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

This month's meeting is on **Wednesday 16th September 2026**
NOTE LOCATION (Apr-Sep): Fulham Community Centre, at 8pm.
Hall opens for set-up from 7.30pm.
Carpark and entry are via Phelps Court as explained again below.

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*Denotes deceased member

Researched K.Gurney.

GUEST SPEAKER for September 2026

This month's guest speaker is still being finalised at time of Review printing. .

Volunteers for Kitchen duty this month are Maria and Mario Vassallo.

Birthdays for September 2026

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

Diana Bird, Margaret Jacob, Oui Ju, Andrew Mussared, Michael Willoughby, Sue Zerbe,
Iris Davies and Peter McCauley.

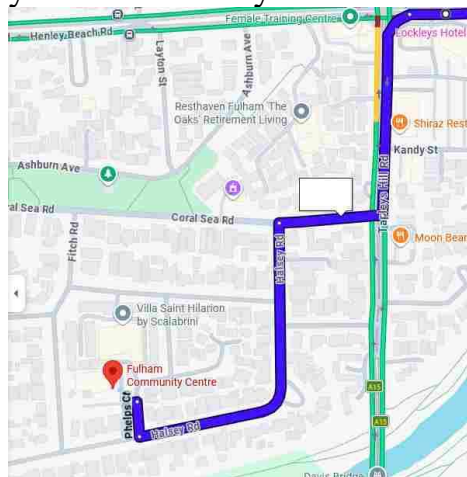
Congratulations!

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday September 21st @ 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

Thank You to everyone who helped to make our August Dinner Meeting such a success. We were working in an unfamiliar environment and our start had to be delayed until the yoga class had finished. They have a special breed of insects at Fulham, millions of them congregated at the kitchen door, at dusk, waiting to enter at every opportunity, very much to everyone's annoyance. Finding spray helped to reduce numbers and fortunately by dark they had all gone to bed, making reloading the ute more pleasant.

I thought I had everything prepared and with us, after the short trip back home to collect the ice cream, but when we got into the kitchen, PANIC, induction cooktops and me with aluminium stockpots. NO HOT SOUP? Fortunately we found stainless steel stockpots in the cupboard but unfortunately despite much scrubbing we were not able to get every burnt on trace out of them. Despite much stirring, some of the soup caught on again. Sorry if you got some of it.

Although we started the meal later than hoped, we were able to get through and start the normal meeting by 8.20. A special thank you goes to Phillip Smoult and Dianne for bringing in a wide range of products, arranging a display of them and Phillip giving a talk on their use. I hope members were able to make use of some of his wares.

For a hall with four ovens and four cooktops, there was only one small household dishwasher. Thank you to those members who helped washing and drying the dessert bowls, and NO, we are not overlooking our two dedicated servers, Michael and Oui. Up early Thursday morning to empty the ute before Pauline and I washed, dried and put away plates and cutlery. A doctor appointment, visit to the bank, no I am not going into details here, but you can ask Diana, and filling the car with fuel, made us ready for Friday morning.

A private, family, funeral service was being held in Mount Gambier, for Robin Wood, while we were driving down to share in a celebration of her life. Pauline and I attended, as friends, representatives of Orchidaceous and SAROC. Robin was the SAROC delegate for Millicent Orchid Club, Robert is the Secretary of SAROC, an orchid judge and show marshall for the S.A.Orchid Fair. You will be able to catch up with Robert at the set up for our Spring Show, he is coming up to judge.

To commemorate Robin's love of orchids, and her involvement in several orchid clubs, Robert set up a display of

paphiopedilum orchids, about ten. These orchids may be coming to a Bunnings near you, they were purchased from Bunnings in Mount Gambier and Bunnings just over the border into Victoria.



As I type this, it is dull, overcast, cold and drizzling, just as it was when I typed last month's report. Between these two times we had a few days of great Spring weather, allowing us to enjoy the club barbecue at Jane and Don's. While it was wet and soft underfoot, we had bright sunshine and no wind. Don and Bevan cooked the barbecue while Jane took tours of the orchid houses. Jane and Diana worked hard trying not to share their bugs with the rest of us. We hope they are fully recovered in time for the Spring Show. We were fortunate enough to share our barbecue with two of the longest serving members of Orchidaceous, Trevor and Margaret Jacob. Good to see them both looking so well. We also had two of our newest members present, Gary and Debbie Cox.

We hope that your plants are all doing the right things in readiness to be shown. As already advised, our September Meeting will again be held in Fulham Community Centre, as the Plympton hall is still not ready to be used.

