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Autumn Show display showing the Grand Champion award. Photo: Diana Bird

This month's meeting is on **Wednesday 17th June 2026**
NOTE LOCATION (Apr-Aug): 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 June 2026

**This month's guest speaker will be Peter McCauley.
He will be giving a new presentation on sarcophilus.**

Volunteers for Kitchen duties this month are Ralph Edwards and Diana Bird.

Birthdays for June 2026

Happy Birthday to these members, who are celebrating birthdays this month.
Vanda Rounsefell, Glen Thompson, Brian Brand, John Carman, Andrew Bird and Jim Cuming.
Congratulations!

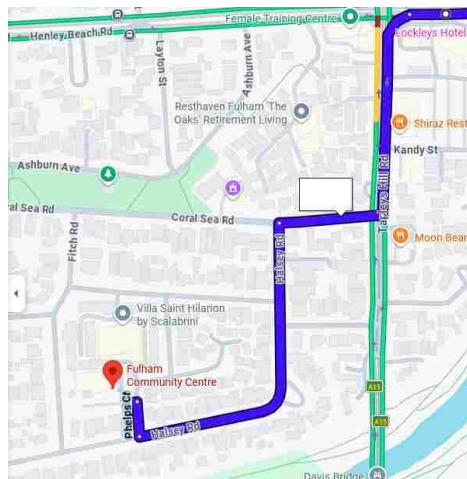
Next Committee Meeting: *Monday Jun 22nd @ 7.00 pm at Findon Western Link Church Hall.*
Next Judges Meeting *To be advised by Registrar*

***Reminder*- Venue for meetings** **April to end of August 2026**

As you no doubt remember, we'll be meeting at the Fulham Community Centre until work is completed at the Plympton hall in about August.

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 to 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

How time flies when you are having fun. I woke up this morning, and after getting the day into perspective, IT IS WEDNESDAY! I immediately realised our next meeting is only a week away. We have had no email system for a couple of days and been without internet for a day until it was fixed.

Thank you to Simon Grenfell for his presentation last meeting, he kept everyone listening intently, and will be asked back again. After his numerous losses of orchids, I don't feel quite as bad when I lose a few. I would strongly advise members not to try and outdo Simon's record.

This meeting we will have Peter McCauley giving a new presentation on sarcophilus.

It was a great pleasure to accept the sashes for the best display at the S.A.Orchid Fair. As I had absolutely nothing to do with the display (3 unworthy plants to help with the numbers), I took Jane up to help collect the prizes. Jane and her helpers once again put on a magnificent display, thank you. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped to make this weekend the most successful in recent times. All help was greatly appreciated, I do not have the time to name everyone involved , but a few highlights. Ralph and Jan were eventually so organised in the kitchen (Sunday) that they actually got to sit down for lunch. Peter glued himself to admissions on the door, with other roving helpers, for most of both days. We really missed his long time partner in door keeping, Charles, as did some of the visitors. And how could you not get your tea, coffee, or treats from the "terrible trio"?



Without James, with the assistance of Don, running the judging, plants and displays would not have been judged.

THANK YOU again to everyone who helped in any way.

On the homefront, we can now get back into our kitchen, the ute and trailer have been unloaded. About half the stuff has been put away. Finishing at 4 on Saturday gave the opportunity to replenish the items we were running out of , then go home and peel veggies. We attended the Dinner, (great evening, even with Alan J. doing his best to separate people from their cash for

the raffle). Then home to make an amount, equivalent to what had already been used, of soups and curried eggs. Nearing the end of the Fair, very little was left, we put the remaining stock on the counter and invited the audience to help with the cleanup. Everything went.

Garry Simcock, President

From the Treasurer

We have received a \$400 donation which was our share of the excess funds from the Orchid Fair 2025.

Membership Subscriptions

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

Form for EFT payments to you

As stated in the last 2 newsletters, the Treasurer can now pay money directly into your account. This will be quicker and may be easier, but he will need:

Your name as it appears on your account

Your bank's BSB and Branch Number

Your Account Number

Your Email Address (to let you know you have been paid)

Sheets are available for you to record this information.

