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Main display at the Spring Show on 12th September 2026

This month's meeting is on **Wednesday 21st October 2026** back in the
Plympton Community Centre, in Long Street at Plympton at **8pm**.
Hall opens for set-up from 7.30pm.

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1970 Spiro Drikas*	2005 Alan Davies, Iris Davies
1975 Elva Shawyer*, Gordon Shawyer*	2013 Margaret Jacob
Edith Halliday*, Mervyn Green*	2014 Brian Brand, Shirley Brand 1976
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1977 Jack Moore*, Harold Luckhurst*, Ken Wynes*	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

Researched K.Gurney.

GUEST SPEAKER for October 2026

This month's guest speaker is **James Argent**. See below for more details.

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

Birthdays for October 2026

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

Anne Steer, Barbara Thmpson, Helen Haltis, Vicky Cooper,
Kevin Gurney, Alan Jeffries, Kevin Trevan

Congratulations!

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday October 26th @ 7.00 pm at Findon Western Link Church Hall.*
Next Judges Meeting *To be advised by Registrar*

STOP PRESS!!!

The Sarcochilus Feature Night will go ahead at the October meeting and not held over to November.

So bring in all your lovely Sarcochilus and make a good show.

The warmer weather of the last few weeks has brought out the flowers so the November meeting will be too late and we would not have many plants.

***Note*- Venue for meetings – Back to Plympton from October**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope you can all remember the way to get to the Plympton Community Centre, in Long Street at Plympton, I have been assured all work will have been completed in time for our October Meeting on 21st. Pauline and I were given a last minute invitation to inspect the renovations. We will still hold our meetings in the original hall, access will still be available through the rear door, car parking will be the same, (only less distance between the two rows of cars). As we enter, there is now an extra hall, meeting rooms, toilets and kitchenette. On our visit, I discussed the use of the kitchen (\$30 extra per night), we only use it for hot water for 10 months of the year and it was suggested we only book the kitchen for the times we would use all facilities (August and December Dinners). We will have access to a cupboard which will save carting 5 boxes between home and hall each meeting. I was able to cancel the kitchen bookings for October and November (on line) but then unable to get our Public Liability Insurance on to the system so was blocked out. A visit to the Council Chambers resulted in insurance documents being accepted and hire fees paid for the remainder of the year.

Thank You ,very much , to Jane Higgs, for filling in at the last minute , as guest speaker. Our invited speaker declined the invitation as he said “members have heard my talks before”. Several members have purchased plants from him and I have made a couple of bulk purchases of small plants for prizes, but I have never heard him talk. Les has retired from giving presentations. I tried to get him to come along and talk about his booklet “Terrestrial Orchid Culture in Adelaide” but he could not be enticed. A number of members indicated their interest in purchasing a copy (\$20). We now have them available and can get more if needed.

Our editor, Glen, will be unavailable for a few days from 14th October and is trying to get the review out beforehand. We wish him well over this period. You should receive your digital copy, at least, before Orchid Opportunities Day on Saturday 17 October. Flyers for this day have already been emailed to you and we seek your help in making people more aware that this is more than just sales. The hall will be open from 8 a.m. giving us an hour and half to get sales items organised and set up for dividing / repotting and mounting stations. Clean up , pick up is from 4 p.m.

This meeting we will have our own **James Argent** as guest speaker. He has given talks on using orchids in floral art in the past but this presentation will involve, where to grow

plants, fertilising, care and cleaning plants and a plant demonstration. James is an orchid judge, deputy registrar of our judging panel, and an accomplished Floral Art Presenter and Judge.

Note that we are going ahead with the Sarcochilus Night this month although there had been some discussion on postponing it. My sarcs are now starting to produce some spikes but nothing will be in flower. To increase your collection, there will be sarcs on the raffle table to choose from.

The November Meeting will be our AGM. With the exception of a couple of committee positions which are of 2 year duration, all other positions will become vacant. If you wish to nominate someone for a position, you will need to collect a nomination form, get it completed and back to the secretary by Friday 23 October. If there are no nominations received, positions will have to be filled at the AGM.

