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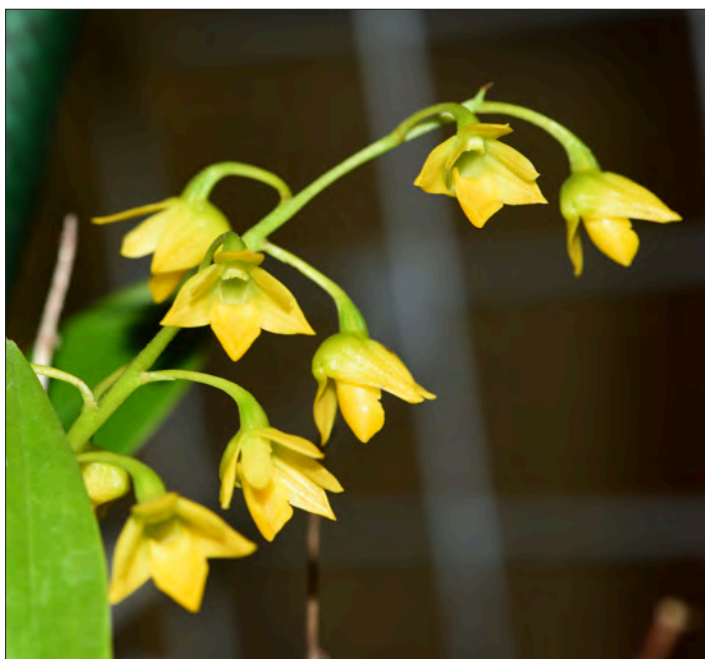
Monthly Meetings:

3rd Tuesday each month at 8:00 pm - Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville. NSW 2087

June 2025



Dockrillia rigida David Hemmings



Dendrobium monophyllum David Hemmings



Dendrobium tetragonum David Hemmings

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 17th June

Members Auction

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on 20th May 2025

The meeting was opened by Bill Dobson at 8.05 pm

Committee Members Present: President Bill Dobson, Treasurer Ela Kielich, Librarian Judith Barry, Cary Polis, Jane D'Olier, Peter D'Olier, Bryanna Whitaker

Apologies Trish Peterson, Mick Korzenowski, Guy Cantor, Paul Mc Donough, Lyn Dabbs.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: George Hardy moved they be accepted as presented in the Bulletin, seconded by Ela Kielich, passed by all.

Business arising from last meeting:

Bill asked if any member would be willing to take on the role of Secretary. An interesting job with minimal meeting requirements.

Correspondence:

Our Garden Magazine
Commonwealth Bank changes to cryptocurrency
Merchant Tax Invoice
The Orchadian
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit renewal at 3.80% for 6 months

Treasurer's Report: Ela

Balance: \$15,200

Librarian's Report: Judith

A selection of Library books is available on the front desk for members to borrow.

General Business:

- Stony Range Open Day this Saturday 2.00 – 4.00 pm - good for children's activities.
- Bill gave a short presentation with a couple of plants of *Bulbophyllum macphersonii* and discussed cultural requirements. He also talked about *Dendrobium tetragonum* varieties and different ways they can be potted or mounted, stressing that they did require plenty of water/humidity and air movement.

Plant of the Evening:

Dockrillia Tweetas 'Neville' x Martin's Gold by David Hemmings
A seedling he had obtained from DUNO some years previously.

Other plants of Interest:

<i>Dockrillia rigida</i>	David Hemmings
<i>Pterostylis repanda</i>	Richard Blaxland
<i>Bulbophyllum windsorensense</i>	Erik Lielkajis
<i>Bulbophyllum grandimesense</i>	Erik Lielkajis

After the supper break Erik Lielkajis gave a very interesting presentation of differences in plants and flowers and the variations that can be present in various species.

Lucky Door: Richard Blaxland, Tony Agrela

Raffle: Mark Asbury, Ros Mathews, Peter D'Olier, Cary Polis, Tim Dabbs, Bryanna Whitaker, Jan Duggin, Li Shan, Peter D'Olier, Mark Asbury.

Bill thanked all for coming and wished all a safe journey home.

Meeting closed at 9.42 pm

In my Bushhouse

OK we are officially in winter although today it was a glorious day started at 10 and worked its way up to 22. However, I am not fooled as some of the critters are. Still some aphids about so be on your guard as some *Dockrillia* and *Dendrobium* species and hybrids have new growths. Also be aware that the newly formed buds of spikes for *Dendrobium speciosum* and others will attract aphids as well. While watering I flushed out a last grasshopper, at least I hope so.

