



# The Australasian Native Orchid Society The Warringah Group Inc.

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## February 2025



*Bulbophyllum argyropas* Erik Lielkajis



*Dendrobium bigibbum var. compactum* Erik Lielkajis



*Cadetia taylori* Erik Lielkajis

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday 18th February**

David Hemmings

Culture, and how I try to optimise growth.”

## Monthly Meeting of the ANOS Warringah Group Held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2025

The January meeting was held at the Senior Citizens' Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

The meeting was opened at around 8pm by President Bill Dobson, who welcomed members, visitors and guests.

**Committee Members Present:** President Bill Dobson, Vice-President Trish Peterson, Treasurer Ela Kielich, Librarian/Recorder Judith Barry, Cary Polis

**Resignations:** Bill Saunderson (Hon. Secretary) Chris Murray (Committee member)

**Apologies:** Jane & Peter D'Olier, Cary Polis

**Visitors:** Sandra Rogers and Peter Geelan-Small, Kolika Markie (Vanuatu), Susie Willas, Carol Bogard

**Guest Speaker** – Bill Dobson will be conducting a cultural session this evening.

**Minutes of previous meeting** included in the January bulletin.

Moved Bill Dobson, seconded Ian Tanner

### Correspondence:

- o Advice from Bill Saunderson (Hon. Secretary) tendering his resignation from the Position of Secretary due to health issues.
- o Advice from Chris Murray who is standing down from the Committee due to other commitments.
- o Graeme Russell – information about Gardena Sprayer – Battery Model still priced at \$45; the pump action model is \$23.50 (on line at Mitre 10)
- o DUNO – Divisions Catalogues – general/speciosum
- o Jane & Peter D'Olier won't be here for the Jan/Feb mtgs. They are on one of their exotic trips – Ethiopia/Uganda/Rwanda
- o Garden Clubs of Australia – Public Liability Insurance (thanks to Bruce Potter for the reminder)
- o Northern Beaches Council – Community Centre Payment – tax invoice
- o Email from Sandra Rogers/Peter Geelan-Small requesting information about our Group
- o Clover Bradley – Funeral arrangements for John Keenan (NSOS/Judge) who passed away 4<sup>th</sup> January
- o Clover – Ian Tanner in hospital – request for helpers to water his orchids
- o Bank statements: Commonwealth Bank (cheque account); Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)

Bulletins: NSOS, MWOS

### General Business:

**Mick's Rambles:** Mick showed us a *Den. speciosum* he had found at Tully Falls in 2004 which is only just now coming into flower. It has a number of keikis and a 'pineapple' - an unusual growth which will not flower and which Mick discarded. Mick was not at all enthralled with this orchid.

According to Mick the moral of the story is: Don't pick up keikis in Tully Falls!

Mick then demonstrated some orchids which were mounted on treated pine decking

material – the roots were following the grooves in the mount and were growing well, but the mount itself was splitting.

Hardwood decking is available as offcuts at Bunnings, but Mick advised that treated pine is not the best option for growing mounted orchids.

Much preferable is Cyprus pine where he makes grooves into the mount which encourages the plants to quickly establish with the roots following the grooves.

Mick said he was very pleased with his mounted plants, despite their substandard mounts.

Bill advised that Cyprus pine fence posts are readily available at Bunnings.

### Judges Report: Erik Lielkajis

#### Plant of evening:

- *Dockrillia brevicauda* (*Dendrobium brevicaudum*) x *bowmanii* – David Hemmings  
David grows this under 30% shade cloth with 50% extra shade to avoid sunburn when 14 hours of sunshine. He fertilises every week.... Peters X-cel Finisher + Seacol  
It has been in its pot for around 6 years
- *Dockrillia* Limestone – David Hemmings
- *Sarcochilus eriochilus* – Guy Cantor - 30% shade
- *Dendrobium bigibbum compactum* – Erik Lielkajis
- *Dendrobium mirbelianum* – Erik Lielkajis

### Culture Session: Bill Dobson

Bill described different methods of repotting/mounting his orchids.

He demonstrated various orchids including *Sarcochilus falcatus*, *Bulbophyllum wadsworthii*,

*Cadetia taylorii*, and his use of bonsai pots with media including clay balls/bark/small stones.

He uses Cyprus pine for his mounted orchids.

### Nomenclature:

Ian Chalmers, ANOS Registrar, spoke about the Nomenclature Conference he had recently attended.