Remember the **December Meeting, our Christmas Dinner Meeting**, on 16 December. For only \$10 per head, you will get a roast meal (several meats and roast veggies), and Christmas pudding and fruit salad. Setting up will be from 5 p.m. with members arriving at 6 for a 6.30 start.

Garry Simcock, President

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 several 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

SHOW DATES 2026

Dates for the remainder of 2026.

Plant Sales Day now changed to **Orchid Opportunities Day**

is on **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. See the flyer emailed to members on the 7th October, and see the website www.saorchidsociety.org

Events, 2026 Plant Sales Day for more details.

No more public events after 17 October until our Autumn Show 2027.

Club events dates

October Meeting 21 Oct.

November Meeting 18 Nov AGM.

December Meeting 16 Dec Christmas

Dinner Meeting - no plant competition.

2027: January Meeting 20th January and 60th Birthday Party 24th January.

Some Miscellaneous Photos

Diana Bird's "fun" photo of Peter Haltis



Diana Bird happened to catch this photo at the end of the September meeting.



Diana's Spider Orchid.



Barbara Thompson was impressed by being able to take photos of an endangered orchid in situ near Lake Eliza on a recent trip. It is the Little Dip Spider Orchid (*caladenia richardsiorum*).



Barbara's endangered orchid at Freshwater Lake.

Jane's Showbench Chatter September meeting 2026

***Cymbidium* (Cym.) Bedivere' Highbury'**



This is a relatively old hybrid, registered in 1963 and is a crossing of *Cymbidium pumilum* or *floribundum* with *Cym.* Blue Smoke and it was awarded in 1991 and given an award of Cultural Commendation by the Australian Orchid Council. This particular plant looks like it is a 4N version of the plant because of the size and substance of the flower. It is a cascading or pendulous orchid and the tan colour is offset by the lovely white lip which is marked by a jagged red edge. Quite stunning. Exhibited by Vanda Rounsefell

***Degamoara* (Dgmra) Olympia 'Jacqui Loieuse'**



A very interesting name or names as the RHS recognises this as a *Wilhemara*, which is a *Bratonia* (ex *Miltassia*) Picnic Point x *Rhyncostele* (ex *Odontoglossum*) *bictoniensis*. It is no wonder that we all have trouble keeping up with the names of orchids!! It is an open spidery type flower with yellow sepals marked with red/brown and a most attractive lip which is bright yellow with red markings near the throat. It was awarded in May 1999 with an HCC/AOC. This was benched by Gary & Pauline Simcock.

***Cymbidium*(Cym.) Kiwi Arachnid**



This orchid is a crossing of *Cym.* Amber with *Cym.* Arachnid and was registered by Pauline Hockey in 2020. It has a very strong orange/tan colour with lighter striations and the lip is white marked with dark red stripes. It has good substance and the shape is influenced by *Cym. tracyanum* which is one of its ancestors. Benched by Diana Bird

Jane's Showbench Chatter September meeting (contd)

Going Potty.

Why are black plastic pots the preferred containers for Cymbidium orchids and other genera as well? There are several reasons that we use them – they retain moisture efficiently, they warm up soil (mix) quickly and offer a lightweight container which is relatively cheap to buy. The dark colour absorbs solar radiation which raises the temperature of the potting mix and this warmth stimulates root growth in the cooler months. They are durable to withstand outdoor weather without cracking easily and they are light to move around. The black colour makes them easier to disguise in displays and does not clash with the colour of the orchid flowers. When re-potting plants, the roots do not cling to the plastic as they do to terracotta for instance so there is less root damage. They have multiple bottom holes which allows excess water to drain and supplies adequate oxygen to the root tips. If there are not enough holes for the type of orchids you wish to grow, it is easy to make more holes in the plastic. In intense heat they can get too hot but can be easily moved to a cooler position and, unlike terracotta or clay pots they don't let water evaporate through the walls.

