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The Native Orchid Society of Toowoomba Inc. Sarcochilus Show. October, 2009.

At the NOSTI Sarcochilus Show on October 17 – 18 2009, Sarcochilus, other orchids and associated plants once again filled the Walsh's Seeds & Garden centre. This venue has hosted many other orchid shows and garden organizations shows over many years.

Native orchids dominated the show, which came together with ease as it was assembled by the NOSTI willing workers. A magnificent array of orchids, bromeliads, ferns & foliage plants, complemented each other to make this show a sight to behold.

In 2009, our 40th. Anniversary Year other features including an elephant, a female statue, and ferns, were positioned around the water fountain, to complement the arrangement of the many orchids.

The champions were of great interest to the members and visiting

growers. The Grand Champion was awarded the *Phaius australis*, exhibited by Athol Rosenberg.



Reserve Champion: Sarco. hartmannii Grower: Mr. Fred Conway.



Grand Champion Native Orchid: - Phaius australis.



Champion Australian Cymbidium:

Cymbidium canaliculatum

Grower: Nev Rosenberger & Josie Wright.



Champion Specimen Native Orchid: Cymbidium maddidum Grower: Don & Sonia Hosking.



Champion Native Seedling: Sarco. hartmannii ('Vacy' X 'Red Snow'). Owners: Graham & Val Little

This year the Toowoomba Sarcochilus Festival will be held on 16th and 17th of October, it will be sponsored by the Native Orchid Society of Toowoomba Inc.

It will be held at a different venue from previous years, visitors wishing to attend, should contact the:

Show Secretary, Athol Rosenberg, (07) 4635 2274.

Email: athnan@iprimus.com.au

Photos Athol Rosenberg

EDITORIAL

I like to thank those who provided positive feedback on my first *Orchadian*. It seems to have been well received. I do need to apologize for the few typos, I hope to eliminate these in the future.

The ANOS Conference was a success and I have included the results and preliminary reports. More detailed reports will be included in the next edition.

The newly elected ANOS Council draws its councillors from all over Australia. The Council for the first time has the majority of its members fron outside Sydney. It is intended to use modern technology to assist in the meetings by using SKYPE

to bring the council together. SKYPE allows communication over the internet, free of charge, and allows everyone to see each other with web cameras.

It is hoped that when the vacancies are filled all states will be represented on the ANOS Council for the first time.

This edition also includes an initiative to establish a register of *Dendrobium speciosum* cultivars listing the varieties in their background. This is important to assist growers and judges in shows where there are classes for the different varieties and classes for inter-varietals.

Ian Chalmers Editor

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SOUTHERN ORCHID SPECTACULAR - SARCOCHILUS

The Southern Orchid Spectacular is a combination of the Orchid Society of New South Wales Spring Show and an orchid fair featuring sixteen vendors from all over Australia. For the last five years the Spectacular has been held in the second weekend of October which makes it an ideal show in which to showcase *Sarcochilus* species and hybrids. These are always the highlight of this show.

Each year Sutherland Shire Orchid Society awards the Eric Marygold Trophy for the best *Sarcochilus* hybrid. This award is in memory of the well known Eric Marygold who did so much to promote the popularity of these orchids.

Winner of the trophy this year, and Grand Champion of the Show was Neville Roper's Sarcochilus Duno Nicky's Twin 'Voodoo'. Awarded an Award of Merit by the Australian Orchid Council two years ago, this time the plant was larger with more flower spikes. Interestingly it is clearly not just an outstanding clone - it will be an outstanding parent. Separately benched by Neville Roper were twelve first flowering seedlings of Sarcochilus Magic, the parent of these, being Sarcochilus Duno Nicky's Twin 'Voodoo' crossed with Sarcochilus Zoe. The result was a group of superbly shaped dark red flowers of surprisingly uniform but high quality. Two were awarded Awards of Merit and two an HCC by the Australian Orchid Council which also awarded Neville Roper an Award of Special Recognition for the outstanding quality of the whole group. This rarely given but prestigious award

is given to a person who can present twelve different clones of the one grex each of which must be of above average quality.

Neville Roper is a well known for his coloured *Sarcochilus* and, as always, there were plenty of yellows, peaches and greens on show as well as his trademark reds.

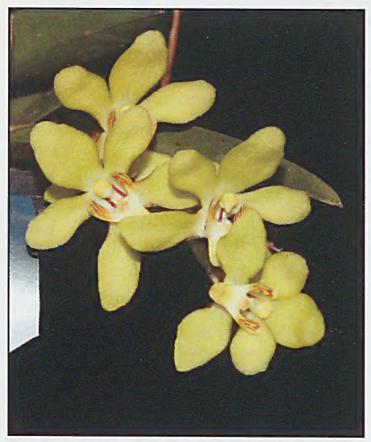
Of special interest was some of the intergeneric breeding that has taken place. Of particular notice were several plants of the delightful, and very green, *Plectochilus* Kilgra – a grex now eagerly sought after at auctions. A rarity was *Sarcschisotylus* Twiggy which was an intriguing miniature, and small but eye catching was the intensely coloured *Plectochilus* Pinky *x Plectorhizza tridentata*.

The Southern Orchid Spectacular at Sharkies Leagues Club, Captain Cook Drive, Woolooware will be on again this year from 8 – 10 October 2010.

Murray Aldridge Chairman SOS



Sarco. hartmannii 'Sharkies' AM/AOC-2009 Photo Ian Chalmers



Plectochilus Kilgra

Photo Murray Aldridge

Above right: Plectochilus tridentata.

Pinky *x Plectorhizza*Photo Murray Aldridge

Right: Sarcschisotylus Twiggy

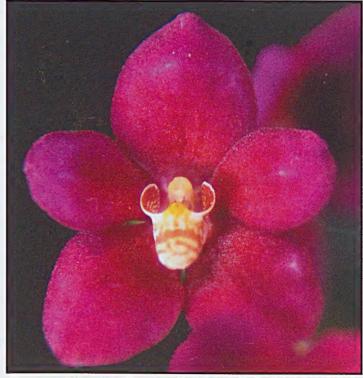
Photo Murray Aldridge



Pterostylis boormannii Photo Ian Chalmers







Sarco. Magic 'Fireball' AM/AOC-2009
Photo Ian Chalmers

President's Report

It was indeed an honour to be elected as President of ANOS at the AGM held at the National Conference in Newcastle.

Some may say it was a little 'hollow' as no one else was prepared to accept a nomination for the position from the members attending until my nomination. After due consideration on the travel requirements to attend Meetings of the Executive, I decided to accept.

I would like to pay tribute to all of the outgoing Executive Committee Members for their dedicated service to ANOS over the past years. Without their dedication, the organisation would have floundered.

In all the organisations that I have been an elected member, I have always based my principles on the ideal of 'is it in the best interests of all members, and is it constitutional', and will continue to do so as President of ANOS, and realise that no one can be happy with every decision all the time.

Using the analogy of a game of football, once the decisions have been made, the umpires will not change their minds. Also they never build monuments for committees.

After being elected, I called a brief meeting with the newly elected and the outgoing committee and the information received, indicates that there are several eminent members of ANOS who appear to have 'an axe to grind'. We are now drawing a line in the sand and moving along for the best interests of <u>all ANOS</u> members, and put those grievances behind us.

Congratulations to the Newcastle ANOS Group on their extremely successful organisation of the 6th Australasian Native orchid Conference & Show.

I welcome any contact either by email, by personal contact or by phone from members who would like to discuss issues that will progress ANOS into the future.

> Kind Regards, Rick Winch President (08) 9754-2694 0439-522-236

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The position of secretary is vital to the running of the society. anyone who is willing to take on this prestegious position please contact the President, Rick Winch.

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6 th ANOS Conference & Show Prize Winners

Grand Champion.

Dendrobium speciosum 'Debra' HCC-CCC/ ANOS, AM/AOC 2010 (var. grandflorum x var. speciosum 'Glen')

P. & C. Denning Photo front cover

Reserve Champion.

Dendrobium Jesmond Treasure x Dendrobium speciosum 'Ashlee' W. Perrin Photo back cover

Champion Dendrobium speciosum complex.

Dendrobium speciosum 'Debra' HCC-CC/ ANOS, AM/AOC 2010 (var. grandflorum x var. speciosum 'Glen') P. & C. Denning

Champion Dendrobium species (Other)

Dendrobium aemulum B. Spurrs



Photo Jon Cara

Champion Dendrobium Hybrid..