If you have not already done so, please ask Garry for one of these sheets, fill in the details and return it straight to him. This is to keep your banking details private and safe.

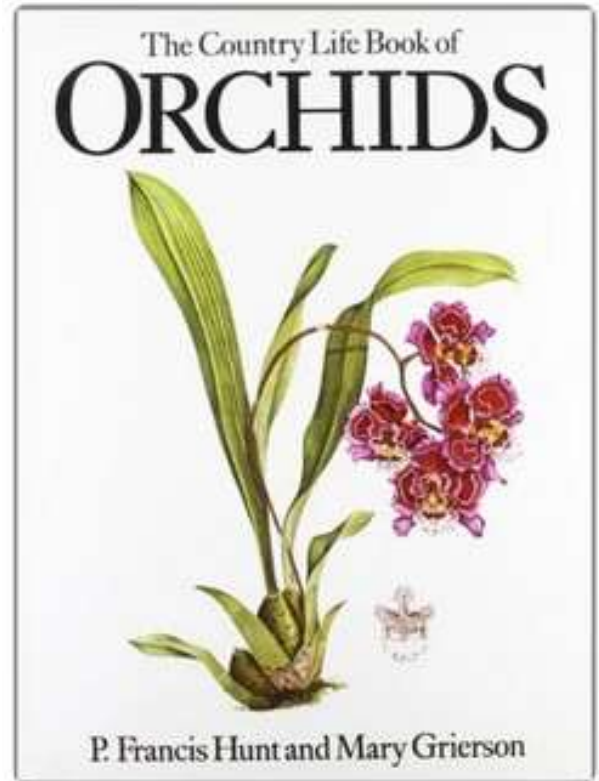
Garry Simcock, Treasurer

Fund-raising Raffle

Our fund-raising raffle is closing!

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 draw is imminent, maybe at the June meeting!.

SHOW DATES 2026

Dates for the remainder of 2026.

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

May 2026 Meeting

Jane's Showbench Chatter



Stenoglottis longifolia 'Little Gem'

This plant is a terrestrial orchid from South Africa. It has tiny pink, spotted flowers which can open sequentially over a period of a few months. Because it is deciduous, the leaves will die back and this often happens before the flowers have finished. It can be quite spectacular as a specimen plant when it gets bigger. It has received an Award of Garden Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society. Benched by Marlene Henschke.



Corybas hispidus.

Commonly called the helmet orchid, this is also a terrestrial, but this one is an Australian native from Southern Queensland. There is also a darker form from Victoria. Because these flowers are so close to the ground, when they are pollinated, the flower grows a 4" stem so that the seed can be distributed further afield. Another example of the wonder of Mother Nature. This was one of mine.

May 2026 Competition Results

Open Division

Laeliinae Standard 80mm and over

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) C. Dal's Elite | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) C. Madam Edith Bongo | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Laeliinae Non Standard

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Bc. Gulfshore's Beauty 'Green Gem' | J. Seidel |
| 2) Rby. Hsinying Green Gem | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 30 Bc. Gulfshore Beauty 'Green Gem' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Laeliinae Cluster

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Ctt. Minerva 'Highercombe' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) Ctt. Gone Fishing 'Batty' | J. Seidel |
| 3) Ctt. Browniae 'Riga' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Laeliinae Species

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Psh. cochleata 'Alba' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
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Paphiopedilum Non Standard

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| 1) Paph. Yi- Ying Green Coral | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) Paph. (Spicy Henry x charlesworthyii) | J. Seidel |
| 3) Paph. (Spicy Henry x charlesworthyii) 'No 7' | J. Seidel |

Paphiopedilum Species

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Paph. charlsworthyii | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) Paph. primulinum | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 3) Paph. gratixianum | J. Seidel |

Phalaenopsis Species

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1) Phal. faciata | J. & D. Higgs |
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Oncidiinae Hybrid

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| 1) Onc. Sharry Baby 'Taida' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
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Oncidiinae Species

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| 1) Milt. moreliana | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
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Zygopetalinae Hybrid

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| 1) Zga. Shamrock | J. Seidel |
| 2) Npp. Adelaide | J. Seidel |
| 3) Z, Kiwi Fifty One 'K1' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Other Species Not Listed above

