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October 2025



Dockrillia pugioniformis Chris Murray



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Dockrillia striolata David Hemmings

**Tuesday 21st October
Members Sarcochilus Show
and
Iris Pendle Memorial Trophy**

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street Forestville on 16 September 2025.

The meeting was opened by Bill Dobson at 8pm

Committee members present

Bill Dobson (President)
Ella Kielich (Treasurer)
Judith Barry (Librarian)
Cary polis
Jane D'Oiler
Peter D'Oiler
Bryanna Whitaker.

Treasurers Report: by Ella

As at the end of August \$605 is in the bank account.

- **General Business:**

- Peter D'Olier presented Bill Dobson with a cheque from St Ives Show for \$6,000.
- New Members Lynne and Cody were welcomed by the meeting.
- Please see Bill Dobson if you don't have a badge.
- ANOS Warrigah Spring Show was successful.
- 2026 Spring Show is our 50th and we want to do something special.

Presentation: Mick Korzenowski



Sarcochilus falcatus David Hemmings



Dendrobium speciosum var *garandiflorum* 'Rita' David Hemmings



Sarcochilus boreale Erik Lielkajis



Cadetia wariana Erik Lielkajis

An Unexpected Orchid Journey

Binnaway* has a native open day, and I did a day road trip to see if it was worth the long journey.

After a five-and-a-half-hour drive, I finally reached Binnaway. A sign directed me to the entrance of the nursery. As I drove through the first gate on a narrow, red sandy dirt road, something caught the corners of my eyes.

"It is an orchid!" I thought to myself and immediately stopped the car and bolted to check it out. My enthusiasm as a native orchid searcher overwhelmed me, and I forgot to close the car door.

I was right! This area is full of terrestrial orchids; *Diuris sulphurea* (known as Donkey orchids). They are growing in rich, red sandy soil in the open terrains, soaking in the full sunlight.

I quickly took a few photos and drove to the nursery as I didn't want to block other cars.

The excitement of knowing there might be other terrestrial orchids flourishing on the property, I quickly selected and bought my native plants and bouquets once I had reached the nursery. Then, I loaded my car with the plants and bouquets, and I went for a bush walk into the dense bushland.

My eyes scanned the eastern ground as I walked through the bushes. It took at least half an hour or more to find a single *Caladenia carnea* (white). "If there is a *Caladenia*, there must be more!" I thought to myself. I kept on walking further, but more to the left. Eventually, I discovered a small group of *Caladenia carnea* (pink), (known as Pink Fingers orchid) blooming in native mulch under filtered light and the protection of tall gum and native trees.

Next, I ventured off to explore the west side of the nursery, which is more open and has a lot of wild grass growing. There were no terrestrial orchids to be found on the western bushland.

On my way back to the nursery, I met an elderly lady, Gail,

who asked if I had found any more orchids. I showed her my photos and asked if she would like to explore the front entrance to see the *Diuris sulphurea* and search for other terrestrial orchids as well. She and her husband joined me at the entrance. We thoroughly searched the area, and *Diuris sulphurea* are in abundance. However, Gail's husband found a *Caladenia carnea* (white) growing out of a small bush. As we headed back to our cars, I noticed a *Caladenia carnea* (pink) also growing out of a small bush. I discovered that *Caladenia carnea* can grow amongst *Diuris sulphurea* with the protection of small bushes from nature elements of strong wind and scorching sunlight.

It was an unexpected orchid journey because I didn't plan to search for native orchids. If I had known the property has terrestrial orchids in bloom, I would have bought my digital camera with me to take better photos.

I will definitely be bringing my digital camera with me wherever I travel from now on. You never know what I might discover on my adventures, whether it is a short or a long journey.

Thanh Mai

* Binnaway is a small town located on the Castlereagh River in central western New South Wales near the larger centre of Coonabarabran.

First photo taken at the first entrance gate.
In the dense bushland.

Photos taken at the first entrance gate with the elderly couple.

Caladenia carnea growing in a small bush.



ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - September 2025

1. Dockrillia species

1 st	<i>Dockrillia pugioniformis</i>	Chris Murray
2 nd	<i>Dockrillia striolata</i>	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Dockrillia mortii</i> 'Large Green'	David Hemmings

2. Dendrobium species

1 st	<i>Den. speciosum</i> var <i>grandiflorum</i> 'Creek Aureum'	Ian Tanner
	x 'Beranghi Gold'	
2 nd	<i>Den. Speciosum</i> var <i>grandiflorum</i> 'Rita'	David Hemmings

3rd Nil

3. Sarcanthinae species

1 st	<i>Sarcochilus olivaceus</i>	Guy Cantor
2 nd	<i>Sarcochilus falcatus</i>	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Sarcochilus borealis</i>	Erik Lielkajis

4. Bulbophyllum species

1 st	<i>Bulbophyllum shepherdii</i>	Mark Asbury
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

5. Miscellaneous species

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

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

1 st	<i>Den. Dingadee</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Den. Australian Sheenamere</i>	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Den. Australian Artist</i>	David Hemmings

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1st Nil
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

1 st	<i>Doc. Fairy Castles</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Doc. striolata</i> x <i>racemosa</i> x <i>linguiformis</i>	P & J D'olier
3 rd	Nil	

9. Australasian species

1 st	<i>Dendrobium forbesii</i>	Guy Cantor
2 nd	<i>Dendrobium mohlianum</i>	Guy Cantor
3 rd	Nil	

10. Australasian Hybrids

1 st	<i>Doc. (tenuissimum</i> x <i>striolata)</i> x (<i>fuliginosa</i> x <i>striolata)</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Den. Red Dame</i> x <i>canaliculatum</i>	P & J D'Olier
3 rd	<i>Den. Silver Wings</i>	Ela Kielich

11. Novice & Junior

1st Nil
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

12. Pterostylis species

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

13. Other terrestrials

1st Nil
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

14. Terrestrial hybrids

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

15. Best specimen

1 st	<i>Dendrobium falcorostrum</i> 'Beechtree Snow' x 'Anembo'	David Hemmings
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16. Best First Flowering seedling

1 st	<i>Doc. (Aussie Phil</i> x <i>teretifolium)</i> x <i>Aust Ginger</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Den. Dingadee</i> x <i>speciosum</i>	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Den. Brimbank Gold</i> x <i>Lochiel</i>	David Hemmings



Coming Events

October

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



In My Bushhouse

As I write this, we are into October the shows, apart from the *Sarcochilus*, are done and dusted and I have a full blown repot on my hands as I haven't touched a lot of my *Dendrobium speciosum* and *Den kingianum* for over 3 years.

So, this year as I'm older and slower I am attacking them systematically with nearly all of the *Den speciosum* removed from the bushhouse and dividing and repotting where necessary. Plenty of Tricleanium® in my bucket to sterilize the scissors and new pots and hangers.

With the warmer weather I get up earlier, I'm either woken by my wife or the cat, both want something to eat and drink, and clean up after them☺. No rest for the wicked.

Anyway, time to get into the plants as each of them gets broken up or potted on I apply a 9-month slow-release fertilizer to each. I've graduated from stakes for the newly divided plant to hangers which in my mind support the plant better until the new roots appear.

My mix has changed a little over the years, nothing dramatic but here it is 3 parts Orchia 12-18 bark, 2 parts Orchia 9-12, 2 parts 10mm Charcoal, 1 part Canna Aqua Expanded clay balls 8-16. Just beware that there are some not so good clay balls, and I know that some growers use scoria, but this can be inconsistent as well.

I'm also adding some Osmocote Pro Low P Special Native 8 - 9 months to finish off the repot as this will gently feed plants as they get watered. Some growers I know this is all they use. I will add some Peters Finisher once a week with a weak seaweed solution and for the first week in October, November, and December some Auxinone to really get the roots moving.