Dendrobium Jesmond Treasure x Dendrobium speciosum 'Ashlee'. W. Perrin

Champion Sarcanthinae species.

Sarcochilus borealis

D. Sinclair



Photo Jon Cara

Champion Sarcanthinae Hybrid.

Sarcochilus Velvet 'Nugget' D. Butler

Champion Dockrillia species.

Dockrillia dolichophylla 'Megs' HCC/ANOS-AOC 2010 N. Lee

Champion Dockrillia Hybrid

Dockrillia Tweetie K. Russell

Champion species seedling

Dendrobium speciosum var. curvicaule T. Blewitt

Champion Hybrid seedling

Dendrobium Gundy Moon 'Last One'. M. Denning

Champion Terrestrial species

Corybas dilatatus

A. Dash



Champion Terrestrial Hybrid

Pterostylis furcata x Pterostylis × ingens S. Burton

Champion other epiphytic species or Hybrid

Bulbophyllum gadgarrense B. Bush

Champion Specimen species

Dendrobium speciosum 'Debra' HCC/AOC (var. grandflorum x var. speciosum 'Glen') P. & C. Denning

Champion Specimen Hybrid

Dockrillia Australian Ginger T. Clarke

Champion Junior Exhibit

Dendrobium Burgundy Bride x Dendrobium × delicatum

C. Farrell



Champion Floor Display ANOS Newcastle.

Class 1. Dendrobium speciosum var. speciosum.

1st. Den. speciosium v. speciosum ('Georges River Special' x self)
D. Cruickshanks
2nd. Den. speciosum ('Golden Fluke' x 'Windermere')
Earth to Joy

Class 2. Dendrobium speciosum var. grandiflorum.

1st. *Den. speciosum* var. *grandiflorum* ('Beranghi Gold' x self)
Earth to Joy

2nd. *Den. speciosum* var. *grandiflorum* ('Mt. Larcom Gold' x self)
D. & D. Cunningham

Class 3. *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *curvicaule.*

1st. *Den. speciosum* var. *curvicaule* ('Ted' x 'Winsome')

D. & D. Cunningham 2nd Den. *speciosum* var. *curvicaule* 'Crettion'

D. & D. Cunningham

Class 4. *Dendrobium speciosum* other varieties.

1st H. *Den. speciosum* var. *capricornicum* 'Daffodil'

H. Van den Berg.

2nd *Den. speciosium* var. *pedunculatum* R. Clement

Class 5. *Dendrobium speciosum* intervarietal. White.

1st Den. speciosum var. capricornicum ('Big Boy' x 'Windermere')
Earth to Joy
2nd Den. speciosum var. capricornicum ('Big Boy' x 'Windermere')
D. Cruickshanks

Class 6. *Dendrobium speciosum* intervarietal. Cream.

1st Den. speciosum 'Debra' HCC-CC/

ANOS, AM/AOC 2010 (var. grandflorum x var. speciosum 'Glen')
P. & C. Denning
2nd Den. speciosum (('Windermere' x self) x 'Daylight Moon')
J. Zietsch

Class 7. Dendrobium speciosum intervarietal. Gold/ Orange/Yellow.

1st *Den. speciosum* ('Beranghi Gold' x 'Ted')
Earth to Joy
2nd *Den. speciosum* ('Windermere' x 'Daylight Moon')
F. Fear

Class 8. no entries.

Class 9. Dendrobium kingianum Pink/ lilac.

1st Den. kingianum 'Pinky'

D. Cruickshanks

2nd Den. kingianum ('Hobbs' x 'Glenn')

D. & D. Cunningham

Class 10. no entries

Class 11. *Dendrobium kingianum* Splash Petal

1st Den. kingianum 'Blushing Sandy'

H. Van den Berg

2nd Den. kingianum ('Bliss' x 'Wild Speck')

D. Cruickshanks

Class 12. *Dendrobium kingianum* other varieties including *Dendrobium silcockii*.

1st Den. kingianum 'Crystalise Kay'

K. Russell

2nd Den. kingianum 'Linda'

D. Cruickshanks

Class 13. *Dendrobium tetragonum* Botanical varieties.

1st Den. tetragonum

P. Barrett

2nd. Den. tetragonum var. melaleucaphilum

A. Flanagan

Class 14. *Tetragonum* Intervarietal types.

1st Den. tetragonum

R. Clement

2nd Den. tetragonum 'Reg Sheen' x Den.

tetragonum var. hayesianum

E. & F. Wilde

Class 15. *Dendrobium* species not listed.

1st Den. aemulum

B. Spurrs

2nd Den. aemulum

K Russell

Class 16. Dockrillia species.

1st Dock. striolata 'NSW Gold'

G. Young

Class 17. Dockrillia tetetifolia complexes

1st Dock. dolichophylla 'Megs'

N. Lee

2nd Dock. teretifolia

H. Van den Berg

Class 18, no entries.

Class 19. Sarcochilus hartmannii.

1st Sarco. hartmannii

D. Butler

Class 20. Sarcochilus falcatus

1st Sarco. falcatus

K. Russell

2nd Sarco, falcatus

K. Russell

Class 21. Sarcochilus species. Not listed.

1st Sarco, borealis

D. Sinclair

2nd Sarco. borealis

D. Sinclair

Class 22. Sarcanthinae species.

1st Mobilabium hamatum

S. Holland

Class 23. Bulbophyllum species.

1st Bulbo. gadgarrense

B. Bush

2nd Bulbo. gadgarrense

B. Bush

Class 24. no entries.

Class 25. *Dendrobium speciosum* seedling.

1st Den. speciosum var. curvicaule

T. Blewitt

2nd Den. speciosum ('Ted' x 'Winsome')

T. Walmsley

Class 26. Any other *Dendrobium* species seedling.

1st Den. kingianum ('Nugget' x 'Big Foot')

D. & D. Cunningham

Class 27. Dockrillia species seedling.

1st Dock. teretifolium

E. & F. Wilde

Class 28. no entries.

Class 29. Caladenia species.

1st Caladenia carnea F. Fear

Class 30. no entries.

Class 31. Diuris species.

1st *Diuris maculata*A. Dash
2nd *Diuris praecox*A. Dash

Class 32. no entries.

Class 33. Pterostylis baptistii.

1st *Pterostylis baptistii* 'Gosford' G. Young. 2nd *Pterostylis baptistii* B. Bush

Class 34. Pterostylis curta nutans, hispidula.

1st Pterostylis curta
C. & M. Rowan.
2nd Pterostylis curta
E. & F. Wilde

Class 35 Pterostylis species not listed.

1st Pterostylis concinna G. & Z. Beilby 2nd Pterostylis erecta G. Young

Class 36. no entries.

Class 37. Terrestrial species not listed.

1st Corybas dilatatus A. Dash 2nd Lyperanthus suaveolens A. Dash

Class 38. no entries. Class 39. no entries.

Class 40. *Dendrobium* species. Section Spathulata.

1st *Den. discolor*F Fear
2nd *Den. discolor*F Fear

Class 41, no entries

Class 42. *Dendrobium* Hybrid under 60mm. White/cream.

1st *Den.* Duno Kayla W. Perrin 2nd *Den.* Karsun W. Perrin

Class 43. *Dendrobium* Hybrid under 60mm. Yellow/gold.

1st *Den.* Duno Kayla 'Agro' M. Denning 2nd *Den.* Cosmic Gold H. Van den Berg

Class 44. *Dendrobium* Hybrid under 60mm. Bronze/orange.

1st *Den.* Avril's Gold 'Oscar' H Van den Berg 2nd *Den.* Avril's Gold 'Phoebe' H Van den Berg

Class 45. *Dendrobium* Hybrid under 60mm. Lilac/pink

1st *Den.* Class 'Windsor Downs'
D. Cruickshanks
2nd *Den.* Jonathan's Glory 'Margaret'
H Van den Berg

Class 46. *Dendrobium* Hybrid under 60mm. Red/purple.

1st *Den.* Victorian Bride 'Genesis' P. & C. Denning 2nd *Den.* Cobber 'Yes Please' P & C. Denning

Class 47. *Dendrobium* Hybrid under 60mm. Any Other Colour.

1st *Den.* Jesmond Treasure x *Den.* speciosum 'Ashlee'
W. Perrin
2nd *Den.* Saigon x *Den.* speciosum 'Windermere'
D. Cruickshanks

Class 48. *Dendrobium* Hybrid 60mm & over. White/cream.