He advised that all Australian Phaius species have now been moved to the *Calanthe* genus.

Ian said that this had occurred with no consultation with the people who are doing work on the genus and he is hopeful that this decision will be reversed.

He said that DNA testing shows up all the problems but with no solutions e.g. *Den. speciosum* – DNA just shows up all the differences, whereas field taxonomists identify plants on their morphology. Ian believes that DNA testing is creating confusion; it shows the genetic relationships between orchids without identifying the features of the plant which identify the species. Ian is disputing these changes and is hoping to reverse them.

### Lucky Door/Raffle

Bryanna Whitaker, Ros Mathews

Judith Barry, Richard Blaxland, Steve Levi, Ted Shaw, James Litten...and others!

**The meeting closed at around 9.30pm**



*Dendrobium Hibiki* Li Shan



*Bulbophyllum radicans* David Hemmings



*Dendrobium malbrownii* Erik Lielkajis



*Bulbophyllum argyropas* Erik Lielkajis



*Dendrobium Pink Glow* Li Shan

## In my Bushhouse

I just looked back at one of my "I my bushhouse" articles from 2015, 10 yrs ago to see what has changed. Not much apparently 😊.

As I sit down to write this it is pelting down with rain but still it's 25°C and the plants are loving it. Apart from the 2 days that were above 40 that is one day 44 deg under shade, and did suffer some burn, only the exotics. A lesson I keep forgetting each year. If you are growing outside in full sun and you pick up plants to have a look at them take note of the their position as they have adapted themselves to the direction of the sun during the period they are growing. Interestingly no burn on any of my natives in the same positions.

To me it looks like spring/summer 2024-2025 will be a growth year. All my plants species and hybrids, what few I have 😊, seem to be pushing forward multiple growths, however, whether they will flower in the spring of 2025 remains to be seen.

Plants that have stubbornly refused to put up new growths over the past couple of years have done so enthusiastically this year. As much we all would like to see ourselves as good "growers" the weather tends to play a major role in what our outcomes are.

Keep a vigilant eye out for grasshoppers as they would love to eat the new growths, and I have found a few of these muggers. Dendrobium beetles are around. I spray now every 2-3 weeks with 2ml/lit Carbaryl® and 25ml/lit EcoOil®. You only have to spray this on the new growths until they harden off. Sometimes I think that we are growing a crop for them.

With the high humidity keep an eye out for fungal outbreaks and use whatever you feel safe with and will cure and prevent any occurrence, same with insecticide sprays, but take care and cover up and wash yourself after any application.

My *Dockrillia rigida* have all put on new growths and benefit from hung high in the bushhouse as they grow in nature albeit in FNQ and don't particularly like the winters here in Sydney, however with a little protection they will flower throughout the year.

*Sarcochilus falcatus* roots are starting to move so keep them going remembering that they are mounted so may require a little extra water or misting.

Over the past 3 months I have been using some Auxinone (hormone) added to the fertilizer just to give extra encouragement for the plants to get their new roots down and any plants that may have been thinking of sending a growth to give it an extra push. Normally I use the Auxinone once each month for Oct., Nov., and December, but we will add for February and March as I've been breaking up and repotting a few plants. I continue to fertilize each weekend with Peters Hi-K Cal Mag 'Finisher' and have been using Peters® for over 35 years now. You know what they say ..... "when you're on to a good thing ...." Also, I use the same in a slow release Osmocote® 9 month.

Flowering now *Cadetia taylori*, *Bulbophyllum shephardii*, *Dockrillia hepatica*

Good growing Bill Dobson



*Den. speciosum var grandiflorum* Bill Dobson



*Den. speciosum var pedunculatum* Bill Dobson



*Dockrillia hepatica* Bill Dobson



'Hello Grasshopper' Bill Dobson

## ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - January 2025

### 1. Dockrillia species

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dockrillia brevicauda  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Dockrillia brevicauda  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Dendrobium toressae

David Hemmings  
 Erik Lielkajis  
 Erik Lielkajis

### 11. Novice & Junior

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nil  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nil  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

### 12. Pterostylis species

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dendrobium malbournii  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Dendrobium mirbelianum  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Dendrobium bigibbum var compactum

Erik Lielkajis  
 Erik Lielkajis  
 Erik Lielkajis

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nil  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nil  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

### 13. Other terrestrials

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sarcochilus eriochilus  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarcochilus setosus  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarcochilus setosus

