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**Next Meeting is on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026** commencing at 8pm, at the Forestville Memorial Hall, 3 Starkey St, Forestville. Members may enter the hall and bench plants from 7.00pm.

**Culture Class:** Garrie Bromley will talk about the different types of orchids that should be shown in the some of our new species and hybrid classes.

**Guest Speaker:** Ian Chalmers will give a talk on the orchids of Colombia where he visited recently. This talk will feature the breeding of *C. trianae*.

**Reminder -** Members need to sign in on arrival as an insurance requirement.

**Tea Roster** – Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help out with our suppers. At the February meeting, Gloria and Allan Cushway together with Craig Scott-Harden and Alonya Culinan will be helping – many thanks for volunteering. Contributions to the supper table are welcomed. Please remember to bring your own cup.

We still need helpers for later in the year so please let Anthony know if you are able to help on 0419 467 180 or [amobbs8@gmail.com](mailto:amobbs8@gmail.com).

**A warm welcome to our new members,** Alice and Samuel Sam. Bailey Wong and Dr Richard Terrenal and Craig Scott-Harden and Alonya Culinan are now joint memberships.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE**

Annual subscriptions were due on 1st January 2026. 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. They may also be paid 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 TC Chan at [tcchan28@gmail.com](mailto:tcchan28@gmail.com) confirming your payment.

Members who joined after September last year do not have to pay the annual subscription this year as it is included with their fees already paid. If you are not sure whether you are up to date, please contact the Treasurer.

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## JUDGING RESULTS – JANUARY 2026

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

Judge's Choice  
Open  
Nov/Inter

*Paph.* Magic Lantern 'Mike'  
*Paph.* Saint Swithin  
*C.* Golden Peacock

Rod Nurthen  
I & I Chalmers  
Katherine Hsiao

### OPEN SECTION

#### 1 EXHIBITION LAELINAE

No entries

#### 2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELIINAE *min. 5 flowers*

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <i>Epi.</i> Pacific Girl        | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Enc.</i> Bees Knees          | Lina Huang    |
| 3. <i>Brassavola</i> Little Starts | Lina Huang    |

#### 3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

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|--|---------------|
| 1. <i>Ctt.</i> Rainbow Royale                        | Ela Kielich   |
| 2. <i>Rlc.</i> Erin Kobayashi x <i>C. walkeriana</i> | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>C.</i> Dolosa 'Coerulea'                       | L & G Bromley |

#### 4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE 70mm and under

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <i>C.</i> Exotic Beaufort         | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Ctt.</i> Dendi's Satin 'Nicci' | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>Cty.</i> El Hatillo 'Pinata'   | Lina Huang    |

#### 5 LAELIINAE SPECIES

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|---|---------------|
| 1. <i>C. guttata</i> v. <i>albino</i> 'Centre de Esmeralda' | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Enc. cordigera</i> 'White Lip'                        | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>C. leopoldii</i>                                      | Ela Kielich   |

#### 6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <i>Phal.</i> Hwa Yuan 'Five Star' | B Wong & R Terrenal |
| 2. <i>Phal.</i> Ox Red Sesame        | Lina Huang          |
| 3. <i>Phal.</i> Unknown              | Dora Law            |

#### 7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <i>Phal.</i> Mituo 'Sun Queen' | B Wong & R Terrenal |
| 2. <i>Phal.</i> Unknown           | Jie Zhang           |
| 3. <i>Phal.</i> Unisex Sweetie    | L & G Bromley       |

#### 8 MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1. <i>Phal.</i> Unknown        | Iona Luke  |
| 2. <i>Phal.</i> Unknown        | Lina Huang |
| 3. <i>Phal.</i> KS Balm 'G456' | Lina Huang |

#### 8A PHALAENOPSIS SPECIES

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i>       | I & I Chalmers      |
| 2. <i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i> 'Red' | L & G Bromley       |
| 3. <i>Phal. tetrapsis</i>         | B Wong & R Terrenal |

#### 9 SPECIMEN PLANT

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <i>Lockhartia</i> sp. | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Onc. unaensis</i>  | Cary Polis    |

#### 10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <i>Onc.</i> Lawrenceianum | I & I Chalmers    |
| 2. <i>Onc. maizifolium</i>   | Loretta & Paul Au |
| 3. <i>Milt. spectabilis</i>  | Cary Polis        |

#### 11 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS up to 35mm

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|--|-------------------|
| 1. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' | Dora Law          |
| 2. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby                   | Loretta & Paul Au |
| 3. <i>Onc.</i> Sunny Daze 'Hilo Bay'         | Lina Huang        |

#### 12 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 35 to 60mm

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. <i>Onc.</i> Pacific Panache 'Dorothy Jean' | Loretta & Paul Au |
| 2. <i>Onc.</i> Pacific Panache 'Dorothy Jean' | Loretta & Paul Au |
| 3. <i>Onc.</i> Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea'        | Loretta & Paul Au |

