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The colour of each series matches the colours used in Fig. 4d. Values are in μm .

		Series 1	Series 2	Series 3	Series 4	Series 5
SADME 10470 South Australia	Minimum	114	143	157	140	103
	First quartile	119	151	163	151	119
	Median	124	157	177	157	130
	Mean	123	156	175	156	136
	Third quartile	129	160	183	162	137
	Maximum	132	169	193	167	138
		Series 1	Series 2	Series 3	Series 4	Series 5
ELI XYB 4 AN02 South China	Minimum	171	200	236	214	173
	First quartile	171	206	236	216	179
	Median	186	224	239	224	199
	Mean	184	219	240	226	196
	Third quartile	194	227	245	237	211
	Maximum	194	228	247	240	215

Supplementary Data 2. Raw data of zooid width and length of 13 bryozoan taxa in Extended Fig. 6b.

Each pair of width (greatest width perpendicular to the proximal-distal axis of the zooid) and length (proximal-distal axis of the zooid) values correspond to a single zooid. N=172 biologically independent measurements of zooid size (86 zooids). For the source of measured specimens, see Extended Fig. 6b caption. Measurements are in μm .

Specimen		Width	Length
<i>Protomelission gatehousei</i>	SADME 10470 South Australia	120	239
		131	210
		128	204
		114	193
		143	213
		169	203
		158	204
		153	201
		158	194
		156	187
		159	215
		193	214
		184	203
		175	199
		179	188
		157	182
		163	216
		167	224
		161	200
		157	190
		156	187
		146	189
		140	168
		114	220
		131	208
		137	174
		138	199
		129	182
		121	193
		103	182
	ELI XYB 4 AN02 South China	194	278
		186	257
		171	236
		228	272
		222	253
		225	278
		200	210
		247	285

		240	255
		237	276
		236	239
		220	251
		214	254
		240	245
		228	244
		215	256
		200	256
		197	252
		173	219
Specimen		Width	Length
Cyclostomata			
<i>Reptomultisparsa</i> aff. <i>cricopora</i>		156	249
		133	285
		140	318
<i>Microeciella suborbicularis</i>		93	311
		100	318
		109	459
Trepotomata			
<i>Nekhorosheviella nodulifera</i>		210	260
		230	280
		240	280
		180	230
<i>Orbiremus normalis</i>		180	230
		130	190
		200	260
		170	200
<i>Revalotrypa eugeniae</i>		220	240
		255	300
Cryptostomata			
<i>Prophyllodictya simplex</i>		155	228
		179	279
		151	244
<i>Prophyllodictya prisca</i>		100	150
		80	140
Cheilostomata			
<i>Pyriporopsis pohowskyi</i>		248	393
		235	509
		288	498
<i>Jablonskipora kidwellae</i>		213	290
		141	200
		288	409
<i>Acoscinopleura crassa</i>		381	448
		395	531
<i>Calpensia nobilis</i>		284	763

	374	566
	355	630
Ctenostomata		
	107	131
	83	146
<i>Alcyonidium condylocinereum</i>	94	130
	92	117
	98	148

Supplementary Data 3. Character trait dataset and morphological states for bryozoans.

Include 21 taxa and 52 characters used to identify phylogenetic relationships shown in Fig. 4e and Extended Data Fig. 8.