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| 1) Max. picta | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
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Seedling

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| 1) Zga, Shamrock | J. Seidel |
| 2) Paph. liemianum | J. Seidel |
| 3) Paph. Prime Child | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Popular Vote

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Ctt. Minerva 'Highercombe' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) Ctt. Browniae 'Riga' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 3) Ctt. Gone Fishing 'Batty' | J. Seidel |

First Division

Laeliinae Standard 80mm and over

- 1) No Prize
- 2) C. Hawaiian Bride S. Laznicka

Laeliinae Under 80mm

- 1) No Prize
- 2) *Rlc.* (Island Charm x Midnight Delight) J. & D. Cassar

Laeliinae Non Standard

- 1) Ctt. Little Fairy D. Bird

Laeliinae Cluster

- 1) Ctt. Rose Drop D. Bird
- 2) Ctt. Topaz Ruby Drop 'Radiant' A. & P. Steer

Laeliinae Species

- 1) *Psh. cochleata* A. & P. Steer
- 2) *Epi. elongatum* D. Bird

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

- 1) *Den. bigibbum* var Compactum A. & P. Steer

Oncidiinae Hybrid

- 1) No Prize
- 2) *Oncsa.* Sweet Sugar D. Bird
- 3) *Aru.* Sea Snake 'Unforgettable' J. & D. Cassar

Zygopetalinae

- 1) Z. Grenfell's Choice J. & D. Cassar
- 2) No Prize
- 3) *Zga.* Happy Meadows S. Laznicka

Zygopetalinae Species

- 1) *Z. maculatum* D. Bird

Popular Vote

- 1) *Den. bigibbum* var Compactum A. & P. Sreer
- 2) *Oncsa.* Sweet Sugar D. Bird
- 3) *Rlc.* (Island Charm x Midnight Delight) J. & D. Cassar

Second Division

Cymbidiums 60mm and under

- 1) Cym. Cherry Cola 'Geyserland' 'M. Henschke

Laeliinae Standard over 80mm

- 1) C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' G. & P. Simcock
- 2) C. Angel Love 'Pinky' G. & P. Simmcock

Laeliinae Cluster

- 1) No Prize
- 2) No Prize
- 3) Ctt. Kew G. & P. Simcock

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

- 1) No Prize
- 2) *Den.* Ulmarra M. & M. Vassallo

Oncidiinae Hybrid

- 1) *Bcd.* Guilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' A. Mussared
- 2) *Brat.* (Sadie Loo x Milt. Christmas Eve) M. & M. Vasselo
- 3) *Onc.* Susan Keller M. & M. Vasselo

Other Species

- 1) *Sngl. longifolia.* M. Henschke
- 2) *Ctsm. integerrimum* M. & M. Vasselo

Popular Vote

- 1) *Bcd.* Mystic Maze 'Gilded Tower' A. Massared
- 2) *Brat.* (Sadie Loo x Milt. Christmas Eve) M. & M. Vasselo
- 3) C. Hawaiian Wedding Song G. & P. Simmcock

Items In red indicate corrections to what was written on the label please update your records.

Genera Abbreviations In This Month's Results

Abrev	Name	Type	Display Schedule	Co
Bcd	Brascidostele	Intergeneric	Oncidiinae group	Brassia x Oncidiu x Rhynchostele
Brat	Bratonia	Natural	Oncidiinae group	
Cym	Cymbidium	Natural,	(Cymbidinae group)	
Ctt	Cattlianthe	Intergeneric,	Laeliinae group	Catteleya x Guarianthe
Ctsm	Catasetum	Natural	Other Genera	
Den	Dendrobium	Natural	Australian Native or	Dendrobium other than Australian Native
Epi	Epidendrum	Natural,	(Laeliinae group	
Milt	Miltonia	Natural,	(Oncidiinae group)	
Onc	Oncidium	Natural,	Oncidiinae group	
Oncsa	Oncidesa	Intergeneric	Oncidinae Group	Oncidium x Gomesa
Paph	Paphiopedilum	Natural,	Paphiopedilum Group	
Phal	Phalaenopsis	Natural	Phalaenopsis	
Psh	Prosthecea	Natural,	Laeliinae Group	
Rby.	Rhynchobrossoleya	Intergeneric	Laeliinae Group	Brassovola x Cattleya x Rhyncolaelya
Rlc	Ryncholaeliocattleya	Intergeneric	Laeliinae group	Rhyncolaelia x Cattleya
Sngl	Stenoglotis	Natural	Other Genera	
Z	Zygopetalum	Natural,	Zygopetalinae group	
Zga	Zygonaria	Natural	Zygopetalinae group	