1st *Den*. Breathless 'Doreen' W. Perrin 2nd *Den*. Jayden 'White' D. Cruickshanks

Class 49. *Dendrobium* Hybrid 60mm & over. Yellow/Gold

1st Den. Midas Touch 'Oscar' AM/AOC, AM/AOC-2010 H Van den Berg 2nd Den. Monroe D. Cruickshanks

Class 50. *Dendrobium* Hybrid 60mm & over. Bronze/orange.

1st *Den*. Crooky 'Gavin'
D. Cruickshanks
2nd *Den*. Australian Chocolate Starfish
D. Cruickshanks

Class 51. *Dendrobium* Hybrid 60mm & over. Lilac/pink

1st *Den*. Skilly's Pride 'WAP' HCC/ANOS-AOC 2010
W. Perrin
2nd *Den*. Elegant 'Flame'
H. Van den Berg

Class 52. *Dendrobium* Hybrid 60mm & over. Red/purple.

1st *Den*. Lustrous x *Den*. Red River W. Perrin 2nd *Den*. Sarah Jane 'Purvis' W. Perrin

Class 53. *Dendrobium* Hybrid 60mm & over. Any Other Colour.

1st *Den.* Regal Gilleston W. Perrin 2nd *Den.* Warrior 'Tiger' D. Cruickshanks

Class 54. Dendrobium Bardo Rose.

1st *Den.* Bardo Rose R. Difford 2nd *Den.* Bardo Rose 'Jayhurst' D. Cruickshanks

Class 55. Dendrobium × delicatum

1st *Den.* × *delicatum* D. Sinclair

Class 56. Dendrobium × gracillimum

1st Den. × gracillimum G. Young 2nd Den. × gracillimum Wendy Dhu 398

Class 57. No entries.

Class 58. Dockrillia hybrid. Red/purple.

1st *Dock.* Tweetie x *Dock. mortii.* S. Burton 2nd *Dock.* Jiggi 'Best Blue' DUNO

Class 59. *Dockrillia* Hybrid. Yellow/ orange.

1st *Dock.* Tweetie K. Russell. 2nd *Dock.* Brookvale T. Clarke

Class 60. *Dockrillia* Hybrid. Any Other colour.

1st *Dock* Lauren 'Holly'
DUNO
2nd *Dock*. Australian Ginger 'Rhapsody in Blue'.
T. Clarke

Class 61. Sarcochilus Hybrid. White/cream.

1st Sarco. George Colthup 'Buster'
D. Butler
2nd Sarco. George Colthup 'Surprise'
D. Butler

Class 62. No entries.

Class 63. *Sarcochilus* Hybrid. Predominantly Red.

1st Sarco. Velvet 'Nugget' D. Butler 2nd Sarco. Nicky D. Butler

Class 64. No entries.

Class 65. *Sarcochilus* Hybrid. Any other Colour.

1st Sarco. Marcia 'Who'
DUNO
2nd Sarco. falcatus x Sarco. Weinhart
A. Stephenson

Class 66. No entries. Class 67. No entries.

Class 68. *Dendrobium* Hybrid Seedling. Red/purple.

1st *Den.* Ruth Sheen H. Van den Berg 2nd *Den.* Class x *Den.* Zip D. Cruickshanks

Class 69. *Dendrobium* Hybrid Seedling. Yellow/Gold.

1st Den. Australian Gold StarburJ. Douglas.2nd Den. Dexter x Den. speciosumH. Van den Berg

Class 70. No entries.

Class 71. *Dendrobium* Hybrid Seedling. Pink

1st *Den.* Gundy Moon 'Last One' M. Denning

Class 72. *Dendrobium* Hybrid Seedling. White.

1st *Den.* Avril's Gold x *Den.* Jazz D. Cruickshanks 2nd *Den.* Ivory x *Den.* Aussie Victory DUNO

Class 73. *Dendrobium* Hybrid seedling. Any other Colour.

1st *Den*. Stunning M. Fish 2nd *Den*. Duno Kayla W. Perrin

Class 74. *Dockrillia* Hybrid Seedling. White/cream.

1st *Dock.* Tamara x *Dock. teretifolia* F. Fear 2nd *Dock.* (Jiggi 'LHS' x Goose Bumps) x *Dock. fairfaxii* G. Beddow

Class 75. *Dockrillia* Hybrid Seedling. Purple/ Red.

1st *Dock*. Oliver Jack 'Gerard' x *Dock*. striolata 'Brian's Ruffles' DUNO Class 76. No entries.

Class 77. *Dockrillia* Hybrid Seedling. Any other Colour.

1st *Dock.* (Fay Moore x *fuliginosa*) x *Dock.* Grumpy
H. Van den Berg
2nd *Dock.* Australian Ginger
P. Barrett

Class 78. No entries. Class 79. No entries.

Class 80. No entries.

Class 81. No entries.

Class 82. No entries.

Class 83. Pterostylis Hybrid.

1st Pterostylis furcata x Pterostylis × ingens S Burton.

2nd Pterostylis pedunculata x Pterostylis alpina

A. Stephenson

Class 84. No entries. Class 85. No entries. Class 86. No entries.

Class 87. *Dendrobium* hybrid. Section spatulata.

1st *Den* Our Native 'Golden Glory' AM/ANOS F. Fear

Class 88. No entries. Class 89. No entries. Class 90. Entry not judge-able.

Class 91. Cut Flower. Australian Terrestrial species.

1st Pterostylis curta

J. Adams 2nd *Pterostylis nana* (Adelaide Hills Form) L. Nesbitt

Class 92. Cut Flower. Australian Terrestrial Hybrid.

1st Pterostylis Nodding Grace J. Adams 2nd Thelymitra x macmillanii L. Nesbitt

Class 93. No entries. Class 94. No entries.

Class 95. Junior section. Epiphytic species.

1st Den. aemulum

C. Farrell

2nd Den. speciosum

C. Farrell

Class 96. Junior section. Epiphytic Hybrid.

1st Den. Burgundy Bride x

Den. × delicatum

C. Farrell.

2nd Den. Zip 'Jack Mac'.

C. Farrell

Class 97. Junior Section. Terrestrial species.

1st Pterostylis curta

C. Farrell.

2nd Pterostylis erecta

C. Farrell

Class 98. Junior Section. Terrestrial Hybrid.

1st Pterostylis Nodding Grace

C. Farrell.

2nd Pterostylis Joseph Arthur

C. Farrell

Class 99. No entries.

Class 100. Junior Section. Australasian Hybrid.

1st Dock. Australian Ginger

C. Farrell

2nd Dock. Australian Ginger

C. Farrell

DISPLAY SECTION.

A. Floor Display by Commercial Exhibitor.

1st K. Russell, W. Perrin, R. Russell. 2nd Earth to Joy

B. Floor Display by Interstate society.

1st ANOS Victoria

C. Floor Display by Local Society.

1st ANOS Newcastle.

2nd ANOS Mid North Coast.

3rd ANOS Illawarra

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E. Table Top Display.

1st H. Van den Berg.

2nd D. Cruickshanks.

3rd. ANOS Sydney.

F. Display of Cut Flowers.

1st Native Orchid Society of South Australia.

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Dendrobium speciosum 'Debra' HCC-CCC/

ANOS-2010

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Dendrobium Jesmond Treasure x

Dendrobium speciosum 'Ashlee' Provisional

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W. Perrin

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Panel

Den. Midas Touch 'Oscar' AM/ANOS-2010

H. van den Berg.

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Den. Skilly's Pride 'WAP' HCC/ANOS-2010

W. Perrin

Also awarded an AM by the AOC Panel

Den. Jayden 'Greta' AD/ANOS-2010

H. van den Berg

Also awarded an AD by the AOC Panel

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IT'S ANOTHER WORLD DOWN THERE

Back in the dim and distant past when orchids were not a feature in my life, I was asked if I would like to go bush for a day with a group of workmates. The area we visited was 30 km from Nowra and completely different from anything I had experienced before. My origins were coastal Victoria and I was accustomed to sand hills and surf more than a steep gorge where access was a track of sorts "just the other side of that big tree" or so I was told. Getting to the bottom involved part sliding, some long steps (with short legs) around rock ledges and making sure the correct foot was placed on the only spot to balance until another step could be taken but eventually the bottom of the gorge was reached for the first time and then walking became difficult.