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:

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Payments to you:

As stated in the last 4 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

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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 was drawn at the August Dinner Meeting and the winner was Barbara Thompson (pictured).

The prize was 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.



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

A NOTE ON VOLUNTEERING

By Pauline Simcock

A volunteer is a person who freely offers to do something, such as carry out a task, or work for an organisation without accepting payment. These tasks are often carried out for community services (The Australian Concise Oxford Dictionary, p.1607). Volunteering is time willingly given for the common good of the organisation, and without financial gain. The contribution by volunteers is huge, and

should not be under estimated, and many organisations could not function without their services. Examples of organisations that depend on volunteers include Country Fire Services, Justices of the Peace, Churches, Red Cross, Sporting clubs, organisations such as our own Orchidaceous Society.

Volunteering is proven to have a positive effect on mental and physical health, as well as being a potential pathway to employment, if appropriate. All members of our community deserve the right to experience the benefits of volunteering, regardless of their background or current situation (Volunteering Tasmania, 2015).

An individual may choose to join the membership of a voluntary organisation or society for any of a number of reasons. Each person will have a number of skills, unique to themselves, which could be of benefit to the group as a whole. They are encouraged to interact wherever possible thereby sharing their skills and gaining skills from other participants. .

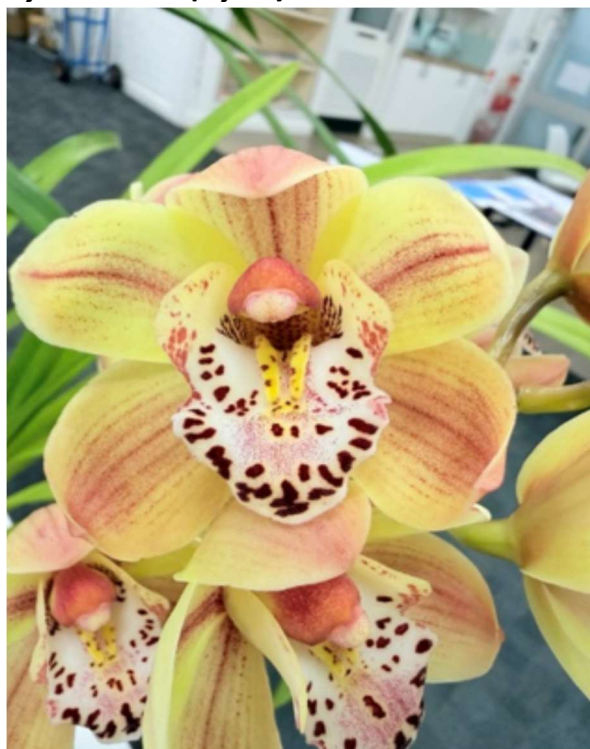
Having said that, because a member has agreed to become involved, surely it is reasonable for him/her to expect that the tasks to be undertaken can be carried out with a minimum of interference from other members. Volunteer activities must be inclusive. By participating in activities with other members, there is a strong possibility that lasting and valuable friendships may result. On a personal note, I did not know many members of the Orchidaceous Society until I volunteered for kitchen duty at the SAROC Fair and Mid-Year Shows, where I assisted in cutting sandwiches and preparing scones for sale. This provided a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members, at the same time, enjoying humour and good fun.

If appropriate training is available, the volunteer(s) could be encouraged to participate. Volunteer services should not be used to avoid engaging paid workers, and volunteers must not be exploited for profit (United Nations, 2011, *State of the World's Volunteerism Report, 2011: Universal Values for Global Well-being*. United Nations Volunteers, p.4).

I would urge all members of our society to become involved as a volunteer, according to their age, health and/or availability of time, thereby availing themselves of an opportunity to get to know other members, and at the same time, provide a service to the organisation.

Jane's Showbench Chatter August 2026

***Cymbidium* (Cym.) Sundaani Lou.**



This is a very attractive little Cym. It has a nice shape with a well proportioned labellum and the colour is good. The striping on the sepals, (which I find rather pleasant), can be caused by sun or strong light. This is a seedling which is made by crossing Cym. Foxfire Amber with Cym. Cindy Lou and it was made and registered by Pauline Hockey in 2020. Benched by Diana Bird.

***Zygonaria* (Zga.) [(Pine Road x Z. Kosciusko) x Z. Claire Fisher]**



This is a rather nice Zga. with brown blotched sepals and a very wide, purple/pink labellum. It has a reasonably good flower count for a Zga. This is also a seedling (as the name suggests) and was made and benched by John Dunn. This has not been registered.

Rhyncolaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Mari's Magic 'Chief Satisfaction'



There are very interesting markings on these peloric flowers with the pink, purple edged petals mimicking the labellum. The flowers are a reasonable shape but the segments are a little reflexed. This was benched by Michael Willoughby and Ou Ju.

Mericlones and Seedlings.

Jane Higgs

We receive 'little plants' as prizes for winners at our shows. As little plants, they are not necessarily seedlings and can be mericlones.

A mericlone is produced by taking a piece of tissue from a plant and growing it on a sterile medium in a sterile sealed flask. The subsequent plants will be clones or replicas of the parent plant that the tissue was taken from.

A seedling, as the name suggests, is a plant that has been grown from seed. This is achieved by taking the pollen from one flower and putting it on another flower. If this procedure is successful a seedpod is produced and when it is ready (several months) the seed is sown onto a sterile mix in a sterile, sealed flask. The idea of this is to, hopefully, reproduce the best characteristics of both parent plant's flowers and produce a better flower than both of them. The subsequent plants that grow from the seed are seedlings. A seedling is a one-off plant – no-one else will have one. This can only be shown as a seedling in the first season that it flowers. If it is a progressive flowerer, it can only be shown until the third flower.

Telling the difference between a seedling and a mericlone can sometimes be tricky but there are some pointers. If the name of the plant includes a registered name and a clonal name e.g. a name in inverted commas after the main name, it is definitely a mericlone. A seedling is usually denoted by something crossed with something else e.g. Cym (Mary x Margaret) Some clubs won't recognize plants as seedlings unless the crossings are listed on the label.

If in doubt, ask the Registrar or a judge to help identify the plant as a mericlone or a seedling.

August 2026 Competition Results

Open Division

Cymbidiums 60 – 90mm

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| 1) <i>Cym.</i> Yi Ying Red Gem | J. Seidel |
| 2) <i>Cym.</i> (KhairPour x <i>erythraem</i>) | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Cymbidium 60mm and under

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| 1) <i>Cym.</i> (Dolly x <i>canaliculatum</i>) 'Patsy' | J. Seidel |
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Laeliinae Standard Under 80mm

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| 1) <i>Rlc.</i> Mari's Magic 'Chief Satisfaction | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
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Laeliinae Non Standard

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| 1) <i>Rth</i> Rosella's Fire Diamond | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
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Laeliinae Species

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| 1) <i>L. anceps</i> Var Dawsonii | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
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Paphiopedilum Standard

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| 1) <i>Paph.</i> Saturday Night | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) <i>Paph.</i> Genesis 'A. M Rogers' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 3) <i>Paph.</i> Cocoa Pawbella | J. Seidel |

Paphiopedilum Non Standard

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) <i>Paph.</i> Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) <i>Paph.</i> Fanaticum | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 3) <i>Paph.</i> William Amber | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Paphiopedilum Species

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| 1) <i>Paph.</i> <i>sukhkulii</i> | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) <i>Paph.</i> <i>gratrixianum</i> | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 3) <i>Paph.</i> <i>tranliemianum</i> | J. Seidel |

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

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|---|-----------------------|
| 1) <i>Den.</i> Greta Snow 'Samford Celestial' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) <i>Den.</i> Brimbank Cosmic Parade 'Vincent Vista' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

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| 1) <i>Den.</i> <i>teretifolium</i> | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) <i>Den.</i> <i>teretifolium</i> 'Grande' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Australian Native Terrestrial Species

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| 1) <i>Ptst</i> <i>nutans</i> | J. & D. Higgs |
| 2) <i>Ptst.</i> <i>curta</i> 'variegated | J. & D. Higgs |
| 3) <i>Ptst.</i> <i>curta</i> | J. & D. Higgs |

Zygopetalinae Hybrid

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| 1) <i>Z.</i> (Kiwi Choice x <i>Zga.</i> <i>Kuitpo</i>) | J. Seidel |
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Other Hybrid Not Listed above

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| 1) <i>Lmc.</i> Yasaka 'Mouliache' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 1) <i>Lyc.</i> James Miller 'Birthday Surprise' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Other Species not listed above

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| 1) <i>Ddc.</i> <i>tiongianum</i> | J. & D. Higgs |
| 2) <i>Ste.</i> <i>restrepoides</i> | J. & D. Higgs |

Seedling

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| 1) <i>Paph.</i> Fanaticum | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) <i>Paph.</i> William Amber | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 3) <i>Paph.</i> Genesis William Amber | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Popular Vote

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| 1) <i>Den.</i> <i>teretifolium</i> 'Grande' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) <i>Lyc.</i> James Miller 'Birthday Surprise' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

