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Left - Peter Haltis receiving his Cymbidium Cup award as he was absent on our presentation night in December.
Right - James Argent hard at work standing in for Don Higgs at the January meeting



This month's meeting is on **Wednesday 18th February 2026**
in the Plympton Community Centre, Long St., Plympton, at **8pm.**

Hall opens for set-up from 7.30pm
Carpark and entry are from the rear.

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LIFE MEMBERS

1970 Spiro Drikas*	2005 Alan Davies, Iris Davies
1975 Elva Shawyer*, Gordon Shawyer* Edith Halliday*, Mervyn Green*	2013 Margaret Jacob
1976 Trevor Jacob	2014 Brian Brand, Shirley Brand
1977 Jack Moore*, Harold Luckhurst*, Ken Wynes*	2018 Lesley Gunn, Robert Gunn Don Higgs, Jane Higgs Jill Taylor*
1986 Kelvin Staples*, Stan Johnston*	2021 Dr. Tony Bourne
1992 Peter Speer*, Deane Johnston, Frank Neighbour*, Nancy Neighbour*	2022 Pauline Simcock, Garry Simcock
1996 Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver*	2023 Sarka Laznicka Peter McCauley Jan Whibley Charles Yeo
	2024 John Seidel Val Speer

*Denotes deceased member

Researched K.Gurney.

GUEST SPEAKER for February 2026

**This month's guest speaker will be Jane Higgs.
Her talk will be on "What Judges are looking for"**

Volunteers for Kitchen duties this month are Barbara and Glen Thompson.

Birthdays for February 2026

Happy Birthday to these members, who are celebrating birthdays this month.

Richard Crinion, Ellen Hume, Robert Gunn, Beryl Wilson, Kevin Western
.Congratulations!

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday Feb 21st @ 7.00 pm at Findon Western Link Church Hall..*
Next Judges Meeting *To be advised by Registrar*

PRESIDENT'S Report

I hope everyone is keeping well and cool, the weather has not been conducive to spending much time outdoors. Apart from the necessary watering, any jobs in need of attention have been done either before the sun has come over the hill or just as it was setting.

For those of you that attended the "Slaves Day", I discovered the place where I had the orchids was not a good choice. As we progressed into summer the afternoon sun blared directly into the front of that space. Covering the front with shade cloth helped a little but the morning sun on the colorbond fence meant everything heated up early and continued to get hotter throughout the day. They started to turn yellow and did not look happy. Shifting them into a cooler, more sheltered space and feeding them has resulted in a greener and happier appearance.

I hope everyone is having more success flowering their plants than me, at present, otherwise the show benches may be a little bare this month. I went looking for likely plants in flower, the only thing I found was Wedding Valley "Sakura", it had a main spike, now shrivelled, with a much smaller side shoot and 3 small flowers.

Last meeting was our Year in Review, reminding us of all the plants taking prizes during 2025. Don always does a good job of preparing and presenting this and the presentation this year kept up the standard. As Don and Jane were absent, celebrating in Ulladulla, James

took over the reins. Apart from a minor hitch getting the computer and projector talking to one another, the presentation and judging went off well. The presentation reminded me of how many of my plants won prizes last year, not because I am a good grower but because I brought plants in. I

encourage all Second Division Growers to bring in whatever they have in flower so that we can all appreciate them.

Trevor Jacob continued to avoid the hot spell by remaining in the air conditioned comfort of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital where they have been working on his health problems and building up his weight and strength. Margaret has not been fortunate enough to escape the heat, she has had all the plants to keep watered and then travel to the hospital to visit Trevor. Someone introduced her to UBER which resulted in cooler and quicker trips rather than bussing and walking. Trevor has recently been moved into respite care in Klemzig. To any members who are not feeling their best, our thoughts and well wishes go out to you.

This meeting our guest speaker will be Jane Higgs, she always gives a good presentation, getting members involved. I believe the topic is around getting a new plant.

