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NEXT MEETING: 8:00 p m

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

AT GLEN WAVERLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

700 WAVERLEY ROAD, GLEN WAVERLEY

Melways Map 71 / C4/5 (Opposite Allen Street)

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ITEM OF THE EVENING:

“~ Orchid Conservation

- 2020 to Present ~”

- By Garry French -



Helen Richard's *Diplodium x conoglossum*
by Ivan Margitta

**All are welcome at the Friday General Meeting whether booked or not. If you have attended within the last 18 months you will already be on the “notify” list.
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ANOS VIC FRIDAY MEETINGS

If you or your close contacts have any symptoms of COVID, no matter how mild, **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND**. If you show any symptoms within the week **following** the Meeting you **MUST** contact the Secretary immediately:

E: secretary@anosvic.org.au or PH: 0412 327 798

ALL WELCOME whether you have booked or not. **BUT** we do prefer you to book your attendance if you have not been in the past 18 months providing your name(s) and phone number(s) with the Secretary, John Young, via email: secretary@anosvic.org.au (Only if you do not have e-mail please phone 0412 327 798)

Only those on the list will be notified of any cancellations or changes that may not necessarily relate to COVID-19.

- You **MUST** sign in via the attendance book for insurance purposes.
- There will be a raffle and a sales table.
- (NOTE: Orchids must be **Australasian natives**)
- Membership payments accepted by credit card & cash
- **The Library** - Contact Andrew Gibbons to order a book
- order your books from the list at:

http://www.anosvic.org.au/ANOS_Vic_Library_Catalogue.pdf & email your choice to Andrew via: librarian@anosvic.org.au for pick-up at the Friday Meeting

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

FRIDAY NIGHT MEETING:

GARRY FRENCH WILL BE TALKING ABOUT "ORCHID CONSERVATION - 2020 to PRESENT". Garry has been involved with conservation way before taking on his role with ANOS Vic.

UPCOMING / POSSIBLE SPEAKERS

Oct 2 - Mark Freestone - "Relationships Between Fungi and Orchids"

Nov 6 - ? Reza Saputra - *Orchids of Birds Head Peninsula* - TBC

Dec 4 - Dinner & Presentations (no speaker)

(TBC = To Be Confirmed TBA = To Be Advised)

Epiphyte Cultural Certificates:

August 2026: TBA

Terrestrial Cultural Certificates:

August 2026:

TCC 697 - *Pterostylis alveata* - Jamin Walker

There were other pots recommended but not awarded due to "previously awarded".

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

~ Rhiannon Quigley ~
~ Marty White ~
~ Lewis Hillier ~
~ Ian Reid ~

SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES



Ivan Margitta is off his crutches



Ian Taylor is on the mend

NEXT MONTH

The ANOS VIC SHOW

September: Sat 26 - Sun 27, 2026

9:00am - 4:00pm both days

At Mount Waverley Community Centre

47 Miller Cres, Mount Waverley

We still need helpers for various areas within the Show - Café, Sales Area, Ticket Sales, Raffle sales, Plant Crèche, plus helpers to set-up the Show displays, etc. (Set-up is on Fri Sep 25) We also need lots of our native Australasian native orchids to put on our best display ever! Please send your plant names to Sue via email editor@anosvic.org.au so your labels will be ready on the Friday.

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY YARRA YARRA

APS Yarra Yarra is holding the Australian Plant Expo on **Saturday Sept 12, 9:30-3pm, & Sunday Sept 13, 9:30am-2pm**, at Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Rd, Eltham.

Plant seller stalls include Phillip Vaughan, Nangak Tamboree (La Trobe) Wildlife Sanctuary Nursery, Goldfields Revegetation Nursery, Weeping Grevillea Nursery, Ironstone Park Nursery, Ian Evans stall, and Yarra Yarra Growers (7 other member growers on this stall).

Tube-stock to advanced plants, indigenous and grafted stock too, and books on related subjects - all at great prices. Flower displays and Gardens for Wildlife display, & Crowsfoot Pottery.

Activities for children; refreshments available; accessible venue

See the website: <https://apsyarrayarra.org.au/australian-plants-expo/> for more information and for plant lists closer to the time.

