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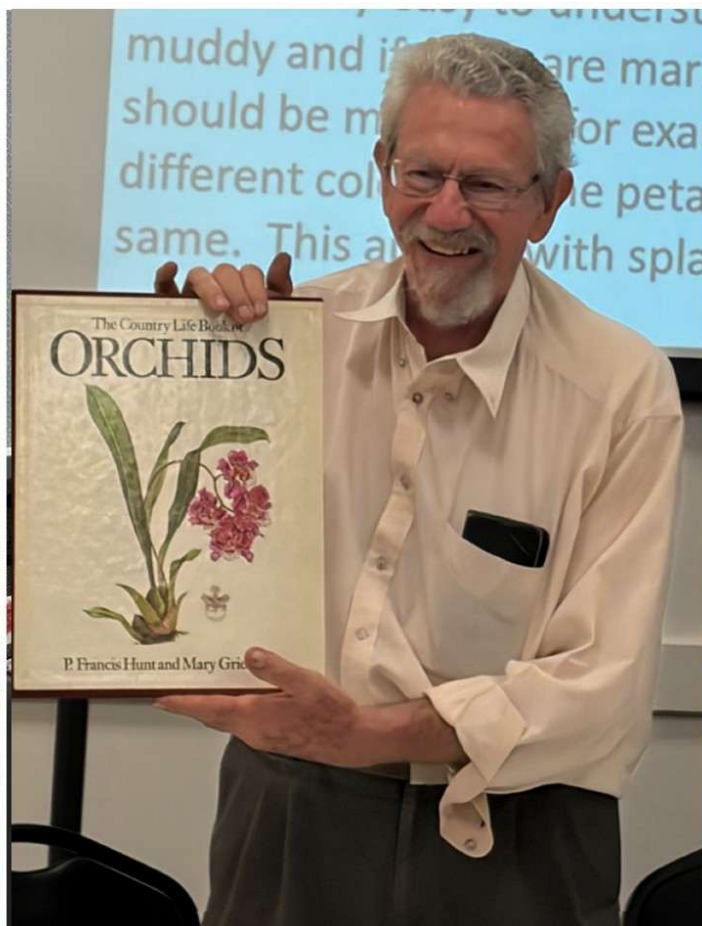
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Left - Raffle prize donor Jan Whibley presenting the book to the winner Vanda Rounsefell.

Right - Garry Simcock holding the new Raffle prize book kindly donated by Sue and Graham Zerbe.

This month's meeting is on **Wednesday 18th March 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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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*
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1996 Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver*	2023 Sarka Laznicka Peter McCauley Jan Whibley Charles Yeo
	2024 John Seidel Val Speer

*Denotes deceased member

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GUEST SPEAKER for March 2026

This month's guest speaker will be Phil Steer.

His talk will be on Oncidium Orchids

Volunteers for Kitchen duties this month are: Jan Whibley and Sarka Laznicka.

Birthdays for March 2026

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

Joe Cassar, Peter Haltis, Phil Steer, Neil Cooper

Congratulations!

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

PRESIDENT'S Report

What a meeting last month, at 7.20 p.m., when Don and Jane arrived, Diana and I were the only ones present. Jane looked around and said that her presentation must have scared everyone off. This was definitely not the case, as the carpark began to fill rapidly.

I must get into the habit of checking for a microphone as soon as I have turned the lights on, unfortunately it was only when I went to open the meeting that I discovered its absence. A quick search of all the likely places, and some of the unlikely ones, prepared me to call for a replacement. The replacement arrived just as Jane was about to give her presentation. Fearing that she was having to speak without the microphone, I had threatened to toss something at anyone who competed against her. The audience was engrossed with her talk and apart from some feedback blips, you could have heard a pin drop.

We often hear the words, circular, flat, covered in, seven flowers on a spike, but Jane described when these conditions need to be met, and the number of variations to these conditions due things like a species orchid, or the presence of certain characteristics from a parent in hybrids, or is it a progressive flowerer?

