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3rd Tuesday each month at 8:00 pm - Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville. NSW 2087

May 2025

Photos by Jane D'Olier



Dockrillia bowmanni 'Adam' David Hemmings



Dendrobium bigibbum hybrid Ela Kielich



Luisia teretifolia Erik Lielkajis

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20th May

Erik Lielkajis

"Same, Same, But Not The Same"

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on 15th April 2025

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Starkey Street, Forestville on Tuesday, 15th April, 2025

The meeting was opened by President Bill Dobson at 8.00pm

Committee Members in attendance: President Bill Dobson, Treasurer Ela Kielich, Librarian Judith Barry, Jane & Peter D'Olier, Cary Polis, Bryanna Whitaker

Apologies: Trish Peterson, Ted Shaw

Guest Speaker: Steve Dunstan – Culture of New Guinea Dendrobiums

Minutes of previous meeting included in April Bulletin

Correspondence: Nil available

General Business:

- Bill made an appeal for a member to step up and take on the role of secretary. This is not an onerous job, and the society needs someone in this role. So, I urge you again please think about helping your Society.
- Bill said that the St Ives Orchid Fair sales plant ticketing will follow more strict protocols.
- ANOS Warringah has purchased yellow labels that will be available free to members selling at St Ives and our Spring Show. Richard will speak on this further at later meetings.
- Bill encouraged members to borrow from the library, as it is being under-utilised. Please see Judith.
- ANOS Victoria, see April Bulletin, has arranged a deal for David Banks' forthcoming book that is very good price-wise.
- Also, as a member of ANOS Victoria you will have access to their Tuber Bank to obtain tubers of terrestrial orchids.
We would like to see more terrestrial plants on our benches.

Mick's Rambles:

Patron Mick then gave a presentation of happenings in his bushhouse with some examples of *Dendrobium kingianum* from different locations.

Judges Report:

Plant of the evening was an outstanding *Dockrillia bowmanii* 'Adam' grown by David Hemmings, which David had named after a work colleague, Adam Bowman, very appropriate.

Other plants of interest:

Guest Speaker:

After the break our guest speaker Steve Dunstan gave a very thought-provoking talk on two of his passions, *Cymbidium canaliculatum* grown from flask in clear drink cups. Amazing culture here. As well, Steve described how he grows and cares for New Guinea Dendrobiums growing them in Water Well Pots.

(More information later in Bulletin. Ed.)

Raffle? Lucky Door?

In closing the meeting, Bill thanked all for attending and wished all a safe trip home.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm

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In my Bushhouse

Finally, the cooler weather has arrived after an absolute deluge and windy blast. A time to do a check and maintenance of the bushhouse. Replace any fittings that have perished due to UV attack, e.g. cable ties. Make sure that the shade cloth is still good and attached all around and any holes repaired to keep the integrity of the bushhouse.

My rain gauges have filled again in 3 days with some intense rain on Monday as we were at North Head having a sandwich, and coffee we could see the rain approaching from the South-East with a ferocity that was churning up the water. Fortunately, we were in the car and when it hit it continued up the coast and dumped on our greenhouse ☺.

If you are going to repot your *Sarcochilus* it's not too late as the roots are in active growth but be careful. Do not be tempted to shove the potting mix in, just pour it in and continue to tap the sides of the pot to settle it down. Lastly before you put the last layer in add a little amount of slow-release fertilizer and then top up with your preferred mix.

There are some plants of *Den. speciosum* now showing emerging flower 'spikes' so arrange the plant that it gets maximum daylight on this area. If canes that are going to be carrying spikes need to be staked, then this should be done now so the emerging inflorescences will get the right start.

It's too early yet to call what sort of a flowering season this will be, however by June we will know apart from *Den. speciosum* var. *hillii* which are habitually flower later than the other varieties.

