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April 2026

Dendrobium malbrownii Erik Lielkajis

Dendrobium Pink Ballarina 'Macquarie' Ela Kielich

Sarcochilius hirticalcar Trish Peterson

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 21st April

Ian Chalmers
High Altitude PNG Dendrobiums

Monthly Meeting of the ANOS Warringah Group
Held on Tuesday 17th March 2026

The March meeting was held at the Senior Citizens' Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 17th March 2026.
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, Judith Barry, Jane D'Olier, Peter D'Olier, Bryanna Whitaker, Lynn Dabbs
Apologies: Cary Polis, James Litten
Business Arising:

- New Terrestrial Book – flyer to be circulated to all members
- Peter D'Olier – survey of AOC membership re magazine format
- Ian Tanner – advice from Ian who is unwell and unable to attend meetings.

Mick's Rambles:
Mick spoke about two popular complex hybrid orchids and provided background information about them:
Dendrobium Berry = *Den*. *kingianum* x Rosy Tips (*Den*. *canaliculatum* x *Den*. *bigibbum*) *Den. kingianum* (50%) + *Den. canaliculatum* (25%) + *Den. bigibbum* (25%)
Dendrobium Jonathan's Glory = *Den. kingianum* 46.9%, *tetragonum* 12.5%, *bigibbum* 12.5%; *falcorostrum* 12.5%
Mick mentioned that Neil Finch invented and trademarked the word Tropicool for these Hot/Cold crosses.
Mick also spoke about the dreaded Dendrobium beetle and circulated a plant which had beetle larvae in the plant.
Judges Report: John McAuley
Plant of Evening: *Dendrobium* Engagement – (*Den. engae x Den. shiraishii)* Grower: Li Shan
Other Plants of Interest:

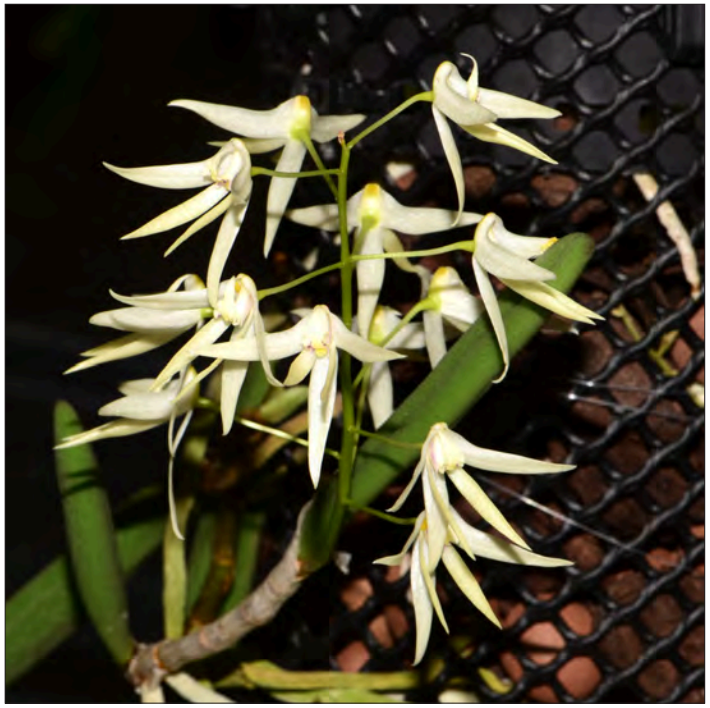
- *Bulbophyllum macranthum* - Peter & Jane D'Olier
- *Dendrobium monophyllum* – Lynn Dabbs
- *Dendrobium bigibbum superbum* - Ela Kielich

Guest Speaker:
After supper, Bill Dobson gave an excellent presentation on some of his favourite *Sarcochilus* species. He illustrated his talk with photographs and information on location and cultural requirements.
Lucky Door & Raffle
The lucky door and raffle prizes were drawn.
Meeting Closed at around 10pm.