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday September 6, 2026, BBQ 12 noon; Meeting 2pm; at the home of Fran and George, 12 Explorers Court, Vermont South.

The aim of the ESG is to share knowledge and to help other Members achieve excellent results in their orchid growing. Once again, we will meet at the home of Fran and George where there is always an abundance of wonderfully grown native orchids to admire and discuss.

This month there should be a proliferation of plants in flower and attendees are encouraged to bring along a native orchid plant to discuss.



Phil leading the discussion . . .



A small sample inside Phil's glasshouse

A focus of the discussion will be your cultural technique, it being in a pot or mounted, and what works for you to get the best out of your plant.

Plus, please bring everything you need for the BBQ and a plate of afternoon tea to share. We encourage all epiphyte growers to join our Group. **Please register with Jonathon if you are coming and also if you need the BBQ via: M: 0490 450 974 or: E: esg@anosvic.org.au**

REPORT ON AUGUST 9 MEETING:

We acknowledge the hospitality of Phil and Irene in accommodating the August ESG Meeting. The Meeting was very well attended despite the cold and wet day. As usual, there was good discussion. The discussion focussed on the fact that no matter how skilled and experienced a grower is, there is always that plant that is challenging to grow. In this case the main examples discussed were *Dendrobium monophyllum* and *Dendrobium tetragonum* var *giganteum*.



Den Avrils Gold 'Lyn'



Den tetragonum

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CONSERVATION & TERRESTRIAL GROUPS' ACTIVITIES

Register with the listed activity leader as early as possible and provide:

- * Your name and current contact details
- * Mobile number on activity day
- * Emergency contact - Name and phone details of a person who is not with you on the day

Registrants will be emailed an ANOS Vic Safety Sheet for the activity and kept up to date with the latest information. Activities can be amended and / or cancelled at short notice due to many variants. If you do not book you will not be notified of any changes or cancellations. Plus there might be restrictions to the number of attendees permitted.

TERRESTRIAL & EPIPHYTE CONSERVATION GROUPS

D. FRAGRANTISSIMA RECOVERY WORKING BEES - LAVERTON & SUNSHINE

Sunshine Triangle - Mondays Sept 14 & 28

Start 8:30 am - Finish 12 Noon

Laverton Grasslands - Monday Sept 21

Start 8:00 am - Finish 12 Noon

Please come along to either or both sites and join in the fun while getting to know other Members while helping out the Sunshine Diuris and its habitat. Also, please bring your own morning tea and drinks as well as something small to share.

New participants please contact Garry for your directions.

Contact: Garry French - M: 0407-292-514

OR E: gjfrench@bigpond.net.au

TSG & CONSERVATION EMAIL LISTS

If you are not already on the TSG or Conservation email lists, and want to be kept up to date with outings and events, send an email to:

Len - tsg@anosvic.org.au

AND / OR:

Garry - conservation@anosvic.org.au

& request to be added. Sometimes there are "Short-Notice Outings" that are only announced via email.

TERRESTRIAL GROWERS GROUP

The next get-together will be on **Sunday September 6 at 10am**. If you haven't already done so please register with Marie-Josée and Len: E: tsg@anosvic.org.au. We will be meeting at the home of Len & Marie-Josée in Pascoe Vale - location details will be forwarded after we receive your registration.

Booking / Info / Updates: Marie-Josée and Len: E: tsg@anosvic.org.au

Please include the usual contact details as per the Notice Top Left of this page.

Len will supply never-ending hot-water, so make sure you bring your own lunch, and a comfortable camp chair. Susan will be supplying tea, coffee, sugar, milk and spare mugs (or BYO mug).

**REMINDER - TSG OUTING
CHRISTMAS HILLS
SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2026**

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

There should be both late winter and early spring orchids - another excellent outing for newcomers and old hands alike. Wendy Probert knows the area well and a very pleasant day is assured.

Please register with Marie-Josée and Len via: tsg@anosvic.org.au

Don't forget your mobile number and name and number of your emergency contact.

WALLAN AREA - SUN SEP 20, 2026

The aim of this outing will be to explore promising new areas that Paul Piko has identified.

