



We had 50 entries for this our first benching of 2026. 3 of the 10 sections were 'black' meaning they had 3 or less entries. The small pots with just 2 was an unexpected one of those. Unfortunately, we had just 7 different winners out of 11 prizes – the 'Holy Grail' of 11/11 will have to wait another month.

SEC. 1 – FERN X 5

Carmel Illings – a very healthy and densely leafed 'crows nest fern'



SEC. 3 - FOLIAGE ONLY PLANT/S (x7)

Trevor Hicks – Caladiums like this are at their peak around now. This heavily veined example proves the point.



SEC. 2 - ORCHIDS (x3)

Laurie Baxter – this Vanda orchid with its pretty purple centre with yellow stamens just beat another lovely orange Laurie entry.



STEWARD'S PRIZE

Kathy Stewart – this stunning bright Gladiolus is one of the newer 'dwarf' varieties.



SEC. 7 - A CUT (x 6)

Trevor Hicks – this 'Pink Trumpet Vine' is a vigorous climber that flowers all summer.



SEC. 5 – A SINGLE BLOOM (x10)

Trevor Hicks – a 'White Bat Plant'.



SEC. 10

DECORATIVE DISPLAY (x2)

Trevor Hicks – in honour of Australia Day.



Our annual Benching Trophy is awarded at our X-Mas Party. 1st = \$50, 2nd = \$30 plus 2 x \$10 special Encouragement Awards. Name your entries as each entry earns a point.

SEC 9 - SMALL POT (x2)

Trevor Hicks – a sun loving Tillandsia.



SEC. 8 – VASE OF FLOWERS (x5)

Marianne Franks – a great collection of 'Bee Hive Gingers'. The flowers are the small blooms that grow out of the bee hive bracts.



SEC. 6 – PRODUCE (x2)

Jill Barber – another great variety mix from Jill.



SEC. 4

FLOWERING PLANT (x7)

Karen Hayes – our rules classify seed pods/berries etc. in with flowers. This **Epiphyllum** more than meets that requirement.

