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Next Meeting is on Wednesday 3rd May commencing at 8pm, at the Forestville Memorial Hall, 3 Starkey St, Forestville. Members may enter the hall and bench plants from 7.00pm.

This month the culture class will be given by Seong Tay who will give a talk on how to prepare your orchids for winter. It couldn't come at a better time as we have experienced some quite cold nights already.

The guest speaker this month will be John Chang who will show us some of the amazing orchids exhibited at the International Orchid and Flower show held in the Tokyo Dome in February 2023. A quick 'Google' showed some of the 1million orchids in the displays including our own Cym. Ken Siew! John was actually there and will take us through what he saw. We are in for a real treat.

Reminder – Members, please make sure you sign in on arrival as this is an insurance requirement of the society. We still prefer members to be double vaccinated and while masks are not mandatory, they are recommended.

Tea Roster – This month the supper table helpers will be Lina Huang, Li Shan and Clover Bradley. Thank you all for volunteering. Members, please remember to bring in your own cups as Styrofoam cups are no longer available.

Next month we will be holding our Biggest Morning Tea, raising funds for the Cancer Council. More details in the June bulletin.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW OVERDUE

Annual subscriptions were due on 1st January. The fees are \$16.00 per single member and \$18.00 per couple or family membership. Fees may be paid to the Treasurer at our monthly meeting, or by mailing to our Post Office Box 212, Forestville, 2087 or by direct credit straight into North Shore Orchid Society's account BSB 082 201 Account No. 509021920, using your name as the reference. If you use internet banking please send an email to the Treasurer, Anthony Mobbs, at anthonymobbs@yahoo.co.uk confirming your payment.

If you are not sure whether you are up to date, please contact Anthony.

Members, please note that whilst you may take photos of members' benched plants, you must not photograph the details of who the plant belongs to. The reason for this is to protect members' privacy.

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JUDGING RESULTS APRIL 2023

ORCHID OF THE MONTH
BEST OF EVENING
 (50% culture, 50% flower)

Judge's Choice
 Open
 Nov/Inter

Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'
Paph. Hilo Double Lime
Phal. violacea var sumatrana

L & G Bromley
 Rod Nurthen
 Jie Zhang

OPEN SECTION

1 EXHIBITION LAELINAE

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| 1. <i>Blc. Pink Delight</i> 'Burdekin' | Bailey Wong |
| 2. <i>Rlc. Tanya T'nt</i> | G & A Cushway |
| 3. <i>Bc. Island Charm</i> 'Yoshie' | G & A Cushway |

2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELIINAE min. 5 flowers

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|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <i>Lc. Angel Heart</i> 'Sumi' | G & A Cushway |
| 2. <i>Pot. Burana Beauty</i> | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>C. Good Tuchy</i> | Troy Shamlian |

3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

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|---|---------------|
| 1. <i>Rlc. Mr Chang</i> 'Coach' | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Bc. Island Charm</i> 'Carmela' x <i>Blc. Brunswick Delight</i> 'Jeremy' | G & A Cushway |
| 3. <i>C. Elusive Dream</i> | L & G Bromley |

4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE 70mm and under

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| 1. <i>Bc. Island Charm</i> x <i>Sc. Cherry Bee</i> | G & A Cushway |
| 2. <i>Vkt. Barrel of Spirit</i> 'Becky' | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>C. Caudebec</i> 'Carmela' | G & A Cushway |

5 LAELIINAE SPECIES

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|--|---------------|
| 1. <i>C. labiata</i> var. <i>semi-alba</i> 'Zoe' | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Encyclia cochleata</i> | Ian Tanner |
| 3. <i>Encyclia radiata</i> | Ian Tanner |

6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS

No entries

7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS

No entries

8 MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS

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|---|-------------|
| 1. <i>Phal. Summer Rose</i> 'Blue Star' | Bailey Wong |
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9 SPECIMEN PLANT

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|--|----------------|
| 1. <i>Ddc. laxiflora</i> | I & I Chalmers |
| 2. <i>Ddc. latifolium</i> var. <i>macranthum</i> | Tinka Riddell |
| 3. <i>Coelogyne ovalis</i> | Dora Law |

10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

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| 1. <i>Miltonia spectabilis</i> var. <i>moreliana</i> | Craig Scott-Harden |
| 2. <i>Miltonia spectabilis</i> var. <i>moreliana</i> 'Big Ben' | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>Onc. trulliferum</i> | L & G Bromley |