#### 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS over 60mm

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|---|---------------------|
| 1. <i>Brassia</i> Rex                         | Lina Huang          |
| 2. <i>Pyp.</i> Mendenhall 'Hildos'            | B Wong & R Terrenal |
| 3. <i>Mps.</i> Arthur Cobbledick 'Springtime' | Loretta & Paul Au   |

#### 14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

No entries

#### 15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <i>Masd.</i> Fire Walker     | Loretta & Paul Au |
| 2. <i>Masd.</i> Tasmanian Devil | Loretta & Paul Au |

#### 16A DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <i>Den.</i> Bota Blue 'Ocean Blue' | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Den.</i> Airy Crimson           | Ela Kielich   |
| 3. <i>Den.</i> Genting Red            | Dora Law      |

#### 17 DENDROBIUM SPECIES

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 1. <i>Den. crystallinum</i> | Li Shan      |
| 2. <i>Den. glomeratum</i>   | Jean Fulcher |
| 3. <i>Den. aduncum</i>      | Cary Polis   |

#### 18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES America & Africa

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <i>Max. variabilis</i>      | Li Shan             |
| 2. <i>Angraecum magdalenae</i> | B Wong & R Terrenal |
| 3. <i>Mormolycea ringens</i>   | Cary Polis          |

#### 18A MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES not elsewhere specified

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <i>Bulb. frostii</i> | C Scott-Harden |
| 2. <i>Bulb. dearie</i>  | Cary Polis     |
| 3. <i>Bulb. dearie</i>  | I & I Chalmers |

#### 19 MINIATURE SPECIES

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <i>Mexipedium xerophyticum</i> | John McAuley   |
| 2. <i>Ddc. yuccifolium</i>        | C Scott-Harden |

#### 20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS America & Africa

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. <i>Stanhopea</i> Spark to Flame 'Nolo'   | Bill Hart         |
| 2. <i>Lycaste</i> deppei x <i>cruenta</i>   | Susie Butler      |
| 3. <i>Promenaea xanthina</i> x Norman Gaunt | Christine Rethers |

#### 20A MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS not elsewhere specified

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|--|-------------------|
| 1. <i>Bulb. Jersey</i>                                   | Ela Kielich       |
| 2. <i>Bulb. J M Guilloty</i>                             | C Scott-Harden    |
| 3. <i>Coel.</i> Bird in Flight x <i>Coel. celebensis</i> | Christine Rethers |

#### 21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

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|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <i>Rhynchostylis retusa</i> | Susie Butler  |
| 2. <i>Vanda curvifolia</i>     | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>Vanda luzonica</i>       | Cary Polis    |

#### 22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

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|---|----------------|
| 1. <i>Rhy. coelestis</i> x <i>V. luzonica</i> | C Scott Harden |
| 2. <i>Van.</i> Tropic Coelestis 'Blue Mood'   | Cary Polis     |
| 3. <i>Neostylis</i> Lou Sneary 'Tokyo'        | Iona Luke      |

#### 23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS Over 50mm

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|---|----------------|
| 1. <i>V.</i> Tristar Gold 'Adisak's Gold' | I & I Chalmers |
| 2. <i>V.</i> Tristar Gold 'Adisak's Gold' | Cary Polis     |
| 3. <i>V.</i> Pakchong Blue                | Jie Zhang      |

#### 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. adductum</i> '2014A' | B Wong & R Terrenal |
| 2. <i>Paph. moquetteanum</i>     | John McAuley        |
| 3. <i>Paph. liemianum</i>        | Dora Law            |

#### 28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS Classical Shape

No entries

#### 29 PAPHIOPEDILUM MAUDIAE TYPE

No entries

#### 30 NOVELTY CYPRIDEDIOIDEAE

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <i>Paph.</i> Magic Lantern 'Mike' | Rod Nurthen         |
| 2. <i>Paph.</i> Magic Lantern 'Lima' | Rod Nurthen         |
| 3. <i>Paph.</i> Dollgoldi            | B Wong & R Terrenal |

#### 31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <i>Paph.</i> Saint Swithin | I & I Chalmers |
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2. *Phal.* Zheng Min Diffuse x Mel's Purple Ruby

B Wong & R Terrenal

3. *Paph.* William Amber

I & I Chalmers

### 32 ALL TERRESTRIALS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *Thunia veitchiana*

Loretta & Paul Au

2. *Stenoglottis woodii*

Susie Butler

### 33 AUSTRALIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

1. *Phal. amabilis* ssp *rosenstromii*

B Wong & R Terrenal

2. *Phal. rosenstromii*

Cary Polis

### 34 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1. *Den. stuartii*

C Scott Harden

2. *Den. stratiotes*

I & I Chalmers

### 35A AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS White

No entries

### 35B AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS Colour

1. *Sarco.* Unknown

Loretta & Paul Au

### 36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAF DEN. Sp/Hybrid

No entries

### 36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1. *Den.* Silver King

Ela Kielich

2. *Den. discolor* x *trilamellatum*

I & I Chalmers

3. *Den.* Magenta's Pixican

L & G Bromley

## INTERMEDIATE SECTION

### 37 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

### 38 PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

### 39 CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

### 40 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

### 41 LAELIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *C.* Golden Peacock

Katherine Hsiao

2. *Prosthechea cochleata*

Robin Stewart

### 42 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

### 43 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *Stanhopea tigrina*

Katherine Hsiao

2. *Brassia longissima*

Katherine Hsiao

## NOVICE

### 44 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

No entries

### 45 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM

1. *Den.* Little Green Apples

Lynn Dabbs

2. *Brassidium* Gilded Urchin 'Ontario'

