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September 2025

Champion Aust. Native Epiphytic Species Orchid



Dockrillia striolata 'Redback' David Hemmings

Grand Champion and
Champion Australasian Species or Hybrid



Dockrillia Hot and Grumpy 'Blue' L & B Dobson



Dendrobium falcostrum 'Big White' David Hemmings

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 16th August

Members Spring Show
and Joan Cook Memorial Trophy



ANOS Warringah Group Display 2025

The 2025 St Ives Orchid Fair was by all accounts an outstanding success and no small thanks to the members of the 4 Societies who helped in the set-up and running of the show over the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The displays again were fabulous and My thanks to the members who staged a great display. Make no mistake that while the judges make their own decisions it's the public that always stop and look at our display the longest.

I believe the our display allowed each plant to stand out to it's best advantage. The weather plays a big part in our growth and flowering of our plants and this year has been one of the wettest that I can remember. My 'rain gauge" has been filled on 7 separate occasions this year.

Since the drought ended I gave up my regular rain gauge for the deluges that have followed. The latest was a cell that hovered over the Northern Beaches and in 10-12 hours this was from dry to an infinity pool, and a few couple days prior to our Spring Show.



Bill's rain gauge



Bulbophyllum gadgarrense, commonly known as the tangled rope orchid, is a species of epiphytic orchid with small pseudobulbs hidden beneath purplish brown bracts, dark green, grooved leaves, and small whitish flowers with orange or yellow tips. It grows on rainforest trees in tropical North Queensland.

The specific epithet (*gadgarrense*) is a reference to the location, ie Gadgarra National Park.

Bulbophyllum gadgarrense grows on mossy parts of rainforest trees where there is good air movement. It occurs between the Big Tableland and the Tully River in Queensland.

I've been growing this since 1994 and this on cork for the last 3 yrs and looking very happy on this cork mount. BD



Bulbophyllum gadgarrense, insitu at Tully Falls FNQ in 2003
note the small seedlings close to it... BD



Sarcophilus falcatus 'Mt Lewis'



Sarcophilus falcatus 'Wondecla'

Sarcophilus falcatus a couple of the forms from FNQ these grow at 1000-1200m altitude and always flower from Late July to August. Note the heavy barring on the side lobes. Tough leaves like leather.

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - January 2025

1. Dockrillia species

1 st	<i>Den. teretifolia</i> 'White' x 'Buddah'	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Den. teretifolia</i> ex Dorrigo	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Dockrillia</i> sp.	Erik Lielkajis

2. Dendrobium species

1 st	<i>Den. tetragonum</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Den. monophyllum</i>	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Den. carronii</i>	Erik Lielkajis

3. Sarcanthinae species

1 st	<i>Sarcochilus falcatus</i>	L & B Dobson
2 nd	<i>Sarcochilus falcatus</i>	L & B Dobson
3 rd	<i>Sarcochilus loganii</i>	Erik Lielkajis

4. Bulbophyllum species

1 st	Nil	
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

5. Miscellaneous species

1 st	<i>Oberonia</i> sp.	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd	<i>Oberonia</i> sp.	Erik Lielkajis
3 rd	<i>Cadetia maideniana</i>	Erik Lielkajis

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

1 st	<i>Den. Regal Gilliston</i> x <i>Jesmond Sparkler</i> 'Greg Hall'	Ela Kielich
2 nd	<i>Den. Stars & Stripes</i> 'Arches'	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Den. Cosmic Gold</i> 'Shirley'	David Hemmings

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1 st	Nil	
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

1 st	Nil	
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

9. Australasian species

1 st	<i>Mediocalcar decoratum</i>	R. G. Blaxland
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

10. Australasian Hybrids

1 st	<i>Doc. Tweetas</i> 'Neville' x <i>Martin</i> 'Gold'	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Doc. Australian Embers</i> 'Denistone Embers'	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Doc. Australian Freckles</i>	Ela Kielich

11. Novice & Junior

1 st	Nil
2 nd	Nil
3 rd	Nil

12. Pterostylis species

1 st	<i>Pterostylis russellii</i>	R. G. Blaxland
2 nd	<i>Pterostylis curta</i>	R. G. Blaxland
3 rd	<i>Pterostylis baptistii</i>	R. G. Blaxland