At least the seemingly incessant rain from February helped produce some very healthy growth in our plants with many producing multiple new growths. Doesn't it make you think that the increased humidity and water available to the plants helped in this case? Does this mean that we don't water our plants enough, or are there other factors to consider? Because there is more rain there are more clouds, so the plants don't get as much direct sun. If it's raining and there is no sun, then generally the temperatures are lower. So, what is it that triggers a plant to grow. Nature keeping us guessing? Who knows. Indeed, this year all my *Dendrobium speciosum* var. *capricornicum* added multiple growths. Something to ponder over another glass of Red.

Flowering in my bushhouse now is *Oberonia palmicola*, *Dendrobium prenticei*, *Dockrillia rigida*, *Dockrillia calamiformis*, *Bulbophyllum schilleriana*, *Bulbophyllum macphersonii*, *Cadetia taylori*, and *Liparis fleckeri*. All of these are small growing, flowering plants and you don't need a large bushhouse to have these and a few of these will spot flower over 2-3 months and some like *Cadetia taylori* over the whole year. Indeed, grow some of these into specimens and they are absolutely stunning.

Good growing
Bill Dobson

Wanted

ANOS Warringah desperately need a Secretary for this Group.

Would all members give thought to this as the Group will not work effectively without someone in this role.

This is not a demanding job and should not take more than 2 hours of your time once a month. You'll get advance notice of correspondence from other societies and nurseries.

You just take the minutes and type them into word or other and email them to Myself or Trish for printing and distribution.

Committee meetings are easy and are held just prior to our monthly meeting, so you don't even have to go out any other time.



Dockrillia rigida Bill Dobson



Dendrobium monophyllum David Hemmings



Rain Gauge May 2025 Bill Dobson



Dendrobium bigibbum 'Lesley' Cary Polis



Bulbophyllum schillerianum Cary Polis

ANOS Warringah Monthly Benching Results - April 2025

1. Dockrillia species

1 st	<i>Dendrobium bowmanii</i> 'Adam'	David Hemmings
2 nd	<i>Dendrobium bowmanii</i>	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Dendrobium bowmanii</i> 'Tree Frog'	David Hemmings

2. Dendrobium species

1 st	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i> 'Lesley'	Cary Polis
2 nd	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i> var. <i>superbum</i>	Cary Polis
3 rd	<i>Dendrobium monophyllum</i>	David Hemmings

3. Sarcanthinae species

1 st	<i>Luisa teretifolia</i>	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd	<i>Robiquetia gracilistipes</i>	Erik Lielkajis
3 rd	Nil	

4. Bulbophyllum species

1 st	<i>Bulbophyllum schillerianum</i>	Cary Polis
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

5. Miscellaneous species

1 st	<i>Thelasis carinata</i>	Erik Lielkajis
2 nd	<i>Oberonia complanata</i>	David Hemmings
3 rd	<i>Oberonia</i> sp.	Erik Lielkajis

6. Dendrobium Hybrids

1 st	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> hybrid 'white'	Ela kielich
2 nd	<i>Den. Rutherford</i> Starburst 'Tinonee'	Ela kielich
3 rd	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> hybrid 'pink'	Ela kielich

7. Sarcanthinae Hybrids

1 st	Nil
2 nd	Nil
3 rd	Nil

8. Miscellaneous Hybrids

1 st	<i>Doc. Amphion</i> Helios	David Hemmings
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

9. Australasian species

1 st	<i>Dendrobium bracteosum</i>	Cary Polis
2 nd	<i>Dendrobium bracteosum</i>	Cary Polis
3 rd	<i>Pholidota imbricata</i>	Li Shan

10. Australasian Hybrids

1 st	<i>Den</i> Sally Koh Siew Aye	John McAuley
2 nd	<i>Den.</i> Hibiki	Steve Dunstan
3 rd	<i>Den.</i> Aussies Limelight	Steve Dunstan

