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Next Meeting is on Wednesday 6th May 2026 commencing at 7.45pm, at the Forestville Memorial Hall, 3 Starkey St, Forestville. Members may enter the hall and bench plants from 6.30pm. **Note: changed starting time.**

Guest Speaker: For this meeting, we are having something different – Orchid Bingo! Malcolm Stone will be running this and he will give us the details of how this will operate on the evening. We hope you will find it both enjoyable and informative. There will be prizes for the winners.

Our Culture Class: Joyce Stone will give a talk entitled 'Growing Pterostylis'. These fascinating native orchids can be a bit of a challenge to grow but Joyce will have all the answers for us. She will also provide some propagation notes for us to take away.

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

A warm welcome to our newest member, Sharon McIlwain. We hope she enjoys her membership with our Society.

Supper Roster – This month the supper table helpers will be Ela Kielich and Judith. Thank you, ladies, for volunteering. We will especially need help with the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea which we will be having at the June meeting. Please let Anthony Mobbs know if you can help.

NSOS 75th Anniversary – 1st April 2026



Dr. Seong Tay receiving the Reg Trennery Award from the Patron, Garrie Bromley.



Garrie and Lesley Bromley receiving an Award of Special Recognition – an engraved clock.

75

th Anniversary – 1st April 2026

The Anniversary was celebrated by 70 members and invited guests. Included in the guests were Veronica Clowes, President of the Orchid Society of NSW, Cary Polis and his wife Jill, President of Manly-Warringah Orchid Society, Bill Dobson and his wife Lorraine, President of Warringah ANOS, Peter d'Olier and his wife Jane, President of Ku-ring-gai Orchid Society and Carol Verons and her husband representing the St Ives Village Centre.

After welcoming the guests, the President, Fred Gorginian, invited everyone to make their way to the self-serve dinner. As soon as the first course was finished, the judges left the table to undertake the judging of the show bench orchids. At the conclusion of the judging, it was time for the presentations. First was the presentation by Garrie of the Reg Trenerry Award to Dr Seong Tay in recognition of his outstanding service to the North Shore Orchid Society since 2002. This was followed by a presentation of an engraved clock to Garrie and Lesley Bromley. Garrie has served continuously on the committee for 50 years and has been the Society's Patron since 2021. Lesley is the Society's longest-serving President, has also served as Secretary and produced the Society's bulletin for 19 years.



Next to be honoured were **Ann and Norm Byron** who have given many years of service to the Society. Norm was not well enough to be present but Ann stepped up to receive her commemorative clock. Ann was followed by Gloria and Allan Cushway.

Gloria and Allan Cushway have been members for over 30 years and during that time Allan was the Assistant Show Marshall and Gloria served on the committee for 11 years and was the President from 2019 to 2021. They received a commemorative clock in recognition of their many years of service.



Nick Gill A member since 1981, Nick has served the Society for over four decades. He was President from 2008 to 2015 and then Treasurer for six years. An OSNSW judge, Nick received the President's Award in 2014 in recognition of his leadership and service.



Tony McClure has been a member since 1987. He has held numerous leadership roles, including four years as Vice President, four years as President, and eight years as Welfare Officer. He was awarded the Reg Trenerry Award (2003), Life Membership (2006), and the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his service.



Rod Nurthen joined in 1964 and, with 62 years of membership, is the Society's longest-serving member. Rod served as Vice President and later President, commencing in 2010. He received the President's Award in 2016 for his longstanding contribution.

Cary Polis has been a member since 1984 and as a sustaining member, Cary is a valued supporter of the Society. He serves as Auctioneer, Returning Officer, culture class presenter and judge, generously sharing his extensive orchid knowledge. Cary is also President of the Manly Warringah Orchid Society and is president of the St Ives Fair committee. His ongoing support and expertise are greatly appreciated.



Next came the cutting of the Anniversary Cake by three of the Society's newest members – **Alonya Cullinan, Iona Luke and Sharon McIlwain.**



The cake was an opera sponge – numerous layers of almond sponge cake, coffee French buttercream and rich chocolate ganache! This was made by our own Anthony Mobbs. Quite, quite delicious!



Lastly, **Veronica Clowes**, the Orchid Society of NSW President, congratulated the Society on its long and illustrious history. She then gave out the prizes to the show bench winners, Garrie and Lesley Bromley and Lynn Dabbs, the Novice winner. Veronica followed up her visit with a 'thank-you' card, her best wishes for the continued success of the Society and she also gave the Society a monetary gift.



The 2026 Committee of the North Shore Orchid Society Inc.