The results will be helpful in gaining protection for the bush in a fast growing development area. This is a good opportunity to spend time with Paul and gain from his extensive local knowledge. Registrants will be informed of the meeting time and place in the week before the outing.

Please register with Marie-Josée and Len: E: tsg@anosvic.org.au

Do not forget to include your mobile number and the name and number of your emergency contact

WONTHAGGI HEATHLANDS

Sat Oct 3, 2026 - 10am for a full day excursion

Register with Robyn Tyson, via email, providing your emergency contact details:

M: 0409 412 931; E: robynktyson@gmail.com

ADAMS CREEK RESERVE, (Lang Lang)

Sat Oct 31, 2026 - 10am for a morning excursion

Register with Robyn Tyson, via email, providing your emergency contact details:

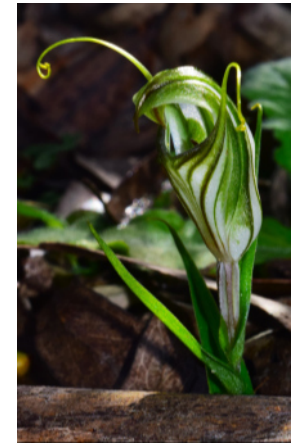
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ORCHIDS AT KIATA AND NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK - Mike & Kathy Beamish

Here are some shots of orchids found at the Kiata Sanctuary (Keith Hateley Walk). Lots of other stuff in flower too, and the Mallee fowl mound in the Sanctuary looks like it will be in use again this season; a pair of birds were doing their thing already.

Small Mosquito Orchid *Acianthus pusilla* (there were hundreds of them), one of the Emerald-lip Tall Greenhoods *Pterostylis prasina*, one of the Dwarf Greenhoods *Pterostylis nana* complex, Bluebeards *Caladenia deformis*, one of the small

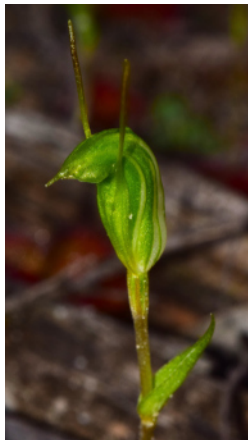
Greencomb Spiders *Caladenia* sp. *lowan mallee* and Large Striped Greenhood *Pterostylis robusta*.

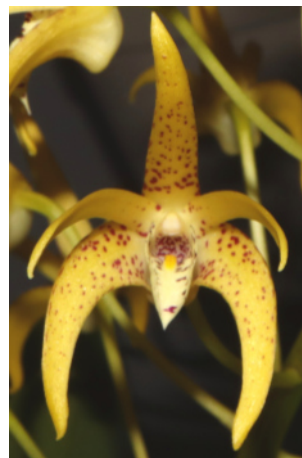


Below are some more orchids found across the border in Ngarkat CP - Pertendi Hut area (SA). Presumably they are Slender Midget Greenhood *Pterostylis mutica/pisinna* or *Hymenochilus*

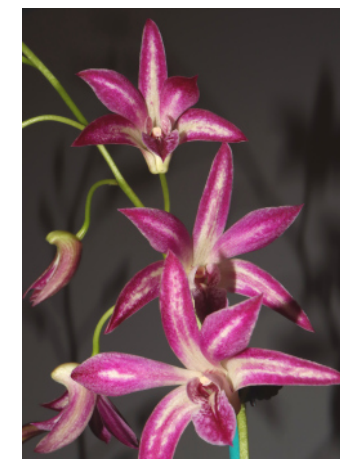
pisinnus, a Dwarf Greenhood *Pterostylis nana* /*tenuis* and Banded Greenhoods, most of which would fit the description of *Pterostylis arbuscula*, but there was always at least one

plant in each colony (and there were lots of colonies) that was quite tall, more than 10cm, so they were probably all just *Pterostylis* /*Urochilus sanguinea*/us.