13. Other terrestrials

1 st	<i>Pterostylis</i> Nodding Grace	R. G. Blaxland
2 nd	<i>Pterostylis</i> Nodding Grace	R. G. Blaxland
3 rd	Nil	

14. Terrestrial hybrids

1 st	Nil
2 nd	Nil
3 rd	Nil

15. Best specimen

1 st	<i>Doc teretifolia</i> 'Tassie Shane'	David Hemmings
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

16. Best First Flowering seedling

1 st	<i>Den. Denistone Starburst</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Den Faye Roshan</i> x <i>Cosmic Gold</i> 'Shirley'	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Den Bergen</i> 'Monster' x <i>Aussie Quest</i> 'Sampson'	DH

In My Bushhouse

Well, September is here, and for most native growers, this is the time when all the hard work has paid off. The rain that pelted down for a day was incredible. My 'rain gauge', my wheelbarrow, was emptied half full then refilled again, so I estimate that we received at least 6" under the old scale or 150mm. The storm we had the other night was very intense, but it was needed after the strong winds dried out the plants, so I had to water in the morning. The next day, the rain came. I think that I've emptied my Rain gauge 6 times this year!

When I walk out onto my deck this week as the sun comes up, the smell is intense, with honey and the fragrance of *Dendrobium speciosum*. However, in the bushhouse, all the species are coming out, and two that have the most powerful fragrance are poles apart. One, *Dendrobium falcorostrum*, is a favourite of mine that is finally growing well for me. I have heard that it is hard to grow near the sea, but I have not found

this to be the case, especially if under layers of 50% shade cloth and misted on hot summer days. Additionally, I have them now in water well pots, and they are going to flower well this year. Two, is *Plectorrhiza tridentata*, whose small flowers push out a fragrance that is punching above its size, as you can sense this easily from 6 m. away.

Not everyone likes the fragrance of Australian natives, as I have noticed at our spring shows over the years. Some, few in numbers, walk into our hall and turn around and walk back out. To them, it's like a mouthful of chili; to me, it's like a fine red wine – and I can't get enough.

Flowering now are *Dendrobium speciosum*, *Dendrobium tetragonum*, *melaleucaphilum*, and *capitisyork*. *Dendrobium adae* and all varieties of *Dendrobium speciosum*. *Plectorrhiza tridentata*, and some *Sarcochilus falcatus*. *Dendrobium jonesii*, *Dockrillia striolata*, *Dockrillia chrysantha*, *Dockrillia pugioniformis*, and more of the *Dockrillia calamiformis*, *fairfaxii*, *dolichophylla*, and *Dockrillia racemosa*.

Look out for aphids and other bugs as the weather warms up, they will be about. The next huge job, even before the *Sarcochilus* are opening, will be repotting and some *Den. speciosum* need to be done now. I have started to remove all the old spikes on *Dendrobium speciosum*, as many are finishing. Some are finished, and I need to get a move on this year with potting and dividing. I will pot on or divide to get the maximum growing time. As I go, I will make up my mix and then give each plant some 9-month slow-release. When cutting off spikes and dividing, I sterilize all my instruments in a saturated solution of Trycleanium®, which is highly alkaline to kill any organisms or bacteria that may exist.

Anyway, I water early in the morning, and my tank is currently full. If you don't have a tank, then this is something that you should have; even a small one will help out greatly.

Overall, I'm happy as the plants are looking good and promise a good flowering. Will I be able to get them to the show? Well, that's in the lap of the gods, but if they don't make it, I can at least linger in my bushhouse a little longer in the mornings over the coming month.

