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This month's meeting is on **Wednesday 15th April 2026**

NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION: Fulham Community Centre, at 8pm.

Hall opens for set-up from 7.30pm

Carpark and entry are via Phelps Court as explained below.

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	2024 John Seidel Val Speer

*Denotes deceased member

Researched K.Gurney.

GUEST SPEAKER for April 2026

This month's guest speaker will be Kevin Western.

His talk/demonstration will be on "Deflasking and Potting On, without the B.S."

Volunteers for Kitchen duties this month are Carmel Edwards and Sue McRae & Diana Bird.

Birthdays for April 2026

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

Shirley Brand and Lesley Gunn

Congratulations!

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday Apr 20th @ 7.00 pm at Findon Western Link Church Hall.*
Next Judges Meeting *To be advised by Registrar*

****NB** Venue for meetings**

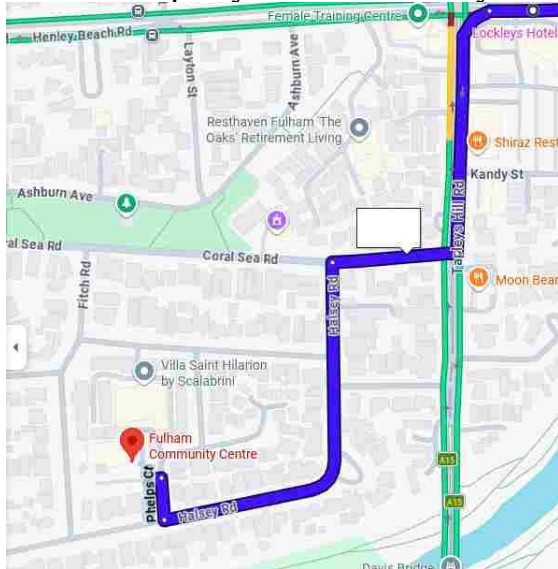
April to end of August 2026

As pre-empted at the March Meeting, we will be moving to the Fulham Community Centre until work is completed at Plympton. The hall is much bigger with a carpeted area towards the carpark area. We can hold the meeting on one side and the plant displays on the other. There will be somewhere where the judges and photographer can work. The kitchen area opens directly onto the carpet area, four ovens and large serving area. If you bring your partner, there is a large dance floor.

I have yet to return to collect a key but the lady in charge has suggested a cupboard will be available for our use. We have access to a portable screen, digital projector and portable public address system.

While the address is listed as 19 Fitch Road, it is recommended that you enter via Phelps Court where there are 48 carparks close to the door.

The Centre is on the seaward side of Tapley's Hill Road, Between Sir Donald Bradman Drive and Henley Beach Road, the most direct route would be turn off Tapley's Hill Road into Coral Sea Road, turn left into Halsey Road, round the bend, then right into Phelps court and into the carpark. See the map if you don't already know.



Google Map to Fulham Community Centre

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you Phil for a very informative talk on oncidiums, we all learnt a lot about the different types of plants, what conditions they need and where to go to increase our collection of them. My one regret is that I did not record the talk on camera, our daughter has been captured by this group of orchids. When she was residing in Bungendore, just outside of Canberra, near Queanbeyan, we visited the local hardware store, where they had 2 shopping trolleys full of flowering Sharry Baby on display in their open garden section. A couple of days later, we were there again, the trolleys were still in the same place but a recent frost had converted them all to a black mush. (Enough to make you cry and destroy any thoughts of buying some.) The family shifted to the Gold Coast and purchased a house, with a swimming pool. In an attempt to reclaim access to the pool, 36 golden cane palms were mulched and about 20 pots of dancing lady orchids discovered, some upright, some on their side and others completely separated. It looked as if the previous owners enjoyed them inside while flowering then threw them into the backyard. Knowing how difficult it would be to try and resurrect them and look after them while trying to re-establish their garden, we put them in a pile of mulched palm in the back corner. Our daughter has decided she wants more of this type of orchid and is looking to set up pots around the gazebo. She has

already started researching them and informed me that on our next visit we will be visiting Red Fox Orchids.