Most of us are not judges so we do not have anywhere near this amount of knowledge of orchids, we should not try to pre-empt what the judges will do. It is important to bring our plants in, and let the judges make a decision, a

plant left in the growing house has no chance of winning a prize, but it could be the best of its type on that occasion. The number of plants benched last month was down, everyone had been affected by the prolonged heat and dry spell. The only thing in flower in my shadehouse was a wayward thistle and epidendrum, wedding valley Sakura. The only flower spike on this started dying from the top and as an act of defiance to the weather, a side shoot had 3 very small flowers.

Jane went on to speak about what to look for when buying an orchid. Over the years, when phalaenopsis orchids were less readily available, I used to buy them to sell at our shows, only taking what the plant cost out and the rest going into club profits. The question always in my mind was "would I be happy to own this plant if it does not sell?"

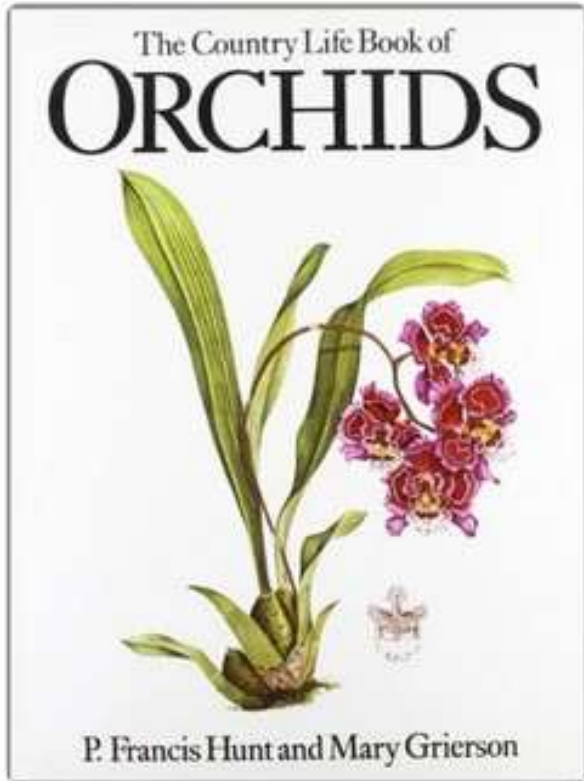
This meeting Phil Steer is our guest speaker, and we hope to see more plants benched.

Cheers, Garry Simcock, President

Fund-raising Raffle

We have a new fund-raising raffle.

The prize is a superb book donated to the club by Sue and Graham Zerbe. It is "The Country Life Book of Orchids", by P.Francis Hunt and Mary Grierson.



Many thanks to Sue and Graham for this delightful book.

The tickets are \$2 each and the raffle will run for the next few months.

From the Treasurer

Membership subscriptions for 2026 are now due, if not already paid.

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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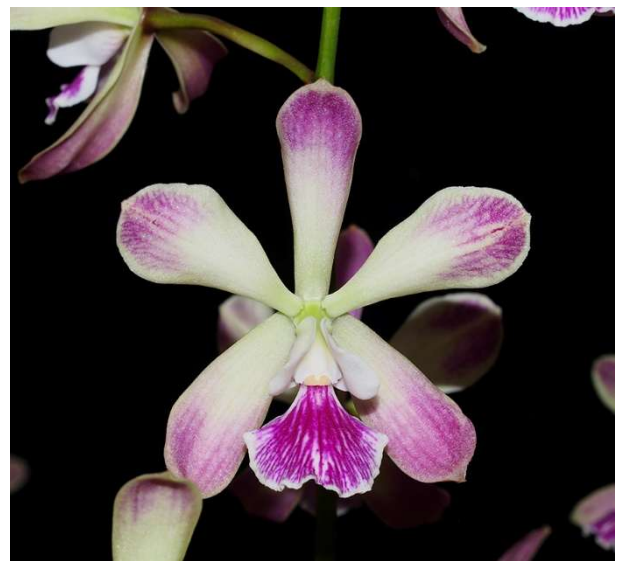
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February 2026 Meeting



Photos from John Seidel:



Cty Burdekin Honey 'Shona'



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Photos from John Seidel (contd):



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February 2026 Meeting (contd)

Jane's Showbench Chatter

Showbench eyecatchers:



Cattleya tigrina 'Seaview' (C.) This was brought in by Michael and Oui. It is a bifoliate cattleya which means that it has two or three leaves as opposed to the single leaf cattleya. It had a spectacular head of 12 glossy dark pink/purple flowers which had subtle purple spotting on the tepals and very showy labellums of bright pink. The texture was great. This cattleya comes from coastal swamps in South America, Central America and Mexico. It is often confused with *Cattleya gutata*, but this orchid has less flowers and is not as vibrant in colour.