Brenda Walker

### 46 LAELIINAE

1. *Brassavola appendiculata*

Lynn Dabbs

2. *Blc.* Ding Thuy Yen x *Slc.* Madge Fordyce x *C.* Chocolate Drop

Celia Yeung

### 47 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS

No entries

178 orchids benched

**Exhibitors – please note that species orchids must not be exhibited in a hybrid class**

## JANUARY SPECIAL PRIZES



### Orchid of the Month Judge's Choice

*Paph.* Magic Lantern 'Mike'  
Owned by Rod Nurthen



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

*Paph.* Saint Swithin  
Owned by I & I Chalmers



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

*C.* Golden Peacock  
Owned by Katherine Hsiao

**Members, please note:** the following supplies are available from the Society:

Bag of Peat Moss \$9.50

Bag of Jumbo Perlite \$24.50

Bag of Super Coarse Perlite \$18.50

Just let Garrie or Lesley Bromley know and these can be picked up at a meeting or directly from them in Forestville.



## A SELECTION OF ORCHIDS FROM OUR JANUARY MEETING



*Phal. Hwa Yuan 'Five Star'*  
B Wong & R Terrenal



*Bulb. Jersey*  
Ela Kielich



*Bulb. Fascinator*  
Tony Agrela



*Lockhartia sp.*  
L & G Bromley



*Vanda insignis*  
Cary Polis



*Epi. Pacific Girl*  
L & G Bromley



*Brassavola Little Stars*  
Lina Huang



*Den. Silver King*  
Ela Kielich



*Phal. Younghome Green Dancer*  
L & G Bromley



*Bulb. frostii*  
C Scott-Harden



*Bulb. dearei*  
Cary Polis



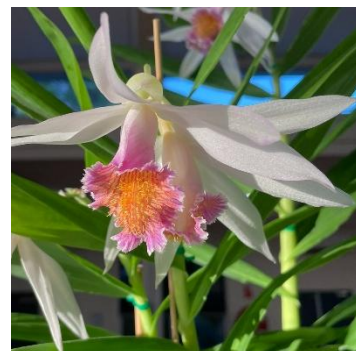
*Promenaea Samsu*  
Tony Agrela



*Stanhopea tigrina*  
Katherine Hsiao



*Phal. Mituo Sun Queen*  
B Wong & R Terrenal



*Thunia veitchiana*  
Loretta & Paul Au

## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NSOS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Orchids Out West

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> April, Forestville Memorial Hall  
15-17 May 2026, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.  
Fri./Sat. – 9am-4pm, Sun.– 9am-2pm

### North Shore Orchid Society Winter Show

11th -13th June, St Ives Shopping Centre (Set up -10th June)

### North Shore Orchid Society Spring Show

10th -12th September, St Ives Shopping Centre (Set up - 9th September)

### Orchids Central

18-20 September 2026, Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge St Condell Park. Fri./Sat. – 9.30am-4pm, Sun. 9.30am-2pm

### Summer Orchid Festival

4-6 December 2026, Georges Hall Community Centre Hall, 188 Birdwood Rd, Georges Hall

## *NSOS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

Your committee is planning a great evening to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our very first meeting way back in 1951 and would like to invite you to the celebration. It is on our normal meeting night (first Wednesday in April) and in our usual meeting place (Forestville Memorial Hall). There will be benching as usual but at the completion of judging, we will all sit down to a catered-for dinner which will be at no cost to members.

Planning is still in the initial stages and more details will be made available as the arrangements for this important event are finalised.

## ***What is this? ..... one of the more unusual plants shown at our monthly meetings – a Mexipedium!***



***Mexipedium xerophyticum***

One of our members, John McAuley, brought in this delightful orchid – *Mexipedium xerophyticum*. It is the only member of its tribe, Mexipediaceae, in the subfamily of Cypripedioideae. John gave us the following description:

It was first collected as a pressed herbarium specimen in 1985. In 1990 it was described as a phragmipedium but transferred into a genus of its own in 1992. The single location where it is found is in Oaxaca in Mexico. It grows in detritus in crevasses in the rock on exposed steep cliffs but shielded from the midday sun. The elevation is said to be 320m where it receives 2.5 metres a year of rain, mostly from June to November and much less from December to May.

I grow mine in warm conditions in bright light in my hot house. A recommended media is a fine bark, perlite and charcoal mix with some calcium. This allows good drainage and drying out. Apart from the relatively dry period, it can be grown like paphiopedilums, rather than phragmipediums; the latter generally being non-calcareous. The tiny flowers bloom sequentially. Not easy to come by, but flasks do appear occasionally.