11 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS up to 35mm

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|---|---------------|
| 1. <i>Lsz. Lava Burst</i> 'Nicci' | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Onc. Alosuka</i> 'Claire' | Lina Huang |
| 3. <i>Onc. Hula Halah</i> 'Volcano Queen' | Troy Shamlian |

12 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 35 to 60mm

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| 1. <i>Trt. Maureen</i> 'Hawaii' | L & G Bromley |
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13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS over 60mm

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| 1. <i>Mtssa. Dark Star</i> | Li Shan |
| 2. <i>Alcra. Sweetheart</i> Jonel 'Everglades' | Troy Shamlian |
| 3. <i>Brsdm. Golden Gamine</i> 'White Knight' | Troy Shamlian |

14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <i>Rstp. muscifera</i> | I & I Chalmers |
| 2. <i>Rstp. brachypus</i> | Dora Law |

15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

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|---|------------------|
| 1. <i>Masd. Blazing Sunburnt</i> | P Yeung/J Keenan |
| 2. <i>Masd. Marguerite</i> 'Proud Mary' | Susie Butler |

16A DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <i>Den. Enobi Purple</i> 'Splash' | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Den. Airy Crimson</i> | Ela Kielich |
| 3. <i>Den. Masako Taki</i> 'Blue' | L & G Bromley |

17 DENDROBIUM SPECIES

No entries

18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <i>Coel. mooreana</i> | I & I Chalmers |
| 2. <i>Max. praestans</i> | Li Shan |
| 3. <i>Galeandra baueri</i> | Craig Scott-Harden |

19 MINIATURE SPECIES

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <i>Haraella odorata</i> | Christine Rethers |
| 2. <i>Dendrochilum arachnites</i> | Tinka Riddell |
| 3. <i>Gomesa crispa</i> | Troy Shamlian |

20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS

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|--|---------------------|
| 1. <i>Gptm. Arlene Armour</i> 'Conching' | Elizabeth Blackwell |
| 2. <i>Npp. Adelaide Meadows</i> x <i>Z. Artur Elle</i> | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>Lycaste Peter Sander</i> | Ian Tanner |

21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

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|--|----------------|
| 1. <i>V. roeblingiana</i> | I & I Chalmers |
| 2. <i>Rhy. coelestis</i> var. <i>Pink</i> 'First Love' | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>Phal. bellina</i> | Bailey Wong |

22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

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| 1. <i>Aerdv. Somsri Sunlight</i> 'Citrus Yellow' | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Van. Pine Rivers</i> 'Pretty 'n' Pink' | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>V. Is</i> x <i>V. Sagarik Gold</i> 'Nippon's Gold' | L & G Bromley |

23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS Over 50mm

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|---|---------------|
| 1. <i>Van. Tristar Gold</i> 'Adisak's Gold' | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Ascda. Jakkrit Gold</i> x <i>V. Patcharee Delight</i> | Lina Huang |
| 3. <i>Van. Ashley Lowe</i> 'Tangerine' | L & G Bromley |

24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

25 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

26 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

27 CYPRIDEDIOIDEAE SPECIES

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|---|-------------|
| 1. <i>Paph. liemianum</i> | Bailey Wong |
| 2. <i>Paph. moquettianum</i> 'Gigantic Circle' x self | Li Shan |
| 3. <i>Paph. lawrenceanum</i> | Li Shan |

28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

No entries

29 MAUDIAE TYPE PAPHIOPEDILUM

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|---|-------------|
| 1. <i>Paph. Hilo Double Lime</i> | Rod Nurthen |
| 2. <i>Paph. Hilo Key Lime</i> x <i>Hilo Super Green</i> | Rod Nurthen |
| 3. <i>Paph. Black Spider</i> | Rod Nurthen |

30 NOVELTY CYPRIDEDIOIDEAE

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <i>Phrag. Caricinum</i> | I & I Chalmers |
| 2. <i>Phrag. Perseus</i> 'Highclere' | Li Shan |

31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS

No entries

32 ALL TERRESTRIALS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. <i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i> | John Chang |
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33 AUSTRALIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

No Entries

34 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <i>Cadetia taylorii</i> | I & I Chalmers |
| 2. <i>Den. bigibbum</i> 'Samantha' | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>Cadetia taylorii</i> | I & I Chalmers |

