



BENCHING WINNERS MARCH 2025

Benching numbers were 44 in March, a good number considering attendance was down to 70. Still, we had only two 'black' sections with 3 or less entries. The FOLIAGE PLANT and SINGLE BLOOM sections with 7 entries were the strongest. There were 10 different winners this month – **nearly** our 'Holy Grail' of 11/11

SEC. 1

BROMELIAD (x6)

Wendy Bruce – a lovely 'pink' brom in very good condition.



SEC. 5 –

A SINGLE BLOOM (7)

Carmel Hockings – this 'Blue Ginger' or **Dichorisandra thyrsiflora** is native to Central and Southern America.



SEC. 10

DECORATIVE DISPLAY (x4)

Kathy Watt – as Kathy said, a great example of recycling an old cracked pot into something special.



SEC. 4

FLOWERING PLANT (x3)

Alyson Risse – a club favourite winner is this 'Black Bat Plant' or **Tacca chantheeri**



SEC. 3

FOLIAGE ONLY PLANT/S (x7)

Lesley Wilkinson – one of the many different types of **Aglaonema** plants from PNG and sub-tropical Asia known as 'Chinese evergreens'.



SEC. 2

ORCHIDS (x1)

Wendy Bruce – a fresh looking orchid when most seem to be in 'recess'.



STEWARDS PRIZE

Ruth Ayres – a google search revealed a number of different options for what this lovely plant is e.g. an 'Emerald Goddess' but that is also the name of a liriopel!



SEC 9

SMALL POT PLANT (x5)

Kathy Stewart – not always easy to grow well, African violets like this always are a welcome display.



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

SEC. 8 –

VASE OF FLOWERS (x3)

Trevor Hicks – A collection of different types of **Anthuriums** with white, yellow and 'pink' 'stamens' which are in fact the actual flowers. The big 'collar' is in fact a bract not a flower.



SEC. 7

A CUT (x6)

Maxine Cochrane – a good example of one of the many 'not yellow' **Allamandas** or 'Golden Trumpet Vine'.



SEC. 6 – PRODUCE (x2)

Anita Fowler – a very fresh looking mix of home grown bananas, capsicum and passionfruit.



A great lesson from this entry is how those 3 Echinacea flowers really enhance the visual appeal of this entry.