Doug: Aussie Starlight A / Aussie Starlight B / Den Essie Banks / Dock Vivien Margaret (teretifolia x Saboteur) // **Tony Lopreiato:** Den Aussie Parade 'Journey' x Cosmic Gold 'Sandy'



Sylvia K: Bulbophyllum johnsonii / Dock teretifolia / Plectorrhiza beckeri // **Stan & Patsy:** Dendrobium Anne's Rainbow Surprise



John Varigos: *Bulbophyllum apodum*



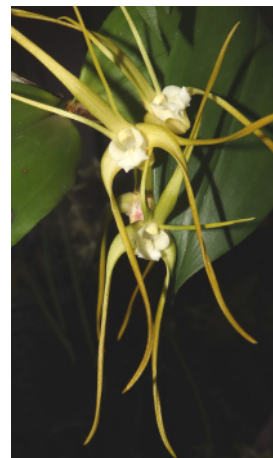
/ **Den aphanochilum**



// **John Young:** *Dockrillia Tarallab*



Phil Ritchie: *Den Australian Bride*



/ **Tetrabaculum tetragonum**
var cacatua alba



// **Gianni M:** *Den Nagomi*



Helen Robinson: *Dockrillia*
Australia Sunblessed



Murray & Di: *Cymbidium*
canaliculatum 'Jessica'



/ *Dockrillia rigida*



/ *Cepobaculum canaliculatum*



In Anne Phefley's garden in Parkville . . .

There was a healthy display of terrestrial orchids benched at the August Meeting. Greenhoods dominated the display, with the last of the winter and first of the spring flowering species brought in for the bench. Jamin opened the commentary with a variegated form of *Pterostylis curta* that originated from the Hunter Region Botanic Garden stock. These plants have a paler leaf variegation compared to the stronger-coloured Hastings form that is commonly seen in cultivation. Next was a Brisbane Ranges form of *Pterostylis alveata*. Jamin noted how late in the season this plant flowers, with his plants from different locations having already finished flowering.

A couple of pots of *Pterostylis concinna* were benched including the long-labellum form from Tasmania that many of us grow. Jamin commented that he has discussed this form with people in Tasmania and there appears to be a lot of variation in the labellum length of *Pterostylis concinna* in their populations. He suggested that the long-labellum forms might just be part of a broad spectrum of variation within this species rather than a distinct trait.

Also benched within this genus group were pots of *Pterostylis russellii*, *P. repanda*, *P. nutans*, *P. taurus*, *P. hispidula*, *P. baptistii*, and the natural hybrid *Pterostylis x conoglossa*.

Moving to the Helmet Orchids, Helen Richards brought in *Corybas* (syn. *Corysanthes*) *incurvus*, which originated from part of the original type

collection and is being multiplied to distribute across collections, alongside *Corybas x miscella* and *Corybas dentatus*. Jamin also spoke about his pot of *Corybas fimbriatus*, originating from Warrandyte State Park stock, which he is also trying to build up tubers to spread through the Tuber Bank.

Several pots of *Chiloglottis* were brought in including *Ch. trullata* and *Ch. truncata*. Jamin displayed a pot labelled *Chiloglottis* sp. that originally arrived mislabelled as *Acianthus fornicatus*. Jamin mentioned that volunteers from the Tuber Bank team are currently growing on tubers from several past donations that are misidentified to properly identify these plants so that they can go back through past records and alert growers who received them of their correct identity.

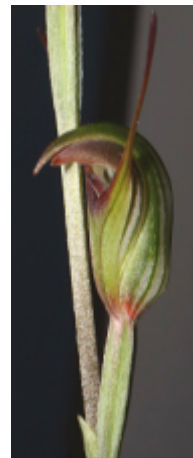
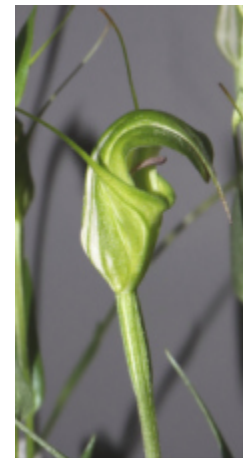
To round out the meeting, several examples of other genera were benched including *Cyrtostylis robusta*, *Diuris* aff. *chryseopsis* and *Caladenia hiemalis*, one of the earliest of the *Caladenia* to flower. While many spider orchids are solitary in habit, *Caladenia hiemalis*, which was benched by Helen, multiplies readily to form dense clumps of plants. Helen was asked about how she repots the tubers, as this is typically a time when you lose *Caladenia*. Helen said she has taken on Richard Thomson's advice of repotting *Caladenia* while they are actively growing as this makes the plants less likely to go downhill.