In closing the meeting, Bill thanked members for bringing their plants – with numerous orchids on the bench - and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Dendrobium woodsii Guy Cantor

"I Think you may find this is a hybrid, colour and shape are all wrong. Maybe a hybrid with finisterae?
Not the true species as I know it"..... David Banks



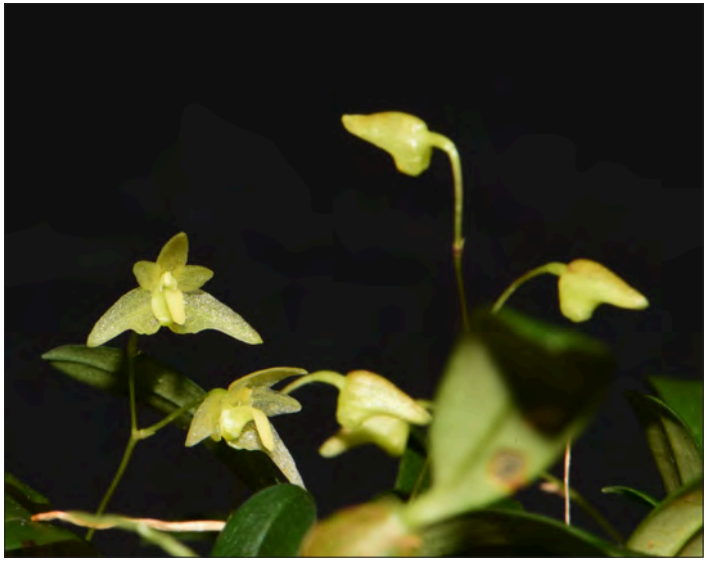
Dendrobium lichenastrum David Hemmings

Dendrobium bigibbum - Northern form Ela Kielich

Dendrobium monophyllum David Hemmings

Dendrobium prenticei David Hemmings

Dendrobium Jayden Li Shan



Bulbophyllum exiguum Mark asbury

Phreatia bailiana Erik Lielkajis

Dendrobium Wasyl David Hemmings

Oberonia palmicola Erik Lielkajis

Oberonia palmicola Erik Lielkajis

Cadetia taylori Erik Lielkajis

Bulbophyllum bowketiae David Hemmings

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - March 2026

1. Dockrillia species

1st *Dendrobium lichenastrum* David Hemmings
2nd *Dendrobium prenticei* David Hemmings
3rd Nil

2. Dendrobium species

1st *Den. bigibbum* - northern form *superbum* Ela Kielich
2nd *Den. monophyllum* 'Micks Orange' David Hemmings
3rd Nil

3. Sarcanthinae species

1st *Sarcochilus hirticalcar* Trish Peterson
2nd *Sarcochilus hirticalcar* Erik Lielkajis
3rd Nil

4. Bulbophyllum species

1st *Bulbophyllum exiguum* Mark Asbury
2nd *Bulbophyllum bowkettiae* David Hemmings
3rd Nil

5. Miscellaneous species

1st *Oberonia palmicola* Erik Lielkajis
2nd *Phreatia baileyana* Erik Lielkajis
3rd Nil

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

1st *Den.* Red Ballerina 'Macquarie' Ela Kielich
2nd *Den.* Jayden Li Shan
3rd *Den.* Wasyl David Hemmings

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1st Nil Peristerchilus Cherub Clover Bradley
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

1st *Dockrillia* Grimesii Guy Cantor
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

9. Australasian species

1st *Bulbophyllum macranthum* P & J D'Olier
2nd *Dendrobium woodsii* Guy Cantor
3rd *Dendrobium bracteosum* P & J D'Olier

10. Australasian Hybrids

1st *Den. engae x shiraishii* Li Shan
2nd *Den.* Silver King Ela Kielich
3rd *Den.* Special Twist P & J D'Olier

11. Novice & Junior

1st *Dendrobium monophyllum* Lynn Dabbs
2nd *Dendrobium bigibbum* x unknown Lynn Dabbs
3rd Nil