Guy Cantor  
 Erik Lielkajis  
 L & B Dobson

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nil  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nil  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

### 14. Terrestrial hybrids

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bulbophyllum argyropus  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Bulbophyllum radicans  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

Erik Lielkajis  
 David Hemmings

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nil  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nil  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

### 15. Best specimen

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cadetia taylori  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Cadetia taylori  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Liparis nugentae

Erik Lielkajis  
 Erik Lielkajis  
 Erik Lielkajis

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nil  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nil  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

### 16. Best First Flowering seedling

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den. (Zip x Burgundy Sheen)  
 X Eureka Yellow Cake  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nil  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

Li Shan

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den Aussies Lava Burst  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nil  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

Li Shan

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### 7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nil  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nil  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

### 8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dockrillia Limestone  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Dockrillia Limestone  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

David Hemmings  
 G & S Russell

### 9. Australasian species

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nil  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nil  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

### 10. Australasian Hybrids

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dockrillia cucumerina x hepatica  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Den. Gowans Tangello 'Susan'  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Den. Hibiki

David Hemmings  
 R. G. Blaxland  
 Li Shan



*Sarcochilus eriochilus* Guy Cantor



*Sarcochilus eriochilus* Guy Cantor



*Dendrobium mirbelianum* Erik Lielkajis



*Dockrillia cucumerina x hepatica* David Hemmings



*Dendrobium toressae* Erik Lielkajis



*Dendrobium monophyllum*



*Dockrillia Amphion Helios*





*Dockrillia brevicauda* David Hemmings



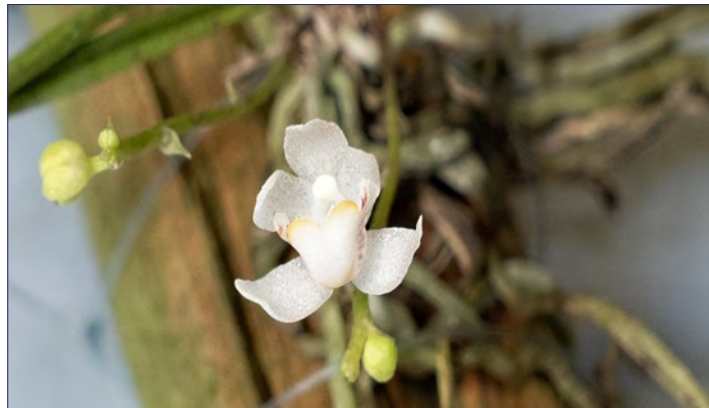
*Dockrillia hepatica* L & B Dobson



*Sarcochilus setosus* Erik Lielkajis



*Dockrillia brevicauda* David Hemmings



*Sarcochilus tricallatus* Erik Lielkajis



*Liparis* sp.

## **2025 Diary**

### **February**

13th Thursday ANOS Sydney General Meeting and Annual General Meeting  
18th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting

### **March**

13th ANOS Sydney General Meeting  
18th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting

### **April**

10th ANOS Sydney General Meeting  
11-12th ANOS Central Coast Bigibbum Show  
15th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting  
13th MWOS Auction - Cromer Community Centre

### **May**

8th ANOS Sydney General Meeting  
20th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting  
23rd to 25th Orchids Out West

### **June**

12th ANOS Sydney General Meeting  
17th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting  
27th 28th & 30th Mingara Orchid Club Fair & Show Mingara Recreation Club

### **July**

10th ANOS Sydney General Meeting  
15th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting  
26th Sat. ANOS Sydney Annual Auction

### **August**

14th ANOS Sydney General Meeting  
15th to 17th St Ives Orchid Fair St Ives Showground Mona Vale Road, St Ives  
19th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting  
23rd ANOS Central Coast Spring Show

### **September**

6th Sat. & 7th Sun. ANOS The Warringah Group SPRING SHOW  
6th Sat. & 7th Sun. ANOS Sydney Spring Show - North Rocks Shopping Centre  
11th ANOS Sydney General Meeting  
13th & 14th Mingara Orchid Club Spring Fair & Show  
16th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting Members Spring Show

### **October**

9th ANOS Sydney General Meeting  
11th ANOS Central Coast Sarcophilus Show  
17th to 19th Orchids Central - Condell Park  
18th to 19th ANOS Sydney Sarcophilus Show North Rocks Shopping Centre  
21st Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting - Sarc Show