Jamin also commented about several of Owen Andrew's plants on the bench which were potted in squat pots and thriving. He suspects this is probably due to the water table in squat pots sitting at a different level than in standard pots which the plants seemed to be responding to in Owen's conditions. This highlights an important point: our plants respond to their conditions holistically. Understanding how others achieve success with their orchids requires looking at how their mix, light, watering and environment interact, rather than focusing on one aspect of their culture in isolation.



Helen Richard's: *Caladenia (Jonesiopsis) hiemalis*

Photo by Ivan Margitta

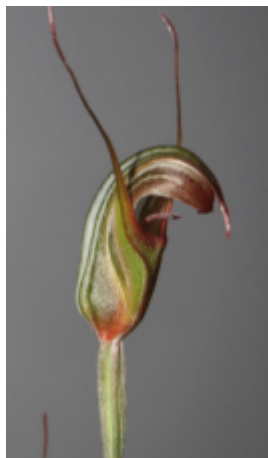
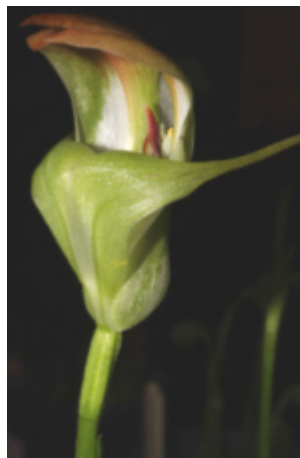


Helen Richards: *Chiloglottis/Myrmecophila truncata* / *Corysanthes dentata* / *Cory x miscella*

/ *Dipl concinnum*

/ *Dipl russellii*

/ *Corysanthes incurva*



Dipl x conoglossum

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Pter baptistii

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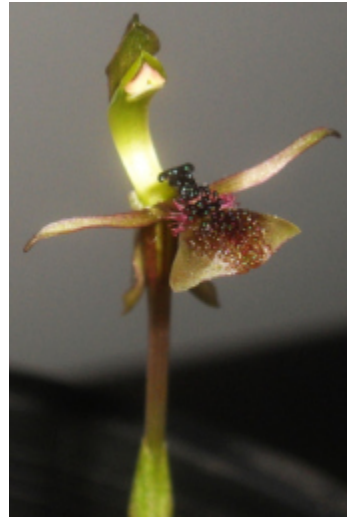
Pter curta (variegated leaf)



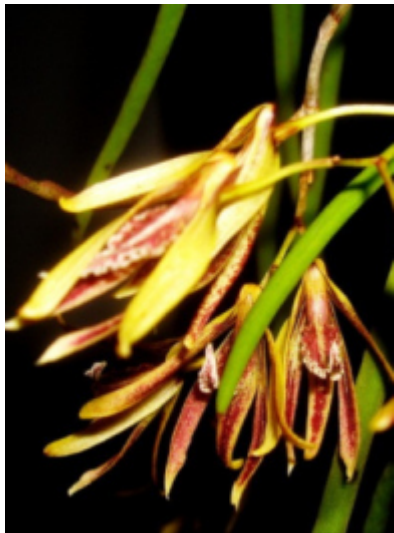
Owen: *Chiloglottis/Myrmechila trullata* / *Dipl repandum* / *Pter nutans* // **Bryan L:** *Pter hispidula*



Jamin: *Corybas fimbriata* / *Dipl alveatum* / *Dipl concinnum*



Jamin: *Pt concinna* / *Pt alveata* / *Chiloglottis* sp / *Corybas fimbriatus* // MHarding: *Den rigidum*



Helen Robinson: Dock // John Y: Dock Tarallab // S&P Greengrass: Den Anne's Rainbow Surprise // MHarding: *Cym canaliculatum*
Australian Sunblessed x same

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT - Murray Harding

Murray gave a rundown on his talk and picture show, and proceeded to show some fine examples of orchids growing way up high (out of reach), where they got plenty of air movement, light and rain water when it falls.



