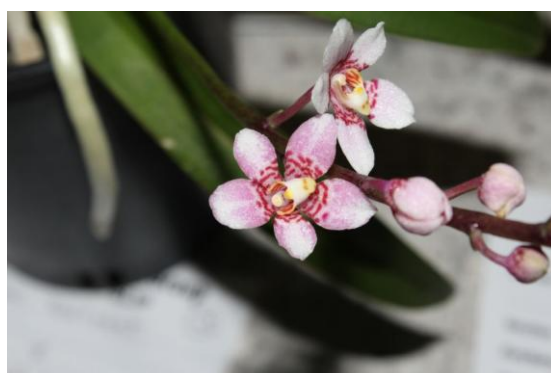
Den. Macquarie Spectrum '5' – J. Hurst



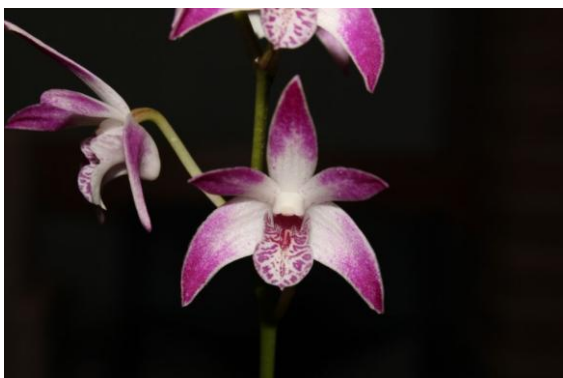
Plectochilus Orkology Trimaran – G. Steenbeeke



Den. Avril's Gold – G. Russell



Sarco. Eastment – B. Spurr



Den. Sparshot '4' – J. Hurst



Den. Warringah 'Snow' – G. Oehm



Pterostylus collinia – J. Portelli

(All Photos by John Klepetko)

Benching results for June 2018

Section 1 - *Dendrobium* species (4 entries)

1. *Den. bigibbum* var. *superbum* C. Bradley
2. *Den. prenticei* B. Spurrs
3. *Den. prenticei* J. & Y. Villien

Section 2 - *Dendrobium* hybrids (10 entries)

1. *Den. Macquarie Spectrum* '#5' J. Hurst
2. *Den. Warringah* 'Snow' George Oehm
3. *Den. Hilda Poxon* G. Lane

Section 3 - *Dockrillia* species (3 entries)

1. *Dock. rigida* B. Spurrs
2. *Dock. rigida* J. & Y. Villien
3. *Dock. rigida* B. Spurrs

Section 4 - *Dockrillia* hybrids (1 entry)

1. *Dock. Hot Coals* G. Steenbeeke

Section 8 - *Sarcanthinae* hybrids (7 entries)

1. *Sarco. George Colthup* x *Hargitay* C. Bradley
2. *Sarco. Eastment* B. Spurrs
3. *Sarco. Galaxy* B. Spurrs

Section 9 - Other epiphytic species (2 entries)

1. *Cestichus swensonnii* B. Spurrs
2. *Cadetia taylori* B. Spurrs

Section 13 - *Pterostylis* species (4 entries)

1. *Pterostylis collina* J. Portelli
2. *Pterostylis ophioglossa* J. Portelli
3. *Pterostylis collina* J. & Y. Villien

Section 18 - First flowered seedlings (2 entries)

1. *Den. Sparshot* '#4' J. Hurst
2. *Den. Aussie Child* 'Sydenham' x *Yondi Tina* 'Goliath' G. & S. Russell

Section 19 – *Bulbophyllum* species (2 entries)

1. *Bulbo. bowkettiae* B. Spurrs
2. *Bulbo. macphersonii* B. Spurrs

Section 5 - *Sarcochilus* species – classic shape (0 entries)

Section 6 - *Sarcochilus* species – novelty (0 entries)

Section 7 - Other *Sarcanthinae* species – non *Sarcochilus* (0 entries)

Section 10 - Other epiphytic hybrids (0 entries)

Section 11 - Australasian species (0 entries)

Section 12 - Australasian hybrids (0 entries)