12. Pterostylis species

1st *Pterostylis laxa* R G Blaxland
2nd *Pterostylis laxa* R G Blaxland
3rd Nil

13. Other terrestrials

1st Nil
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

14. Terrestrial hybrids

1st Nil
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

15. Best specimen

1st *Dendrobium monophyllum* 'Huffs Tree' David Hemmings
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

16. Best First Flowering seedling

1st Nil
2nd Nil
3rd Nil

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2026 Diary

April
9th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
12th MWOS Auction, Cromer Community Centre
18th -19th NOS CC Bigibbum Show
Narara Valley Nursery
21st ANOS Warringah Group Meeting

May
14th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
15th -17th Orchids Out West
19th ANOS Warringah Group Meeting

June
11th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
16th ANOS Warringah Group Meeting
26th -28th Mingara Orchid Club Fair and Show
Mingara Recreation Club

July
9th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
21st ANOS Warringah Group AGM
25th ANOS Sydney Anual AUCTION - don't miss this.

August
13th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
7th -9th National Orchid Extravaganza
The Arena Sports Club
140 Rookwood Road
14 – 15 - 16th St Ives Orchid Fair - The Big One.
18th ANOS Warringah Group Meeting

September
5th & 6th ANOS Sydney Group Spring Show
North Rocks Shopping Centre
10th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
12th -13th ANOS Warringah Show Memorial Hall
Starkey Street, Forestville
15th ANOS Warringah Group Meeting – Members Show
18th – 20th Orchids Central @ Condell Park

October
8th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
10th -11th ANOS CC Sarcochilus Show
Narara Valley Nursery
17th -18th ANOS Sydney Group Sarcanthinae Show,
North Rocks Shopping Centre
20th ANOS Warringah Group Meeting - Sarcochilus Show

November
ANOS Sydney Late Spring Show Winston Hills Mall
Date to be announced.
12th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
17th ANOS Warringah Group Meeting

December
10th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
15th ANOS Warringah Group Christmas Meeting and
Annual Presentation

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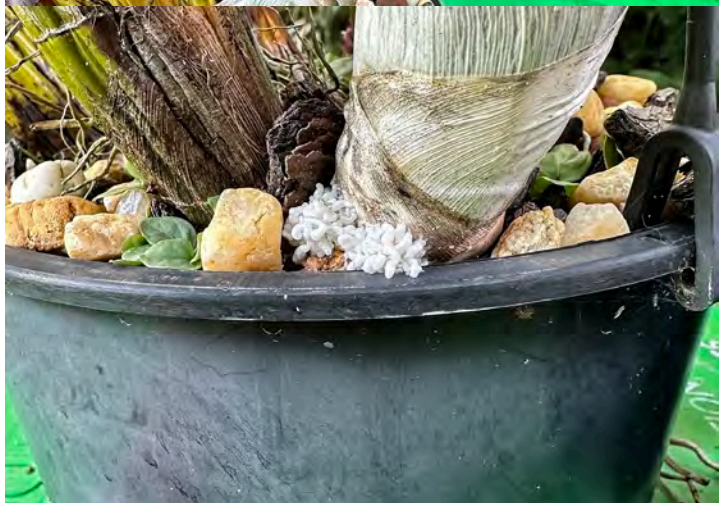

In My Bushhouse

When I was in the bushhouse the other day I was showing a couple of plants to Cary, when I noticed a fresh chomp out of a new growth on one of my Dendrobiums. A night marauder was at work. They are hard to find during the day so I decided to go out after dark, which is the best time when they decide it time for their dinner. 2 nights in a row I have gone out first night the result was 3 captures, next night 1 as per photo above. Look at those feelers.

Use a bright flashlight and shine in their eyes and they won't see your coming from behind as your hand encircles the leaf or stem.

This one was on a new growth of a *Dendrobium adae*.

In My Bushhouse (continued).

