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June 2026



Schoenorchis micrantha Erik Lielkajis



Cadetia wariana Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium bigibbum Ela Kielich

Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th June

Bill Dobson
Orchids, Bees and Birds of the
Northern Beaches

Minutes of the May Meeting 2026

In My Bushhouse

Corybas aconitiflorus

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday 21 April 2026
The meeting was opened at 8pm .by Bill Dobson

Guest Speaker Ian Charlmers about 2025 and 2026 World native orchid conferences.

Committee Members Present: Bill Dobson, James Litten, Ella Kielich, Judith Barry, Bryanna Whitaker, Lynn Dabbs.

Apologies: John McCauley, Peter G-S, Mick Korzenowski, Cary Polis, Sandra Rogers, Li Shan, Tony Agrilla, Ted Shaw

Matters arising: None

Correspondence: ATO non-profit, Commonwealth Bank cheque account and Merchant tax invoice to Treasurer Elle.
Emails to Bill Dobson

General Business:

Judges Report: by Erik Lielkajis

Plant of the Evening:

Dockrillia rigida by David Hemmings

10 years, daily watered, comes inside during winter cool.

In closing the meeting, Bill thanked everyone for their participation and wished all a safe journey home.

The Meeting closed at 10pm.

Friday morning and it's 15 degrees outside it feels like 8 Brrr. The forecast is cloudy but no rain and for me I think we've had enough. Still the plants look healthy and more buds are starting to show, slowly. We had a big flush of flowers on our *Bulbophyllum schillerianum* and probably some more to come. I like this species as there are a couple of flushes a year of those deep orange flowers with typical dark blood red hinged labellum.

Over the last few years, I have been growing more pieces of the *Dendrobium tetragonum* complex, in particular *Dendrobium tetragonum* var. *cacatua* and *Dendrobium tetragonum* var. *giganteum* (*capitisyork*) and experimented with different growing media including hard treefern, mesh pots, ordinary pots, and small waterwell.

Both style of pots, normal and mesh seem to retain moisture, which is necessary when new growths form, indeed it is imperative that moisture be maintained as the growth proceeds to get a full thick cane. If you can provide this, then this species is very easy to grow and flower. Once again, you can get a couple of flowerings a year and there are some amazing

colours. I'm sure if you look around there have been some seedlings at nurseries available. I particularly like *Dendrobium tetragonum* var. *cacatua* as the apple green petals and sepals contrast beautifully with the pure white labellum.

We are watering once a week at the moment and continue to fertilize, although we missed all of a week as we were on a small much needed 'Road Trip'. We visited Port Macquarie and Crescent Heads and saw some amazing birds, and animals including a fine example of a dingo on the North Beach, and we tasted some great food.

I have a *Dendrobium capitisyork* in flower now, *Dendrobium prenticei* and a hybrid *Dockrillia*.

Good Growing Bill Dobson

Corybas aconitiflorus, or spurred helmet orchid, is a terrestrial orchid endemic to eastern Australia, occurring from south-east Queensland to Tasmania. The small flowers have a hooded appearance as the uppermost sepal hides most of the rest of the flower. It is the type species of the genus *Corybas*.

Description

Corybas aconitiflorus grows from a pair of small tubers, to which it dies down in the dormant season. The stems are short and upright, with generally a single flat, smooth, basal leaf. The leaf is dark green on the upper surface, purplish below, egg-shaped to heart-shaped, 15–35 mm long and 10–30 mm wide. The single greyish to reddish purple flower leans forward and is 25–30 mm long and 10–12 mm wide. The hooded dorsal sepal is 22–30 mm long, 10–12 mm wide and covers and hides most of the rest of the flower. The labellum is much smaller than the petals and lateral sepals and is undivided, with its margins turned inwards. The flower is pollinated by fungus gnats but otherwise little is known about the pollination mechanism because the flower is hidden by the dorsal sepal and the species is difficult to cultivate.

