

Monthly Benching Classes for ANOS Warringah Group

1. Dockrillia species

Dendrobium lichenastrum, *D. prenticei*, *D. toressae*,

and the genus ***Dockrillia*** as follows:

D. bowmanii, *D. calamiformis*, *D. cucumerina*, *D. dolichophylla*, *D. fairfaxii*, *D. linguiformis*, *D. mortii*, *D. nugentii*, *D. pugioniformis*, *D. racemosa*, *D. rigida*, *D. schoenina*, *D. striolata*, *D. tenuissimum*, *D. teretifolia*, *D. wassellii*.

2. Dendrobium species

3. Sarcanthinae species

4. Bulbophyllum species

5. Miscellaneous species

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

9. Australasian species

10. Australasian Hybrids

11. Novice & Junior

12. Pterostylis species

13. Other terrestrials

14. Terrestrial hybrids

15. Best specimen

16. Best First Flowering seedling

Benching Rules for ANOS Warringah Group

Open Growers

- A member of ANOS Warringah Group, regardless of when he/she became a member, who is an “Open Member” of any ANOS or AOC affiliated Orchid Society must bench in the open class at the ANOS Warringah Group monthly meetings and shows.

Novice Growers

- A Novice Grower is an orchid grower with limited experience in growing orchids.
- A Novice Member of the ANOS Warringah Group is a Member who has not been elevated to the “Open” class of this Society and is not an “Open Member” of any other ANOS or AOC affiliated Orchid Society, for the purpose of benching orchids at monthly meetings or shows.

Benching Restriction

To bench an orchid/s for points the member must have owned and personally grown an orchid/s for 6 months prior to benching at the ANOS Warringah Group monthly meetings and shows.

Transition from ‘Novice’ to ‘Open’

A Novice Member of ANOS Warringah Group will be elevated to “Open Member” for the purpose of benching orchids at monthly meetings and shows when;

- a) he/she wins a major prize(s) at the ANOS Warringah Group Spring Show and/or St. Ives Orchid Show & Fair and consistently benches quality plants at the monthly meetings to the satisfaction of the Committee, or
- b) he/she wins the annual novice benching points score by a substantial margin and consistently benches quality plants at the monthly meetings to the satisfaction of the Committee, or
- c) he/she is elevated to an “Open Member” in another ANOS or AOC Affiliated Orchid Society for the purpose of benching orchids at monthly meetings or shows.
- d) he/she of their will benches in the open section in any one year.

Benching Competition

Benching points are allocated as below, and count towards prizes at the end of the year.

- 1st = 3 points
- 2nd = 2 points
- 3rd = 1 point

Plus 1 benching point per plant up to a maximum of 2 points

i.e. if you benched 3 plants and received 1st, 2nd, and 3rd the maximum points received in 1 class would be 3+2+1+1+1=8 points