This meeting we will have Kevin Western giving a demonstration on "Deflasking and Potting On, without the B.S." Kevin shows how he does it and explains kid gloves are not necessary. Often he has plants flowering shortly after deflasking (sometimes before). Last time he gave a demonstration, he gave Pauline a compot of pterystylis. They were doing quite well until one day they seemed to look shorter. Close inspection revealed the rats had pulled them up, eaten the bulbs and left the tops on the pot.

If you haven't already, now is the time to take extra precautions to ensure the rats are not seeking food and shelter among your collection.



Dancing Lady orchids growing wild in backyard

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

BSB 065-152

Account Number 1005 3971

Garry Simcock, Treasurer

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.

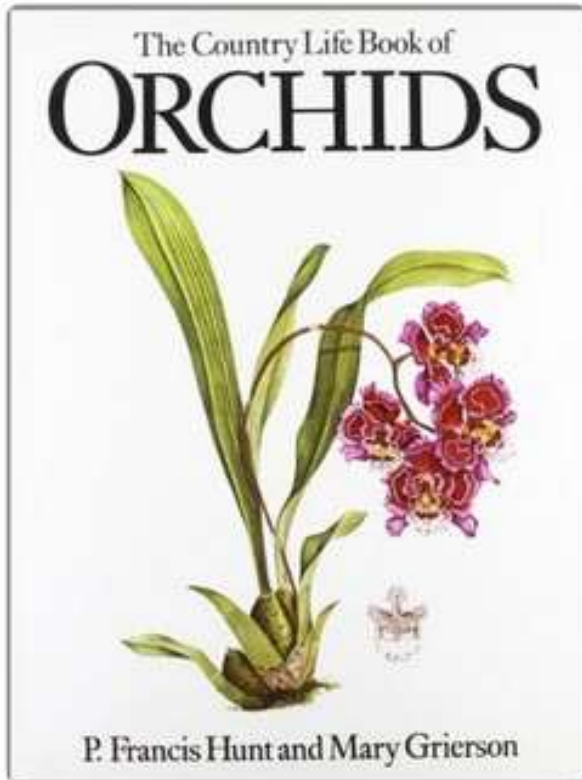
Winter Show at Crittenden Rd, Findon, **Friday 31st July** set up from 4pm followed by judging, then **Saturday 1st August** 9am to 4pm and **Sunday 2nd August** 12noon to 4pm open to public.

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

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

A Banking Fairy Story (or Nightmare)

Once upon a time there were buildings called Banks where you could take your money and get money. People called tellers would greet you and help with your transactions. These buildings are now fewer and further between, and the workers now no longer want to handle that dirty stuff which is handed from person to person.

Diana and I went into the bank in July to reinvest our Term Deposit (2 people necessary). Not so long ago it was possible for 1 person to do this. Now, sometime, if I get the right person, they will take my word after phoning another signatory to confirm. While we

were there, we asked about making payment by electronic transfer, initially we were told this could be done if we both used the same computer. They then said if it was approved by the committee, one user could be set up. The motion was put to the committee, approved and taken to the bank. I saw Ben, who said the document needed to be reworded so that two people signed cheques but one only was needed for electronic transfer. Another motion approved by committee and back to the bank. Asked to see Ben, Ben is only there when short staffed, Liz took me into a room to sort it out. It was all beyond Liz, after conferring with two other colleagues, she called Rebecca (manager) who said we could make payments on the business account electronically and leave the term deposit as was because it was a separate account. Another motion was dictated by Rebecca and recorded by Liz to be taken to the committee for approval. Duly completed, I returned to the bank where I was greeted by Liz. My luck had changed !! No, Liz handed it on to someone else, more experienced, after explaining, yet again, I asked to see Rebecca. Rebecca was only relieving manager, so they brought in the real one. I did not know this person, but she said she knew me, who was I to argue. She approved it and we were able to get digital access. Thus, I can pay money directly into your account, but I will need

The name as it appears on your account

The BSB and Branch Number

Your Account Number

Your Email Address (so I can let you know you have been paid)

NO, I cannot take money from your account or see any details.

I will have sheets available at the next meeting for you to record this information.

This is only the first part of our fairy tale, hopefully completion will be in next month.