35A AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS White

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| 1. <i>Sarco. Bossi</i> | Clover Bradley |
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35B AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS Colour

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| 1. <i>Sarco. Space Race</i> | Clover Bradley |
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36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAF DEN. Sp/Hybrid

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| 1. <i>Den. Hot Coals</i> | I & I Chalmers |
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36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

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| 1. <i>Den.</i> Topaz Dream | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Den.</i> Dark Dame x <i>johannis</i> | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>Den.</i> Andrea Miller | P Yeung/J Keenan |

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

37 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

38 PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

39 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

No entries

40 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

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| 1. <i>Onc.</i> Golden Ga 'White Knight' | A Mobbs |
| 2. <i>Brassia</i> Edvah Loo | A Mobbs |
| 3. <i>Beallara</i> Tahoma Glacier 'Green' | A Mobbs |

41 LAELIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

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|----------------------------|---------|
| 1. <i>Lc.</i> Love Fantasy | A Mobbs |
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42 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

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| 1. <i>Den.</i> Lustrous Choice 'Mornington' | A Mobbs |
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43 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

NOVICE

44 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

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| 1. <i>Phal.</i> <i>violacea</i> var. <i>sumatrana</i> | Jie Zhang |
| 2. <i>Stenoglottis</i> <i>longifolia</i> | Loretta & Paul Au |
| 3. <i>Phal.</i> <i>equestris</i> 'Orange/Red' | Jie Zhang |

45 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM

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| 1. <i>Ons.</i> <i>Succubus</i> 'Night Shift' | Joy Gouvoussis |
| 2. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby | Loretta & Paul Au |
| 3. <i>Miltassia</i> Charles M Fitch 'Izumi' | Loretta & Paul Au |

46 LAELIINAE

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| 1. <i>Lc.</i> Susan Holcombe 'Yellow/Red' x <i>Blc.</i> Deception Grace | Sylvia Lee-Joe |
| 2. <i>Ctt.</i> Topaz Saucy 'Really Pretty' | Jie Zhang |
| 3. <i>Cattleya</i> Unknown | Sylvia Lee-Joe |

47 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS

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| 1. <i>Den.</i> Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy' | Loretta & Paul Au |
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166 orchids benched

APRIL SPECIAL PRIZES



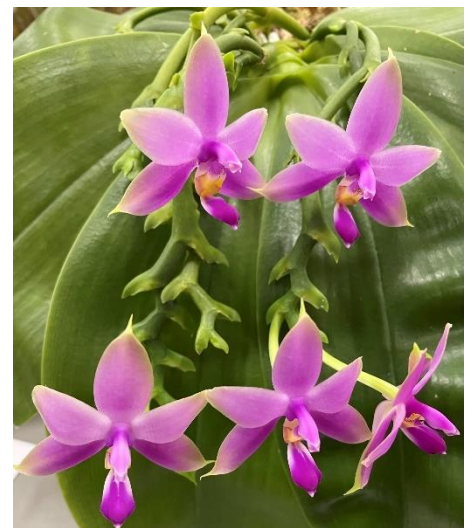
Orchid of the Month Judge's Choice

Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'



Best of the Evening Open (50% culture/50% flower)

Paph. Hilo Double Lime
Rod Nurthen



Best of the Evening Novice (50% culture/50% flower)

Phal. *violacea* var. *sumatrana*
Jie Zhang

Members, you will find an attachment being sent with your May Bulletin which we hope you will find interesting. This is in the form of a letter from the Australian Orchid Foundation which includes among other things information on the AOF Essay Writing Competition, a request for the collection of orchid seed for their seed bank and a list of books published by the Foundation.