This outing was simply a group of shift workers prowling about a gorge from top to bottom and along the bed of an extremely rugged creek bed strewn with rocks the size of the average garbage truck. The gorge is the continuation of a creek which runs a little over six kilometres through Turpentine forest then low scrub and some dense heath land into one small waterfall (4 mts) and a second fall of 15 metres. Initially we would just stumble along the creek bed or through the patches of remnant rain forest and on one occasion spent a day above the main falls with metal detectors, in a futile attempt at gold fossicking. The area was logged in the late 1940's and into the 1950's using WW2 Blitz trucks to winch logs up the side of the gorge and some signs of the access track is still visible. The gorge is home to such plants as Cyathea leichhardtiana (Prickly Tree Fern), Dicksonia antarctica (Soft Tree Fern), Aspleniun australasicum (Birds Nest Fern), Platycerium bifurcatum

(Elkhorn) and a selection of other ferns and also some remnant Arcontophenix cunninghamiana (Bangalow Palm). From the centre of a few of the Birds Nest Ferns was the pinnate form of another of the genus, Asplenium polyodon (Sickle Spleenwort). I loved the area from the start, as there was no nearby equivalent near my former home in Victoria. This is a great area but it is a tragedy for it to be merely a remnant of numerous gorges and who knows what they once contained. Apart from the plant life there are the expected animal species beginning with the reptile population, frogs and some Lyre Birds. The initial track taken to the bottom of the gorge is lined with Adiantum formosum (Giant Maidenhair) and Adiantum hispidulum (Five Fingered Jack) and on one occasion after reaching this point I noticed the rocks which formed the bed of the creek were covered with foam. These rocks are five metres high and the foam was the result a few days of torrential rain which had obviously raged through the area.

My first terrestrial find was the normally unexciting Microtis unifolia (although not at the time) but my lithophytic beginnings were just as momentous as a Camellia growing workmate showed me my first flowering orchid, Cestichis reflexa (syn. Liparis reflexa). My orchid education could only improve from that humble beginning and it did, although it was several years before I noted that same species acting as an epiphyte on the edge of the waterfall. I had passed this tree countless times and never noticed the only plant I have seen growing in this manner. The ledges and boulders of the district are very well supplied with the normal lithophytic form. The area has suffered from the ravages of nature on occasions in particular the



Cymbidium suave

Photo Alan Stephenson



The gorge habitat

Photo Alan Stephenson



Cestichis reflexa (syn. Liparis reflexa)

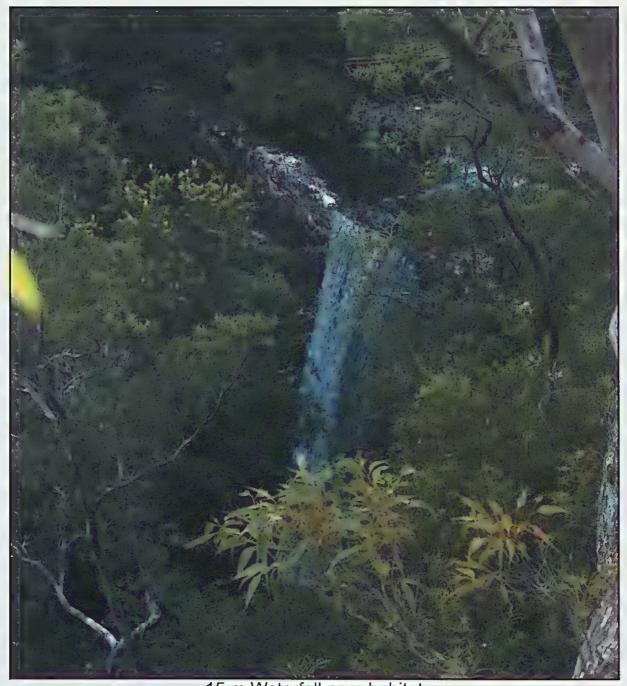


Tetrabaculum tetragonum (syn. Dendrobium tetragonum)

Photos Alan Stephenson



Dockrillia striolata



15 m Waterfall near habitat



Sarco. parviflorus



Tetrabaculum tetragonum (syn. Dendrobium tetragonum)

bush fires of 2002 severely impacting upon the vegetation at the top of the gorge and also some distance down from the rim, as some embers managed to ignite in a few places. This damage was compounded by 160 kph winds the year after but in the years since all vegetation has been renewed, including the *Dockrillia striolata*, *Cestichis reflexa*, the few *Sarco. parviflorus* along the rim of the gorge and a range of ferns.

At first the gorge itself was the primary focus of my attention but in the vegetative variety along the 6km track to the gorge many other species have been located and over 40 species can be found in the general area, once a State Forest but is now a National Park. That is the closest I will go to divulging the actual location of the site or general area. I believe this gorge is to date the most southern recording of Tetrabaculum tetragonum (syn. Dendrobium tetragonum) and I feel obliged to keep it as intact as possible. One feature of the growth habit of this species, which in my formative orchid days I thought quite unusual, was that the largest of these plants developed aerial growths. The species is quite specific in its preferred habitat in that it is not found further that about 15 metres from the edge of the creek with most on the immediate edge of the creek. Only a few plants in this area prefer rocks as a host with the vast majority seen on Tristaniopsis laurina and Backhousia myrtifolia and one consolation is that this species will survive quite well on a tree which has fallen. In total there are seven epiphytic/lithophytic species and 33 terrestrial species with a list published below.

I have made countless journeys to this gorge and its surrounds and some in the name of science. Several years ago a few plants of *T. tetragonum* were collected for the purposes of a PhD for

a student at James Cook University and I well remember a workmate and I riding our motorbikes to the site and a younger version of the author jumping from a rock to a vine and climbing up each of three trees at least 100 metres apart (explicit instructions) to photograph and collect the orchid and later some leaf samples for Isozyme analysis. I also remember that same workmate showing photos at work a few days later of this collector sliding down the vine after lowering the camera tied to a thin cord. In 2001 while driving up the track (fire trail) I noticed a plant of Genoplesium baueri in a run-off drain.

Further surveys uncovered eight plants of varying sizes. One individual boasted nine flowers but most carried three to five. The following year several species including G. baueri were collected for scientific study and this species was later given the status of Vulnerable Species under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (TSC Act). This recording later enabled G. baueri to be listed as a monotypic species, separate from other "Midge Orchids", which are now listed under the genus Corunastylis, an old name, originated by Fitzgerald. In 2010 I submitted nominations under the EPBC Act and the TSC Act to have it listed as critically endangered as investigation reveals a total population across 13 NSW sites from Port Stephens to Ulladulla to be limited to 210 individuals. Excursions to other sections of this gorge have uncovered several individuals of the epiphytic form of Dendrobium speciosum, which is now known as Thelychiton epiphyticus. Further searches are necessary as the three individuals located were small and I expect a parent population should be close by but to date it has remained unseen.

On a small plateau of the gorge is a

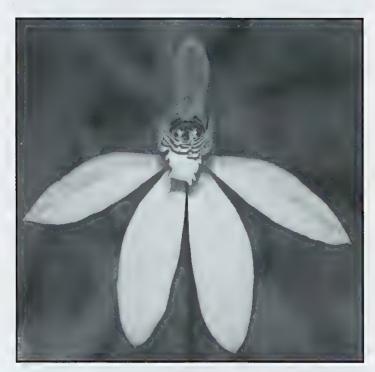
swamp or more correctly a small section of wetland and one species I had hoped to find here was *Calanthe australasicum* but in this case I must admit defeat, as after several searches of this area, my only result has been wet feet and an increase of my snake paranoia.

One fact which has amazed me is how I could drive along a track countless times over the years without noticing a vulnerable species terrestrial but early in 2008 I found three plants of Cryptostylis hunteriana in a run-off drain. From what I have learned of this species since those days I feel less guilty about it escaping my view. This general location now houses all four species of Cryptostylis available in the eastern states. Another species also escaped attention for some time and it was Anzybas unquiculatus and I cannot claim responsibility for this locally uncommon orchid and an occasional exploration partner, Dean Rouse, must be given credit.

The need for caution (not only for reptiles) when prowling around bush tracks and fire trails has been reinforced in recent times and we should all be aware of others who choose to subject parts of our bush land to selective and secretive agriculture and other illegal pursuits. This is necessary as one of the vehicles I have seen engaged in this activity, is identical to the one I owned for several years, except of course for the registration number. Other obstacles can be just as confronting, as in March 2007 I encountered 2 metal tipped 90 cm hunting arrows embedded in a tree just five metres off the track. It seems a helmet and bullet proof vest might be the new dress code for bush walking these days. The joys of Botanising are certainly many and varied, as the top of the gorge is home to a small colony of Cryptostylis leptochila and in the course more scientific study with a PhD

student from Macquarie University, this colony was found to be well protected by several Funnel Web Spiders. There still remains at least one species of *Prasophyllum* to be identified and this possibly requires consecutive good seasons and there must be more than one species of *Thelymitra* but that time of the year sees me occupied away from the bush.