Section 14 - *Diuris* species (0 entries)

Section 15 - *Caladenia* species (0 entries)

Section 16 - Other terrestrial species (0 entries)

Section 17 - Terrestrial hybrids (0 entries)

Plant of the evening

***Den. Macquarie Spectrum* '#5' J. Hurst**



Dendrobium Macquarie Spectrum '#5' – J. Hurst
Photo by J. Klepetko



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Some Comments on the History of ANOS Sydney Group

By David Butler with additional information from Graeme Russell

Over the years Sydney Group and its members have been active in putting on displays consisting exclusively of Australian Native orchids and foliage. Here are photos of three displays which I was involved in producing.



Display 1

In 1986 the Orchid Society of NSW held an orchid show in the Sydney Town Hall and Bernie Fletcher and I contributed a native display. The native displays were to be located along the back wall of the stage area but fortunately they ran out of space and our display became an island in the centre of the main hall where the natives caught the eye and created great interest (Display 1).

In 1988 the Orchid Society of NSW held an orchid show in a large marquee in Sydney Domain as part of Bicentennial Celebrations. Members of Sydney Group contributed a very showy display of native epiphytes and terrestrials. A huge bowl of *Den. kingianum* 'Betty' provided by Sid Batchelor was positioned right in the front. We were surprised to see just how much interest the *kingianum* created, especially from overseas visitors (Display 2).

In 1990 an ANOS Conference was held in Wollongong and four of us, Bernie Fletcher, Norm Biffin, Sid Batchelor and I contributed a large floor display which received the first prize for displays. In the light of apparent global warming, the date of the show is of interest (Display 3). It was held in the last week of September. The late date suited both the local epiphytes and the terrestrials, many of which were brought up by Victorians. ***Our local natives flowered very late in 1990 compared with flowering times in every year since.***

In the early '90s we did not have access to the types (and quality) of the natives people take for granted these days.



Display 3

It may be worth noting that the only *D. speciosums* we had were var. *speciosum* (the local form) and var. *hillii*. The var. *curvicaules*, *grandiflorums*, etc. had not yet arrived on the scene (they were only collected in the late '80s and not available generally for a few years). There were few hot/cold Dens, and few also of the showy yellow hybrids so widely grown today. *Sarcophilus* development was in its infancy and Sarcos didn't start flowering until October (the shows and displays were in September). We were proud of our natives and would never have imagined the advances which were about to take place.



ANOS Spring Show Display 1991



ANOS Spring Show Display 1994



ANOS Spring Show Display 1996

David, Bernie and some friends presented a joint display of native and exotic orchids at Sydney Botanic Gardens as part of the OSNSW Spring Show 1993. The lower left picture is the section of grouped natives. The lower right picture is the overall display. Of significance to native growers is this was the first time Bernie's champion Dendrobium Yondi Tina 'Goliath' was exhibited. It later became the first plant to receive an ANOS First Class Certificate (FCC/ANOS). – Graeme Russell



In My Bush House

By Bill Dobson – ANOS Sydney & Warringah Group

After my initial thoughts that this would be a poor season for our Aussie natives it appears that this may not necessarily be so as more and more 'spikes' appear to be showing. This appears to be at least 2-4 weeks later than would normally be the case. Whether the flowering time will work for our spring show remains to be seen.

After spraying for aphids they appear to be gone. Hopefully no more now till spring. One can't get rid of them permanently as they just fly through the shade cloth; so you have to be vigilant.

Now something I have been looking at over the last decade is mounts and pots. For years I used tree fern mounts in hard and soft with very limited success. So apart for a couple of plants left I have discontinued use of this. It may suit some growers but not me and my conditions. Cork is another that I use in limited quantities. It is long lasting and a great many genera can be grown on it. It doesn't seem to get any bugs and is easy to shape. The best way to use it we have found is to cut the hard, inner layer of the bark and use this face (the opposite of what you would normally think). Also I round the edges to make it easier for the roots to wind themselves around. Further it can be used as a raft (horizontal) or a mount (vertical) as the occasion and plant dictates.