Be aware that slugs and snails don't know what season it is only that your plants have sent up spikes (I know this term is incorrect but it's easier to say and write than - inflorescence). Anyway, where was I, oh yes, as soon as the spikes emerge from the sheath, they are vulnerable. So, keep an eye on them start putting down some snail baits. I have for the last few years been using Slugout® which is like hundreds and thousands but blue and its also effective against watering and rain. I also like to put a pellet near the base of the spike just in case the little blighters make it up the pseudobulb.

Dendrobium capitisyork (gigantea), and *Dockrillia rigida* are forming buds and some starting to bloom which is probably a few weeks earlier than normally in the wild that may be attributable to the relative mild year we are having.

Start thinking about the shows and giving your plants a little lighter, especially those that are going to be in spike later and if possible, give them plenty of room. That may be easier said than done. Although at this time of the year you could probably take plants outside of the bushhouse as most of the critters will be gone later this month and certainly by July as the overnight temperatures plunge to the zero mark on your thermometer. Also, time to stake any pseudobulbs that may be a little wobbly as you won't be able to do it later when the spike has emerged and certainly NOT when the flowers have opened.

I am keeping up the fertilizing programme as new growths and emerging spikes will put a lot of stress on the plant and the energy (food) must come from somewhere, although I have added some 9-month slow release to the top of pots to counteract when it rains and I can't get out there. Certainly, with all the rain we have had this year apart from the mounted plants I don't wish to flood the plants..

The start of the show season will be on us this month with NSOS, MWOS and Mingara within the next 4 weeks and a great time to meet up with other enthusiasts and get some more seedlings and supplies. Hope to see you at some of these.

In my bushhouse flowering now *Dockrillia rigida*, *Liparis fleckeri*, *Bulbophyllum macphersonii*, *Cadetia taylori*, *Dendrobium prenticei*, *Bulbophyllum schillerianum*, *Bulbophyllum shepherdii*.

Good growing

Bill Dobson



Dockrilliabowmanii David Hemmings



Dendrobium bigibbum G & S Russell



Bulbophyllum macphersonii L& B Dobson



Oberonia sp. Erik Lielkajis

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - May 2025

1. Dockrillia species

1 st	<i>Dockrillia rigida</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Dockrillia bowmanii</i>	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Dockrillia rigida</i>	Cary Polis

2. Dendrobium species

1 st	<i>Dendrobium monophyllum</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i>	G & S Russell
3 rd	<i>Dendrobium tetragonum</i>	David Hemmings

3. Sarcanthinae species

1 st	<i>Schoenorchis micrantha</i>	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

4. Bulbophyllum species

1 st	<i>Bulbophyllum windsorensense</i>	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd	<i>Bulbophyllum macphersonii</i>	L & B Dobson
3 rd	<i>Bulbophyllum grandimisense</i>	Erik Lielkajis

5. Miscellaneous species

1 st	<i>Oberonia</i> sp.	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd	<i>Cadetia wariiana</i>	Erik Lielkajis
3 rd	<i>Cadetia taylori</i>	L & B Dobson

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

1 st	<i>Den.</i> Eclipse 'Roswitha'	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Den.</i> Glenstar 'Robbie' x Rutherford Starburst	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Den.</i> Class x Vivid	Ela Kielich

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1 st	Nil	
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

1 st	<i>Dockrillia</i> Limestone	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Dockrillia</i> Limestone	David Hemmings
3 rd	Nil	

9. Australasian species

1 st	<i>Dendrobium bracteosum</i>	Cary Polis
2 nd	<i>Dendrobium bracteosum</i>	Cary Polis
3 rd	Nil	

10. Australasian Hybrids

1 st	<i>Dockrillia</i> Tweetas 'Neville' x Martin Gold	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Den.</i> alexandrae x Pacificum 'First One'	Ela Kielich
2 nd	<i>Den.</i> Engagement	R. G. Blaxland
3 rd	<i>Den.</i> Alice's Rainbow	G & S Russell

11. Novice & Junior

1 st	Nil
2 nd	Nil
3 rd	Nil

12. Pterostylis species

1 st	<i>Pterostylis repanda</i>	R. G. Blaxland
2 nd	<i>Pterostylis cocinna</i>	Judith Barry
3 rd	<i>Pterostylis repanda</i>	R. G. Blaxland