March 2026 Meeting



Photos from Diana Bird:



Paph. concolor



Den. bigibbum



Phal. Fancey Fire

March 2026 Meeting (contd)

Photos from Diana Bird (contd):

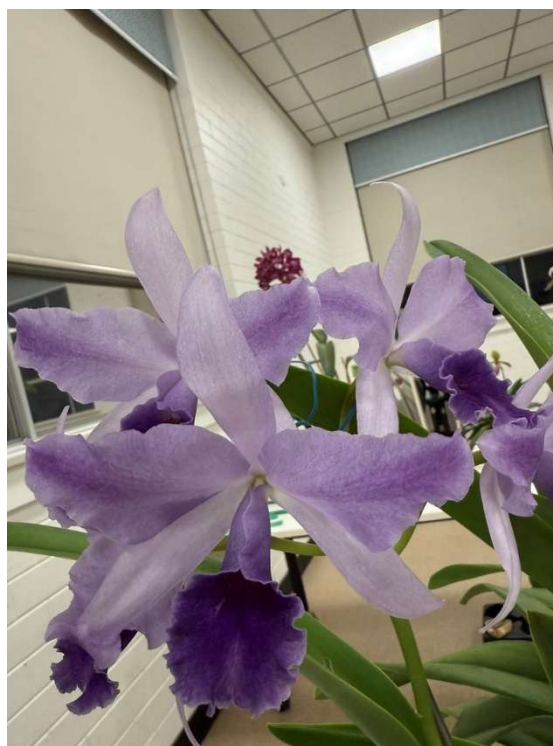


Den. Andang Blue

Jane's Showbench Chatter



Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Valentine Day (not Valentine's Day as is often written)
There were two different Ctt. Valentine Day orchids on the bench for March: Ctt. Valentine Day 'Lisa' brought in by Michael and Oui and Ctt. Valentine Day 'Red' brought in by Gary and Pauline. This is a beautiful cluster cattleya and always looks good. It is a really nice colour with lovely gloss and great substance. Its parents are Cattleya Intermedia and Ctt. Chocolate Drop. As a matter of interest, it was developed by Adelaide Orchids and first registered by them in 1988.



Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flame'. Benched by Joe & Denise Cassar. This is a very attractive orchid with clusters of lilac flowers (referred to as 'blue'.) This is quite a rare colour in orchids. Its Parents are Ctt. Bue Boy and Guarianthe bowringiana.



Cattlianthe(Ctt.) Meadii. Yet 2 more cluster cattleyas (this is the time of year for them) and one of its parents is also Guarianthe bowringiana with the other one being C. forbsii. It is a very pretty deep pink and its labellum is a darker pink with orange markings. (Who says that pink and orange don't go together? – Try telling Mother Nature that!) These were benched by Sarka Laznicka and Diana Bird.



Laeliocatanthron (Lcr) Fair Jewel. A little plant and small flowers with a BIG name. This is one of mine and when I got it, it didn't have a genus name on the label, just 'Fair Jewel'. It was obviously from the Laeliinae family because of the leaves and when it flowered I was able to identify its genus name. Thank goodness it has an abbreviation! Its parents are Cattleya. rupestris and Caulaelia Snowflake. It is a very delicate pink in colour and also has a lovely perfume.

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March 2026 Competition Results

OPEN DIVISION

Laeliinae Non Standard

- 1) Lcr. Fair Jewel J. & D. Higgs

Laeliinae Cluster

- 1) Ctt. Valentine Day 'Lisa' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Laeliinae Species

- 1) E. alata M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Paphiopedilum Non Standard

- 1) Paph. Maudiae M. Willoughby & O. Ju
2) Paph. (niveum x Papillio) J. Seidel
3. Paph Limidolli M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Paphiopedilum Species

- 1) Paph. concolor M. Willoughby & O. Ju
2) Paph. primulinum M. Willoughby & O. Ju
3) Paph. liemeanum J. Seidel

Phalaenopsis Standard

- 1) Phal. Fancy Fire J. & D. Higgs

Phalaenopsis Species

- 1) Phal. fasciata J. & D. Higgs

Dendrobium other than Australian Native

- 1) Den. Aridang Blue M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

- 1) Den. biggibum M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Oncidiinae