Plectorrhiza tridentata



Sarcochilus falcatus

The next thing I have been using for over 10 years is 16-20mm wooden doweling (Bunnings) particularly in Cyprus Pine as this seems to deter insects. I have found that *Plectorrhiza tridentata* in particular loves this as does *Sarcochilus falcatus*. Do not cut it too short as you will need about 50cm which will give plenty of room for the roots to run up down and around. You could use cedar but is difficult to obtain and expensive. The doweling does work well and I have numerous plants that are specimen size.

The plants can be initially tied on with fishing line, stapled and even glued with hot melt as they all seem to work as is akin to how they are in the wild.

The thing that did surprise me is the use of Port Pots 80mm mesh pots for growing *Sarcochilus falcatus*. The root growth using these is staggering as I use just medium bark and just pop the plant in. Plants that were growing, just, on cork or hardwood are now thriving in these pots. They don't dry out as they do mounted but do not stay wet either. I just add some blood and bone and a little slow release fertiliser when potting up which would be impossible when mounting, so this may be an advantage. Anyway just my observations may be good for you.



Sarcochilus falcatus

Another plant that surprised me to pot up was *Dendrobium aemulum*. Sometimes this would struggle on a mount but in a pot it just races away. Perhaps again with some fertilizer blood and bone added and the bark just keeps some moisture around the roots without being wet. These look 100% better than the ones that are mounted.



Dendrobium aemulum

Good Growing

Bill Dobson

Out And About (Tall Tales but Very True)

By Mark 'Bush Basher' Daniels

My New Orchid Bush House

In the bush, orchids don't have too much help and they adjust well, but letting the orchids tough it out is not for me. I believe that simple thermo basics and the right conditions (moisture, humidity, air circulation, light, etc.) are important.

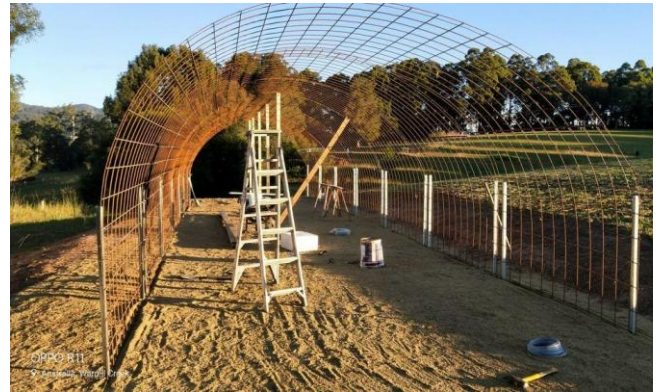
Winter blues are upon us and I just completed the new orchid house before the first frost. My orchids were doing it tough under the old Rosewood tree. It's taken most of my life as a hobby breeder to get to this point, where I now have a professional housing environment for my orchids. Built many an orchid house for everybody else, so now it's my turn.



This house is a non-structural design which is more favourable with council regulations and bypasses the need for a DA if used for a hobbyist orchid grower in residential areas. Check your zoning before building something like this, because mine being in a rural area is farming and horticulture. It's cheap but very strong. My last prototype lasted 35 years until I had to move last September.



'The Bush Basher'



A non-structural framework design

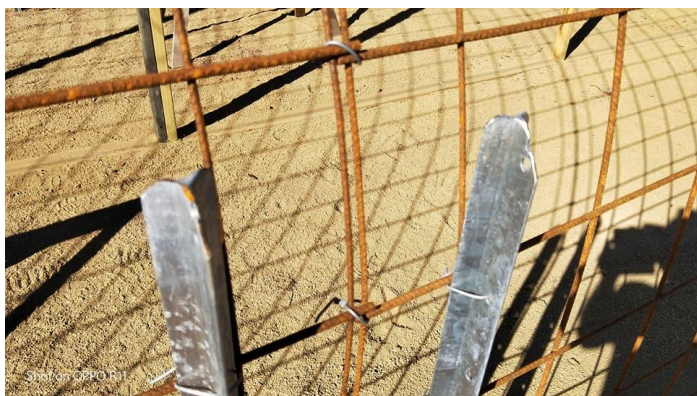
There is no mechanisation here; one third is covered with clear Solar Weave on top of 50 percent white shade cloth for Hots, Cym' Canics' and Hot/Cold orchids. It measures (L) 26 meters x (W) 4.2 meters x (H) 3.0m.