11. Novice & Junior

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

12. Pterostylis species

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

13. Other terrestrials

1 st	Nil
2 nd	Nil
3 rd	Nil

14. Terrestrial hybrids

1 st	Nil
2 nd	Nil
3 rd	Nil

15. Best specimen

1 st	<i>Liparis swenssonii</i>	David Hemmings
2 nd	Nil	
3 rd	Nil	

16. Best First Flowering seedling

1 st	Nil
2 nd	Nil
3 rd	Nil

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2025 Diary

May

8th ANOS Sydney Group - General Meeting
20th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting
23rd to 25th Orchids Out West

June

12th ANOS Sydney Group - General Meeting
17th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting
27th 28th & 30th Mingara Orchid Club Fair & Show
Mingara Recreation Club

July

10th ANOS Sydney Group - General Meeting
15th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting
26th Sat. ANOS Sydney Group - Annual Auction

August

14th ANOS Sydney Group - General Meeting

August

15th to 17th St Ives Orchid Fair St Ives Showground
Mona Vale Road, St Ives
19th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting
23rd ANOS Central Coast Group - Spring Show

September

6th Sat. & 7th Sun. ANOS Sydney Group - Spring Show -
North Rocks Shopping Centre
11th ANOS Sydney Group - General Meeting
12th Friday 2:30 to 7:00pm Set-up
ANOS The Warringah Group SPRING SHOW
13th Sat. & 14th Sun.
ANOS The Warringah Group SPRING SHOW
16th Tuesday ANOS The Warringah Group meeting
Members Spring Show

October

9th ANOS Sydney Group - General Meeting
11th ANOS Central Coast Group - Sarcophilus Show
17th to 19th Orchids Central - Condell Park
18th to 19th ANOS Sydney Group - Sarcophilus Show
North Rocks Shopping Centre
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

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My Way of Growing Latouria Dendrobiums (Species & Hybrids) NSW Central Coast on the Coast

Steve Dunstan

- Cool to Warm – Shade cloth covered Bush House
- Intermediate to Warm – Bush House or Cold Glasshouse in winter
- Warm to Hot – Hot Glasshouse in Winter if needed
- Airflow is extremely important. Hang the pots to achieve. Fans
- Humidity
- AIR Movement *Air Movement * Air Movement
- Pots – Waterwell pots provide year-round humidity. Place clay balls or styrene chunks in the well plus Air Holes in the side of pots
- Tree Fern Mounts
- Media – From Cool to Warm Sphagnum Moss may be used,
Or below mix
- - Int. to Warm to Hot –
 - 40% Medium Pine Bark,
 - 20% Medium Clay Balls,
 - 15% Large Charcoal
 - 20% Polystyrene Balls
 - 5% Jumbo Perlite
- In summary just use the above mix for all Latouria's

Care Summary

- Provide High Humidity
- Water – Summer water almost daily
 - Winter Fortnightly if in protected house, same in Bushhouse if no rain.
 - If a wet winter don't water (as much)
- ** They grow all year
- Fertilize – They love a feed – every water if possible
 - What ever you normally use
- Protect new grows from filling up with water – Plastic Cup
- AND CAREFULLY REMOVE SHEATHS on New Growths



**Protect New Growths
With Plastic cup**



**Carefully remove outer
Sheaths on new Growths**



Robiquetia gracilistipes Erik Lielkajiss

Robiquetia gracilistipes, commonly known as the large pouched orchid, is an epiphytic or lithophytic orchid that forms large, hanging, straggly clumps.

Flowering occurs from March to May.

This first formally described in 1905 by Rudolf Schlechter who gave it the name *Saccolabium gracilistipes* and published the description in *Die Flora der Deutschen Schutzgebiete in der Sudsee und Nachtrage*. In 1912 Johannes Jacobus Smith changed the name to *Robiquetia gracilistipes*. The specific epithet (*gracilistipes*) is derived from the Latin word *gracilis* meaning "slender" or "thin" and *stipes* meaning "stock", "stem" or "trunk".

This orchid grows on trees and rocks in rainforest, usually in strong light. It occurs in Malaysia, including New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Queensland, Australia where it is found from the Iron Range to Ingham.