13. Other terrestrials

1 st	<i>Acianthus fornicatus</i>	Judith Barry
2 nd	<i>Phaius pictus</i>	Erik Lielkajis
3 rd	Nil	

14. Terrestrial hybrids

1 st	<i>Pterostylis</i> x Ralph Cranei	R G Blaxland
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

15. Best specimen

1 st	Nil
2 nd	Nil
3 rd	Nil

16. Best First Flowering seedling

1 st	Nil
2 nd	Nil
3 rd	Nil

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Plant of the Evening

Dockrillia Tweetas 'Neville' x Martin Gold David Hemmings

2025 Diary

June

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

July

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

August

14th ANOS Sydney Group - General Meeting
15th to 17th St Ives Orchid Fair St Ives Showground
Mona Vale Road, St Ives
19th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting

August 24-25th ANOS Central Coast Group
Spring Show

September

6th Sat. & 7th Sun. ANOS Sydney Group - Spring Show -
North Rocks Shopping Centre
11th ANOS Sydney Group - General Meeting
12th Friday 2:30 to 7:00pm Set-up
ANOS The Warringah Group SPRING SHOW
13th Sat. & 14th Sun.
ANOS The Warringah Group SPRING SHOW
16th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting
Members Spring Show

October

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

November

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

December

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

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Selling your Orchids at the St Ives Orchid Fair

St Ives Orchid Fair will be held from 15th to 17th August this year and members of the 4 Orchid Societies which own the Fair (North Shore, Ku-Ring-Gai, Manly-Warringah and ANOS Warringah) are able to sell their surplus orchids at the Fair. There are a few changes to the selling procedures this year and so I am writing this article to bring everyone up to date.

In recent years, we have built up an excellent team of volunteers who work on the Societies' Sales Table and I hope that all those volunteers make themselves available again this year. A schedule will be circulated at the June and July meetings of the 4 Societies, asking for Members to volunteer to help with all the voluntary work needed to make the Fair a success.

In the past, we handled the sales transaction manually but this year we will be using a small computer program and so we have made a few changes to make processing easier.

- Members who want to sell at the Fair will need to fill in a Registration Form at the June or July meeting of their Society. It is a very simple form asking for:
 - Seller's name
 - Seller's Identification Code (3 Capital letters)
 - Seller's society
 - Seller's bank BSB and Account number
 - Seller's email address

We need these details prior to the Fair, so that we can set up our computer system. The code is simply a 3-letter combination to make data entry easier. For example I'll use RGB which are my initials. You'll need to remember your code so that you can write it in Capitals on your plant sales tag next to the price. For "society", for those of us who belong to more than one of the 4 Societies, just choose one society only to fill out the form.

From 30th June 2028, Banks will stop processing cheques so from this year we will offer sellers the option of receiving a cheque or having direct credit to their bank account.

From 2026 onwards, we will only be offering direct bank deposits. If you would prefer a cheque this year, leave bank details blank on the form. For privacy reasons, we will delete bank details from our records when payments have been made.

- In the past, we have had a mishmash of sales tags used by various sellers and this has caused processing problems. From now on, we will only accept plants for sale which have a standard yellow sales tag on them. These tags are available from each of the 4 Clubs. On one side of the tag write your code and sales price. Nothing else please. No random numbers, no plant name, no plant description, nothing else. On the same side of the sales tag you may write your name as some buyers like to see who is selling a plant. This is optional. Don't write on the "curl" and don't write sideways.

Many of you are very skilled at preparing plants for sale but there are always "newbies" out there so I will write a bit about sale plants. Firstly, plants must be free of pests and diseases. Any "suspect" plants will not be accepted for sale. The plants must be "secure in the pot" and to achieve this, plants need to be potted up months before sale. Buyers are not happy if the plant falls out of the pot on the way home. Australian Native Plants need a special tag in the pot which is available from your Club and a Natives Form needs to be completed and handed to me. The easiest way to sell a plant is to have it in flower. If that isn't possible, attach a photo of the flower to the plant. Don't overprice your plant if you want to sell it. Last year we had a lot of unsold stock but most of it was over-priced or very small divisions or both. Second- and third-rate Cymbidiums do not sell at all unless they are very cheap. There is a lot of competition at the Fair. Prepare your plant properly for sale – stake up untidy racemes and growths and cut off chewed leaves.