Galeopetalum (Gptm.) Arlene Armour
'Conching', brought in by John Seidel.

This is a different plant in the Zygopetalum family. The flowers have purple/brown tepals with green edges. The labellums are quite large and are purple/pink with white 'stripes'. The parents of this orchid are Zygopetalum Artur Elle, which we see fairly regularly and Galeopetalum Giant, which I don't recall having seen at all. An interesting plant.

Jane's Showbench Chatter (contd)



Oncostele (Ons.) Catatante 'Petite Cherie', formerly known as *Odontocidium* or *Colmanara*, benched by Diana Bird. This is a robust orchid with long, branching flower spikes which produce many flowers of attractive, bright rusty gold with golden lips. It is a regular flowerer, so well worth having in your collection. Its parents are *Oncostele Wildcat* and *Oncidium spacetante*.



Bracidostele (Bcd) Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' brought in by Andrew Massered. This orchid can produce flower spikes of about 60 cms with about 10 to 15 flowers and has been awarded by the American Orchid Society. (HCC/AOS) The tepals are chocolate coloured with lime green tips and some banding. The labellum is quite striking being yellow with tiger stripes of orange/red. This is quite strange as the parents - *Brassostele Summit* which has a plain orange lip and *Brassidium Gilded Urchin* which has a plain yellow lip with slightly darker veins don't have any other colour in their lips. This plant can have fine black spots on the foliage – genetic not a virus or disease.
Note – tepal is the collective term for petals and sepals.

February 2026 Competition Results

OPEN DIVISION

Laeliinae Standard 80mm and over

- 1) *C. Dal's Elite 'B & J'* M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Laeliinae Non Standard

- 1) *Cty. Burdiken Honey 'Shona'* M. Willoughby & O. Ju
- 2) *Pcv. Golden Peacock* M. Willoughby & O. Ju
- 3) *Cty. El Cind x E. steinbochii* J. Seidel

Laeliinae Species

- 1) *C. tigrina 'Seaview'* M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Paphiopedilum Non Standard

- 1) *Paph. Magic Lantern* M. Willoughby & O. Ju
- 2) *Paph. Magic Lantern 'GB512'* M. Willoughby & O. Ju
- 3) *Paph. Ethel 'Ardivark'* J. Seidel

Paphiopedilum Species

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

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

- 1) *Sarco. Bonanza* J. & D. Higgs

Oncidiinae Hybrid

- 1) *Bcd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'* J. & D. Higgs
- 2) *Onc. Sharry Baby 'Taida'* M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Zygopetalinae

- 1) *Gptm. Arlene Armour 'Conching'** J. Seidel

Other Species Not listed Above

- 1) *Sngl. maccloughlinii* J. & D. Higgs
- 2) *Sngl. maccloughlinii* J. & D. Higgs

Popular Vote

- 1) *Cty. Burdekin Honey 'Shona'* M. Willoughby & O. Ju
- 2) *C. tigrina 'Seaview'* M. Willoughby & O. Ju
- 3) *Paph. superbiens 'Mouliache'* M. Willoughby & O. Ju

FIRST DIVISION

Laeliinae Cluster

- 1) *Epi. Unknown* D. Bird

Laeliinae Species

- 1) *Psh. cochleata* D. Bird

Oncidiinae Hybrid

- 1) *Ons. Catatante 'Petite Cherie'* D. Bird

Oncidiinae Species

- 1) *Gom. flexuosa* D. Bird

Popular Vote

- 1) *Gom. flexuosa* D. Bird
- 2) *Psh. cochleata* D. Bird
- 3) *Ons. Catatante 'Petite Cherie'* D. Bird

SECOND DIVISION

Oncidiinae

1) *Bcd*. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' A. Massared

Zygopetalinae Hybrid

1) Z. Unknown M. Henschke

Popular Vote.

1) *Bcd* Gilded Tower Mystic Maze' A. Massared

2) Z. Unknown M. Henschke

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 17th 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