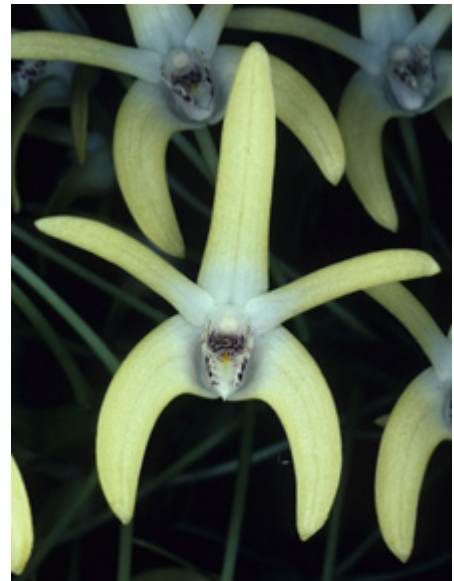


Bill Murdoch Trophy 2003

The **Bill Murdoch Trophy** for Champion Australian Native Orchid Species of the Year has been awarded to *Den. speciosum* var. *speciosum* 'National White' x *Den. speciosum* var. *curicaule* 'Neil's Pick'.



This fine plant, owned by Mark Brown, was Grand Champion and Champion Epiphytic Species at the ANOS Warringah Group Spring Show. It was line bred by Neil Finch (Down Under Native Orchids). The flowers were light yellow in colour, shading to white towards the centre. The plant held two inflorescences, one carrying 142 flowers and the other 120 flowers, on inflorescences of 600 mm and 500 mm respectively. The flowers were of even size and well arranged on long pedicels.

The committee was particularly impressed with two other nominations this year, and determined they were both worthy of Certificates of Special Recognition. They are *Dendrobium kingianum* 'Crystal Ice' HCC/AOC-VOC owned by Australian Orchid Nursery and line bred by Wayne Turville, and *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *grandiflorum* 'Jelita' owned by Bevan Burnham and line bred by Ted and Barbara Gregory (Merrellen Orchids).

There were 24 nominations this year, of which 4 were known to be line bred, and nominated plants had also received a total of 3 Awards of Merit and 4 Highly Commended Certificates. 16 nominations were from State or AOC or OSCOV Affiliated Societies, 5 were from ANOS groups, 2 from NOSSA, and 2 plants eligible by reason of having received quality awards.

The vast majority of the nominated plants were dendrobiums, with one *Sarcochilus*, one *Pterostylis*, and two *Dockrillias*.

The following will receive a Bill Murdoch Certificate

- *Dendrobium aemulum* - Alan and Doreen Garner
- *Dendrobium bigibbum* - Mr R McQuiggin
- *Dendrobium falcorostrum* 'Joy' - Philip Grech
- *Dendrobium lithocola* - Graeme and Maureen Hazledine
- *Dendrobium jonesii* var. *magnificum* - Lorraine and Bill Dobson
- *Dendrobium kingianum* 'Kay's Pink' - Norm and Kay Mitchell
- *Dendrobium kingianum* 'Rose Ann' - Ros and Tom Fitzgerald
- *Dendrobium rex* 'Phena's Gold' - Down Under Native Orchids
- *Dendrobium speciosum* 'Armstrong' HCC/OSCOV - Barry and Beattie Khann

- *Dendrobium speciosum* 'Bomberland' AM-CC/OSCOV 2003;HCC-ACC/AOC2003 - Stepehn Stebbing
- *Dendrobium speciosum* 'John' HCC/OSCOV - Barry and Beattie Khann
- *Dendrobium speciosum* 'Karen' - Bevan Burnham
- *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *curvicaule* 'Le Eungell' - Cliff and Pat Schofield
- *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *speciosum* - Brendan Killen
- *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *speciosum* 'Julian' AM-CC/OSCOV 2003 - Murray Harding
- *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *speciosum* 'National White' x *D. speciosum* var. *curvicaule* 'North Star' - Lorraine and Bill Dobson
- *Dendrobium tetragonum* - Eric Bailey
- *Dockrillia striolata* 'Ruffles' AM/AOC-NSW - Down Under Native Orchids
- *Dockrillia teretifolia* - Bill and Ann Green
- *Pterostylis curta* 'Blunt' - Joy Lucas
- *Sarcochilus falcatus* - Graham Gray