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Next Meeting is on Wednesday 3rd June 2026 commencing at 7.45pm, at the Forestville Memorial Hall, 3 Starkey St, Forestville. Members may enter the hall and bench plants from 6.45pm and the Cultural Class will start at 7.15pm. Please take special note of the change in starting times. **Show bench judging will start at 7.45pm during the winter months.**

Guest Speaker: This will be Garrie Bromley who will show us the orchids that have been awarded over the last several years.

The Culture Class will be given by George Serhan who will speak to us about Cymbidium culture and getting your Cymbidiums ready for a show.

Reminder – Members, please make sure you sign in on arrival as this is an insurance requirement of the society.

This month we will be holding our **Biggest Morning Tea**, raising funds for the Cancer Council. No doubt everyone has in one way or another been affected by this disease so we hope you will all give this fund-raising drive your best support. You are invited to bring along some cakes or savouries to share. Donations may be made during supper and a receipt will be given by Anthony Mobbs to any member requesting one. If you cannot attend the June meeting or you do not carry much cash, you can still donate by direct deposit to our bank account. Make sure you put 'Cancer Council' on the deposit slip. The bank details are: BSB 082-201 Account No. 00820150219020.

The supper table helpers will be Clover Bradley and Iona Luke. Thank you for volunteering. Another helper or two would be very welcome.

North Shore's Winter Show at the St Ives Shopping Village will set-up on Wednesday evening, 10th June from 6pm, and pull-down on Saturday afternoon, 13th June. We need both your plants and your help. We need your plants for the display and any spare plants you have for the sales table and we need your help with selling plants, answering questions and providing security.

Attached to the bulletin is:

1. The show schedule - please note the class numbers.
2. A form for you to list the plants you are entering in the show – see attached. Please list the plant name and the class they are entered in. You do **not** need to fill in benching cards.
3. The orchids that you bring to sell will only need the yellow tag attached to the plant showing the price you are asking and your name. Australian native orchids need to be entered on a form and have a label both of which will be available from Fred at the June meeting.

We will be asking for members to help with the sales table and security. A roster will be passed around again at the June meeting or contact Anthony Mobbs directly, if you can help.

JUDGING RESULTS MAY 2026

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

**Judge's Choice
Open
Nov/Intermediate**

Rhnps. Leong Pak-Lin
Brat. Sadie Loo x *Milt.* Christmas Eve
Den. Yaya Victoria

L & G Bromley
Loretta & Paul Au
Lynn Dabbs

OPEN SECTION

1 EXHIBITION LAELINAE

1. *Rlc.* Trudy Baker G & A Cushway
2. *Rlc.* Donna Kimara 'Paradise Tami' G & A Cushway
3. *Rlc.* Brunswick Blush 'Coral' G & A Cushway

2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELIINAE *min. 5 flowers*

1. *Lc.* Little Susie 'Orchidglen' G & A Cushway
2. *C.* Intermedio-flava L & G Bromley
3. *C. tenebrosa* x *C.* Jungle Hotspot Loretta & Paul Au

3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

1. *Lc.* Australian Frangipani 'Zoe' L & G Bromley
2. *Rlc.* Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora' G & A Cushway
3. *Bc.* Nakorpathome Silver Ela Kielich

4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE 70mm and under

1. *C.* Jeanne Woolf 'Zoe' L & G Bromley
2. *Rlc.* Ruby Topaz C Scott/Harden/A Cullinan
3. *Rth.* Jungle Jumbalaya (*) Jennifer Draper

5 LAELIINAE SPECIES

1. *Laelia anceps* 'Pierce' L & G Bromley
2. *Psh. cochleata* 'Pepe' x 'Jules & Elaine' Dora Law
3. *Psh. cochleata* Loretta & Paul Au

6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS 76mm & over

No entries

7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS 51-75mm

No entries

8 MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS up to 50mm

1. *Phal.* Eiderstedt Cary Polis

8A SPECIES PHALAENOPSIS

1. *Phal. bellina* Rod Nurthen
2. *Phal. bellina* I & I Chalmers
3. *Phal. bellina* var. *chloracea* Cary Polis

9 SPECIMEN PLANT

1. *Brat.* Sadie Loo x *Milt.* Christmas Eve Loretta & Paul Au
2. *Coel. fimbriata* var. *alba* Cary Polis
3. *Coel. fimbriata* Cary Polis

10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

1. *Onc. sotoanum* Li Shan
2. *Zelenkoa onusta* Cary Polis
3. *Zelenkoa onusta* Cary Polis