Cheers, Garry Simcock, President

From the Treasurer

As we move into the New Year, membership subscriptions become due. Some members have already paid, and those who joined us at the Spring Show or Orchid Opportunities Day, their payment carries them through until 2027

Subscriptions remain at

\$25 for single membership

\$35 for joint or family membership

I am happy to take your payment, at meetings, in cash, or by card. If you would prefer, you can make payment by direct deposit, the details are

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Garry Simcock, Treasurer

January 2026 Meeting Photos



Den Little Green Apple sff.



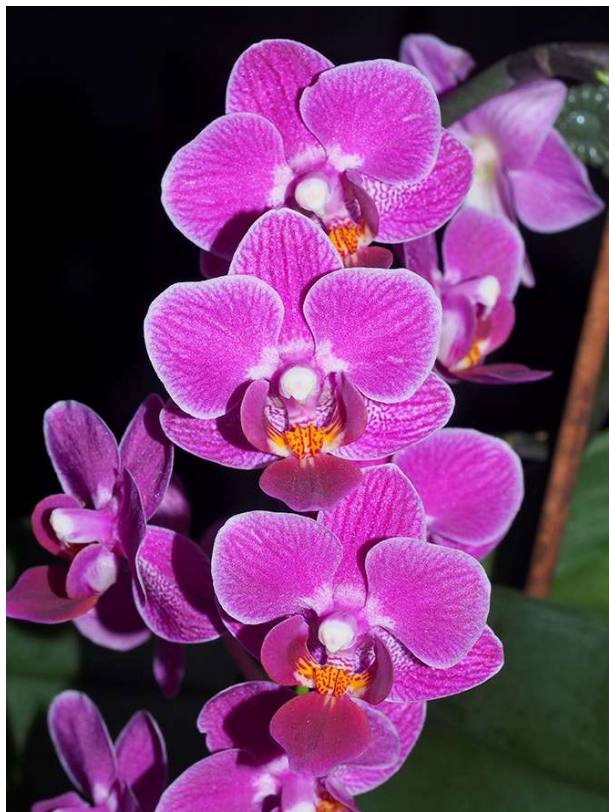
Den Little Green Apple wp



Paph delenati x Fumi's Delight



Phal unknown



Phal unknown cu



Psh cochleata cu



Psh cochleata

January 2026 Competition Results

OPEN DIVISION

Laeliinae Standard under 80mm

- 1) C. Elusive Dream 'Peace' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Laeliinae Clustser

- 1) **Pcv.** Golden Peacock M. Willoughby & O. Ju
2) *Psh.* Green Hornet M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Laeliinae Species

- 1) *Psh. cochleata* M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Paphiopedilum Non Standard

- 1) *Paph.* Magic Lantern M. Willoughby & O. Ju
2) *Paph. (delenatii* x Fumi's Delight) M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Paphiopedilum Species

- 1) *Paph. primulinum* M. Willoughby & O. Ju
2) *Paph. superbiens* 'Mouliache' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Dendrobium (Other than Australian Native)

- 1) *Den* Little Green Apple M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

- 1) *Sarco. ceciliae* M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Oncidiinae Hybrid

- 1) *Onc.* Aka Baby 'Rasberry Chocolate' M. Willoughby & O. Ju
2) *Onc.* Guann Shin 'Coffee' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Oncidiinae Species

- 1) *Brs. verrucosa* 'Dee Pee'* M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Other Hybrid Not listed Above

- 1) *Srts.* Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Other Species not listed above

- 1) *Sngl. woodii* M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Seedling

- 1) *Paph. (delenatii* x Fumi's Delight) M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Popular Vote

- 1) *Onc.* Guann Shin 'Coffee' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

- 2) *Den.* Little Green Apple

- 3) **Pcv.** Golden Peacock

M. Willoughby & O. Ju

M. Willoughby & O. Ju

FIRST DIVISION

Laeliinae Species

- 1) *Psh. cochleata* S. Laznicka
2) *E. atrorubens* D. Bird
3) *Epi elongatum* J. & D. Cassar

