

Ira Butler Trophy Committee

The Ira Butler Trophy Committee met on the 22nd of August 2025. The meeting had been delayed due to the death of the Treasurer Graham Slater and the availability of key members.

The meeting included Peter Western, Chairman, Irene Chalmers, Secretary, Dick Cooper (prospective), three ANOS and three OSNSW Judges.

A minutes silence was observed in memory of Graham Slater.

Dick Cooper was appointed as the incoming Treasurer.

Ira Butler Trophy

The Ira Butler Trophy was judged from seven entries, The trophy was awarded to Jo Pinner of Tasmania, for *Sarc. George Colthup 'Bill'*. Silver certificates were awarded to A & I Maney of Tasmania for *Den. Wayne Turville Mersey* and Roger Herrman for *Den. Australian Butterbright*.

Bill Murdock Trophy

The Bill Murdock Trophy was judged from six entries; The trophy was awarded to Keith and Jenny Kilo of NSW for *Den. linguiforme var. nugentii*. The silver Certificate was awarded to Les Nesbit for *Sarc. hartmannii [aequalis]*.

Heron Slade Trophy (Species)

The Hermon Slade Trophy (species) was judged from two entries; The trophy was awarded to Daniel Rajaratnam for *Den. bracteosum*. As there were only two entries no silver was awarded.

Heron Slade Trophy (Hybrid)

The Hermon Slade Trophy (hybrid) was judged from two entries. The trophy was awarded to Grahame Young and Callyn Farrell of Down Under Native Orchids of *Den. Exceptional 'Hunter Semillon'*. The silver certificate was awarded to Grahame Young and Callyn Farrell of Down Under Native Orchids for *Den. Jack Tinson 'Genesis'*

The committee discussed the promotion of the competition with some members indicating that there was a greater interest being shown in their areas. Some societies are submitting and paying for their members entries, this was thought to be a good idea to encourage other societies to do the same.

Irene Chalmers Secretary