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Winter Show 2026 - Jane's Floor Display

This month's meeting is the **Dinner Meeting** on **Wednesday 19th August 2026**
NOTE LOCATION (Apr-Sep): Fulham Community Centre, at 7pm.

Hall opens for set-up from 6.15pm

Carpark and entry are via Phelps Court as explained again below.

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1970 Spiro Drikas*	2005 Alan Davies, Iris Davies
1975 Elva Shawyer*, Gordon Shawyer* Edith Halliday*, Mervyn Green*	2013 Margaret Jacob
Trevor Jacob	2014 Brian Brand, Shirley Brand 1976
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

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GUEST SPEAKER for August 2026

This month's guest speaker will be Philip Smoult, from Smoult Mobile Horticultural Suppliers. He will have a range of products to talk about and for sale.

As this is a Dinner Meeting, there is no supper roster, but all helpers will be most welcome!.

Birthdays for August 2026

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

Tony Bourne, Shirley Brand, Jenny Clifton, Alan Davies, Garry Simcock,
Val Speer, Jan Whibley, Graham Zerbe.

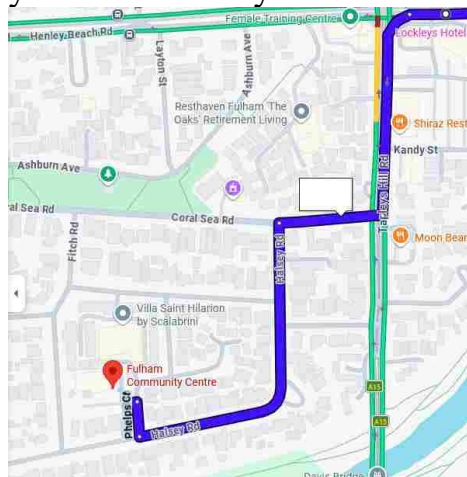
Congratulations!

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday August 24th @ 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 September 2026**

As you no doubt remember, we're meeting at the Fulham Community Centre until work is completed at the Plympton hall. We have now been advised it will not be complete in time for the September meeting.

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 suggested route is 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

It has been a busy time over the last couple of weeks and unfortunately it looks as if this will continue until after the September Meeting.

At the July Meeting we missed Andrew, Mario and Maria, they usually set the hall up very proficiently but in their absence it took considerably longer. We heard from Paul Dipuglia, from Neutrog about their range of products and were given sample bottles of Strike Back as well as a bale of ChockaBlok. (to be a raffle prize). Paul has retired from full time work at Neutrog but is still giving their presentations. He

checked his records and he last spoke to Orchidaceous in 2017. He has been booked out when we tried to get him earlier. Apart from the bottles of Strike Back, we were given booklets listing all of Neutrog's products and their uses. If you want to keep updated on Neutrog and their advice, you can join the Pooh Bah Club.

This meeting Philip Smoult will be our guest, he will have a range of products to talk about and for sale. If there is something specific that you want from Philip then you should contact him so that he can bring it in. In case he does not have card facilities, you may need to bring cash.

The Raffle for the book, donated by Graham and Sue Zerbe, will be drawn at this meeting. If you still wish to be in the draw, you will need to get in early. (tickets are \$2).

August is our Dinner Meeting, \$5 per head includes soup, roast chicken and roast vegetables, some salads, rolls, fruit salad and ice cream, soft drinks, tea and coffee. If you have not already confirmed your attendance, you must do so before 17th August or you will not get a meal.

I can access the kitchen earlier, but we cannot get into the hall until 6.15 (yoga class). We would invite all hands to be on deck as soon as we are in, in order to get underway as soon as possible.

Once again we put on an excellent Winter Show, while we did not have the usual crowd waiting at the door at 9 a.m., we had a steady flow with a greater number of customers through on the Saturday than at our Autumn Show and half that number in on Sunday. We rely on income from our shows to keep our membership fees low and would ask all members to do what they can to help in advertising our events. Some people were turned away by having to pay admission, little did they understand that there was a greater range of plants for sale and at a considerably

lower price than at a nursery or hardware store.