Den canaliculatum



Den canaliculatum



Den discolor



Den jonesii



Den jonesii and *Cym madidum*



Den speciosum var boreale



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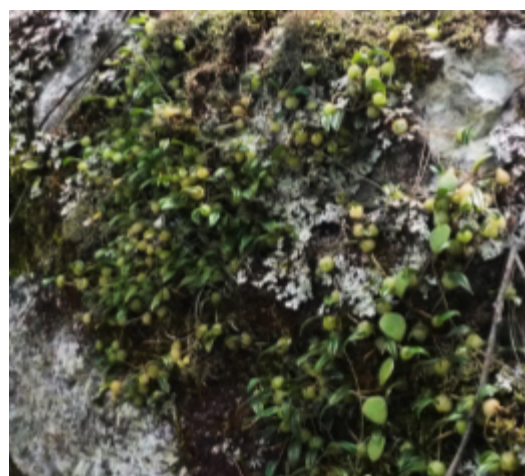
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Cym canaliculatum on a
Cadellia pentastylis (Ooline tree)



Bulbophyllum newportii



Bulbophyllum exiguum



Cym madidum



Den falcorostrum



Den aemulum



Den linguiforme



Den speciosum



Den speciosum and kingianum



Den striolatum



Plectorrhiza tridentata



Den schoeninum



Not only orchids grow in trees



SPRING ORCHID SHOW

CANBERRA ORCHID SOCIETY

Held on third weekend of September each year

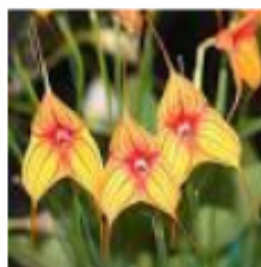
Fitzroy Pavilion, EPIC, Canberra Show Grounds

Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday 10am to 3pm

Entrance \$5, children under 14 free

*The Orchid Show is held in conjunction with Horticultural Spring Bulb and Camellia Show,
Admission covers entrance to both shows*

- A great opportunity to buy a large range of beautiful orchids
- A big selection of flowering cymbidiums and phalaenopsis for sale
- Interstate vendors selling a range of different orchid species
- Orchid pots, orchid bark, perlite, fertilizers and general supplies
- Repotting demonstrations
- Members have a large range of smaller plants for sale to add to your collection
- Easy to grow native orchids
- Talk to expert growers to find out the key to successful orchid growing



Further information www.canberraorchids.org

Royal Botanic Gardens - Cranbourne

Orchid Conservation Tours

See the world's largest endangered orchids' conservation program with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Orchid Conservation Program shade houses.

Event dates: 05 September - 01 October 2026
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

Price: \$35 per person, **Bookings essential**

Location: Meet 10 minutes before your booked session time at the Visitor Centre, Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne

Duration: 1 hour

Session Times: Tue 8, 15, 22, 29 Sep
Thu 10, 17, 24 Sep
Sat 5, 12, 19, 26 Sep
Thu 1 Oct

Bookings: <https://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-gardens/whats-on-cranbourne/orchid-conservation-tours/>

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**Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of
The Australian Orchid Foundation
to hear the guest speaker**

Prof. Rod Peakall
The Australian National University
Canberra, Australia



Rod Peakall is a Professor in Evolutionary Biology at the Australian National University. As ideal subjects for exploring a range of interesting scientific questions, orchids and their pollination have featured strongly across his research career. His work on Australian sexually deceptive orchids has captured the imagination of the public, educators and scientists around the world.

The title of his talk is:

***The magic of chemistry in the pollination of Australian
terrestrial orchids***

Drawing on research that spans across scientific fields, he will describe how these orchids use specific and often new to science chemicals to achieve pollination. He will conclude the talk with a brief outline on his exciting and ongoing work on the underground orchids of NSW. Like sexually deceptive orchids, the 'magic' of chemistry is also critical for the pollination of these mysterious orchids that live entirely in the dark. The talk will be illustrated by beautiful photographs and fascinating video clips, some of which have not been previously shared with the public.

**Venue: City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre
82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic. 3131**

Date: Saturday, 10 October 2025

Time: 2 pm for AGM followed by Rod's presentation.

Attendance at this Meeting will also be possible via a Zoom link.

Afternoon tea provided, Plant sales and book sales

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