- 1) Mtdm. Goodale Moir M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Zygopetalinae Hybrid

- 1) Z. Artur Elle J. & D. Higgs

Other Species Not listed

- 1) V. falcata J. Seidel

Seedling

- 1) V. falcata J. Seidel
2) Paph. liemianum J. Seidel
3) Paph. (niveum x Papillio) J. Seidel

Popular Vote

- 1) Mtdm Goodale Moir M. Willoughby & O. Ju

FIRST DIVISION

Laeliinae Standard 80mm and over

- 1) C. Hawaiian Wedding Song P. & A Steer
2) C. Hawaiian Wedding Song D. Bird

Laeliinae Non Standard

- 1) C. Streets Ahead R. Edwards
2) Ctt. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare' J. & D. Cassar

Laeliinae Cluster

- 1) Ctt. Valentine Day 'Anne' P. & A. Steer
2) Ctt. Meadii S. Laznicka
3) Ctt. Meadii D. Bird

Laeliinae Species

- 1) Psh. cochleata D. Bird
2) Psh. cochleata J. & D. Cassar

Oncidiinae Hybrid

- 1) Onc. (Big Mac x Sydney) J. & D. Cassar

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| 2) Onc. Aka baby | J. & D. Cassar |
| 3) Milt. Unknown | D. Bird |

Oncidiinae Species

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| 1) Gom. flexuosa | D. Bird |
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Zygopetalinae Hybrid

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| 1) Z. Unknown | D. Bird |
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Popular Vote

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| 1) Ctt. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare' | J. & D. Cassar |
| 2) C. Streets Ahead | R. Edwards |
| 3) Ctt. Valentine Day 'Anne' | P. & A. Steer |

SECOND DIVISION

Laeliinae Non Standard

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| 1) Lc. Interceps | G. & P. Simcock |
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Laeliinae Cluster

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| 1) Epi. Unknown | G. & P. Simcock |
| 2) Ctt. Valentine Day 'Red' | G. & P. Simcock |

Popular Vote

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| 1) Ctt. Valentine Day 'Red' | G. & P. Simcock |
| 2) Lc. Interceps | G. & P. Simcock |
| 3) Epi. Unknown | G. & P. Simcock |

Genera Abbreviations In This Months Results

Abbrev	Name	Type	Display Schedule
C	Catteleya	Natural	(Laeliinae group)
Ctt	Cattlianthe	Intergeneric	Catteleya x Guarianthe
Laeliinae group			
D	Dendrobium	Natural	(Dendrobium group)
E	Encyclia	Natural	(Laeliinae group)
Epi	Epidendrum	Natural	(Laeliinae group)
Gom	Gomesa	Natural	(Oncidiine group)
Lc	Laeliocattelaya	Intergeneric	Laelia x Cattelaya, Laeliinae group
Lcr	Laeliocatarthron	Intergeneric	Laelia x Cattelaya x
Caularthron, Laeliinae group			
Mtdm	Miltonidium	Intergeneric	Miltonia x Oncidium ,
Oncidiinae group			
Milt	Miltonia	Natural	(Oncidiinae group)
Onc	Oncidium	Natural	Oncidiinae group
Paph	Paphiopedilum	Natural	Paphiopedilum Group
Psh	Prosthecea	Natural	Laeliinae Group
V	Vanda	Natural	Any other Species / Hybrid group
Z	Zygopetalum	Natural	Zygopetalinae group

DIVISIONAL WINNERS

Open Division and Registrar's Choice

Mtdm. Goodale Moir

M. Willoughby & O. Ju

A massive, well grown plant with many flowers spread all round the plant. The tepals were a base of light green overlaid with brown markings while the broad lip was white with mauve shading near the column



DIVISIONAL WINNERS (Contd)

First Division

C. Streets Ahead

R. Edwards

Only a single flower on a healthy plant but very attractive. Tepals were a deep pink with purple spotting on the ends. The labellum was pink with a mauve lip.



Second Division

Lc. Intercepts

G. & P. Simcock

A single flower with all segments white with purple in the throat.