As we were packing up, I headbutted the door on the canopy on the ute (not deliberately). The blood poured down my face, unlike on the previous Monday when the doctor tried to take a sample. It was not sore, I did not feel faint, and when it eventually stopped, I was ready to drive home. THANK YOU those members who offered to drive the ute for me, you should be glad that I refused your offers. At one set of traffic lights there was a rattling sound which stopped when a ute with a cage on it pulled up alongside. We decided on a takeaway pack from Barnacle Bills, as we turned around in the carpark, a puff of smoke came from under the bonnet. Contacted the RAA, 2 hour wait, sat in the ute in the rain and had our fish and chips. When the rain stopped, had a closer look, a pulley bearing had seized, needed a tow, a 2 hour wait. Just after 8 p.m. a tow truck arrived, he was very tardy in leaving the truck, they had not passed the message on that I was towing a trailer and he had no towbar. Another half an hour later another tow truck arrived, he was a stirrer saying he did not have a towbar when in fact he did. At 10 p.m. we were home. Our fully reconditioned motor obviously did not include replacing the pulley when the belt was replaced.

I will get the reimbursements sorted shortly, but remind members that our Spring Show is before the September Meeting and they will need to collect more sales sheets this month. Put in is from 4 p.m. and plants not there by 5 p.m. will not be entered.

The SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE AT FULHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, as work at Plympton is not complete.

We will welcome 3 new members to our Dinner Meeting, Gary and Debbie Cox, who attended the July Meeting, Gary won a small plant in the supper draw, and Debbie won 3rd prize in the Winter Show

Raffle. Timothy Hisee has also joined us, all 3 will be at the dinner. They talk about the “luck of the Irish”, it should be the “luck of the newcomers”, Andrew won first prize in the Winter Show Raffle.

We were saddened to learn that Trevor Hutchison’s health has deteriorated, we are all thinking of him and we were able to display the orchid related items he donated to the club at our Winter Show.

As I look outside, it is dull, overcast and drizzling, even if it is like this on 30th August, it will be warm and friendly in the Higgs’ Shed while we enjoy a barbecue.

Garry Simcock, President

From the Treasurer

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

Payments to you:

As stated in the last 3 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.

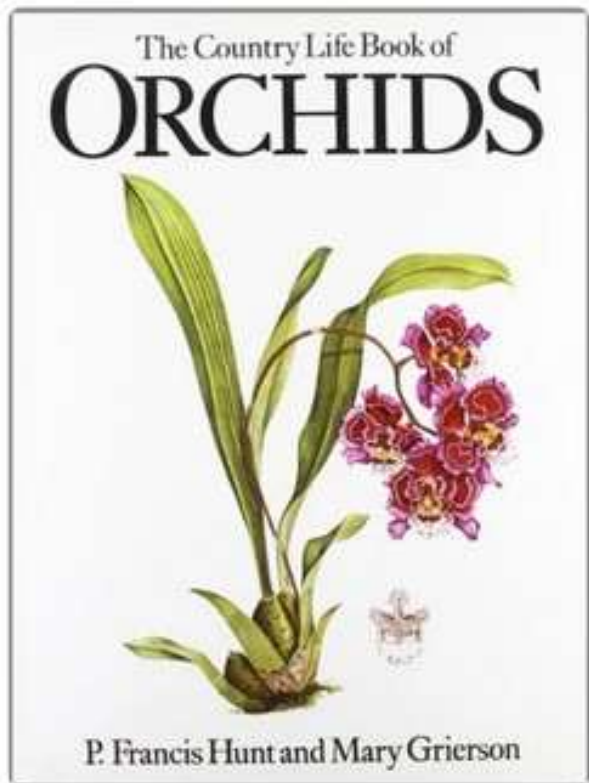
If you have not already done so, please ask Garry for one of these sheets, fill in the details and return it straight to him. This is to keep your banking details private and secure.

Garry Simcock, Treasurer

Fund-raising Raffle

Our fund-raising raffle is closing and will be drawn at the August Dinner Meeting! 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. **The raffle draw will be at this meeting, but if you are very quick you may be able to buy more tickets early in the meeting before the draw!.**

Photos from the Winter Show



Jane's 'Here be Dragons' Miniature Display

SHOW DATES 2026

Dates for the remainder of 2026.

Spring Show, 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

Photos from the Winter Show



John Dunn's Display

Jane's Showbench Chatter July 2026

Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Intercepts 'Cream Flash.'



This is a cross between *Cattleys intermedia* and *Laelia anceps* and was registered in 1970. This is a pretty pink flower with white flashes and is presented on fairly long stems, but not as long as some of the *L. anceps* can be. There used to be several different named *anceps* with the long stemmed ones classed as Chamberlains but are now all just called *L. anceps*. The flowers are long lasting which is a bonus. Benched by Gary and Pauline Simcock.

Rhynchostylis (Rhy) *gigantea* 'Red'.