Paul Au, Loretta Au, TC Chan, Garrie Bromley, Clover Bradley, Fred Gorginian, Susie Butler, Dora Law, Lina Huang, Christine Rethers, Anthony Mobbs, Tony Agrela

(Sincere thanks to Craig Scott-Harden for taking many of the photos shown in this article. Ed.)

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Orchids Out West	15-17 May 2026, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon. Fri./Sat. – 9am-4pm, Sun.– 9am-2pm
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



NORTH SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY DONATION TO THE HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI WOMEN'S SHELTER

Unfortunately, the Coordinator of the Women's Shelter, Samala Mascord, was not able to be present at our 75th Anniversary celebrations. Our Secretary, Clover Bradley, delivered our donation to her after the event. The donation was for \$2,000 and this was matched with a further \$2,000 by the Bendigo Bank.

Samala said that the NSOS contribution will help bring the community closer to securing a second safe home for women and children. This home will support up to four families at a time... providing not just shelter, but three months of safety, stability and care... a place where healing can begin and hope can be rebuilt.

It's more than a roof overhead... it's:

- Three months to sleep safely***
- Three months for children to return to school without fear***
- Three months to access vital legal, emotional and practical support***
- Three months to rebuild confidence, independence and a sense of future***

The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter are very grateful for the ongoing support !!

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JUDGING RESULTS APRIL 2026

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

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

Den. Hot Lips 'Lesley'
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Den. bigibbum (Hybrid)

L & G Bromley
L & G Bromley
Lynn Dabbs

OPEN SECTION

1 EXHIBITION LAELINAE

- Blc. Burdekin Heights* G & A Cushway
- Rlc. Mishima Monarch 'Blumen Insel'* Ela Kielich
- Rlc. George King 'Serendipity'* Jie Zhang

2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELIINAE min. 5 flowers

- Ett. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'* Fred Gorginian
- Lc. Wrigleyi 'Orchid Library'* L & G Bromley
- C. leopoldii x C. milleri* Cary Polis

3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

- C. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua'* Susie Butler
- Rth. Nell Hammer* G & A Cushway
- Rlc. Lakehaven Pearl* Ela Kielich

4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE 70mm and under

- Rth. Nell Hammer 'Payom'* Susie Butler
- C. Angel Flare 'Janelle' x Rlc. Rosella Tokyo* Cary Polis

5 LAELIINAE SPECIES

- Epidendrum floribundum* Fred Gorginian
- Gur. bowringiana 'A1'* L & G Bromley
- L. purpurata var. anelata* Cary Polis

6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS 76mm & over

- Phal. Ching Ruey Fancy 'Fong Ping'* Elita & TC Chan
- Dtps. Jiuhbao Fairy x Dendi's Yeti* Elita & TC Chan

7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS 51-75mm

No entries

8 MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS up to 50mm

- Phal. Tzu Chiang Senima x pulcherrima* L & G Bromley
- Phal. Unknown* Lina Huang
- Phal. Tzu Chiang Senima x pulcherrima* L & G Bromley

8A ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

- Phal. bellina* Fred Gorginian
- Phal. tetraspis* B Wong/R Terrenal
- Phal. celebensis* L & G Bromley

9 SPECIMEN PLANT

- Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'* Iona Luke
- Gomesa crispa* David Floyd
- Milt. regnellii* Mary Drummond

10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

- Onc. papilio* G & A Cushway
- Onc. planilabre* L & G Bromley
- Onc. trulliferum* L & G Bromley

11 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS up to 35mm

- Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'* Fred Gorginian
- Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'* Mary Drummond
- Gom. Mini Golden Shower* Dora Law

12 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 36 to 60mm

- Ons. Warm Memories 'Wild Fire'* Lina Huang
- Milt. Bluntii* Lina Huang
- Onc. Pacific Panache 'Fireside Fever'* Bill Hart

13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS over 60mm

- Rnc. Pacific Paranoia* Loretta & Paul Au
- Milt. Honolulu 'Warne's Best'* Loretta & Paul Au
- Onc. Unknown* Loretta & Paul Au

14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

- Restrepia sp.* Fred Gorginian

15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

No entries

16A DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

- Den. Hot Lips 'Lesley'* L & G Bromley
- Den. Aridang Green* Dora Law
- Den. Asternova Galaxy* Ela Kielich

17 DENDROBIUM SPECIES

- Den. hekouense* Jean Fulcher
- Den. sanderae var. luzonicum* Ela Kielich
- Den. bullenianum* Dora Law

18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES AMERICA & AFRICA

- Max. praestans* Li Shan
- Zygopetalum maculatum* Li Shan
- Gongora galeata* Loretta & Paul Au

18A MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED

- Bulb. guttulatum* C Scott-Harden/A Cullinan
- Ddc. cobbianum* Trish Peterson
- Coel. fimbriata* Mary Drummond