Taxonomy

Corybas aconitiflorus was first formally described by Richard Salisbury in *The Paradisus Londinensis* in 1807, where it was illustrated by William Hooker. This was also the source of the genus name *Corybas*. Both the genus name and the specific epithet refer to the shape of the flower. *Corybas* (Greek: Κορύβας) is a figure in Greek mythology known as the leader of the Korybantes (the frenzied, helmeted dancing priests of the goddess Cybele. The specific epithet *aconitiflorus* means "with a flower like *Aconitum* (monkshood)". In 2002, David Jones, Mark Clements and others proposed splitting *Corybas* into eight smaller groups, however, because *Corybas aconitiflorus* is the type species of the genus, it will remain in *Corybas*.

Distribution and habitat

Corybas aconitiflorus, grows in heath and forest, mostly in coastal and near coastal districts. It occurs in Queensland south from Gympie, in eastern New South Wales and in south-eastern Victoria with isolated populations in the west of the state. It also occurs in the north and east of Tasmania.

... source Wikipedia



Brookvale Waterfall Bill Dobson



Corybas aconitiflorus Bill Dobson



Rainforest Walk

An interesting morning this week for me, I wanted to photograph a few terrestrial orchids and then go chasing some birds. I put my XF-500 on my Fuji X-H2s and took my iPhone. However, when I arrived at the beautiful remnant rainforest I realised my mistake, or so I thought. The orchids *Corybas aconitiflorus* (helmet orchid) is tiny about 1 to 1.5 cm across and right on the ground. I tried some with my iPhone sadly not good. So I thought what the hell I'll try the 500 mm so backed up 5 metres down the track and knelt down and wow it worked. Also managed to get a photo of *Pterostylis nutans* (nodding greenhood). The waterfall was on the iPhone.



Pterostylis nudosa Bill Dobson

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - May 2026

1. Dockrillia species

1 st Dockrillia rigida	Cary Polis
2 nd Dockrillia bowmanii	David Hemmings
3 rd Dendrobium prenticei	David Hemmings

2. Dendrobium species

1 st Dendrobium monophyllum	David Hemmings
2 nd Dendrobium bigibbum	Ela Kielich
3 rd Dendrobium canaliculatum var canaliculatum	Erik Lielkajis

3. Sarcanthinae species

1 st Schoenorchis micrantha	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

4. Bulbophyllum species

1 st Bulbophyllum exiguum	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd Bulbophyllum schillerianum	Erik Lielkajis
3 rd Bulbophyllum macphersonii	David Hemmings

5. Miscellaneous species

1 st Oberonia sp	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd Oberonia sp	Erik Lielkajis
3 rd Cadetia wariana	Erik Lielkajis

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

1 st Dendrobium Candy Mornington	Ela Kielich
2 nd Dendrobium Warringah	I & I Chalmers
3 rd Dendrobium Johnathans Glory 'Dark Joy'	David Hemmings

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1 st Nil
2 nd Nil
3 rd Nil

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

1 st Dockrillia Limestone	David Hemmings
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

9. Australasian species

1 st Nil
2 nd Nil
3 rd Nil

10. Australasian Hybrids

1 st Dockrillia Tweetas 'Red Lip' x (Grey Ghost x Hot Coals)	David Hemmings
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

11. Novice & Junior

1 st Dendrobium bigibbum	Lynn Dabbs
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

12. Pterostylis species

1 st Pterostylis hamiltonii	R G Blaxland
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

13. Other terrestrials

1 st Corybas sp.	I & I Chalmers
2 nd Corybas sp.	I & I Chalmers
3 rd Nil	

14. Terrestrial hybrids

1 st Pterostylis x ralphcranei	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 Dendrobium Munroe 'Marilyn' x Cosmic Gold 'Sandy'	David Hemmings
2 nd Dockrillia Wambow	David Hemmings
3 rd Nil	

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Diary of Events 2026

June

16th ANOS Warringah Group Meeting
 19th 21st MWOS Winter Show - Belrose Home Centre
 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 Annual AUCTION - don't miss this.