First Division

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1) <i>Cym.</i> Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron' | S. Laznicka |
| 2) <i>Cym.</i> Embers 'Yowie Bay' | D. Bird |
| 3) <i>Cym.</i> Unknown | R. Edwards |

Cymbidium 60mm and under

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| 1) <i>Cym.</i> Sundani Lou | D. Bird |
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Laeliinae 80mm and over

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| 1) <i>Rth.</i> Laura Santora | J. & D. Cassar |
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Laeliinae Cluster

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| 1) Ctt. Adelaide Ablaze | S. Laznicka |
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Paphiopedilum Non Standard

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| 1) <i>Paph.</i> Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' | J. & D. Cassar |
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Paphiopedilum Species

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| 1) <i>Paph. insigne</i> (#2) | J. & R. Dunn |
| 2) <i>Paph. insigne</i> (#1) | J. Dunn |

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

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| 1) <i>Den. Den. Unknown</i> | R. Edwards |
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Australian Native Terrestrial Species

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| 1) <i>Ptst. curta</i> | J. & R. Dunn |
| 2) <i>Ptst. nutans</i> | J. & R. Dunn |
| 3) <i>Ptst. Curta</i> | D. Bird |

Zygopetalinae Hybrid

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| 1) <i>Z.</i> Unknown | R. Edwards |
| 2.) <i>Zga.</i> [(Pine Road x Kosciusko) x <i>Z.</i> Clair Fisher] | J. & R. Dunn |

Seedling

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|---|--------------|
| 1) <i>Cym.</i> Sudaani Lou | D. Bird |
| 2) <i>Zga.</i> [(Pine Road x Kosciusko) <i>Z.</i> Clair Fisher] | J. & R. Dunn |

Popular Vote

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1) <i>Ptst. Curta</i> | J. & R. Dunn |
| 2) <i>Cym.</i> Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron' | S. Laznicka |
| 3) <i>Rth.</i> Laura Santora | J. & D. Cassar |

Second Division**Cymbidiums 60 90mm**

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| 1) <i>Cym.</i> [(Dag x Auriga) x Tracey Reddaway] | V. Rounsefell |
| 2) <i>Cym.</i> Unknown | V. Rounsefell |

Paphiopedilum Non Standard

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1) <i>Paph.</i> Chouvetii | M. & M. Vassello |
| 2) <i>Paph. Unknown</i> | M. & M. Vassello |

Dendrobium other than Australian Native

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| 1) <i>No Award</i> | |
| 2) <i>Den.</i> Supernova | A. Mussared |

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

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| 1) <i>No Award</i> | |
| 2) <i>Den.</i> (Bardot Rose x Rutherford Starburst) | V. Rounsefell |

Ocidiinae Hybrid

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| 1) <i>No award</i> | |
| 2) <i>Lsz.</i> Lava Burst | M. & M. Vassello |

Other Species not listed above

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| 1) <i>Ptst. repanda</i> | V. Rounsefell |
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Popular Vote

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|---|---------------|
| 1) <i>Den. Supernova</i> | A. Mussared |
| 2) <i>Cym.</i> [(Dag x Auriga) x Tracey Reddaway] | V. Rounsefell |

August 2026 Divisional Winners

Open Division and Registrar's Choice

Den. teretifolium grown by M. Willoughby & O. Ju

Michael & Oui benched 2 of these species but this one was by far the best. Although not as floriferous as the 'Grande' grex and a smaller plant, it was much fresher and a better quality flower. Nearly all the flowers were free of relexing and were a beautiful pale green with the tepals fading to a pale cream at the ends. The lip was white with red spotting. *Den teretifolium* is an Australian Native species growing on the east coast from Bega to Rockhampton.



August 2026 Divisional Winners (contd)

First Division

Rth. Laura Santora grown by J. & D. Cassar

A very nice flower ,flat, circular in outline and a very nice creamy colour and good texture. There is, however, some slight reflexing in the sepals but still a very good flower. This is a complex hybrid with 15 species in its background but it was only registered in 2022, so well done Joe & Denise



Second Division

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

This was 2nd Division Champion at the Winter Show. Just a single inflorescence with 15 well ranked flowers all looking at you. The flowers are nicely shaped filled in and with very nice light red markings on a yellow background.



August 2026 Divisional Winners (contd)

Seedling

Paph. Fanaticum grown by M. Willoughby & O. JU

This is a primary hybrid between species *Paphs. malipoense* and *micranthum*. It is normal for this grex to have only a single flower on a tall stem per plant. The flower colour and markings are typical with the pale green base overlaid with heavy dark brown veining on the lateral sepals and brown dotting on the dorsal sepal. This is a well grown plant