I appreciate this particular area much better these days and it is a regular haunt for me and although I have been to the bottom of the gorge on my own several times, I do not take as many individual risks as once I did. The reason being if I was to turn an ankle (or worse) I would probably stay there until decomposition set in, as the phone will not work down there and I have continually neglected to purchase an EPIRB. The title of this article was a statement made by two different people whom I have taken to this special place at different times and something I have said to myself on numerous expeditions to the gorge which does not have everything but it is close.



Petalochilus carneus

Photo Alan Stephenson



The gorge habitat



Genoplesium baueri



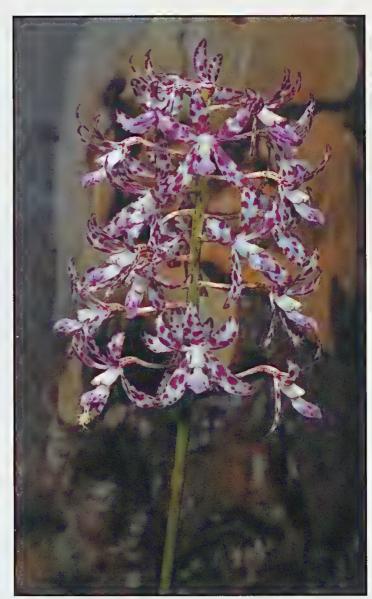
Cryptostylis leptochila



Anzybas unguiculatus



Caleana major



Dipodium variegatum



Diuris sulphurea

My walking and tree climbing days are far from over and in this area 50 species have been located so far and I would like to think more species would be in this general area, although seasonal variations are the final determinant of species regularity.

SPECIES LIST

Thelychiton epiphyticus

syn. Dendrobium speciosum

Calochilus robertsonii

Thelychiton speciosus

syn. Dendrobium speciosum

Calochilus paludosus

Tetrabaculum tetragonum

syn. Dendrobium tetragonum

Cryptostylis erecta

Sarcochilus parviflorus

Cryptostylis hunteriana

Sarcochilus australis

Cryptostylis leptochila

Dockrillia striolata

Cryptostylis subulata

Plectorrhiza tridentata

Microtis parviflora

Cestichis reflexa

syn.Stichorkis reflexa*

syn. Liparis reflexa

Corunastylis apostasioides

syn. Genoplesium apostasioides*

syn. Prasophyllum apostasioides

Cymbidium suave

Corunastylis sp. aff archeri

syn. Genoplesium aff. archeri*

syn. Prasophyllum aff. archeri

Genoplesium baueri

syn. Prasophyllum baueri

Corunastylis despectans

syn. Genoplesium despectans*

syn. Prasophyllum despectans

Speculantha vernalis

syn. Pterostylis sp

Corunastylis filiformis

syn. Genoplesium filiforme*

syn. Prasophyllum filiforme

Nemacianthus caudatus

Corunastylis laminata

syn. Genoplesium rufum*

syn. Prasophyllum laminatum

Diplodium grandiflorum

Corunastylis pumila

syn. Genoplesium pumilum* syn. Prasophyllum pumilum

Diuris sulphurea

Corunastylis woollsii

syn. Genoplesium woollsii*

syn. Prasophyllum woollsii

Orthoceras strictum

Prasophyllum elatum

Anzybas unquiculatus

syn. Corybas unguiculatus

Prasophyllum sp. white

Glossodia major

Petalochilus carneus

syn. Caladenia carnea

Dipodium variegatum

Petalochilus curtisepalus

syh. Caladenia curtisepala

Caleana major

Bunochilus longifolius

syn. Pterostylis longifolia

Pharochilum daintreanum

Bunochilus tunstallii

syn. Pterostylis tunstallii

Chiloglottis sylvestris

Pterostylis curta

Eriochilus petricola

Pterostylis nutans

Mecopodum striatum

syn. Prasophyllum striatum

Pterostylis pedunculata

Prasophyllum striatum

Spiranthes australis

Thelymitra ixioides

Corybas aconitiflorus

Petalochilus pictus

syn. Caladenia picta

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^{*} Monocot Checklist accepted nomenclature

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THINKING LOCALLY

In the first few weeks of February 2010 I was required to contact a couple of local government bodies away from my home in Nowra NSW regarding a range of environmental matters. Following these contacts and another last year with Railcorp NSW it became even more apparent to me that the establishment of a line of communication with agencies such as these can actually be of benefit in times of an environmental issue.

The RailCorp matter was in regard to an area where ANOS Illawarra is looking after the interests of an endangered species. On land owned by RailCorp a small colony of *Bryophyllum delagoense* (Mother of Millions) had become established and as it had just become visible within the orchid compound, I was determined this particularly invasive and easily spread weed should be managed as quickly as possible. A phone call to RailCorp resulted in a work crew dealing with the problem



Bryophyllum delagoense

within a few weeks and I even received two phone calls to tell me the work had been completed.

Another instance was with the NSW RTA and concerned the lopping of trees containing Sarcochilus falcatus. The trees were overhanging a mountain road and catching the exhaust pipes and loads of large trucks and as such

were considered a hazard. A visit was made to the RTA works office complete with photos of the offending plants and I came away with the assurance that contractors would be made aware of the issue, although the regrowth will be several years before it will again support even a few seedlings. No mention was made regarding the fate of whatever orchids were removed during the pruning process but I gained the impression the works manager had no idea what an orchid was and the value placed upon this species by persons such as me.

On an organised ANOS Illawarra walk late last year, one of the highlights was to be a large colony of Diuris punctata at a site in the southern highlands. however when the party arrived we managed to see four flowering plants. Only a few days prior the whole area was in densely populated with this species but the council managing the area had decided to mow it and only few plants escaped the massacre. A letter to the council in mid November had by mid February failed to elicit a response so the dreaded telephone method was applied. I explained the orchid situation to the manager of this section of council property and managed to drag from him a (not hand over heart) guarantee he would speak to the mowing crew about the timing of their operations in this area. Next season will prove interesting.

A similar situation arose early in the same month with another council undertaking some work to install several fire hydrants and a water main along a road bordering another endangered orchid population. The object was to more easily react to the numerous spot fires which tend to break out during school holidays. Unfortunately the contractor decided not to stick to the plan and some excavated material was



Bryophyllum delagoense Colony

spread along the tree line only metres away from the orchid population. The council was aware of this and as a result of my phone call the contractors have been admonished have been told to improve their practises with the added penalty of a more intensive oversight of his work. A soil erosion barrier has also been (grudgingly) erected to protect the orchid colony.

These are just a few of the mostly local issues available for me to deal

with and get involved in but I feel if as many ANOS people as possible did something like this on a local basis, our species might just survive a little longer. At the very least a phone call or letter will establish a point of contact with a bureaucracy somewhere, let them know someone cares and is watching on more than an occasional basis.

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Bryophyllum delagoense habitat

SHOW DATES FOR 2010

ANOS Central Coast Group

Sarcochilus Show

9am October 16 & 17 Narara Valley Nursery - 2 Manns Rd, Narara (near corner or Showground Rd. and Manns Rd.)

ANOS Sydney

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Sunday 17th October Castle Glenn Community Centre, Ridgecrop Drive, Castle Hill (Car Park entry opposite Gawain Circuit).

ANOS Illawarra Group

Sarcochilus Show

Fri 15th October (Set up) and open to the public Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th October 2010 from 9.00am to 4.00pm. Held at the Old Court House. Entry Free. Sales table and potting service available.

ANOS Newcastle Group

Sarcochilus Show

Saturday 23rd October Wallsend Nursery Lake Rd, Wallsend

Macarthur Group

Sarcochilus Show

Sat 30th October Narellan Shopping Complex Entrance Queen and Elyard and Somerset Sts.

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Dendrobium speciosum and its Varieties

We are starting a register of the cultivars of *Dendrobium speciosum* recording the varieties in the background of each cultivar.

Some shows and some societies have show and benching schedules which include classes for the varieties of *Dendrobium speciosum* and classes for inter-varietals. To support these classes there is a need for a register of *Dendrobium speciosum* cultivars.

This initiative does not imply support for, or renunciation of, any particular nomenclature of *Dendrobium* speciosum.