11 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS up to 35mm

1. *Trt. x haematochilum* L & G Bromley
2. *Onc.* Mini Golden Shower Dora Law
3. *Onc.* Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' Dora Law

12 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 36 to 60mm

1. *Onc.* Wildcat #13 Anthony Mobbs
2. *Onc.* Pacific Panache 'Fireside Fever' Bill Hart
3. *Ons.* Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee' Ela Kielich

13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS over 60mm

1. *Onc.* Izumi Loretta & Pau Au
2. *Brat.* Charles M Fitch Dora Law
3. *Onc.* Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy' Troy Shamlian

14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

1. *Restrepia brachypus* Dora Law
2. *Restrepia citrina* Fred Gorginian
3. *Restrepia cymbula* I & I Chalmers

15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1. *Masd.* Fire Walker Loretta & Paul Au

16 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1. *Den.* Enobi Purple 'Splash' L & G Bromley
2. *Den.* Brighton Pansy Ela Kielich
3. *Den.* Aridang Green Dora Law

17 DENDROBIUM SPECIES

1. *Den. victoriae-reginae* Ela Kielich
2. *Den. lamellatum* C Scott-Harden/A Cullinan
3. *Den. sanderae* var. *luzonicum* Ela Kielich

18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES AMERICA & AFRICA

1. *Z. mackayi* #2 Loretta & Paul Au
2. *Z. mackayi* #1 Loretta & Paul Au
3. *Max. tonsbergii* Cary Polis

18A MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED

1. *Bulb. fascinator* var. *alba* C Scott-Harden/A Cullinan
2. *Bulb. longibracteatum* Cary Polis
3. *Cym. kanran* 'Stripes' John Chang

19 MINIATURE SPECIES

1. *Gomesa radicans* C Scott-Harden/A Cullinan
2. *Schoenorchis micrantha* Cary Polis
3. *Gomesa radicans* Judith Barry

20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS AMERICA & AFRICA

1. *Z.* Debbie De Mellow 'Honolulu Bay' Lorreta & Paul Au
2. *Npp.* Adelaide Meadows x Artur Elle L & G Bromley
3. *Ctsm. pileatum* x Marsh Hollow x Susan Fuchs Dora Law

20A MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED

1. *Bulb.* Jersey Ela Kielich
2. *Bulb.* J M Guilloty Cary Polis
3. *Bulb.* Vindobona Dora Law

21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

1. *Halcoglossum wangii* John Chang
2. *Aerides quinquevulnera* L & G Bromley
3. *Vanda foetida* Cary Polis

22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

1. *Rhnps.* Leong Pak-Lin L & G Bromley
2. *V.* Fuchs Sunset Lina Huang
3. *V.* Green Light L & G Bromley

23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS Over 50mm

1. *V.* Manisha (**) Lina Huang
2. *V.* Samsri Glory 'Blue' Loretta & Paul Au
3. *V.* Pakchong Blue Lina Huang

24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUM

No entries

25 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

26 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

27 CYPRIDEDIOIDEAE SPECIES

1. *Paph. wardii* fma *album* Rod Nurthen
2. *Paph. insigne* #2 Loretta & Paul Au
3. *Paph. insigne* Michael Luu

28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

1. *Paph.* Emerald Moon x *charlesworthii* f. *album* Iona Luke
2. *Paph.* Unknown I & I Chalmers
3. *Paph.* Rosy Dawn I & I Chalmers

29 MAUDIAE TYPE PAPHIOPEDILUM

1. *Paph.* Lime Fresh 'Invidia' Rod Nurthen
2. *Paph.* Hsinying Love x *charlesworthii* 'Bordeaux' Loretta & Paul Au
3. *Paph.* Yi-Ying Morning Sun Fred Gorginian

30 NOVELTY CYPRIDEDIOIDEAE

1. *Paph.* Peruflora Cirila Alca I & I Chalmers
2. *Paph. concolor* x *rungsuriyanum* Li Shan
3. *Paph.* Cardinale Li Shan

31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS

1. *Z.* Kiwi Choice 'Tyabb' x *Zga.* Freestyle Meadows Iona Luke

32 ALL TERRESTRIALS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *Stenoglottis longifolia* Loretta & Paul Au
2. *Stenoglottis longifolia* Judith Barry

33 AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

No entries

34 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1. *Bulb. longisepalum v. alba* I & I Chalmers
2. *Den. bigibbum* Loretta & Paul Au
3. *Den. bigibbum* Ela Kielich