Jane

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September 2026 Competition Results

Open Division

Cymbidiums over 90mm

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| 1) Cym. Atlantic Crossing 'Eight Carat No 1' | P. Haltis |
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Cymbidiums 60 – 90mm

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| 1) Cym. (Pepper Blaze x Street Tango) | P. Haltis |
| 2) Cym. Yi Ying Red Gem | J. Seidel |

Cymbidiums 60mm and under

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1) Cym. Sarah Jean 'GOK' | P. Haltis |
| 2) Cym. Unknown | P. Haltis |

Laeliinae Standard Under 80mm

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| 1) Rth. Young - Min Orange | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
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Laeliinae Non Standard

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| 1) C. Prince Albert | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) Rth. Rosella's Fire Diamond | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Laeliinae Cluster

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| 1) Ctt. Adelaide Ablaze 'Y & R' | J. Seidel |
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Paphiopedilum Standard

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| 1) Paph. Saturday Night | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) Paph. Cocoa Pawbella | J. Seidel |

Paphiopedillum Non Standard

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Paph. Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) Paph. Fanaticum | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 3) Paph. Chouvetii | P. Haltis |

Paphiopedilum Species

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Paph. venustum | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) Paph. micranthum | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Phalaenopsis Standard

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Phal. Unknown | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
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Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

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| 10 Den. Tyabb 'Young Splendour' | P. Haltis |
| 2) Den. Brimbank Eclipsed | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 3) Den. Brimbank Cosmic Parade 'Vincent Vista' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

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| 1) Den. speciosum | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
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Australian Native Terrestrial Hybrid

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|---------------------|---------------|
| 1) Diuris Earwig | J. & D. Higgs |
| 2) Ptst. Dusky Duke | J. & D. Higgs |
| 3) Ptst. Hoodwink | J. & D. Higgs |

Australian Terrestrial Species

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| 1) Ptst. curta vatigated | J. & D. Higgs |
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Other Species not listed above

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| 1) Serapius lingua | J. & D. Higgs |
| 2) Serapius neglecta | J. & D. Higgs |

Seedling all genera

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Den Brimbank Eclipsed | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) Paph. micranthum | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 3) Cym. (Pepper Blaze x Street Tango) | P. Haltis |

Popular Vote

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Paph. Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 2) Den. speciosum | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |
| 3) Paph. Fanaticum | M. Willoughby & O. Ju |

First Division**Cymbidiums 60 – 90mm**

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1) Cym. 'Mimi Sophia' | R. Edwards |
| 2) Cym. Zen Maestro 'Scott' | D. Bird |

Cymbidiums 60mm and under

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| 1) Cym. Cosmic Ray 'Tangerie Falls' | D. Bird |
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Laeliinae Non Standard

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| 1) C. (Mark Jones x Jungle Elf) | R. Edwards |
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Dendrobium Other than Australian Native

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| 1) Den. Tweetas x Jake Noah | J. Dunn |
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Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

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| 1) Den. Tyabb 'Elle' | S. Laznicka |
| 2) Den. (Flinders x Australian Rose Beauty) | J. Dunn |

Australian Native Terrestrial Hybrid

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|-------------------|---------|
| 1) Diuris Earwig | D. Bird |
| 2) Ptst. x ingens | J. Dunn |
| 3) Ptst. Bantuam | J. Dunn |

Australian Native Terrestrial Species

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| 1) Ptst. pedunculata | J. Dunn |
| 2) Ptst. curta | D. Bird |
| 3) Ptst. nutans | J. Dunn |

Popular Vote

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|----------------------|-------------|
| 1) Den. Tyabb 'Elle' | S. Laznicka |
| 2) Diuris Earwig | J. Dunn |
| 3) Ptst. Bantam | J. Dunn |

September 2026 Competition Results (contd)

Second Division

Cymbidiums 60 – 90mm

- 1) [(Cym. Dag x Auriga) x Tracy Reddaway] V. Rounsefell

Cymbidiums 60mm and under

- 1) Cym. Bedivere 'Highbury' V. Rounsefell
2) Cym. Sarah Jean 'Rose on Ice' M. Henschke
3) Cym. Sarah Jean M. Henschke

Dendrobium other than Australian Native

- 1) Den. Supernova A. Mussared

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

- 1) Den. Hamilton x Unknown) V. Rounsefell
2) Den. Unknown M. & M. Vassello
3) Den. x *delicatum* M. Henschke

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

- 1) Den. *kingianum* V. Rounsefell

Oncidinae Hybrid

Onc. Twinkle 'Miss Muffet' M. & M. Vassello

Whm. Olympia 'Jaqui Louise' G. & P. Simmcock

Zygopetalinae

- 1) Npp. Beverley Road x Z. Conway's Choice G. & P. Simmcock

Popular Vote

- 1) Den. Supernova A. Mussared
2) Cym[(Dag x Auriga) x Tracy Reddaway]
3) Npp. Beverley Road x Z. Conway's Choice G. & P. Simmcock.