Dendrobium speciosum is the subject of much debate as to how many varieties or species are in the complex. There are some different opinions amongst the taxonomists as to the status of the varieties.

The register will essentially be independent of the nomenclature of *Dendrobium* and initially must be based on the nomenclature used in the past by the breeders.

In horticulture there has been much more consistency; most breeders record the variety used in each cross. However much of this information is lost in the average grower's collection.

In order to establish the register we need to get the best information available on each cultivar. While cultivars should be unique, we will not be surprised if there are some duplicates or disputed parentage. A process will be set up to resolve any anomalies.

What will be needed for each cultivar, where available, is:

- 1. the cultivar,
- 2. details of the variety or cultivars of the parents,
- 3. awards received and year of award,
- 4. any provenance of the cultivar:
 - a. the breeder, or
 - b. location collected,
- 5. an image of the flower,
- 6. an image of the plant.

The form and details in the register will need to be developed as the information becomes available.

Roslyn Capell has volunteered to establish the register and maintain it in the first instance.

It is intended to make the register available through the ANOS web site.

The completeness and accuracy of the register will depend on the information provided by the members and growers.

Please send the information on Dendrobium speciosum to:

> Roslyn Capell at P.O. Box 1549, Ballina, NSW, 2478, or capell666@ozemail.com.au.



Henk Van den Berg's Display - ANOS Conference Newcastle 2010



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A New High Altitude Calanthe from Indonesian Papua.

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ABSTRACT: Calanthe crispifolia from high altitudes in Indonesian Papua is proposed as new species.

Key words: New Guinea, Calanthe, high altitude.

Calanthe is a pantropical genus of 185-190 species. It is poorly represented in the Americas (1 species) and African - Madagascan (5-6 species) floristic zones but especially rich in taxa in southeast Asia and Malesia. The plants are generally terrestrial, usually with small pseudobulbs (often hidden by the leaf bases), sometimes with stems. with one to few herbaceous pleated leaves. The inflorescences are axillary (rarely appearing pseudoterminal) and often many small to medium sized flowers in various colours such as pure white, pink, orange and green. The flowers also tend to bruise blue when damaged or handled roughly.

In New Guinea there are currently about 40 (34 endemic) species distributed the sections in Aceratochilus. Calanthe, Preptanthe, Rhodochilus (incl. Caulodes) and Styloglossum. However I have noted another ten undescribed Papuan taxa amongst the material preserved at Harvard. Phil Cribb (pers. comm.) has been working on a proposed review of Calanthe and he has also discovered a number of New Guinean novelties whilst studying specimens from European herbaria.

Calanthe crispifolia Ormerod, sp. nov.

TYPE: Indonesia – Papua Prov., Lake Habbema, 3225 m, August 1938, *L.J. Brass 9012* (Holotype: AMES!).

Affinis C. aruank van Royen sed planta unifoliatis (non quadrifoliatis) et epichilo subquadratis (non anguste obcordatobilobis) differt.

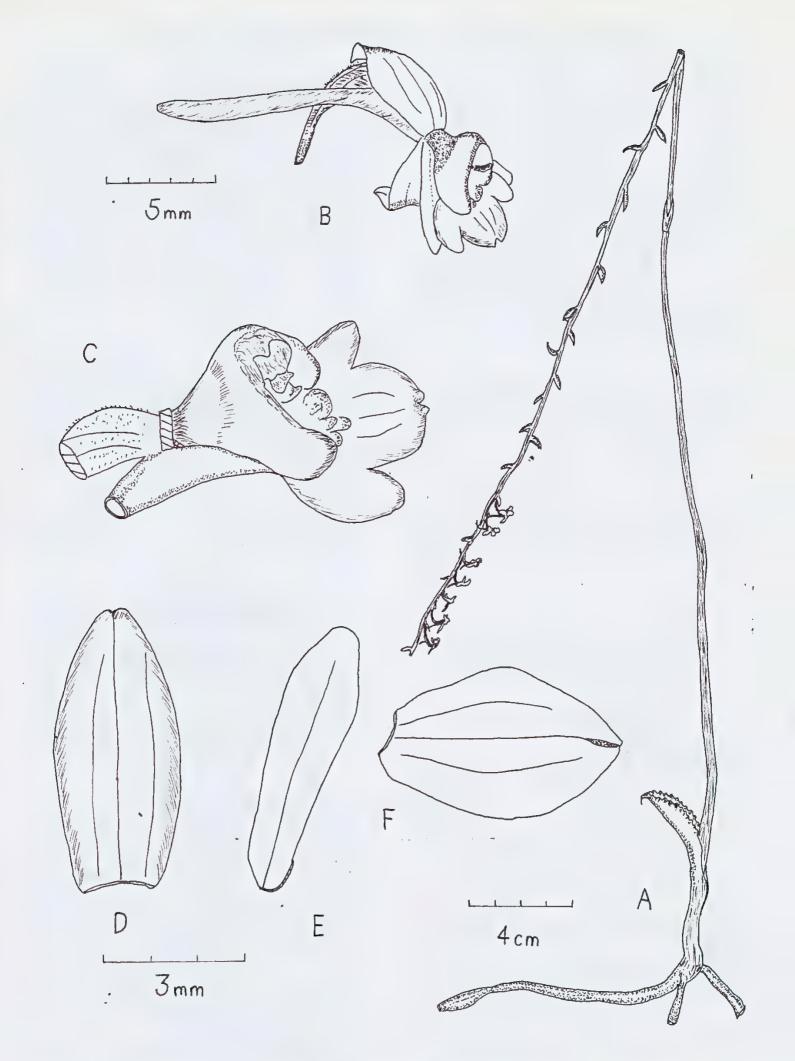
Terrestrial herb. Stem very short, rooting at base, unifoliate. Leaf probably immature, ovate-oblong, acute, margin crispate, ca. 3.5 cm long, ca.1.4 cm wide.

Inflorescence axillary, terete, pubescent, ca. 57.7 cm long; peduncle ca. 32 cm long, 2.5 mm thick; sheathing bracts two, remote, tubular, obliquely truncate, 1.30-1.65 cm long; rachis laxly many-flowered, 25.7 cm long; floral bracts ovate to lanceolate, to oblong-lanceolate, acute, 4-9 mm long, 2 mm wide.

Pedicellate ovary clavate, shortly and finely pubescent, 8 mm long. Flowers resupinate, green.

Dorsal sepal elliptic, emarginate, 3-veined, erect to reflexed, 5.2 mm long, 3 mm wide.

Lateral sepals obliquely 📜 elliptic, subacute, 3-veined, reflexed, 5 mm long, 2.8-2.9 mm wide. Petals ligulateoblanceolate, obtuse. 1-veined. obliquely attached to base of column. projecting forward under side labellum, 5 mm long, 1.75 mm wide. Labellum spurred, trilobed, somewhat fleshy, free part ca. 2.8 mm long, 3.9



Calanthe crispifolia - A. plant; B. flower; C. flower munus tepals (spur cut off); D.dorsal sepal; E. petal; F. lateral sepal. A, B and C-F to respective scales. Drawn from holotype,

mm wide across sidelobe tips, joined to column for ca. 2.5 mm; spur subcylindric-clavate, obtuse, directed backwards, curved slightly downward to upward, 11 mm long; midlobe subquadrate, shortly bilobed-emarginate, 1.3-1.4 mm long, 1.8 mm wide; sidelobes obliquely oblong-elliptic, obtuse, 1.9-2.0 mm long from outer base to apex; callus consisting of three thick, short keels, barely projecting from between apical lobes of column. Column broadly and obliquely dilated, ca. 3.5 mm long, 2 mm tall laterally.

Distribution: Indonesia (Papua Prov.). **Habitat:** Occasional herb in ground moss amongst shrubberies and thickets, 3225 m.

Etymology: The specific epithet is derived from the Latin *crispus*, wrinkled and *folium*, leaf, in reference to the

Australian Landau Landa

The new address for the AOF:

Australian Orchid Foundation P.O. Box 322, Essendon North, Vic. 3041 www.australianorchidfoundation.org.au wrinkled margins of the leaf.

Calanthe crispifolia (section Calanthe) is a member of the small-flowered C. flava (Blume) Morren group and it is most similar to the Papua New Guinean C. aruank van Royen but differs from it in being a unifoliate (not 4-leaved) plant, in having a subquadrate (not narrowly obcordate-bilobed) labellum midlobe and a very short (vs. continuing almost to the lip apex) callus.

