



BENCHING WINNERS JANUARY 2025

Benching numbers were down to 41 from the November meetings 49. That meant there were four 'black' sections with 3 or less entries up one from last month. The SINGLE BLOOM section with 8 entries was the strongest with the CUT/MULTIPLE BLOOMS coming in second strongest. Only 1 orchid this month.

SEC. 1

FERN/S (x4)

Wendy Bruce – one of the more elaborate frond ends for a Crows Nest Fern.



SEC. 3

FOLIAGE ONLY PLANT/S (x4)

Trevor Hicks – Caladiums such as this one will soon begin dying back for winter.



SEC. 2

ORCHIDS (x1)

Val Steffenson – a great example of one of the most popular of the orchids.



SEC. 4

FLOWERING PLANT (x3)

Denise Narramore – this lovely pink ginger plant flowers for some months.



SEC. 7

A CUT (x7)

Val Steffenson – Succulent. This fine small clump of blooms is from a succulent.



SEC. 8 –

VASE OF FLOWERS (x4)

Beryl Tucker – A mix dominated by white **Mussaenda** or Bangkok Rose. With Ixora and a yellow 'red hot poker'.



SEC. 9

SMALL POT PLANT (x5)

Trevor Hicks – another **Caladium**, this one proving they can be good in small pots.



SEC. 10

DECORATIVE DISPLAY (x3)

Marie Sampson – a great example of using height contrast and a single colour to highlight the flowers.



SEC. 5 –

A SINGLE BLOOM (8)

Trevor Hicks – the White flowering Bat Plant or **Tacca Integrifolia** is bigger than its black flowering type.



SEC. 6 – PRODUCE (x2)

Ian Lee – Jackfruit.

Artocarpus heterophyllus or the jackfruit tree has the largest fruit in the world. They can be up to 55 kgs each fruit!



Our annual Benchng Trophy will be awarded at our X-Mas Party. 1st = \$50, 2nd = \$30 plus 2 x \$10 special Encouragement Awards.

STEWARDS PRIZE

Neil Taylor – putting this succulent bloom in a yellow glass vase really highlights its appeal and its unusual nature.