Good growing, Bill Dobson

Class	Place	Description	Orchid Name	Grower
Grand Champion - Grand Champion Ribbon			Dockrillia Hot and Grumpy 'Blue'	L & B Dobson
Champion Aust. Native Epiphytic Species Orchid			Dockrillia striolata 'Redback'	David Hemmings
Champion Aust. Native Hybrid Orchid			Den. Australian Seabreeze 'Steroids'	David Hemmings
Champion Aust. Native Terrestrial Species Orchid			Pterostylis pedunculata	Trish Peterson
Champion Australasian Species or Hybrid			Dockrillia Hot and Grumpy 'Blue'	L & B Dobson
Champion Specimen Native Hybrid Orchid			Den. Australian Sheenamere 'Deniston Sunset'	David Hemmings
Champion Specimen Native Species Orchid			Dockrillia striolata 'Redback'	David Hemmings
Dockrillia Specimen Species - Murray Corrigan Memorial Trophy			Dockrillia striolata 'Redback'	David Hemmings

SPECIES SECTION

1	1st	Best Dendrobium / Dockrillia	Dockrillia striolata 'Redback'	David Hemmings
1	2nd	Best Dendrobium / Dockrillia	Dockrillia striolata 'Alba' x 'Ruffles'	Ela Kelich
2	1st	Best Dendrobium	Dendrobium falcorostrum 'Large White'	David Hemmings
2	2nd	Best Dendrobium	Dendrobium falcorostrum	L & B Dobson
3	1st	Best Dendrobium gracilicaule	Dendrobium gracilicaule	David Hemmings
3	2nd	Best Dendrobium gracilicaule	Dendrobium gracilicaule	Li Shan
4	1st	Best Dendrobium tetragonum	Dendrobium tetragonum	David Hemmings
4	2nd	Best Dendrobium tetragonum	Dendrobium tetragonum var. melalucaphylum	David Hemmings
5	1st	Best Dendrobium kingianum - pink/white	Dendrobium kingianum 'Excelsior' x self	David Hemmings
5	2nd	Best Dendrobium kingianum - pink/white	Dendrobium kingianum	David Hemmings
6	1st	Best Dendrobium kingianum - red	Dendrobium kingianum	Ela Kelich
6	2nd	Best Dendrobium kingianum - red	Dendrobium kingianum	Judith Barry
7	1st	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. speciosum	Dendrobium speciosum var speciosum	G & S Russell
7	2nd	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. speciosum	Dendrobium speciosum var speciosum	Judith Barry
8	1st	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. hillii	Dendrobium speciosum var hillii 'Barbara'	L & B Dobson
8	2nd	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. hillii	Dendrobium speciosum var hillii 'Barbara'	L & B Dobson
9	1st	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. grandiflorum	Dendrobium speciosum var grandiflorum 'Rita'	David Hemmings
9	2nd	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. grandiflorum	Dendrobium speciosum var grandiflorum	Ian Tanner
10	1st	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. capricornicum	Dendrobium speciosum var capricornicum	R. G. Blaxland
10	2nd	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. capricornicum	Nil	Nil
11	1st	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. curvicaule	Dendrobium speciosum var curvicaule	G & S Russell
11	2nd	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. curvicaule	Nil	Nil
12	1st	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. pedunculatum	Dendrobium speciosum var. pedunculatum	L & B Dobson
12	2nd	Best Dendrobium speciosum var. pedunculatum	Dendrobium speciosum var. pedunculatum	Ela Kelich
13	1st	Best Dendrobium speciosum - other	Dendrobium speciosum var blackdownense	G & S Russell
13	2nd	Best Dendrobium speciosum - other	Nil	Nil
14	1st	Best Dendrobium speciosum - Exhibition Style (intervarietal)	Dendrobium speciosum 'Moonlight'	G & S Russell

14	2nd	Best Dendrobium speciosum - Exhibition Style (intervarietal)	Dendrobium speciosum 'Spotlight Moon'	Ian Tanner
15	1st	Best Dendrobium spathulata	Nil	Nil
15	2nd	Best Dendrobium spathulata	Nil	Nil
16	1st	Best Sarcochilus	Sarcochilus falcatus	L & B Dobson
16	2nd	Best Sarcochilus	Sarcochilus falcatus	L & B Dobson
17	1st	Best Sarcanthinae - Other Genera	Plectohrizza tridentata	Trish Peterson
17	2nd	Best Sarcanthinae - Other Genera	Plectohrizza tridentata	Trish Peterson
18	1st	Best Bulbophyllum	Bulbophyllum Shepherdii	L & B Dobson
18	2nd	Best Bulbophyllum	Bulbophyllum wadsworthii	Trish Peterson
19	1st	Best Other Epiphytic Species	Dendrobium monophyllum	David Hemmings
19	2nd	Best Other Epiphytic Species	Nil	Nil
20	1st	Best Species Seedling - First Flowering	Nil	Nil
20	2nd	Best Species Seedling - First Flowering	Nil	Nil
21	1st	Best Pterostylis	Pterostylis pedunculata	Trish Peterson
21	2nd	Best Pterostylis	Pterostylis baptistii	Judith Barry
22	1st	Best Other Terrestrial	Nil	Nil
22	2nd	Best Other Terrestrial	Nil	Nil

