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May 2026



Bulbophyllum lilianae Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium prenticei L & B Dobson



Dendrobium bigibbum - Northern Form Ela Kielich

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 21st April

Graeme Bradburn
Outback Journey in NSW



Dendrobium monophyllum David Hemmings



Dendrobium monophyllum 'Huff's Tree' David Hemmings

In My Bushhouse

The days have finally started to get a bit cooler as we approach May and get into autumn proper. I have cleared all the weeds under the benches, and rearranged pots in preparation for winter. Those that will need a little more sun in winter should be brought out in May and those that require some protection from cold and wet can be moved now.

For *Dendrobium speciosum* I started looking for the beginnings of 'spikes' around Anzac Day although the variety *capricornicum* may come early as in the wild they seem to boom from May onwards, especially in the wild.

Sarcochilus hartmannii, *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii* and their hybrids will appreciate the changes in temperatures, and you can see the leaves start to gloss up and new root tips turn green and emerge. Over the summer months their roots have been moving down through the mix in search of moisture. So, you would only have to keep these plants cool and not over water to keep them active.

Oberonia have now started to send out their inflorescences from their new fans. These will develop over the next 2 months as they slowly open from the end and work backwards towards the base of the inflorescence, quite the reverse of *Sarcochilus*. Wait until these have finished flowering before you can divide them, if you wish although it is better to grow into a large plant. However, these are quite forgiving and even a single fan will eventually grow into a large plant given time.

For the *Dendrobium* species and hybrids when new growths are finished and hard you can stake if they are not growing as you would like. If you do it now and not wait until the 'spikes' and flowers, come the plant will look a lot more presentable on the show bench. You can even do this with *Den. speciosum* pseudobulbs as if they are staked for some months, they will generally remain in this position.

In flower in the bushhouse are *Dockrillia bowmanii*, late this year at least for me. *Cadetia taylori*. *Bulbophyllum macphersonii* plants out in earnest. *Bulbophyllum johnsonii* but these flowers while lovely and delicate last only a day. *Dendrobium prenticei* and *lichenastrum* flowering now.

Weirdly I have two different *Dockrillia calamiformis* that have each sent out a flowering raceme and have now opened up. One is unusual, but the other will often throw flowers throughout the year. I never understood why but appreciate it all the same.

Keep a lookout for aphids and get rid of them quick as they can/will multiply rapidly.

Bill Dobson



ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - April 2026

1. Dockrillia species

1 st <i>Dockrillia rigida</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd <i>Dockrillia bowmanii</i> 'Green Gem' x 'Autumn Tiger'	David Hemmings
3 rd <i>Dockrillia bowmanii</i> 'Green Gem' x 'Autumn Tiger'	David Hemmings

2. Dendrobium species

1 st <i>Dendrobium monophyllum</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd <i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i> - northern form	Ela Kielich
3 rd Nil	

3. Sarcanthinae species

1 st <i>Taeniophyllum lobatum</i>	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

4. Bulbophyllum species

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

5. Miscellaneous species

1 st <i>Liparis swensonii</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd <i>Oberonia</i> sp.	Erik Lielkajis
3 rd <i>Cadetia taylori</i>	Erik Lielkajis

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

1 st <i>Dendrobium</i> Warringah	I & I Chalmers
2 nd <i>Dendrobium</i> Topaz Dream x bigibbum	Mark Asbury
3 rd <i>Dendrobium</i> Warringah	I & I Chalmers

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>Pholidota imbricata</i>	R G Blaxland
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

10. Australasian Hybrids

1 st <i>Dockrillia sultana</i> x <i>tweetie</i> x <i>calamiformis</i>	Ros Mathews
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

11. Novice & Junior

1 st <i>Liparis reflexa</i>	Lynn Dabbs
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

12. Pterostylis species

1 st <i>Pterostylis laxa</i>	R G Blaxland
2 nd <i>Pterostylis ophioglossa</i>	R G Blaxland
3 rd Nil	

13. Other terrestrials

1 st Nil
2 nd Nil
3 rd Nil

14. Terrestrial hybrids

1 st <i>Pterostylis ralphcranei</i>	R G Blaxland
2 nd Nil	
3 rd Nil	

15. Best specimen

1 st <i>Dockrillia bowmanii</i> 'Tree Frog'	David Hemmings
2 nd <i>Dockrillia monophyllum</i> 'Huffs Tree'	David Hemmings
3 rd Nil	

16. Best First Flowering seedling

1 st <i>Dockrillia bowmanii</i> 'Lemon Lime' x 'Adam'	David Hemmings
2 nd <i>Dockrillia bowmanii</i> 'Lemon Lime' x 'Adam'	David Hemmings
3 rd Nil	

Diary of Events 2026

June

11th ANOS Sydney General Meeting
 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 Sarcophilus Show
 Narara Valley Nursery
 20th ANOS Warringah Group Meeting - Sarcophilus 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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Bulbophyllum macphersonii Trish Peterson