19 MINIATURE SPECIES

- Angraecum distichum* Mark Asbury
- Stelis sp.* C Scott-Harden/A Cullinan
- Schoenorchis micrantha* Cary Polis

20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS AMERICA & AFRICA

- Zba. Dragon Kitten 'Patches'* Loretta & Paul Au
- Gptm. Arlene Armour 'Conching'* Loretta & Paul Au
- Z. Jumpin Jack* C Scott-Harden/A Cullinan

20A MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED

- Bulb. Daisy Chain* Zie Zhang
- Bulb. cootesii x sumatranum* L & G Bromley
- Coelogyne Bird in Flight* Cary Polis

21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

- Vanda perplexa* Cary Polis
- Neofinetia falcata* Li Shan
- Vanda roeblingiana* Cary Polis

22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

- Van. Brisbane Rivers 'Brighton'* L & G Bromley
- Van. Tropic Coelestis 'Blue Wing Tips'* Cary Polis
- Van. Pine Rivers 'Brighton'* L & G Bromley

23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS Over 50mm

- V. Somsri Glory 'Blue'* Loretta & Paul Au

24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUM

No entries

25 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

26 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUMS

- Cym. Kiwi Zig Zag* G Serhan

27 CYPRIDEDIOIDEAE SPECIES

- Paph. henryanum 'Wide Wings'* Anthony Mobbs
- Paph. charlesworthii* G & A Cushway
- Paph. primulinum* B Wong/R Terrenal

28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

No entries

29 MAUDIAE TYPE PAPHIOPEDILUM

- Paph. Hsinying Love x charlesworthii 'Bordeaux'* Loretta & Paul Au
- Paph. Doya Impulse x Impulse* L & G Bromley
- Paph. Alkate's Winter Solstice* Mary Drummond

30 NOVELTY CYPRIDEDIOIDEAE

- Phrag. Cardinale* Li Shan
- Paph. rothschildianum x Joyce Sexton (*)* C Scott-Harden/A Cullinan

- Paph. concolor x rungsuriyanum* Li Shan

31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS

- C. Caudebec x King of Gozo* G Serhan
- C. Caudebec x King of Gozo* G Serhan
- C. Caudebec x King of Gozo* G Serhan

32 ALL TERRESTRIALS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

- Stenoglottis longifolia #2* Loretta & Paul Au
- Stenoglottis longifolia #1* Loretta & Paul Au
- Stenoglottis fimbriata* Dora Law

33 AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

1. *Sarco. hirticalcar* Trish Peterson

34 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1. *Den. bigibbum* Loretta & Paul Au
2. *Den. bigibbum var. superbum* Ela Kielich
3. *Liparis reflexa* Dora Law

35A AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS White

1. *Prschs. Cherub* Clover Bradley

35B AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS Colour

No entries

36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAF DEN. Sp/Hybrid

No entries

36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1. *Den. Pacific Pride 'Carlo'* Fred Gorginian
2. *Den. Pink Glow* Li Shan
3. *Den. convolutum x pacificum* 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

No entries

42 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

43 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

NOVICE

44 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

1. *Bulb. hirundinis* Lynn Dabbs
2. *Restrepia brachypus* Lynn Dabbs
3. *Coel. tomentosa* Celia Yeung

45 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM

No entries

46 LAELIINAE

No entries

47 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS

1. *Den. bigibbum* Lynn Dabbs

220 orchids benched

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

(*) C Scott-Harden/A Cullinan – *Paph. James Bacon* x Tokyo 'Black Knight' is now *Paph. Joyce Sexton*

APRIL SPECIAL PRIZES



Orchid of the Month
Judge's Choice
Den. Hot Lips 'Lesley'
Owned by L & G Bromley



Best of the Evening Open
(50% culture/50% flower)
Den. Hot Lips 'Lesley'
Owned by L & G Bromley



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

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 APRIL MEETING



Rlc. Nell Hammer
G & A Cushway



Blc. Burdekin Heights
G & A Cushway



C. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua'
Susie Butler



Encyclia radiata
Cary Polis



Phal. Tzu Chiang Senrima
x pulcherrima
L & G Bromley



Phal. Unknown
Lina Huang



Ons. Warm Memories 'Wild Fire'
Lina Huang



Restrepia sp.
Fred Gorginian



Schoenorchis micrantha
Cary Polis



Paph. *concolor x rungsuriyanum*
Li Shan



Milt. *regnellii*
Mary Drummond



Gur. *bowringiana* 'A1'
L & G Bromley



C. Little Suzie 'Joy'
Dora Law



Gomesa crispata
David Floyd



Onc. Sharry Baby
'Sweet Fragrance'
Iona Luke