In the past, we have jammed as many plants onto our sales tables as we could fit there. It has been hard for buyers to see what is on offer. This time we will have them spaced out a bit. When I am stocking the tables, plants in flower get first preference for a space. Where there are multiples of a plant from a grower, I will normally have one plant on the bench and the reserves either under the bench or in one of the storerooms. There is simply not enough room to have everything on the bench together. I try to be fair to everybody.

When you get to the Societies Sales Table with plants to sell, don't try to find a place for your plants on the table. Look for me and ask where I would like you to put your plants. I will look after them from there.

I'll look forward to receiving some great plants for sale. If you have a query, please ring me on 0420 934 385.

Richard Blaxland
Sales Manager



Example of Yellow Sales Tag

St Ives Orchid Fair

15th to 17th August

Plant Sales - Seller's Details
(Typed or legible handwriting)

Seller's Name	
Seller's 3 Letter Code Upper case only eg ABC Note: No numbers	
Seller's Society	
Seller's Bank BSB	
Seller's Bank Account No	
Seller's Email Address	

Richard Blaxland will go over these details and any questions you may have at the next meeting and again in July.

St Ives Orchid Fair

'The Big One'



ST IVES SHOWGROUND, Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 15th August 2025 9 am to 4 pm

Saturday 16th August 2025 9 am to 4 pm

Sunday 17th August 2025 9 am to 3 pm

ADMISSION \$10

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For more Information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049

<http://www.stivesorchidfair.com/>



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Bulbophyllum windsorens Erik Lielkajis

A bush walk in Suburbia

After dropping my daughter off for a visit with her friend I decided to go for a Bush Walk and see how some of the terrestrials I've observed in the past were coping after all the rain we've had, I thought it was about time I got out in the bush anyway.

This is a nice little spot, I had worked in this area for over 50 years and didn't even know it existed until a message from Garrie and Lesley Bromley. It has a nice little stream coming down from higher up on the northern beaches and ending up right in the middle of one of the busiest shopping centres on the north shore.

Once I navigated my way through the bracken ferns, it was moist but not wet under underneath. I hadn't gone more than 150 yards, when I found a patch of *Pterostylis nutans* (nodding greenhood), so I stopped and photographed them admiring their tenacity in this area and then continued on my way.

I wondered whether any *Corybas* would be there, but I needn't have worried. In the previous year a whole tree branch had come down and squashed a lot of them flat, however it didn't seem to deter them as they've come up in a couple of different areas now and there they were flowering in their glory with more buds yet to develop. One had been eaten or at least half-eaten. The rest of them survive quite well and it's a nice healthy little colony.

I decided to climb further up the track and have a look at what the little waterfall was like, and it was running, just gently.

As I didn't have my hiking boots on and only a pair of comfy sketches I took a couple of photos and then decided to head back to the car feeling invigorated and refreshed knowing these little plants were still there.