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September 2026 Divisional Winners

Open Division and Registrar's Choice



Paph. Chouvetii 'Van Dyke' Grown by M. Willoughby & O. Ju

This was a well grown and clean plant with 18, 105 x 100 mm flowers on 14 inflorescences. The flowers are quite large and have a beautiful sheen, typical of the grex. It has 3 species in its background, *Paph. hirsutissimum*, *Paph. villosum* and *Paph. insigne* with the latter 2 having the most influence as evidenced by the spotting and colouring on the dorsal sepal (*P. insigne*) and the shape and the divided colour on the lateral sepals along with the sheen on the flowers (*P. villosum*). It is easy to grow and can be grown cold but benefits from some heat in colder regions.

September 2026 Divisional Winners (contd)

First Division



Diuris Earwig Grown by D. Bird

This is a primary hybrid of the Australian natives *Diuris corymbosa* with *Diuris sulphurea* made and registered by Les Nesbit in 1998. It shows more influence of the *D. corymbosa* as it has more of the red markings on the segments and is found in south west of Western Australia. *D. sulphurea* is found from Queensland down the east coast and round to South Australia and also Tasmania. There were 2 inflorescences with a total of 7 flowers which were fresh and well grown

Second Division



Den. Supernova Grown by A. Mussared

A well grown soft cane Dendrobium with 2 nice spikes supporting 15 flowers. The tepal were all deep maroon in colour with the lip fading to a lighter pinkish colour with darker veining. The flowers measured 49 x 48 mm making them nicely circular and were quite flat. It is a complex hybrid with quite a few species in its background with 15 generations back to the original species

September 2026 Divisional Winners (contd)

Seedling



Den Brimbank Eclipsed Grown by M. Willoughby & O. Ju
A very nice Australian Native with considerable potential.

2026 Spring Show Champions

We had a very nice spring show display despite the lower number of plants – only 58 however, the quality of the plants was very good and gave the judges a good work out. In the end we ended up with joint Grand Champion as the judges were tied and there was no way we could separate them. Normally I, as Registrar, would make a call in the case of a tied vote, however one of the plants belonged to myself and Jane which ruled me out. As a result of this there was no Reserve Champion awarded.

Grand Champions (tied)



Paph. William Ambler grown by M. Willoughby & O. Ju.
Also the Most outstanding Seedling

A well grown and presented plant with a single inflorescence supporting 3 flowers nicely arranged on the stem. The dorsal and ventral sepals were white with brown vertical striping. The petals are also striped brown and quite narrow. This plant is primary Hybrid between *Paphs. rothschildianum* and *wilhelminae* first registered in 2001 and has been awarded 34 times in the US but not in Australia yet.

Grand Champions (tied)



Rouge Bouillon grown by J. & D. Higgs

This plant was the Grand Champion at the winter show in August but this is the 2nd flower as this Phragmipedium is a sequential flower. All segments are a bright red with paler striations on the pouch. Inside the pouch is cream and fades to red on the rim of the pouch. Just a single flower as is normal the case with progressive flowering Phragmipediums. As the next flower opens this flower will drop off even though it may be in quite good condition.

2026 Spring Show Champions (contd)

First Division Champion



Den.

Australian Artist grown by S. Laznicka

A nicely grown plant with many inflorescences. Flowers have dark maroon markings over a creamy base and are quite meaty and of reasonable size. It has been awarded 9 times in Australia and is a hybrid of *Dens speciosum* and Cobbler made by the Australian Orchid Nursery in Victoria.

Second Division Champion



Den. Supernova grown by A. Mussared.

See the description in the September meeting winners.