Liparis swenssonii David Hemmings



Thelasis carinata Erik Lielkajis

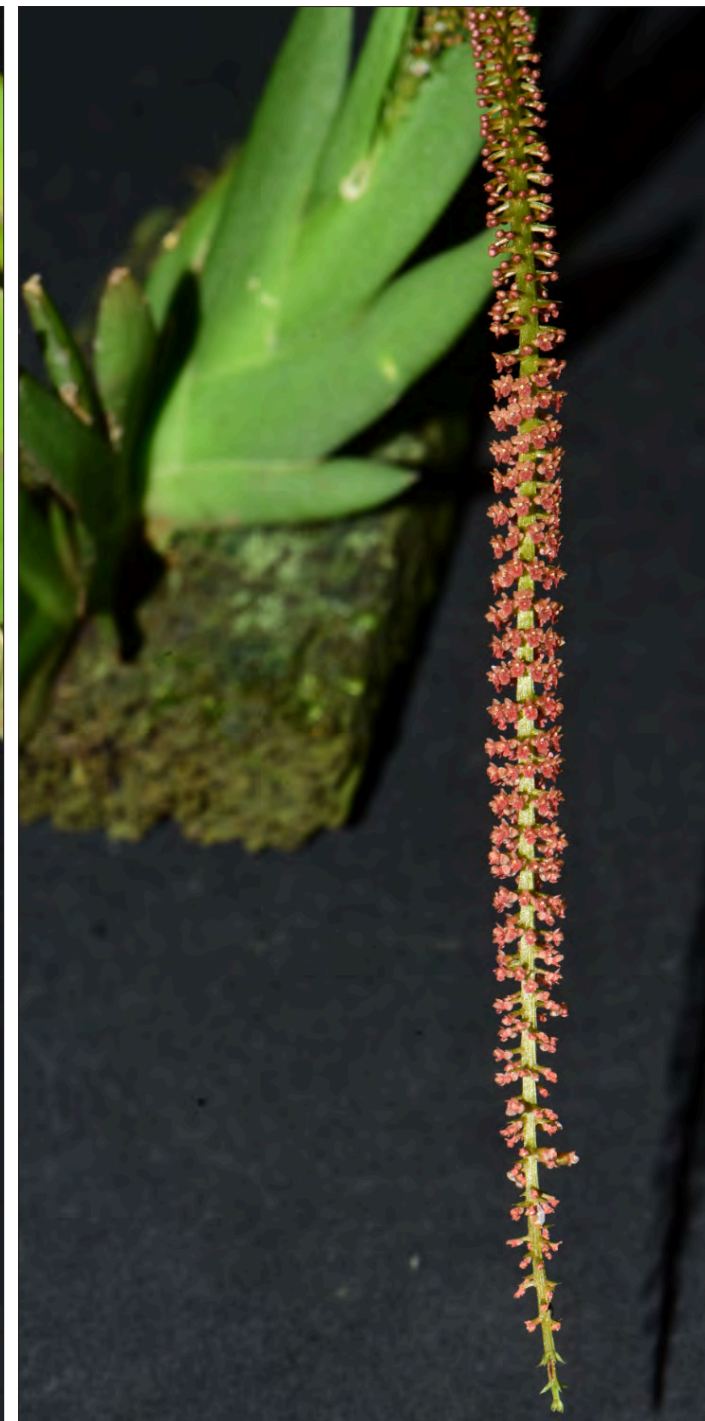
Thelasis carinata, commonly known as the triangular fly orchid, is a clump-forming epiphyte or lithophyte that lacks pseudobulbs. There are groups of between two and six erect, flattened stems each with up to six leaves that have a ridged lower surface. Up to fifteen green and white flowers are arranged on a thin but stiff flowering stem. Each stem has between three and six dark green leaves. Flowering is between April and June.

Thelasis carinata was first formally described in 1825 by Carl Ludwig Blume. The specific epithet (*carinata*) is a Latin word meaning "keeled".

This orchid usually grows on rocks and trees in humid, well-lit situations. It is found in Queensland it occurs between the Iron Range and Mcllwraith Range.