I just took a walk through the bushhouse to give the plants another mist as it's been warm today and although the temperature has dropped it's still in the high 20's. I just had a waft of delightful perfume first from *Dockrillia schoenina* and then as I passed *Dockrillia pugioniformis*, also flowering at the moment, I have *Dockrillia calamiformis*, *Dockrillia striolata*, *Dockrillia mortii* as well. *Sarcochilus eriochilus*, *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii* not far behind. *Bulbophyllum wadsworthii* is putting out some flowers as well as a couple of *Dockrillia linguiformis*.

I've just repotted some *Cymbidium madidum* seedlings, well they were a couple of years ago in 100 mm pots now into 170 mm pots and 2 had 3 and 4 spikes. Looking forward to these.

So this is it for me for the next couple of months at least potting watering and fertilizing. Also starting in October once a month spray the plants with Mancozeb If it becomes too humid I'll also use Bravo, or similar, to combat any other fungal infections.

Well that's it for me for the moment. Keep cool.
Bill Dobson



Den. Dingadee David Hemmings



Sarcochilus olivaceous Guy Cantor



Den. Australian Artist David Hemmings



Dockrillia calamiformis Bill Dobson

A visit to North Head Sydney

I have been going to North Head, Sydney regularly over the last few months and discovered that apart from the lovely birds Butcher Bird, Yellow Tail Black Cockatoo, Wrens and others there are other significant fauna and flora. Such as Echidnas, Carpet and Diamond back Pythons, native bees and orchids. Recent finds have been *Caleanor major*, *Thelymitya* sp, *Erythrorchis cassythoides*, *Calochilus campestris*, *Diuris sulphurea*, and *Microtis uniflora*. The wildflowers themselves are wonderful and the Flannel Flowers this year seem to be bigger than normal.