No.	Character traits	States	Ref.
1	Overall organization	0 Solitary 1 Colony	1
2	Attachment to substrate	0 Pedicle 1 Cement/Encrust	1
3	Biom mineralization	0 Absent 1 Present	2
4	Mineralogy	0 Calcareous 1 Apatite	2
5	Wall laminated	0 Absent 1 Present	3
6	Colony form	0 Bifoliate 1 Encrusting 2 Massive 3 Fenestrate 4 Ramose/Dendroid	4
7	Arrangement of frontal surface	0 bilaminate 1 unilaminate 2 multilaminate	5,6
8	Bifurcation	0 Absent 1 Present	5,6
9	Arrangement of zooid series	0 Uniserial 1 Multiserial	5,6
10	Dimensions of growth	0 Two-dimensions 1 Three-dimensions	5,6
11	Width of colony unit	0 Non-macroserial 1 Macroserial	5,6
12	Construction (proxy for flexibility)	0 Soft 1 Rigid	5,6
13	Zooid arrangement	0 Hexagonal or rhombic 1 Irregular 2 Linear	4
14	Mesotheca	0 Absent 1 Present	4
15	Zooid differentiation	0 Monomorphism 1 Polymorphism	7–9
16	Endozone and exozone differentiation	0 Absent 1 Present	3
17	Wall thickness at boundary between endozone and exozone	0 Absent 1 Present	4
18	Vertical wall	0 Absent 1 Present	2
19	(Zooecia) cross-section in endozone	0 Polygonal 1 Round	4
20	(Zooecia) tangential-section	0 Polygonal 1 Round 2 Rod-like	8

21	Frontal wall	0 Absent 1 Present	2
22	Frontal wall curvature	0 Flat 1 Curved	9
23	Frontal wall type/ interior wall communication	0 Fixed-walled 1 Free-walled 2 stolon	3,10
24	Basal wall curvature	0 Absent 1 Present	4,11
25	Frontal wall (external) micro-ornamentation	0 Absent 1 Present	3,9
26	Maculae (monticules)	0 Absent 1 Present	5
27	Maculae shape	0 Irregular 1 Regular	4
28	Mesozoid	0 Absent 1 Present	4
29	Exilazoid	0 Absent 1 Present	4,10
30	Kenozoid	0 Absent 1 Present	3
31	Extrazoidial skeleton (stereo)	0 Absent 1 Present	4
32	Style	0 Absent 1 Present	3
33	Style size modality	0 Unimodal 1 Polymodal	8
34	Length of autozoid	0 Short 1 Long (> 2 zooid chamber)	8
35	Zooid diaphragm	0 Absent 1 Present	4
36	Zooid diaphragm spacing	0 Close (< 1 living chamber) 1 Wide (> 1 living chamber)	4
37	Vesicular tissue	0 Absent 1 Present	4
38	Hemiphragm	0 Absent 1 Present	4
39	Medial zooid	0 Absent 1 Present	4
40	Lunaria	0 Absent 1 Present	8
41	Capitulum	0 Absent 1 Present	9
42	Cauda	0 Absent 1 Present	9
43	Median keel	0 Absent 1 Present	12
44	Zooid shape	0 Tube 1 Box 2 Vase	2,3
45	Pseudopores	0 Absent 1 Present	3

46	Statoblasts	0 Absent 1 Present	3
47	Pore chamber	0 Absent 1 Present	3
48	Holdfast	0 Absent 1 Present	1
49	Granular wall	0 Absent 1 Present	4
50	Budding geometry	0 Simple linear 1 Compound linear 2 Non-linear	13
51	Budding loci	0 Distal 1 Lateral+Distal 2 Frontal+Distal 3 Spiral	9,13
52	Regularity of budding loci	0 Regular 1 Irregular (more than one sites)	9,13

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Supplementary Data 4. Character taxon matrix in NEXUS format.

Character traits and all potential states are provided in Supplementary Data 3. NEXUS file is available in the Dryad Digital Repository (<https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.rn8pk0pbd>).

#NEXUS

BEGIN DATA;

DIMENSIONS NTAX=21 NCHAR=52;

FORMAT DATATYPE=standard GAP=- MISSING=? SYMBOLS = "0 1 2 3 4";

MATRIX

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<i>Nekhorosheviella</i>	111002201110101001-00-21-0-000010110000000000001011
<i>Dianulites</i>	111002201110101001-00-21-0-0000001110000000000001011
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<i>Fenestrapora</i>	1110131110001010-0-1001000-11011000-1000001000011000
<i>Moorephylloporina</i>	111013111000100100110-1000-00001010-0000001000011000

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