### **November**

8th ANOS Sydney Late Spring Show (one day only) Venue to be announced.  
13th ANOS Sydney General Meeting  
18th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting

### **December**

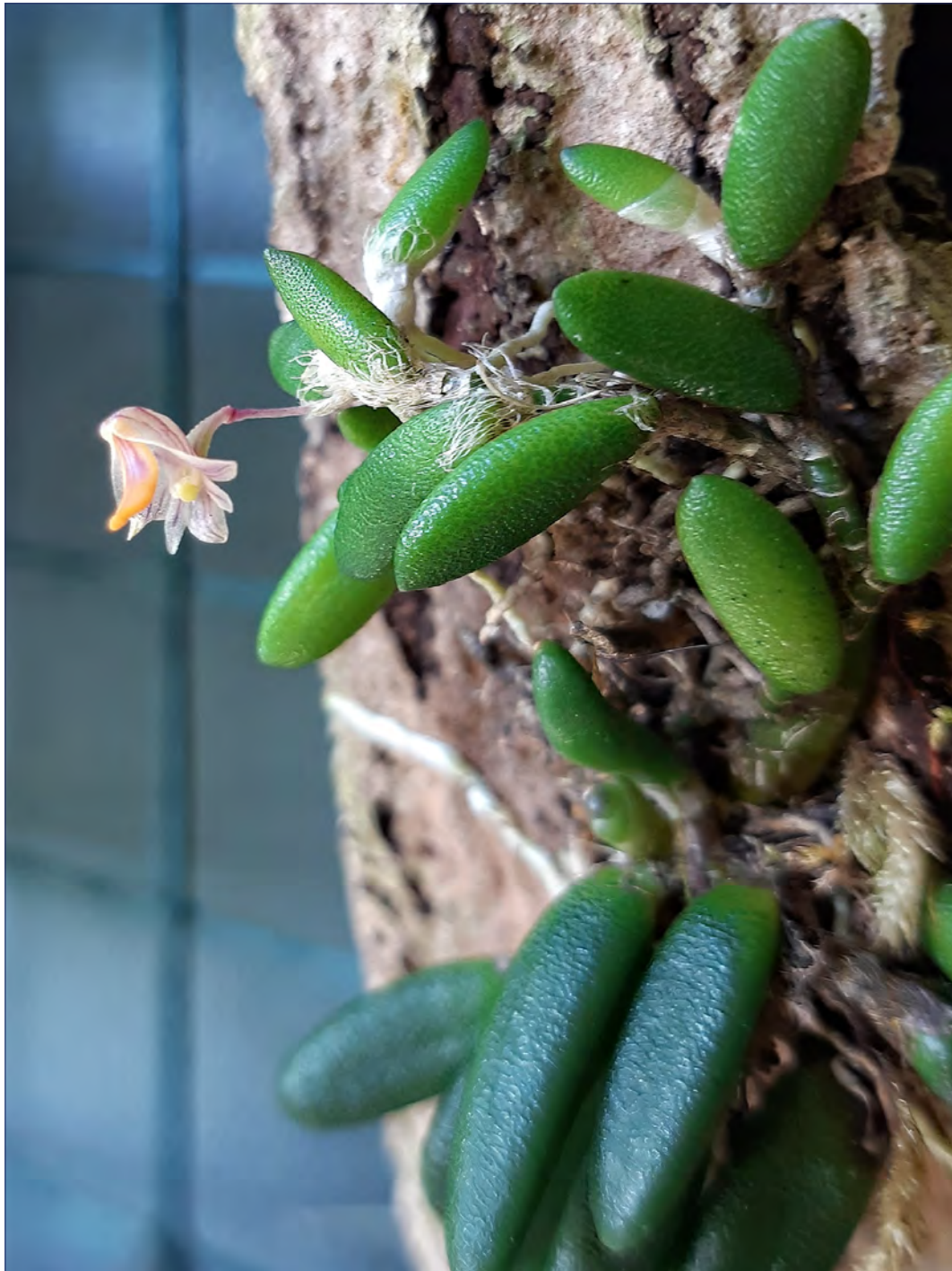
11th ANOS Sydney Christmas Meeting and presentation  
16th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group Christmas Meeting and presentation

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*Dendrobium monophyllum* Trish Peterson





*Dendrobium prenticei* Trish Peterson



*Sarcochilus hirticalcar* Trish Peterson