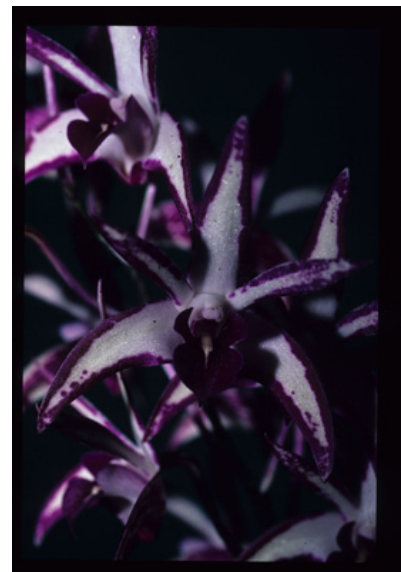


## Ira Butler Trophy 1998

The Gold Ira Butler Trophy 1998 for the Champion Australian Native Orchid Hybrid of the Year was awarded to *Den. Tie-Dye 'Royal Purple'* HCC/AOC-NSW.

This plant, owned by Norm and Kay Mitchell, was the Champion Australian Native Orchid Hybrid of the Shows of both ANOS Far North Coast and Macleay Valley Orchid Society. The flowers were most striking with white sepals and petals evenly edged with bright purple and a generous purple labellum to match. They were of good size, substance and texture and the strong upright racemes displayed them to the best advantage. It is one of Neil Finch's Tropicool hybrids between *Dendrobium* Brinawa Charm and *D. Candice* and contains the following species in its breeding - *D. kingianum* 53.125%, *D. bigibbum* 12.5%, *D. tetragonum* 21.875% and *D. speciosum* 12.5%.



Of the 31 plants nominated this year, less than usual, 10 were from ANOS Group with NOSSA, 11 from State Affiliated societies, 5 from State Societies and 5 were Awarded plants. There were some very good plants with good photography which made the final decision difficult.

The following will receive a **Silver Ira Butler Trophy**

- *Dendrobium* Class 'Casper' - Robert Lewry (Hybridist: N&M Finch (Down Under Native Orchids))
- *Dendrobium* Kayla 'Native 98' - Colin Brandon (Hybridist: Colin Brandon)
- *Dendrobium* Elegant Heart 'harlequin' x *D. speciosum* var. *pendunculatum* 'Herberton' Down Under Native Orchids (Hybridist: Down Under Native Orchids)
- *Sarcochilus* Melody 'Yonnies Surprise' AM/OSCOV - D&L Brown
- *Plectochilus* Longwarry 'Ian' HCC/AD/OSCOV - BB Khann
- *Dendrobium* Kayla 'Oceania' HCC/AOC-NSW - Darryl Smedley
- *Dendrobium* Star of Riverdene 'Jeanie' - John Douglas
- *Dendrobium* Yondi Tina 'Goliath' AM/ANOS - Bernie Fletcher

The following will receive a **Ira Butler Certificate**

- *Dendrobium* Tie-Dye 'Magic Moment' - N&K Mitchell (Hybridist: N&M Finch, Down Under Native Orchids)
- *Dendrobium* Jesmond Dazzler - Bruce Mules
- *Dendrobium* Class 'Bibi' - A&B Baker (Hybridist: David Butler)
- *Sarcochilus* Melody - H&M Wettenhall (Hybridist: N&M Finch, Down Under Native Orchids)

- *Dendrobium* Tie-Dye 'The Look' - N&K Mitchell (Hybridist: N&M Finch, Down Under Native Orchids)
- *Sarcochilus* First Light - Norm Budd (Hybridist: N&M Finch, Down Under Native Orchids)
- *Dendrobium* Sunset 'Goldilocks' x *D. Aussie Victory* 'Supernatural' HCC/NSW - Don & Dell Cruickshanks (Hybridist: N&M Finch, Down Under Native Orchids)
- *Dendrobium* Hilda Poxon 'Oakville' - N&K Mitchell (Hybridist: Sid Batchelor)
- *Dendrobium* Lustrous x *D. Hilda Poxon* - F&H Vernon (Hybridist: N&M Finch, Down Under Native Orchids)
- *Dendrobium* Gillieston Reward 'Megan' - Barry Khann (Hybridist: W Skillicorn)
- *Dendrobium* Crooky 'Gavin' - Don and Dell Cruickshanks (Hybridist: David Butler)
- *Dendrobium* Jesmond Dazzler - Ros & Tom Fitzgerald
- *Dendrobium* Rutherford Blushing Bride 'Fudsie' - AJ Kendrick (Hybridist: N&M Finch, Down Under Native Orchids)
- *Sarcochilus* Melba - Colin Brandon (Hybridist: Neville Roper)
- *Sarcochilus* Melba 'Grande Finale' HCC/OSCOV - Christine Kozlowksi (Hybridist: N&M Finch, Down Under Native Orchids)
- *Sarcochilus* Melba 'Gawler' - John Cannon
- *Dendrobium* Peewee x *D. Kim* - Roger Herraman
- *Sarcochilus* Izzy's Rainbow - Russell Job
- *Sarcochilus* Shooting Star x *S. fitzgeraldii* - David Butler