35A AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS White

35B AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS Colour

No entries

36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAF DEN. Sp/Hybrid

1. *Den. rigidum* Cary Polis
2. *Den. rigidum* Cary Polis

36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1. *Den. macrophyllum x alexandrae* Li Shan
2. *Den. Pacific Pride 'Carlo'* Fred Gorginian
3. *Den. Excelsa x shiraishii* Loretta & Paul Au

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

37 AUSTRALASIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

38 PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

39 CYMBIDIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

40 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

41 LAELIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *Cattleya* Unknown Robin Stewart

42 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

43 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NOVICE

44 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

No entries

45 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM

1. *Den. Yaya Victoria* Lynn Dabbs
2. *Den. Santi Fancy* Lynn Dabbs
3. *Onc. Wildcat 'Red Star'* Lynn Dabbs

46 LAELIINAE

No entries

47 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS

1. *Den. Merritt Island* Lynn Dabbs

(*) Jennifer Draper – *Blc. Waianae Leopard* x *Slc. Jungle Treasure 'Mojave'* is now *Rth. Jungle Jumbalaya*

(**) Lina Huang – *V. Jakkrit Gold* x *V. Patcharee Delight* is now *V. Manisha*

181 orchids benched

Exhibitors – please note that a species must not be benched in a hybrid class

MAY SPECIAL PRIZES



Orchid of the Month Judge's Choice

Rhnps. Leong Pak-Lin
Owned by L & G Bromley



Best of the Evening Open
(50% culture/50% flower)
Brat. Sadie Loo x Milt. Christmas Eve
Owned by Loretta & Paul Au



Best of the Evening Novice
(50% culture/50% flower)
Den. Yaya Victoria
Owned by Lynn Dabbs

It would be greatly appreciated if more care could be taken when filling out the benching cards. If possible, please check that the name of your orchid is correctly spelt and that your writing is legible.

The editorial team spend much time checking and, in some cases, double checking, that the plants you bench are correctly listed in the bulletin. If you are in doubt about a name, please ask Lesley or Garrie Bromley who will be only too happy to help.

A SELECTION OF ORCHIDS FROM OUR MAY MEETING



Rlc. Donna Kimara 'Paradise Tami'
G & A Cushway



C. Trudy Baker
G & A Cushway



C. Jungle Queen x Rth. Deception Variable
Fred Gorginian



Phal. Eiderstedt
Cary Polis



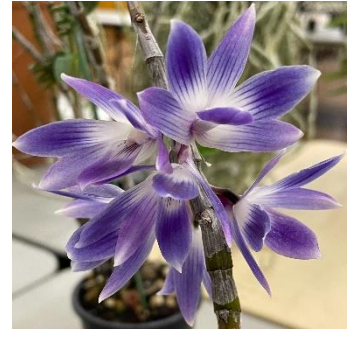
Phal. bellina
Rod Nurthen



Coel. fimbriata var. alba
Cary Polis



Den. Asternova Galaxy
Ela Kielich



Den. victoriae-reginae
Ela Kielich



Aerides quinquevulnera
L & G Bromley



V. Pakchong Blue
Lina Huang



Paph. Lime Fresh 'Invidia'
Rod Nurthen



Phrag. Cardinale
Li Shan



Den. bigibbum
Ela Kielich



Bulb. longibracteatum
Cary Polis



Z. mackayi #2
Loretta & Paul Au



Trt. haematochilum
L & G Bromley



Bulb. mastersianum
Cary Polis



Ctsm. Orchidglade 'Davie Ranchers'
I & I Chalmers



Onc. Wildcat 'Red Star'
Lynn Dabbs



Den. forbesii
Li Shan

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

North Shore Orchid Society Winter Show	11-13 June, St Ives Shopping Centre (Set up -10th June)
Mingara Orchid Club	27-28 June, Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi
National Orchid Extravaganza	7-9 August, The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd, Yagoona
St Ives Orchid Fair	14-16 August, St. Ives Showground, St Ives
North Shore Orchid Society Spring Show	10-12 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

Stop press!

The Society will be purchasing stocks of polo shirts and fleece jackets with the Society's logo on them. We will be getting one of each size available for members to try on and then we will order them as requested.

They are a bottle green in colour with a very attractive logo – a yellow cattleya flower with a red lip. There is the option of having your name printed on the garment at a slight extra cost.

The polo shirt will cost members \$35 and the fleece jacket is \$55. More information on when they will be available shortly.

Australian Orchid Foundation – Essay Competition

In its recent newsletter, the AOF announced an Essay Competition and the topic is '**Your first venture into growing orchids**'. The deadline is 31st July 2026. The first prize winner will receive a prize of \$350 with \$250 and \$150 going to the second and third place winners. In addition, the winning essays will be published on the AOF website and in orchid publications. The full details are in the attached document.