Popular Vote

- 1) *Psh. cochleata* S. Laznicka
2) *E. atrorubens* D. Bird
3) *Psh. cochleata* J. & D. Cassar\

SECOND DIVISION

Laeliinae Non Standard

- 1) *Ctt.* Chicanery x C. Tangerine Jewel G. & P. Simcock
(Registered as *Ctt. Tropical Gem*)

Laeliinae Species

- 1) *Psh. cochleata* M. Henschke

Phalaenopsis Standard

- 1) *Phal.* Unknown G. & P. Simcock

Dendrobium Other Than Australian Native

- 1) *Den.* Unknown M. Henschke

Oncidiinae

- 1) *Onc.* Pacific Panache 'Fire Side Fever' G. & P. Simcock

Popular Vote.

- 1) *Phal.* Unknown G. & P. Simcock
2) *Psh. cochleata* M. Henschke
3) *Onc.* Pacific Panache 'Fire side Fever' G. & P. Simcock

DIVISIONAL WINNERS

Open Division and Registrar's Choice

Den. Little Green Apple

M. Willoughby & O. Ju

This was a flawless plant carrying 3 inflorescences and a total of 37 flowers

First Division

Psh. cochleata

S. Laznicka

This plant also had 3 Inflorescences with 14 flowers of good substance and broad segments for this species

Second Division

Phal. Unknown

G. & P. Simcock

1 multiple branched inflorescence with 16 lovely small dark pink flowers

Note: As I was interstate and James was giving the presentation, the Registrar's Choice was made by Phil Steer. Thankyou Phil for assisting on the night.

*Anything in red has been corrected from what was written on the label.

SHOW DATES 2026

Autumn Show at Crittenden Rd, Findon, on **Friday 15th May** set up from 4pm followed by judging, then **Saturday 16th May** 9am to 4pm open to public.

South Australian Orchid Fair on the King's Birthday Weekend **Friday 5th June** 9am set up, then **Sat 6th June** 9am to 4pm and **Sunday 7th June** 10am to 3pm open to public at the Campbelltown Council Function Centre, 172 Montacute Road, as in previous years.

Winter Show at Crittenden Rd, Findon, **Friday 31st July** set up from 4pm followed by judging, then **Saturday 1st August** 9am to 4pm and **Sunday 2nd August** 12noon to 4pm open to public.

Spring Show, also at Crittenden Rd Findon, **Friday 11th September**, put in displays from 4pm followed by judging, then **Saturday 12th September** 9am to 4pm and **Sunday 13th September** 12noon to 4pm open to public.

Plant Sales Day is scheduled for **Saturday 10th October** at the Crittenden Rd Findon Church Hall from 8am set up for your sales items, then open to public 9.30am to 4pm. You can sell all sorts of plants, pots, potting mix etc

ZYGOPETALUMS

Zygopetalums and related genera are very rewarding plants to have in your collection as they often flower twice a year and have a lovely perfume, unlike most other orchids.

They originally come from South America and grow quite happily with your Cymbidiums, but prefer a little more shade. They will grow in an open orchid bark mix, again the same as Cymbidiums. They really thrive on regular fertilizer and water. and like good air movement. The air movement can help prevent leaf spotting.

If the overhead light is too strong, the labellum can jut forward going to the light. If this happens, it can easily be dealt with by extra shading overhead, however it doesn't always happen.

One down feature with Zygopetalums (abbreviation Z.) is that occasionally one of the last flowers to open will be deformed with either fused segments or, as in the photo Z. [(Artur Elle x Jade Dragon) x Purple Panther], a strange labellum.



It is thought that this is caused by extreme temperatures or temperature fluctuation when the buds are at a certain stage of development. Having said this, however, I have about 25 plants in this family and it only occurred on one flower spike this last year, so they are definitely a worthwhile orchid to have.



Zga.(Adelaide Meadows x Freestyle Meadows)



Z. B. G. White



Z. Kiwi Fifty One 'K1'

Jane Higgs