In addition, here is a link to a new group called the Orchid Market. This is aimed at backyard orchid growers with excess plants to sell when they run out of space. We are asked to support this venture by uploading some of our excess orchids to the website. As they say, the website depends totally on member participation. You can access more information on this at <https://orchidmarket.net.au>

A SELECTION OF ORCHIDS FROM OUR APRIL MEETING



Blc. Pink Delight
'Burdekin'
Bailey Wong



Lsz. Lava Burst 'Nicci'
L & G Bromley



Prosthechea
cochleata
Tinka Riddell



C. Elusive Dream
L & G Bromley



Onc. trulliferum
L & G Bromley



Phal. stobartiana x
Phal. equestris v coerulea
Jie Zhang



Cadetia taylorii
I & I Chalmers



Den. Topaz Dream
L & G Bromley



Vkt. Barrel of Spirit 'Becky'
L & G Bromley



Onc. Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea'
Loretta & Paul Au



Phal. bellina
Bailey Wong



Van. Pine Rivers
'Pretty 'n' Pink'
L & G Bromley



Milt. spectabilis var.
moreliana 'Big Ben'
L & G Bromley



Den. Topaz Dream
L & G Bromley



Aer. lawrenceae
P Yeung/J Keenan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NSOS shows for this year at the St Ives Shopping village will be held on:

- June 15th, 16th and 17th – Set up on 14th June.
- September 14th, 15th and 16th – Set up on 13th September.

OTHER DATES

- Orchids Out West at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon on 26th-28th May
- Mingara Orchid Club Fair and Show at Tumbi Umbi on 24th-25th June
- National Orchid Extravaganza and Paphiopedilum Society Shows – 11th-13th August
- St Ives Orchid Fair - 18th-20th August
- Show at Bankstown Orchids Central – 13th-15th October

*Apologies for the mislabelling in the April Bulletin of the **Best of the Evening Novice** (50% culture/50% flower) *Den. moschatum*. It is in fact owned by Loretta & Paul Au not Jie Zhang as shown. Ed.*

WHAT DOES “AUSTRALASIAN” MEAN WHEN BENCHING ORCHIDS

Map showing areas that constitute **Australasia**: "Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the neighbouring islands of the Pacific" as defined below.

Note: It does not include Malaysia, Indonesia or the Philippines.



What constitutes the 'Wow' factor?



Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash' (Lesley and Garrie's plant)

Every now and again in the orchid world we come across an orchid that most would agree fits the description of having this elusive 'Wow' factor. We have had the pleasure of seeing one such orchid very recently – it was in fact our Best Hybrid of the Evening at our April orchid meeting. It is, of course, *Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'* owned by Garrie and Lesley Bromley.

This orchid was originally bred by Dr. Kohji Karasawa in Japan in 1996 from *Den. Enobi Komachi* and *Den. Laguna Princess*. No photos can be found of these two original orchids so what they were like is still a mystery. However, the origins of *Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'* go back to our own Australian *Den. biggibum* for almost three-quarters of its breeding. The rest is made up of *Den. phalaenopsis* (about 10%) and smaller amounts of *Den.*

stratiotes, *Den. canaliculatum*, *Den. taurinum* and *Den. dicuphum* with maybe some others thrown in that we don't know about. However, because of the small amounts in its breeding of orchids from outside our region, this orchid cannot be benched as an Australian orchid. So this complex breeding produced a Dendrobium with solid purple flowers. However, just occasionally, an orchid with splash petals emerged and this is the one that most would agree is the most spectacular. Where this colouration has come from remains a mystery as none of the parents have this type of colouration.

So how did Garrie and Lesley come by this lovely orchid? Well, therein lies a story. Garrie and Lesley obtained a flask of this orchid from a Taiwanese vendor at the Castle Hill Orchid Fair back in about 2006. Unbeknownst to them at the time, Trevor Onslow had bought a flask of this orchid at the same time. Some years later, Lesley mentioned to Trevor that they had a number of them and were very disappointed that none of them had flowered with splash flowers, just the solid purple. Trevor said that they had had the same result. They agreed that should one of them find a plant with splash flowers, they would share it. However, out of around 40 plants, none of them did.

Eventually, a number of years later, Lesley found a supplier in Queensland and bought two plants of this breeding that had already flowered with splash flowers. They gave one of these plants to Trevor to see what he could do with it. The plant that Garrie and Lesley retained ended up not being quite as nice as Trevor's plant which they suspect is a chance tetraploid so is half as big again as Garrie and Lesley's. Trevor was kind enough to give a piece of his plant to Garrie and Lesley who have grown their piece into the lovely plant they brought to the last meeting. At the same time, Trevor's plant has gone from strength to strength and is also very beautiful and if anything, slightly bigger than the one Garrie and Lesley have. However, Garrie and Trevor, being perfect gentlemen and also firm friends, never show them together at the same time!



Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash' (Trevor Onslow's Plant)



Den. Enobi Purple



Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash' (Trevor's plant)