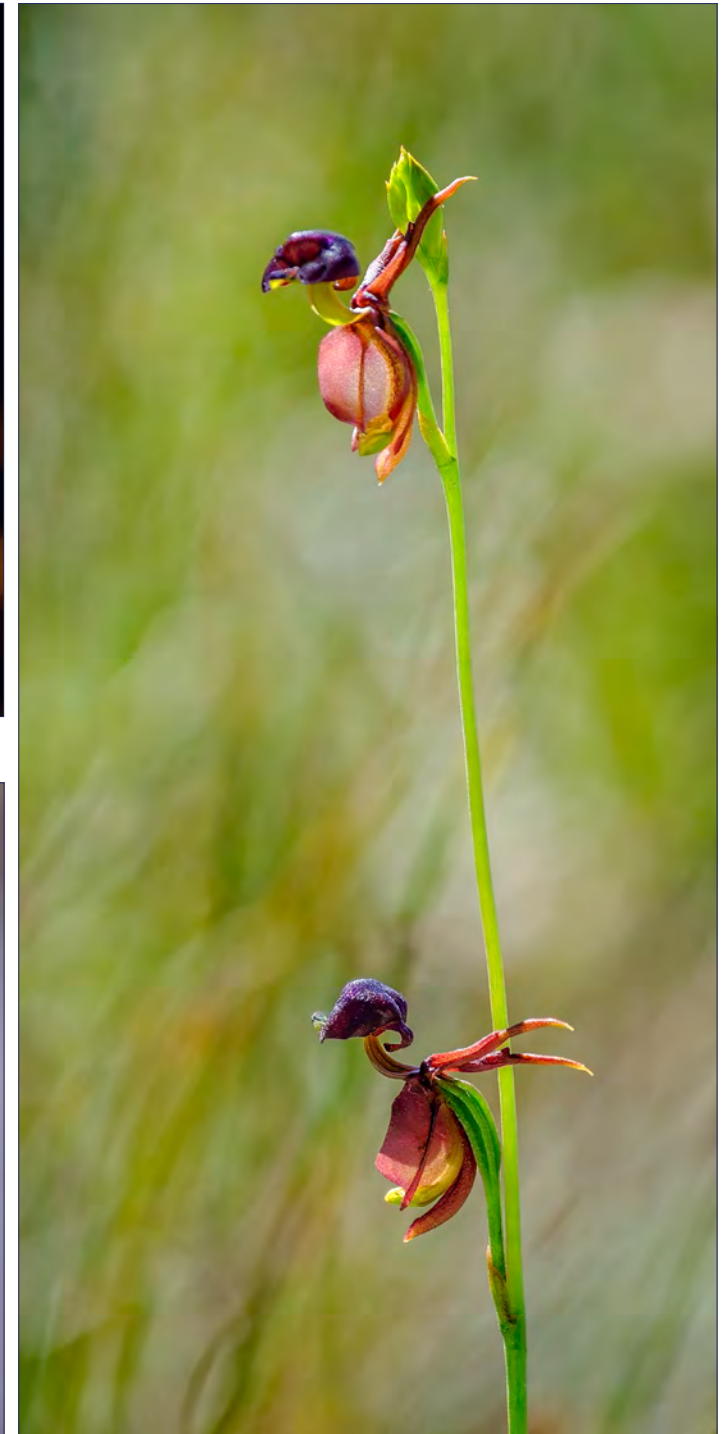
Microtis uniflora



Calochilus campestris



Microtis uniflora



Caladenia major





Erythrorchis cassythoides



Diuris sulphurea



Echidna



Flannel Flower



Carpet Snake



Green Woodcutter Bee





Dendrobium mohlianum Guy Cantor



Den. Red Dame x canaliculatum P & J D'Olier



Pterostylis baptistii R. G. Blaxland



Dendrobium Silver Wings Ela Kielich



Pterostylis Nodding Grace R. G. Blaxland



Dendrobium falcorostrum 'Beechtree Snow' x 'Anembo' David Hemmings



Dendrobium forbesii Guy Cantor



Den. Dingadee x speciosum David Hemming



Taenophyllum mohlianum Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium falcorostrum 'Beechtree Snow' x 'Anembo' David Hemmings



Doc. (Aussie Phil x teretifolium) x Aust Ginger David Hemmings



Den. Brimbank Gold x Lochiel David Hemmings

Mick's Ramble

Tuesday 13th October, what a great morning. Nice blue sky gentle breeze and I'm off for a walk to the beach and rock pool.

When I got back from my walk and while I was having some brekkie, I decided that today was too good to waste. Bugger the dishes and the washing and ironing I'm off.

I decided to go where some of my early interest in terrestrial orchids began, mainly *Diuris aurea*.

I grabbed my cap, phone and car keys and I'm gone. After a short drive to the sandstone ridges above Narrabeen and Elanora I arrived at a spot that I remember that they lived. It had changed or was it my memory. Anyway, after a short walk I found some *Diuris* that had finished flowering. A bit disappointed, I thought that I had missed the flowering.

A short walk further on and to my relief there they were. Scattered but about a dozen in flower. Not good for a group photo but thrilled to see that they were still there after all these years. Believe me it was such a tonic.

I really had a wonderful morning. All about thirty minutes from home. Now for the downside, the dishes the washing and the ironing.

Regards Mick Korzenowski.



Bush Walking with Chris Murray

I thought that you may like to see some photos from my bushwalking exploits over the past couple of months. As September and October are busy times of year in the orchid world, I had a lot of ground to cover. All up, my travels involved a long weekend bushwalking around Wauchope with my parents, collecting 4 ticks and maybe 15 leeches, around 1500km of driving and getting my car bogged in the middle of a national park down a lonely side trail with no phone coverage (I had to walk out and knock on the door of the first house I came to and ask for help).

Here is a selection of my sightings:

- *Dendrobium speciosum* - Ku-ring-gai- both white and yellow flowering ones growing side by side.
- *Caladenia hillmanii*
- *Pyrorchis nigricans*
- *Diuris arenaria*
- *Dendrobium tetragonum*
- *Dendrobium kingianum*
- *Dendrobium falcorostrum*
- *Sarcochilus olivaceous*
- A farm tree. In the high country it is worthwhile paying attention to some of the trees growing in the paddocks as the occasional one might be full of orchids! I'm not sure whether you will be able to see it from the image, but this one had lots of *D. speciosums*, *D. gracilicaule* and *D. schoenina*.

Regards

Chris