June Divisional Winners

Open Division: and Registrars Choice:

Ctt. Minerva Highercombe grown by M. Willoughby & O. Ju

This was a well - presented big plant with tall inflorescences holding the flowers well above the foliage. there were 5 stems carrying a total of 40 flowers with pink tepals, a magenta lip and a cream throat.



First Division

Den bigibbum P. & A. Steer

A well grown plant in good condition. It had 9 inflorescences carrying 47 magenta flowers with a deep maroon lip. the flowers were quite flat in profile and typical of the species.



Second Division:

Bcd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' grown by Andrew Mussared

There were 2 flowering inflorescences plus 1 in bud. The star shaped flowers had green tepals overlaid with brown blotches while the lip was a yellow / green also overlaid with brown striping. The shape was very much influenced by the Brassias in its background giving it the star shape.



Seedling:

Zga. Shamrokc grown by J. Seidel

A very nice Zygonaria with almost solid lime green tepals with some small dark brown spotting towards the column and a white lip with pale mauve veining. there were 3 flowers.



The Autumn Show

Autumn Show Champions



Grand Champion & Champion of Open Division

Ctt Browniae 'Riga' grown by M. Willoughby & O. Ju

A well-presented and well grown plant with 5 Inflorescences. Flowers were fresh, well displayed above the foliage and nicely shaped with good texture and colour. It is a very old registration having been originally registered in 1904 but still a very desirable plant.



Reserve Champion and Champion of First Division

Den bigibbum var Compactum grown by P. & A. Steer

This is an Australian Native and the floral emblem of Queensland. Ann and Phil have grown this very well and the flowers are very well displayed. It had 9 inflorescences carrying 47 magenta flowers with a deep maroon lip. The flowers were quite flat in profile and typical of the species.



Second Division Champion

Bcd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' Grown by A. Mussared

Another well grown and presented clean plant. The spidery flowers, inherited from the Brassias in its background, were green with heavy brown spotting while the lip was a yellow / green also overlaid with brown striping. Flowers were nicely arranged on the inflorescence's.

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type.



Most Outstanding Seedling

Paph. Prime Child, Grown by M. Willoughby & O. Ju

beautiful Paphiopedilum, Nice and flat in profile and good shape for the Well grown and presented.

The Autumn Show (contd)



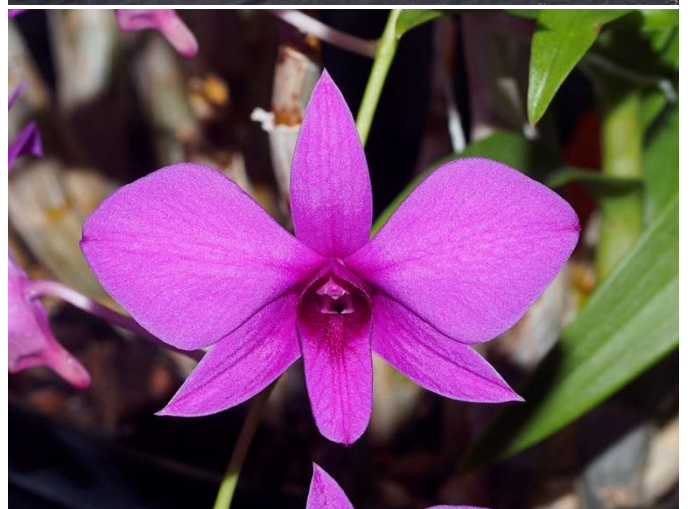
Bcd Guilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'



C Browniae 'Riga'



C Browniae 'Riga'



D biggibum v Compactum

The Autumn Show (contd)



Paph Prime Child