HYBRID SECTION

23	1st	Best Dendrobium Hybrid predominately white	Den. Seabreeze 'Steroids'	David Hemmings
23	2nd	Best Dendrobium Hybrid predominately white	Den. Greta Snow 'Samford Celestial'	David Stiles
24	1st	Best Dendrobium Hybrid predominately yellow	Den. Brimbank Gold x Lochiel	David Hemmings
24	2nd	Best Dendrobium Hybrid predominately yellow	Den. Brimbank Gold	David Hemmings
25	1st	Best Dendrobium Hybrid bronze / orange	Den. Sheenamere 'Sophie'	David Stiles
25	2nd	Best Dendrobium Hybrid bronze / orange	Den. Australian Artist	David Hemmings
26	1st	Best Dendrobium Hybrid pink / purple / red	Den. Sundanii Special	David Hemmings
26	2nd	Best Dendrobium Hybrid pink / purple / red	Den. Flinders x Australian Rose Beauty	David Hemmings
27	1st	Best Dendrobium Hybrid any other colour	Den. Izzy's Gem	David Hemmings
27	2nd	Best Dendrobium Hybrid any other colour	Den. Australian Lollie Shop	David Hemmings
28	1st	Best Dendrobium Hybrid with one or more Dockrillia parents	Doc. Grey Ghost 'Tumbi'	David Hemmings
28	2nd	Best Dendrobium Hybrid with one or more Dockrillia parents	Doc. Grey Ghost x fairfaxii	Trish Peterson
29	1st	Best Classic Hybrid - see condition 14	Den. Hilda Poxon	David Hemmings
29	2nd	Best Classic Hybrid - see condition 14	Den. Hilda Poxon	David Hemmings
30	1st	Best Sarcanthinae Hybrid	Toowoomba Sparkle	Li Shan
30	2nd	Best Sarcanthinae Hybrid	Nil	Nil
31	1st	Best Hybrid Seedling - First Flowering	Nil	Nil
31	2nd	Best Hybrid Seedling - First Flowering	Nil	Nil
32	1st	Best Hybrid Terrestrial	Pterostylis Nodding Grace	R. G. Blaxland

32 2nd Best Hybrid Terrestrial
 33 1st Best Other Hybrid
 33 2nd Best Other Hybrid

AUSTRALASIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS

34 1st Best Australasian Species
 34 2nd Best Australasian Species
 35 1st Best Australasian Hybrid
 35 2nd Best Australasian Hybrid
 36 1st Best Australasian Hybrid with terete leaved parents
 36 2nd Best Australasian Hybrid with terete leaved parents
 37 1st Best Australasian Hybrid Seedling - First Flowering
 37 2nd Best Australasian Hybrid Seedling - First Flowering

NOVICE SECTION

38 1st Best Epiphytic Species
 38 2nd Best Epiphytic Species
 39 1st Best Terrestrial Species
 39 2nd Best Terrestrial Species
 40 1st Best Hybrid
 40 2nd Best Hybrid

Pterostylis Nodding Grace
 Nil
 Nil

Dendrobium glomeratum
 Nil
 Den. Engae x ultravioleum
 Den. Silver King
 Dockrillia Hot and Grumpy 'Blue'
 Doc. Tweetas 'Violet Lip'
 Doc. Aussie Phil x teretifolia
 Doc. Amphion Megea 'Journey'

Nil
 Nil
 Nil
 Nil
 Dendrobium kingianum
 Dendrobium unknown

R. G. Blaxland
 Nil
 Nil

R. G. Blaxland
 Nil
 Li Shan
 Ela Kelich
 L & B Dobson
 David Hemmings
 David Hemmings
 David Hemmings
 Nil
 Nil
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 Nil
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