Dendrobium Warringah I & I Chalmers



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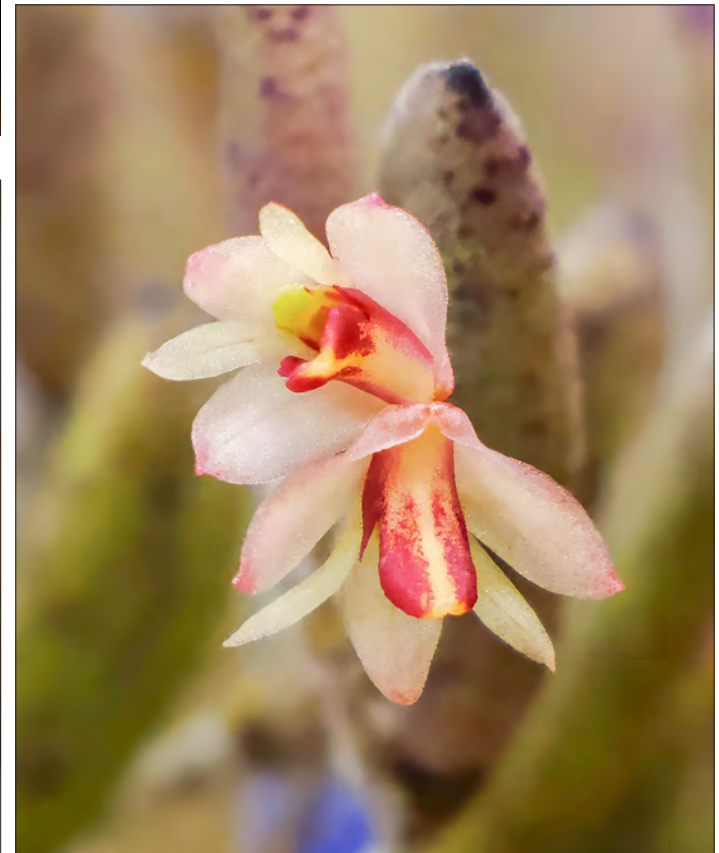
Dockrillia rigida David Hemmings



Dockrillia sultana x *tweetie* x *calamiformis* Ros Mathews



Pterostylis laxa R G Blaxland



Dockrillia rigida David Hemmings



Pterostylis ophioglossa R G Blaxland

Pterostylis ophioglossa, commonly known as the snake-tongue greenhood, is endemic to eastern Australia. It has a rosette of leaves at the base and a single dull green, white and brown flower with a deeply notched labellum.

Pterostylis ophioglossa was first described in 1810 by Robert Brown. The specific epithet (*ophioglossa*) is derived from the ancient Greek words *ophis* meaning “snake” and *glōssa* meaning “tongue”. It grows in sheltered places in forest and scrub in coastal areas between Sydney in New South Wales and Eungella in Queensland.



Cadetia taylori Erik Lielkajis



Dockrillia bowmanii 'Green Gem' x 'Autumn Tiger' David Hemmings

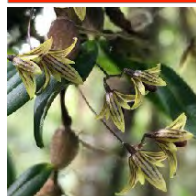
Dockrillia bowmanii

Found in Queensland and New South Wales Australia as a miniature to small sized, epiphytic, cool to hot growing species that is found in dry open areas or on the coastal plains near creeks and mangrove swamps at elevations from sea level to 700 meters. This orchid grows by having new branches emerge from the upper nodes of the previous year's branch carrying a single grooved leaf and the bloom season is from January to May on a short inflorescence that arises from the nodes near the new leaves at or near the apex of the cane and it needs a drier winter rest but should not be allowed to dry out completely.



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

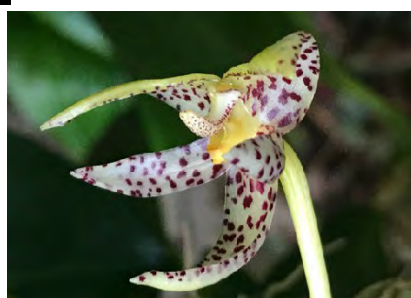
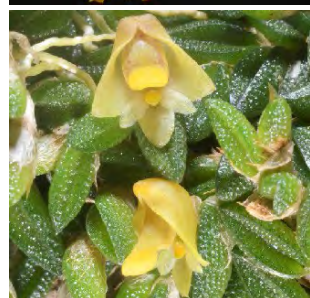
**Saturday 25th July 2026 starting 10:00am
Plants can be viewed from 9:00am
at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground**



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'



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**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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Dockrillia rigida

Dockrillia rigida, according to David Jones, is an epiphyte or lithophyte which forms small clumps with stems about 30 mm thick woody and pendulous to 30 cm long its distribution is from north-east in Queensland top of Cape York Peninsula to the Russell River, (60km south of Cairns), and also in New Guinea. It's a very common species which grows on trees in a variety of humid habitats including mangroves, coastal rainforests, paperback swamps, streambank vegetation and monsoon thickets.

Plants grow on a range of trees which are rough bark or paper bark, and often observed in exposed situations. Flowering occurs in sporadic bursts throughout the year. It is a very distinctive species which is easily recognised by its fleshy unequal leaves and the small racemes of crowded flowers which are cream lodged with red.

It is easy to grow but requires some protection in areas with cold winter climate. Best on a hardwood slab, plants need humidity, air movement, and bright light".

In my own situation in Sydney in a bushhouse with 50% shade cloth and temperatures of 0° to 40° with the occasional day above 45° they survived. However after observing them a few years back in a more heavily shaded area west of Cooktown they were the fattest juiciest I had seen. So on returning home I relocated my plants to the north end of my bushhouse that has 2 layers or 50% shade cloth and they have thrived. Yes they get misted in this area daily in summer and they love it. My plants are on the reverse side of cork that has been roughed up, and best with a thin layer of paperbark between the cork and roots. The paperbark stays wet just enough to have the roots looking for it and then on to adhere to the cork.



Liparis condolybulbon Trish Peterson



Oberonia sp. Trish Peterson