Bill Dobson



Pterostylis nutans



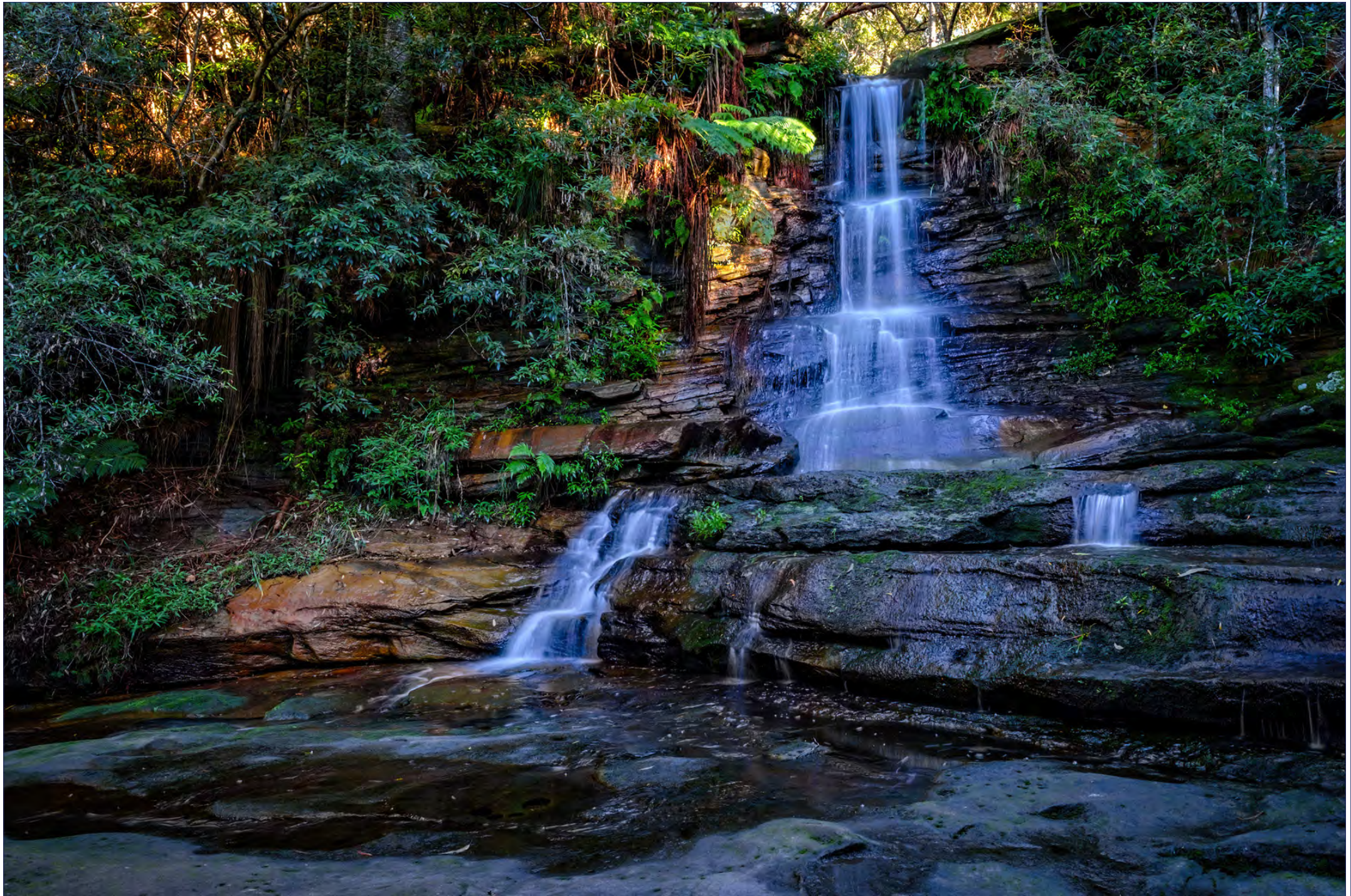
Corybas acutiflorus



Fungi



Bush track



Waterfall

Alick Dockrill, (1915 - 2011)

Alick Dockrill had made a name for himself as an amateur orchid expert in Sydney before he moved to Cairns in 1957. He quickly established contact with local orchid experts such as Jack Wilkie and started publishing new species from the local area.

In the next ten years descriptions of 15 new species or varieties including *Bubophyllum wadsworthii*, *Corybas abelliams*, *Eria intermedia*, *Taeniophyllum flavum*, *Habenaria anomala* and *Oberonia attenuata* appeared in *The North Queensland Naturalist*, *The Orchadian*, *The Australian Orchid Review* and *Australian Plants*. In addition, he published some 50 papers illustrating and providing notes for many already known species from Tropical Australia. These articles were the forerunner of his major work.

He set himself the task of illustrating and describing all the orchids of the north. The first stage was the publication in 1967 of a book titled *Australian Sarcanthinae* which included four new genera and many name changes in this most difficult group. In 1969 *Australian Indigenous orchids* was published. This book was a true epic in orchidology in Australia. It included each of the 200 odd species and varieties and 72 genera of orchids in Tropical Australia and also included all the epiphytic species in Australia as a whole. Each species and variety was covered by a full-page illustration along with a full description including habitat notes synonymy and distribution. The line drawings are botanically remarkably accurate considering that most were done with the aid of nothing more than a hand lens. This book was instrumental in encouraging local naturalists such as Bruce Gray, Rev. Ron Collins and Lewis Roberts to look for new species.

As well as formally describing new species, Dockrill was active in collecting new records in the field. Over the years he was the first Australian collector of *Aphyllorchis anomala*, *Eria intermedia*, *Corybas aconitiforus*, *Malaxis fimbriata*, *Flickingeria convexa*, *Gastrodia queenslandica*, *Liparis condylobulbon*, *Oberonia attenuata* and *Saccolabiopsis rectiolia*.