I missed the Dendrobium speciosum by only a few days and the result was messy. Dendrobium beetle chewed off the leaves laid some cocoons, and new beetles were ready to hatch. See pics page 5. I was due to respray but obviously not soon enough. Not too much damage but you must be on top of these pests.

Sarcochilus are moving well now, so if you were going to repot now it would be the time with the roots growing so well they would jump into new bark. Add some blood and bone and they will respond. *Sarcochilus* should be sending out their 'spikes' now so feeding them is important as is watering.

If you have *Sarcochilus falcatus* for example, they should have their little stubby spikes initiated by now but will not burst into flower until late spring, September-October. It should come as no surprise that this is one of my favorite orchids. They grow from below the Victorian border all the way up the Great Dividing Range to just short of Cooktown. The interesting thing is there are some large gaps between and the further north you get the earlier the flowering. So, some of the plants from the Windsor and Atherton Tablelands flower as early as mid-July and even if they are brought down to Sydney the flowering time remains the same.

A lot of the *Dendrobium* growths are about to finish their growth spurt and will be hardening off, so look after them with water and fertilizing. This is essential for flowers this year and next. With the hot weather still here I have caught a couple more grasshoppers, so keep an eye out as they will chomp on new growths. The best time I have found is to go out after dark with a bright torch and you can see their feelers. The light will temporally blind them and then you can grab them.

Aphids are around so you must be out and looking at your new growths as these can suck the life out of them. I use Pirimor which was made especially as an aphicide, but you can use Eco Oil which will smother them. Keep the bushhouse clean, pick-up and dispose of old leaves and make sure you have plenty of room around plants that should flower this spring as you don't want to be moving them about later.

Dendrobium prenticei, *Cadetia taylori*, *Bulbophyllum schillerianum*, are in flower, *Oberonia palmicola* are coming into flower with their delicate tresses. These plants are harder than they look but do come from cloud forests or wet forested areas, so keep misted on the hot days.

Finally, I thought that I had missed *Dockrillia bowmanii* as they usually flower a couple of times a year for me but usually February - March however, I have 5 plants of this lovely orchid and they have all decided to flower at the same time. Lovely combination of Granny Smith Apple green and crystalline white labellum. Love this species.

Good growing. Bill Dobson

Pterostylis laxa R. G. Blaxland

Prschs. Cherub Clover Bradley

Dendrobium Silver King Ela Kielich

Dendrobium Engagement Li Shan

BUSHWALKS & BBQ'S

Date: Saturday, 9th May 2026

Venue: Boarding House Dam, Watagan State Forest

Time: Meet Sam McDonalds @ Ourimbah Street Morisset

Car pool or catch a train we can pick you up.

Sausage sandwiches, soft drinks, tea and coffee provided. Please bring hot water & snacks.

Getting there and parking

Boarding House Dam picnic area is in the Boarding House Dam precinct of Watagans National Park. To get there:

- Take Cessnock (Freemans Waterhole) exit off the F3
- Turn right into Freemans Drive then right onto Mount Faulk Road (unsealed after 3kms)
- Turn left into Watagan Forest Drive
- Turn right into Boarding House Dam Road
- The picnic area is at the end of the road

SPRING: Steve has planned another day when the orchids are in bloom.
The Rock Lily Walking Track
Olney State Forest

Road quality

Check the weather before you set out, as the road to Boarding House Dam can become slippery when it rains. Prolonged wet weather may cause temporary road closures.

- Unsealed roads

Vehicle access

- 2WD vehicles (no long vehicle access)

Weather restrictions

- 4WD required in wet weather

Parking

Limited parking is available on Boarding House Dam Road. It can be a busy place on the weekend, so parking might be limited.

St Ives Orchid Fair

'The Big One'

ST IVES SHOWGROUND, Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 14th August 2026 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 15th August 2026 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 16th August 2026 9 am to 3 pm

ADMISSION $10

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Dendrobium bigibbum Lyn Dabbs

Dendrobium Special Twist P & J D'Olier

Dendrobium monophyllum 'Huff's Tree' David Hemmings

Dockrillia bowmanii