August

7th - 9th MWOS Orchids by the Sea - Belrose Home Centre
 7th -9th National Orchid Extravaganza
 The Arena Sports Club
 140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona
 13th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
14 - 15 - 16th St Ives Orchid Fair - The Big One.

18th ANOS Warringah Group Meeting
 29th & 30th ANOS Sydney Group Spring Show
 North Rocks Shopping Centre

September

10th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
**12th -13th ANOS Warringah Show Memorial Hall
 Starkey Street, Forestville**

15th ANOS Warringah Group Meeting – Members Show
 7th - 9th MWOS Spring Show - Belrose Home Centre
 18th – 20th Orchids Central @ Condell Park

October

8th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
 10th -11th ANOS CC Sarcocochilus Show
 Narara Valley Nursery
 20th ANOS Warringah Group Meeting - Sarcocochilus Show

November

7th 8th ANOS Sydney Late Spring Show Winston Hills Mall
 8th MWOS Spring Auction
 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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Corybas sp. I & I Chalmers

Vale: Ian Tanner

Some background about Ian,

- He was born in 1943, so was 83 when he passed away.
- He grew up in Mosman, attended Knox Grammar School, later moving to Chatswood where he spent the last 48 years.
- He trained as an accountant, and spent the majority of his career as a Life Insurer Agent, selling policies for AMP, MLC and others.
- He also worked as an accountant for multiple resources companies, causing him to travel all over the country to mining sites.
- He was active in the community, being a longstanding member of St Paul's Church, Chatswood. In his younger years he was a regular member at the Chatswood West Bowling Club, being the secretary for a period of time.
- He was also active in the Chatswood West Ward Progress Association and the Colong Wilderness Foundation, spending much time camping in and around the Gardens of Stone National Park.
- He was also an avid skier in his young years, traveling to Europe on many occasions.
- He never married, and is survived by his younger sister, younger brother and 2 nephews.

There is a memorial service St Paul's, Chatswood 10am on Tuesday 23rd June.

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Dockrillia rigida Cary Polis



Oberonia sp. Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium Candy Mornington Ela Kielich



Dendrobium Warringah I & I Chalmers

Annual General Meeting

Next month is our AGM and we need new members to serve on our committee to keep the Group strong. This is not an onerous job and we probably spend less time on committee meeting than any other Society or Group I have belonged to in over 40 yrs. So please consider contributing to your Group.

I wish to nominate the following member for a position on the Committee of ANOS Warringah Group Inc.

I wish to nominate

For the position of

Seconded by

Signature of nominee

Signature of nominator

Signature of seconder

Date

Nominations must be lodged with the Secretary prior to the AGM

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES and AGM
July 2025 Minutes of the monthly meeting
held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street
Forestville on 15 July 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
Bill Dobson handed meeting over to Mick Korzenowski to act as returning officer for AGM

Annual General Meeting ANOS Warringah group 2025
Mick Korzenowski as returning officer declared all committee positions vacant

The following nominations were elected:
Bill Dobson (President)
Trish Peterson (Vice President)
James Litten (Secretary)
Ella Kielich (Treasurer)
Judith Barry (Librarian)
Cary Polis
Jane D'Oiler
Peter D'Oiler
Bryanna Whitaker
Presidents report by Bill Dobson given.
Financial Report was tabled by Ella Kielich (Treasurer)
2024 AGM was earlier circulated and accepted at AGM.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES July 2025
Bill Dobson opened the Members Meeting.
Mick Korzenowski
Blacktown Tablelands slide and spoken presentation. In Blacktown Tablelands National Park 600m above the plain. 175 Km west of Rocky, 4wd a must. Emerald close by is the place to stay. Rainbow falls the only running water on tableland.



Dendrobium monophyllum David Hemmings



Dendrobium Johnathon's Glory 'Dark Joy' David Hemmings



**Australasian Native Orchid Society
Sydney Group
NATIVE ORCHID AUCTION 2026**

**Saturday 25th July 2026 starting 10:00am
Plants can be viewed from 9:00am
at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground**



Don't miss your opportunity to buy some rarely offered Australian and Australasian orchid species and hybrids.

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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**

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