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Australasian Orchids in Singapore 2010

With the world Orchid Conference 2011 to be held in Singapore fast approaching, the Singapore Orchid Society has staged three practice shows over the last four years in order to make certain that the upcoming WOC runs smoothly without hitches. At these three shows it was good to see that Australian orchids were so well represented.

International shows are wonderful opportunities to meet old friends with whom they possibly only have the chance to meet at conferences such as this and perhaps make new friends. With registrants coming from many different parts of the globe all with a common interest where better to meet other growers and have the opportunity to learn more about orchids.

The 2010 Show in Singapore was the third of these shows and a trial of the judging system they propose to employ for the upcoming WOC, which is to be held in November 2011.

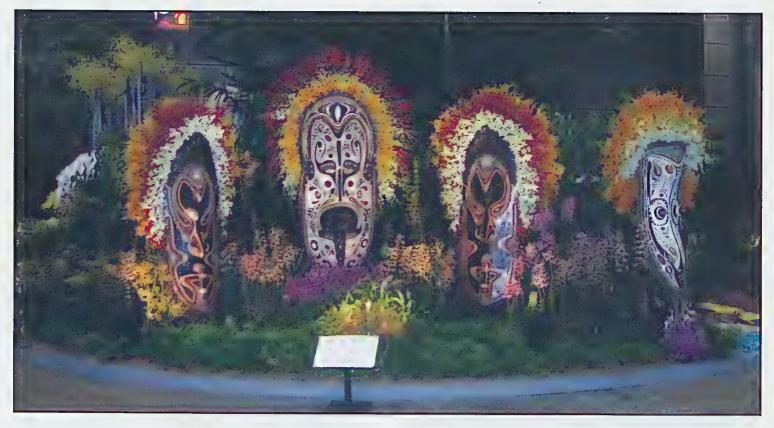
Previous trials had the orchids in the judging classes benched separately for judging the plants in the displays that were exhibited in the display section were not judged. These shows have included local growers/nurseries, schools and overseas exhibitors. All of the trials have included displays from school groups; their enthusiasm and creativity, in putting up the displays, bodes well for the future of Orchids.

This year's show was the first time in Singapore, that all the entries in the classes were judged in-situ within Ian Chalmers the displays. All entries wishing to be judged had to be labeled and be easily accessible in order for the judges to assess them. The Judging went well and it gave exhibitors, committee members and Judges a chance to comment upon and improve the schedule prior to the upcoming WOC in 2011.

Twelve Australian growers participated in the show this year and most of these growers were ANOS members as well as AOC Judges or Stewards.

The British Orchid Council staged their medal winning design from this year's Chelsea Flower Show. The display had Henry Oakley's expert touch and featured orchids grouped by their region. In the Australian/New Guinea section Dendrobium bigibbum was displayed along with many other Australian and Australasian species and hybrids.

Two of the other displays featured New Guinea Spatulata Dendrobium including Dendrobium lasianthera, several these plants had flowers with exceptional shape and colour. The display by the Papua New Guinea Orchid Society was spectacular and set off beautifully by four large Papuan Carved Heads with sprays of orchids making up the headdresses. Another very striking display, by a local Singapore grower, contained many Dendrobium species and hybrids made easy due to the fact that he specializes in Spatulata Dendrobium. The display included Dendrobium sutiknoi as well as many hybrids, some these were Australasian but not all of them.



Papua New Guinea Orchid Society Display

Photo by Ian Chalmers,



The head of the largest bouquet in the world.



Dendrobium simillieae
Photo by Ian Chalmers,



Dendrobium lasianthera
Photo by Ian Chalmers,

Many of the other displays included Latouria and Spatulata Dendrobium, species as well as hybrids. Some of the Australian species represented were Dendrobium simillieae, Dendrobium tetragonum, Dendrobium discolor; Australasian orchids were Dendrobium bracteosum and Dendrobium lineale.

Floral art section, which was extremely pleasing and creative, was displayed with both professional and amateur competitions. The Schools had a separate competition and some of the work done by the seven to ten year olds, these very young people showed more artistic flare than their teachers or parents. This is most encouraging for future conferences and shows.

A successful attempt at a world record for the Largest Bouquet in the World had to be staged in the Loading Dock area because of the exceptional size of the bouquet. The bouquet used in excess of 80,000 blooms that were all individually counted and intricately wired by a countless number of florists each carefully working on their own allotted section of this incredible master piece. Most of the blooms were orchids. which included some Dendrobium kingianum hybrids. The colours were blended beautifully and the overall effect is something to behold. The delicate perfume of the flowers was almost overwhelming. The resulting finished bouquet was well deserving of the World Record of the Biggest Bouquet in the world. One of the florists working on this bouquet was Cecily Rogers from Caringbah in Sydney.

Another level of the Suntec Exhibition Centre housed a garden design competition and many of these included orchids within their displays. These were a mixture of topical garden settings, modernistic designs and indoor designs. Most of the orchids used in these displays were *Phalaenopsis* hybrids.

The hospitality in Singapore is second to none. The organizing committee arranges excellent functions with great food and entertainment.

Singapore has great restaurants with great food and the chili crab at the man restaurants along the water front is to die for. There are lots of food hall were we selected dishes from different vendors to share.

One place to visit is the Singapore Botanic Gardens, the cool house there shows how to grow cool climate orchids in the Tropics.



Dendrobium Bill Dobson
Photo Ian Chalmers

RHS Registrations of Australian Hybrids April to August 2010

Dendrobium	7 prii to 7 tagast 2010		
Angus	Tyabb x speciosum	L.A. Edwards	2010
Aussie Sheen	Duno Burgundy x Aussia Victory	John Martin	2010
Balmoral	Avril's Gold x Aussie Victory	D.U.N.O.	2010
Birdnoise	Venessa x speciosum	L.A. Edwards	2010
Double Joy	Warringah x <i>kingianum</i>	L.A. Edwards	2010
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Electric Ladyland	Gonzo x Zip	L.A. Edwards	2010
Elma's Lorikeet	·		
Evie	Lorikeet x Walnut Valley Elma	L.G. Davies	2010
Finoca	Lynette Banks x Tegan's Delite	L.A. Edwards	2010
	Finlay x kingianum	P. Grech	2006
Fraser's Sulphur Curls	semifuscum x canaliculatum	J & V's Fraser C	
Hannah Lucilla	Dagwag w Vandi Oald	(R. Nicholls)	2010
Hannah Lucille	Peewee x Yondi Gold	Woolfe Orchid C	
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Iggy's Pop	Gonzo x speciosum	L.A. Edwards Sc	
Issy's Nomad	Colin x June Mac	Brennan's (I. Kle	
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Karloo's Blushes	Karloo x Rutherford Blushing Bride	R. Doran (DUNC	*
Living Eyes	Venessa x Light River	L.A. Edwards	2010
Margaret Leighton	Kathryn Banks x <i>speciosum</i>	Rinke & Thomps	
		(J.Woolf)	2010
Memoria Adrian Groffer	n Aussie Ira x Elegant Heart	A. Groffen (J. Pu	•
			2010
Merrellen Gold	Sunglow x Manning	L.A. Edwards (T.	
		Gregory)	2010
Radio Birdman	Da-Nang x Jesmond Sparkler	L.A. Edwards	2010
Redman	Avril's Gold x Jazz	D.U.N.O.	2010
Saigon Victory	Saigon x Aussie Victory	D.U.N.O.	2010
Troppo's Sunrise	Suzanne x Gilpet	L.A. Edwards	
		(J. Mewburn)	2010
Walnut Valley Chrystalii	ne Chrtstaline x Gillieston	Rinke & Thomps	on
		(J Woolfe)	2010
Walnut Valley Elma	Ellen x Elma	Rinke & Thomps	on
		(J Woolfe)	2010
Walnut Valley Pinterry	Beryl Wuth x Pinterry	Rinke & Thomps	on
		(J Woolfe)	2010
Yarra Song	David Adams x Les Adams	P. & S. Adams	2010
Yellow Iris Mist	Gilleston Peace x Noree	M. Breuer	2010
Dockrillium	Dockrillia x Dendrobium		
Note: The registered no	thogenera for these orchids is Dendrobi	um	
Harmon	Rosemary Jupp x X grimesii	D.U.N.O	2010
Sarcochilus			
King Lake	George Colthup x australis	P. & S. Adams	2010
Steels Creek	(Prcls) Velvet x australis	P. & S. Adams	2010
Twilight	Aussia Dawn x Royale Ruby	S. Harper	2010
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PINK BUTTERFLIES

"Pink Butterflies"? Yes, because that is what I was reminded of when I saw a well flowered, mature plant of *Dendrobium* Topaz Dream at a show a few years ago. The numerous dainty, bright pink, butterfly-shaped flowers

were presented on tall inflorescences well above the leaves, giving the illusion they were fluttering above the plant. Well, I was feeling poetic that day.