In 1966 such was Dockrill's reputation as a botanist that, despite having no formal qualifications, he was appointed Keeper of the Herbarium at Lae in Papua New Guinea. In 1970 he was employed in the herbarium of the Forest Research Branch of CSIRO at Atherton where he worked until his retirement in 1980. During his retirement at Atherton, he worked on a complete revision of *Australian Indigenous Orchids* which was published in 1992.



Dendrobium bracteosum Cary Polis



Dendrobium alexandrae x Pacificum 'First One' Ela Kielich



Eastern Osprey at Long Reef May 2025 Bill Dobson



Bulbophyllum grandimisense Erik Lielkajis



Cadetia taylori L & B Dobson



Den. Eclipse 'Roswitha' David Hemmings



Den. Glenstar 'Robbie' x Rutherford Starburst David Hemmings



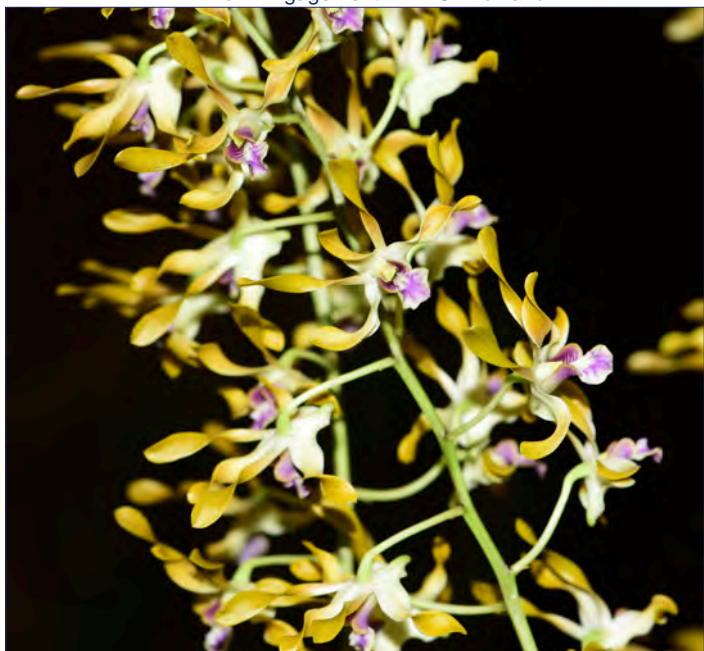
Cadetia wariana Erik Lielkajis



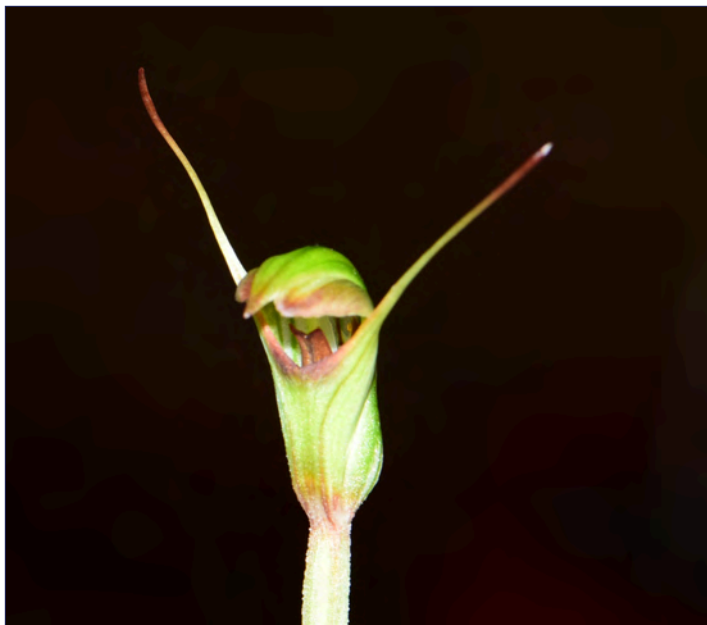
Dendrobium Class x Vivid Ela Kielich



Den. Engagement R. G. Blaxland



Den. Alice's Rainbow G & S. Russell



Pterostylis coccinea Judith Barry



Accianthus fornicata Judith Barry



Dockrillia Tweetas 'Neville' x Martin Gold David Hemmings



Pterostylis repanda R. G. Blaxland



Pterostylis repanda R. G. Blaxland