This used to be called *Saccolabium giganteum*. and also *Gastrochilus gigantea*. This species was first described by John Lindley in 1833. It is native to Borneo, Myanmar, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, China and the Philippines. The flower stems can grow up to 37 cms and carry numerous, very sweet scented flowers in autumn and winter. It is often referred to as the foxtail orchid. This one is a lovely red colour but because of its wide distribution the flowers can vary slightly in shape and colour and are found in all shades from white to dark red with some of them spotted. They are warm to hot growing and they are the State flower of the Indian state of Assam. Benched by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju.

Jane's Showbench Chatter July 2026 (contd)

Cymbidium (Cym.) Rosefieldense.



This is a primary hybrid and is a cross between *Cym. hookerianum* and *Cym. tracyanum* and first registered in 1908. (A primary hybrid is a cross between two species, so there are no other influences.) This is a large green/yellow flower which is strongly scented and is often mistaken for *Cym. hookerianum* which is one of its parents. The plant is also large and grows quickly. Benched by Sarka Lasnikov.

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July 2026 Competition Results

Open Division

Laeliinae Standard Under 80mm

- 1) *Pcv. Golden Peacock* M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Paphiopedilum Standard

- 1) *Paph.* (Hamana Teles x Sandalwood) M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Paphiopedilum Non Standard

- 1) *Paph.* Bishop Charles J. Seidel

Paphiopedilum Species

- 1) *Paph.* (*villosum* x Self) M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Dendrobium other than Australian Native

- 1) *Den.* (*kauldorumi* x *speciosum*) J. Seidel

Australian Native Terrestrial Hybrid

- 1) *Ptst* (*cucullata* x *nutans*) x *cucullata* J. & D. Higgs

Oncidiinae Hybrid

- 1) *Onc.* *Onc.* Tsiku Marguerite 'Chian – Tzy Dragon #1' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

- 2) *Brsdm* Pagan Lovesong 'Ruby Charles' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Zygopetalinae Hybrid

- 1) *Zga.* (Zest x Kuitpo) J. Seidel

- 2) *Npp.* Adelaide 'Summer Heat' J. Seidel

Other Hybrid Not Listed above

- 1) *Fdk.* After Dark 'Rosso' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Other Species not listed above

- 1) *Rhy.* *gigantea* 'Red' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

- 2) *Ptst.* *repanda* J. & D. Higgs

Seedling

- 1) *Paph.* Bishop Charles J. Seidel

Popular Vote

- 1) *Rhy.* *gigantea* 'Red' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

- 2) *Fdk.* After Dark 'Rosso' M. Willoughby & O. Ju

- 3) *Den.* (*kauldorumi* x *speciosum*) J. Seidel

First Division

Cymbidium 90mm and over

- 1) *Cym.* *Rosefieldense* S. Laznicka

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm

- 1) *Cym.* Mini Tan 'Tango' D. Bird

Cymbidium 60mm and under

- 1) *Cym.* Jimbo Blaze J. & D. Cassar

Laeliinae Cluster

- 1) No Award

- 2) *Ctt.* Porcia 'Cannizaro' J. & D. Cassar

Paphiopedilum Species

- 1) *Paph.* *insigne* 'Ros' J. & R. Dunn

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

- 1) *Den.* Aussie Sheen J. & D. Cassar

Australian Native Terrestrial Species

- 1) *Ptst.* *concinna* J. & R. Dunn

Oncidiinae Hybrid

- 1) No Award

- 2) *Oncsa.* Gower Ramsey J. & D. Cassar

Other Species not listed above

- 1) *Ptst.* *repanda* '1' J. & R. Dunn

- 2) *Ptst.* *repanda* '2' J. & R. Dunn

Popular Vote

- 1) *Ptst.* *repanda* '1' J. & R. Dunn

- 2) *Paph.* *insigne* 'Ros' J. & R. Dunn

- 3) *Oncsa.* Gower Ramsey J. & D. Cassar

Second Division

Cymbidiums 60mm and under

- 1) *Cym. Katydid* 'Veridian'

M. Henschke

Laeliinae Non Standard

- 1) *L. Intercepts* 'Cream Flash'

G. & P. Simcock

- 2) *C. Hawaiian Bride*

M. Henschke

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

- 1) *Den. Tyabb* 'Elle'

M. Henschke

Australian Native Species

- 1) *Ptst. nutans*

V. Rounsefell

Popular Vote

- 1) *Cym. Katydid* 'Veridian'

M. Henschke

- 2) *Den. Tyabb* 'Elle'

M. Henschke

- 3) *L. Intercepts*

G. & P. Simcock

July 2026 Divisional Winners

Open Division



Zga. (Zest x Kuitpo) J. Seidel

A small clean well grown plant with just the one inflorescence with 5 flowers which is a good number for a *Zygonia*. The flowers were a nice size, shape, and good substance. The tepals are green heavily overlaid with brown stripes and blotches while the lip is with overlaid with purple veining. Both the parents have basically pale green tepals which haven't come through in this plant and only minor brown markings.