Dendrobium Topaz Dream

Photo Roslyn Capell



Dendrobium bigibbum var. bigibbum Photo Roslyn Capell



Dendrobium canaliculatum
Photo Roslyn Capell

Dendrobium Fantasy Land hybrids – Australian Natives

Plants of *D.* Topaz Dream, its parent *D.* Fantasy Land, and its progeny, are often seen at shows these days, and are likely to be seen more frequently as the seedlings which are now available as small plants and in flask reach maturity.

These attractive hybrids are quite distinctive and are desirable horticultural subjects. They are very floriferous and display their many pretty flowers well above the foliage. Although their ancestral species are warm growing these hybrids are relatively easy to grow and quick to reach flowering size if their basic requirements are met. They need plenty of bright light and air movement. They are intermediate to warm growers and will not tolerate being cold and wet during their winter rest period. They perform well in bush house conditions here on the far north coast of NSW as long as they have a solid roof in the cooler months and lots of warming winter sun helps keep them happy. They would prefer more protection and some heat as far south as Sydney.

D. Fantasy Land 'Princess' has received Highly Commended Certificates from both the American Orchid Society and the Australian Orchid Council. When it was awarded by the AOS in 1974 it had a total of 14 flowers and buds on two inflorescences; the flowers averaged 4.3cm wide. In 1997 the AOS again issued an HCC, and this plant had a total of 47 flowers and buds, which averaged 3.9cm. The plant which received the Australian HCC in 2000 also received an Award of Cultural Commendation. It had a total of 250 flowers on 25 inflorescences, and the flowers were 3.6cm wide.

D. Topaz Dream is D. Fantasy Land x Dendrobium bigibbum. D. Fantasy Land is D. Cherry Dance x D. bigibbum. D. Cherry Dance (Syn. D. Illiam Dhone) is D. Rosy Tips (Syn. D. Mini Pearl) x D. bigibbum. D. Rosy Tips is D. bigibbum x Dendrobium canaliculatum.

The cross between D. bigibbum and D. canaliculatum was registered as D. Mini Pearl in 1974, but Dendrobium phalaenopsis x D. canaliculatum had been registered as D. Rosy Tips in 1960. Once D. phalaenopsis and D. bigibbum came to be regarded as being conspecific, the name registered first took priority and the second one was reduced to synonym status. Similarly, D. Rosy Tips x D. bigibbum was registered in 1993 as D. Illiam Dhone, however D. Mini Pearl x D. bigibbum had been registered as D. Cherry Dance in 1983, so D. Cherry Dance is the currently accepted name.

It is interesting to observe the influence of the two background species in these hybrids. Both species are floriferous and have long inflorescences relative to the length of their pseudobulbs. species have different colour forms, and D. bigibbum has three recognised varieties. These variations are likely to lead to some variety in form and colour in the hybrids. Though D. bigibbum var. bigibbum flowers are often smaller than the other varieties, line breeding using selected clones has increased flower size in all varieties and in exhibitionstyle inter-varietal plants. We are now seeing clones of D. bigibbum var. bigibbum with flowers 7 cm wide. D. canaliculatum flowers are much smaller, with AOS awarded plants having flowers averaging 2 cm, although a plant awarded in 2005 had flowers 2.8cm wide.

D. bigibbum has, as expected, proven to be dominant for colour and also for shape, however D. canaliculatum appears to continue to influence flower size. D. Topaz Dream, which is only 6.25% D. canaliculatum, and D. Pearl Vera, which is only 3.1% D. canaliculatum, have flowers measuring less than 50mm wide.

D. Fantasy Land and D. Topaz Dream have both been crossed with D. Lady Gem. D. Lady Gem is an Australian Native hybrid comprising 75% D. bigibbum (either as D. bigibbum or D. phalaenopsis) and 25% Dendrobium affine. D. (Topaz Dream x Lady Gem) comprises 84.375% D. bigibbum, 12.5% D. affine and 3.125% D. canaliculatum. D. affine has probably helped to keep flower size down, and plants of this grex produce flowers which are very similar to D. Topaz Dream in shape, and about the same size.

Dendrobium Fantasy Land hybrids - Australasian

There are at least two D. Fantasy Land hybrids which are Australasian, and both are very similar in shape to D. Topaz Dream and D. Pearl Vera and impossible to tell apart by their appearance. (Fantasy Land x Lady Gem) has been registered as D. Always a Lady. Always a Lady has been crossed with D. Dal's Queen, to make D. Barrabui's Queen, which is approximately 80% bigibbum but also contains 9.4% D. affine and small percentages of Dendrobium Dendrobium stratiotes, lineale and Dendrobium tokai as well as D. canaliculatum. Plants of this grex typically have up to about 15 flowers, approx. 50mm wide, well displayed on tall inflorescences. D. (Fantasy Land x Dal's Queen) produces a similar result.

These charming orchids present a few challenges for judges and show marshals, both in the ANOS and AOC systems. Being virtually impossible to tell apart visually, it is very important that they be correctly labelled and placed in the correct classes. Orchids which look very similar can be either Australian Native or Australasian and, if they contain even a tiny amount of, e.g., Dendrobium taurinum, they are not eligible for entry in an ANOS show. D. Burana Pearl contains only 0.2% D. taurinum, but that is enough to disqualify it. If there is a demand, exotic orchid societies might consider providing a separate Phalaenanethe Dendrobium class based on size to provide for the small-flowered Australasian hybrids in this group, which might otherwise be disadvantaged if required to be judged against their much larger cousins.

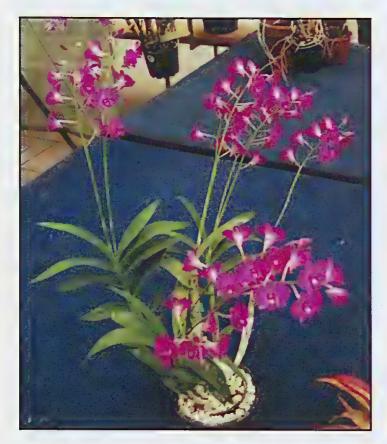
Larger Australasian Phalaenanthe Hybrids

number of large flowered Α Dendrobium 5 hybrids Phalaenanthe are eligible for ANOS shows but once again it is necessary to research the parentage of possible contenders. D. Sister Ann-Maree x D. Elva Ann is an Australasian hybrid, and if a plant of that grex, or any other hybrid comprising only Australasian species in its background, were Grand Champion or Champion Dendrobium at an exotic orchid show, it would be eligible for nomination for the G. Hermon Slade Trophy for Champion Australasian Hybrid of the year.

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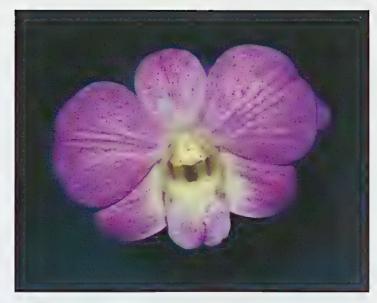
Dendrobium Rosy Tips



Dendrobium Pearl Vera
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Dendrobium Topaz Dream
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Dendrobium Fantasy Land



Dendrobium Topaz Dream



Dendrobium Topaz Dream 'Sweet' – 42mm wide Photos Roslyn Capell



Dendrobium Pearl Vera



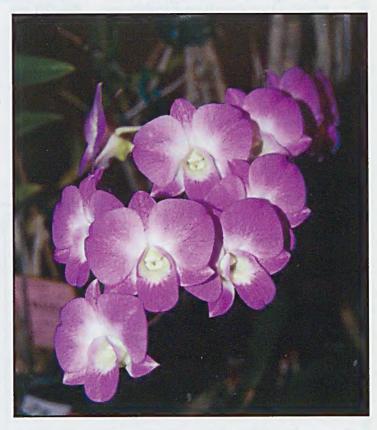
Dendrobium Barrabui's Queen



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Dendrobium (Topaz Dream x Lady Gem) – 43mm wide



Dendrobium Barrabui's Queen



Dendrobium Sister Ann-Maree x Elva Ann

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