Oberonia complanata David Hemmings



Oberonia sp. Erik Lielkajis



Dockrillia Amphion Helios David Hemmings



Dendrobium bigibbum Hybrid Ela Kielich



Dendrobium bracteosum Cary Polis



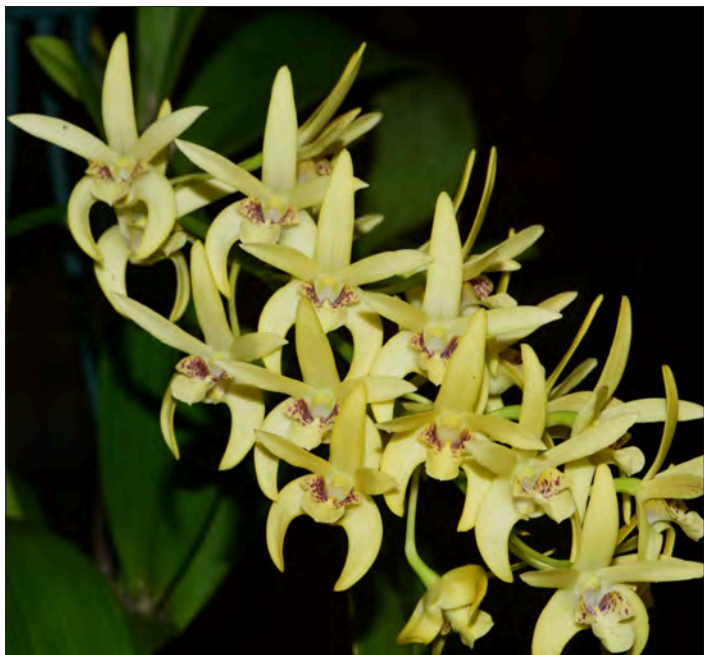
Dendrobium Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee' Ela Kielich



Pterostylis sp. R. G. Blaxland



Dendrobium bracteosum Cary Polis



Dendrobium Aussies Limelight Steve Dunstan



Den. Sally Koh Siew John McAuley



Dendrobium Hibiki Steve Dunstan



Pterostylis sp. R. G. Blaxland



Pholidota imbricata Li Shan

IMPORTANT

With changes to how most people shop, the last 2 years has seen a surge in use of credit cards POS, and less cash at St Ives Orchid Fair and our Spring Show.

The St Ives Orchid Fair Committee has looked at this and recognised that we have to process this differently with sales and reimbursement to the sellers. This year sales will be recorded on a computer and payments to sellers will be by cheque or direct deposit to the sellers bank account, and in 2026 by direct deposit only. We have to do this because we have less and less cash coming in.

One thing over the years we have not addressed is the procedure for selling plants. There has always been problems with the sales tags and to this end St Ives Orchid Fair has taken the step to require all sellers to use the same Yellow Sales Tags.

For Data Entry and Identification Yellow Tags should be written as the example below.

A 3 letter identifier
The price
Your name (this is optional)

All the above should be printed legibly, please.

Your Society will supply the yellow tags to sellers at **No Cost** and you can use the same tags at St Ives Orchid Fair and our ANOS Warringah Group Spring Show and Sales Bench at any time.

Members who want to sell at the Fair will need to fill in a Registration Form at the June or July meeting of the Society. It is a very simple form asking for:

Seller's name
Seller's identifier code
Seller's society
Seller's bank BSB and Account number
Seller's email address

We need these details prior to the Fair, so that we can set up our computer system.

Richard Blaxland will go over these details and any questions you may have at the next meeting and again in June and July.



St Ives Orchid Fair

'The Big One'



In partnership with
Ku-ring-gai Council

ST IVES SHOWGROUND, Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 15th August 2025 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 16th August 2025 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 17th August 2025 9 am to 3 pm

ADMISSION \$10

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Dockrillia bowmanii Trish Peterson



Liparis swenssonii Trish Peterson



Dendrobium tetragonum - Conway Ranges form Trish Peterson