July 2026 Divisional Winners (contd)

First Division



Ptst. repanda grown by J. & R. Dunn

This species is a native of New Caledonia hence the reason it is judged in the Any Other Species class. There were 12 flowers and 5 buds in the pot, all were of a similar size and height – a desirable trait when judging terrestrials (even though this does not occur in nature !!!). This was a very well grown example of this species.

Second Division



Cym. Katydid 'Veridian' grown by M. Henschke

A well grown healthy plant with 5 inflorescences 1 still in bud. There were a total of 54 flowers and 41 buds. The tepal are a yellow green with the lip being a pale cream with yellow dotting. The plant would have presented better if it had had some early staking, however it is still a nice flowering

July 2026 Divisional Winners (contd)

Seedling



Paph. Bishop Charles grown by J. Seidel

As a seedling, this plant has a lot of potential. Its parents are *Paphs* Emerald Green and the species *charlesworthii*. It is a complex hybrid with 11 species in its background and there is evidence of some of these in this plant. The dorsal has both *spicerianum* and *charlesworthii* traits, but the petals are an amalgam of many of the species in the background.

2026 Winter Show Champions

Grand Champion and Champion of Open Division



Phrag. Rouge Boullion owned by J. & D. Higgs

Just the one brilliant red flower 75mm wide by 56mm high on a small plant. It has good shape for the type. It only has 3 species in its background but only 2, *Phrag. bessiae* and *Phrag. dalessandroi*, are evident both of which are red.

Reserve Champion and Craig Gurney Memorial Trophy winner



Paph. insigne 'Ros' grown by J. Dunn

A typical *Paph. insigne* with 5 nice flowers. Well grown and nicely presented. *Paph. insigne* is a species that comes from the north east area of India and into Bangladesh at elevations of 1000 M to 1500 M. It is usually found growing on limestone outcrops by rivers or near waterfalls. It has been used extensively in hybridising

2026 Winter Show Champions (contd)

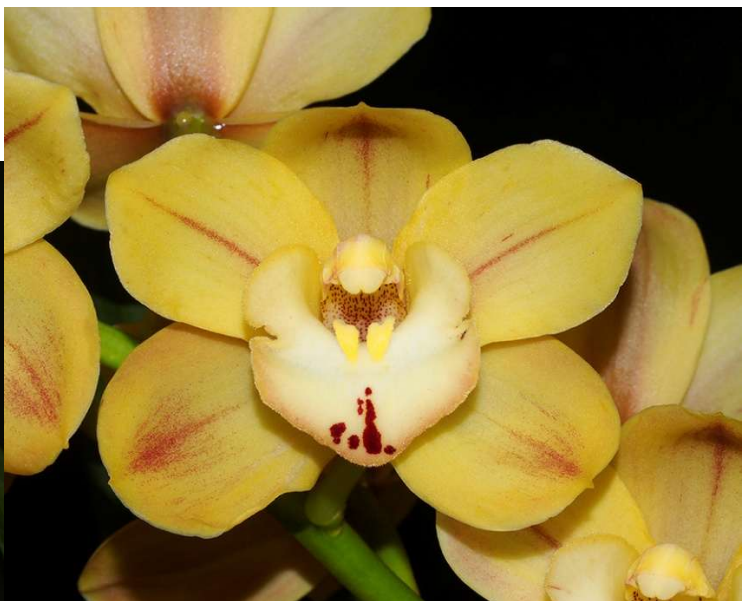
First Division Champion



Ptst. repanda grown by J. Dunn

Another beautiful specimen pot of this New Caledonian terrestrial species. There were 14 flowers brown and white striped. John grows these very well

Second Division Champion



Cym. [(Dag x Auriga) x Tracey Reddaway] grown by V. Rounsefell

A nice yellow with nice palish red markings and fine spotting. The flowers are well ranked on the stem with the flowers looking at you.

Most Outstanding Seedling



Paph. Saint Swithin grown by M. Willoughby & O. Ju

This is a very nice plant with 3 large flowers. It is typical Saint Swithin shape and colouring. *Paph. Saint Swithin* has received 67 Australian Orchid Council awards and is probably the Orchid most awarded by the AOC.

More photos from the Winter Show



Diana's Miniature Display



Michael & Oui's Display



First&Second Division composite display