Everything is bigger in Texas....I mean Macksville!



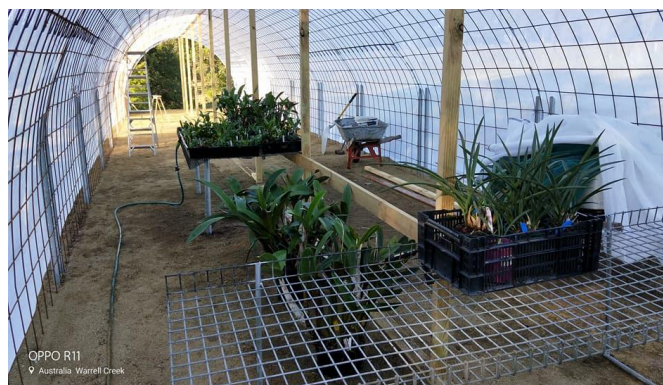
Out and About..... (Cont..)



The only addition will be an extra 30 percent white shade cloth sown into one large 8 meter x 26 meter sheet, to be applied in peak heat in summer over the whole structure. The thermo breeze way is formed by keeping both ends and part of the roof open. The odd fan will be used at flowering time.



My orchids are responding already with the well lighted conditions 200 to 400 candle lights.



Forgot to tell you all, if you want to build this, allow about \$3,000.00 give or take \$500 for materials and how good you are at hunting down cheap weld mesh for the benches. Mine was old galvanized fencing from schools. Allow 7 days labour for one man or two weekends for 2 men.

- Bushy Daniels.

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Dates to Remember...	
14 – 15 July 2018	<u>Tinonee Orchids Workshop, Open Day & Show</u> 768 Tinonee Rd, Tinonee 10:00am – 3:00pm (Sun. gates open 8:00am, show starts at 10:00am)
20 July 2018	<u>ANOS Sydney Group – Monthly Meeting 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm</u> Baulkham Hills Community Centre, 15 Conie Ave, Baulkham Hills Guest Speaker: Chris Nidagal “Some rarely seen epiphytic and terrestrial orchids of South India”
18 – 22 July 2018	<u>21st Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show ‘Orchids in the Foothills’</u> Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium YMCA 16 Stewart St, South Windsor NSW Australia
19 – 21 July 2018	Cumberland Orchid Circle Winter Show Kellyville Village, 90 Wrights Rd Kellyville, NSW (Shopping Centre Hours)
28 July 2018	<u>ANOS Sydney Group Native Orchid Auction 2018</u> Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground. 10:00am – 1:00pm (Plants are available for inspection at 9:00am)
29 July 2018	<u>Hills District Orchids Winter Open Day</u> <i>(last Sunday in July)</i> <u>183 Windsor Rd Northmead NSW</u> (Please park in Mary St. or Windermere Ave.) Vendors include: Tinonee Orchid Nursery & Macquarie Native Orchids
25 August 2018	<u>ANOS Sydney Group 2018 Australasian Native Orchid Display and Sale</u> Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground. 8:00am – 1:00pm
8 – 9 September 2018	<u>ANOS Sydney Group Annual Spring Show 2018</u> Eden Gardens at Macquarie Park 307 Lane Cove Rd, Macquarie Park NSW 2113
20 October 2018	<u>ANOS Sydney 2018 Sarcanthinae Native Orchid Show</u> (Sat. 8:30 am to 4 pm) <u>Kellyville Village (in front of COLES), 92A Wrights Rd, Kellyville NSW 2155</u>
16 November 2018	<u>ANOS Sydney Native Cymbidium Celebration 2018</u> <u>Baulkham Hills Community Centre, 15 Conie Ave, Baulkham Hills</u> 8:00 pm – 10:30 pm

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