Further details of the work that the AOF does can be found on their website. These include research projects, conservation of native orchids and educational projects. The AOF also has a list of books on orchids that it has published. <https://australianorchidfoundation.org.au/>

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.

Pterostylis – the author of this article, Joyce Stone, has kindly given permission to reproduce it in this Bulletin



Pterostylis baptistii



Pterostylis curta



Pterostylis nutans



Pterostylis obtusa

Pterostylis are deciduous terrestrial orchids found in Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, Noumea and New Caledonia

and are distributed from arid to coastal regions, from tropical to sub-alpine regions. A number of *Pterostylis* species occur naturally in NSW bushland and also suburban and rural areas. Some grow in colonies (the most adaptable to cultivation), others are solitary. All are deciduous in warm weather, dying back to dormant tuberoids and sprouting again after summer or autumn rain. All produce replacement tuberoids every year, colony formers also produce two to five 'daughter' tuberoids each growing season therefore a fivefold increase is possible. I have been growing *Pterostylis* for years now and have made many changes to materials and methods used during that time. The following information is what works for me, others may find different mixes/methods work for them.

TEMPERATURE: Popular, colony forming *Pterostylis* species, such as *Ptst. baptistii*, *curta*, *nutans*, *obtus*, *pedunculata*, and others, prefer cool to moderate conditions when actively growing (green leaves). When dormant, during warm months, pots need to be kept cool and drier.

LIGHT and SHADE: These orchids need 25-50% shade when actively growing, and heavier shade to help reduce high temperatures during hot summer months when they are dormant or just beginning to grow.

HUMIDITY/AIR FLOW: This group of *Pterostylis* need moderate humidity with excellent ventilation.

WATERING: Water winter to spring flowering *Pterostylis* species such as *curta*, *pedunculata*, *baptistii*, and *nutans* late February to late spring, or when new shoots appear, till leaves start to yellow. Allow pots to dry out when dormant with just enough water to prevent tuberoids shrivelling. Care should be taken with the first watering after dormancy; water may drain down the sides of pots and not wet the mix; immerse pot in water if necessary to wet the whole of the mix, then water just as mix starts to dry out - don't over-water while actively growing as the tuberoids may rot. Autumn flowering species such as *Pterostylis obtusa*, *revoluta*, *torquata*, *truncata*, and other earlier flowering species, need to be watered earlier, as flowering may commence late summer to early autumn in some areas. Attention needs to be given to keep the early flowering plants cool during hot weather.

GROWING MEDIA and POTTING: November to December is my preferred time to re-pot this group of orchids. If not re-potted annually, tuberoids fill the pot and weaken growth. The potting mix needs to be free draining but contain some organic material. I have used a number of mixes over the years (which Malcolm patiently mixes for me by the wheelbarrow full every year). We are currently trying a new open terrestrial mix of 2 parts succulent/cactus mix, 1 part river sand and 1 part quality garden soil with a sprinkling of blood and bone and dolomite, - all good quality commercial products mixed well together. The plants seem to be very happy with this. Plant dormant tubers with their tops about 3cms from the final level of the media; cover with mix to top of pot. and then water in to settle. Don't over-crowd tuberoids – about 20 to a 150mm pot are enough. Mulching with *Casuarina* needles or fine (6-9mm) orchid bark, will help prevent leaf rot from contact with growing media.

FERTILIZER: At the beginning of the growing season, *Pterostylis* respond well to a dose of Seasol, or similar soil conditioner, but avoid using soil wetting agents. Feed with very weak solutions of liquid organic fertilisers such as blood and bone, fish emulsion etc. when actively growing. *Pterostylis* have soft leaves so avoid using harsh oils or chemicals.

FLOWERING: *Pterostylis* varieties usually found locally, flower autumn and winter to spring.

Australia has strict laws applying to native plants and many require a license to grow, propagate or sell. Native orchids are included in this legislation. It is against the law to pick or harvest any part of any orchids in their native habitat.

Reference and Recommended Reading: Native Orchids of Australia Including the Island Territories- David L. Jones: Guide to Native Orchids of NSW and ACT – Lachlan M Copeland and Gary N. Backhouse.

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ORCHIDS OUT WEST



BEST IN SHOW
Grand Champion Hybrid
Champion Other Orchid Hybrid
Den. Hot Lips 'Barrita'
owned by J Gafa



Grand Champion Species
Champion Oncidiinae
Zelenkoa onusta
owned by V Clowes

DISPLAYS



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Bailey Wong and Richard Terrenal