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Next Meeting is on Wednesday, 4th 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.

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 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

1. *Epi. Pacific Girl* L & G Bromley
2. *Enc. Bees Knees* Lina Huang
3. *Brassavola Little Starts* Lina Huang

3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

1. *Ctt. Rainbow Royale* Ela Kielich
2. *Rlc. Erin Kobayashi x C. walkeriana* L & G Bromley
3. *C. Dolosa 'Coerulea'* L & G Bromley

4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE 70mm and under

1. *C. Exotic Beaufort* L & G Bromley
2. *Ctt. Dendri's Satin 'Nicci'* L & G Bromley
3. *Cty. El Hatillo 'Pinata'* Lina Huang

5 LAELIINAE SPECIES

1. *C. guttata v. albino 'Centre de Esmeralda'* L & G Bromley
2. *Enc. cordigera 'White Lip'* L & G Bromley
3. *C. leopoldii* Ela Kielich

6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS

1. *Phal. Hwa Yuan 'Five Star'* B Wong & R Terrenal
2. *Phal. Ox Red Sesame* Lina Huang
3. *Phal. Unknown* Dora Law

7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS

1. *Phal. Mituo 'Sun Queen'* B Wong & R Terrenal
2. *Phal. Unknown* Jie Zhang
3. *Phal. Unisex Sweetie* L & G Bromley

8 MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS

1. *Phal. Unknown* Iona Luke
2. *Phal. Unknown* Lina Huang
3. *Phal. KS Balm 'G456'* Lina Huang

8A PHALAENOPSIS SPECIES

1. *Phal. cornu-cervi* I & I Chalmers
2. *Phal. cornu-cervi 'Red'* L & G Bromley
3. *Phal. tetrapsis* B Wong & R Terrenal

9 SPECIMEN PLANT

1. *Lockhartia sp.* L & G Bromley
2. *Onc. unaensis* Cary Polis

10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

1. *Onc. Lawrencianum* I & I Chalmers
2. *Onc. maizifolium* Loretta & Paul Au
3. *Milt. spectabilis* Cary Polis

11 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS up to 35mm

1. *Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'* Dora Law
2. *Onc. Sharry Baby* Loretta & Paul Au
3. *Onc. Sunny Daze 'Hilo Bay'* Lina Huang

12 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 35 to 60mm

1. *Onc. Pacific Panache 'Dorothy Jean'* Loretta & Paul Au
2. *Onc. Pacific Panache 'Dorothy Jean'* Loretta & Paul Au
3. *Onc. Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea'* Loretta & Paul Au

13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS over 60mm

1. *Brassia Rex* Lina Huang
2. *Pyp. Mendenhall 'Hildos'* B Wong & R Terrenal
3. *Mps. Arthur Cobblewick 'Springtime'* Loretta & Paul Au

14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

No entries

15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1. *Masd. Fire Walker* Loretta & Paul Au
2. *Masd. Tasmanian Devil* Loretta & Paul Au

16A DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1. *Den. Bota Blue 'Ocean Blue'* L & G Bromley
2. *Den. Airy Crimson* Ela Kielich
3. *Den. Genting Red* Dora Law

17 DENDROBIUM SPECIES

1. *Den. crystallinum* Li Shan
2. *Den. glomeratum* Jean Fulcher
3. *Den. aduncum* Cary Polis

18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES America & Africa

1. *Max. variabilis* Li Shan
2. *Angraecum magdalena* B Wong & R Terrenal
3. *Mormolycea ringens* Cary Polis

18A MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES not elsewhere specified

1. *Bulb. frostii* C Scott-Harden
2. *Bulb. dearie* Cary Polis
3. *Bulb. dearie* I & I Chalmers

19 MINIATURE SPECIES

1. *Mexipedium xerophyticum* John McAuly
2. *Ddc. yuccifolium* C Scott-Harden

20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS America & Africa

1. *Stanhopea Spark to Flame 'Nolo'* Bill Hart
2. *Lycaste deppei x cruenta* Susie Butler
3. *Promenaea xanthina x Norman Gaunt* Christine Rethers

20A MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS not elsewhere specified

1. *Bulb. Jersey* Ela Kielich
2. *Bulb. J M Guilloty* C Scott-Harden
3. *Coel. Bird in Flight x Coel. celebensis* Christine Rethers

21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

1. *Rhynchostylis retusa* Susie Butler
2. *Vanda curvifolia* L & G Bromley
3. *Vanda luzonica* Cary Polis

22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

1. *Rhy. coelestis x V. luzonica* C Scott Harden
2. *Van. Tropic Coelestis 'Blue Mood'* Cary Polis
3. *Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Tokyo'* Iona Luke

23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS Over 50mm

1. *V. Tristar Gold 'Adisak's Gold'* I & I Chalmers
2. *V. Tristar Gold 'Adisak's Gold'* Cary Polis
3. *V. Pakchong Blue* Jie Zhang

24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

25 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

26 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

27 CYPRIDEDIOIDAE SPECIES

1. *Paph. adductum '2014A'* B Wong & R Terrenal
2. *Paph. moquetteanum* John McAuly
3. *Paph. liemianum* Dora Law

28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS Classical Shape

No entries

29 PAPHIOPEDILUM MAUDIAE TYPE

No entries

30 NOVELTY CYPRIPEDIOIDAE

1. *Paph. Magic Lantern 'Mike'* Rod Nurthen
2. *Paph. Magic Lantern 'Lima'* Rod Nurthen
3. *Paph. Dollgoldi* B Wong & R Terrenal

31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS

1. *Paph. Saint Swithin* I & I Chalmers

2. <i>Phal. Zheng Min Diffuse x Mel's Purple Ruby</i>	B Wong & R Terrenal
3. <i>Paph. William Amber</i>	I & I Chalmers
32 ALL TERRESTRIALS SPECIES & HYBRIDS	
1. <i>Thunia veitchiana</i>	Loretta & Paul Au
2. <i>Stenoglottis woodii</i>	Susie Butler
33 AUSTRALIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES	
1. <i>Phal. amabilis</i> ssp <i>rosenstromii</i>	B Wong & R Terrenal
2. <i>Phal. rosenstromii</i>	Cary Polis
34 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1. <i>Den. stuartii</i>	C Scott Harden
2. <i>Den. stratiotes</i>	I & I Chalmers
35A AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS White	
No entries	
35B AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS Colour	
1. <i>Sarco. Unknown</i>	Loretta & Paul Au
36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAF DEN. Sp/Hybrid	
No entries	
36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1. <i>Den. Silver King</i>	Ela Kielich
2. <i>Den. discolor x trilamellatum</i>	I & I Chalmers
3. <i>Den. Magenta's Pixican</i>	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 S/c. 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 75th Anniversary	Wed. 1 st April, Forestville Memorial Hall
Orchids Out West	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 75th Anniversary – 4th April 2026

Your committee is planning a great evening to celebrate the 75th 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!



One of our members, John McAuley, brought in this delightful orchid – *Mexipedium xerophyticum*. It is the only member of its tribe, Mexipedieae, 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.

Mexipedium xerophyticum