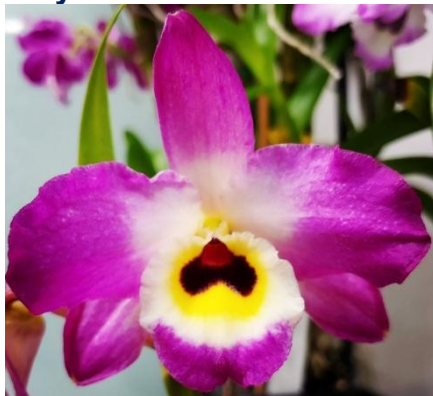


FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC JULY 2026 BULLETIN

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday in the months of January to November.

at Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street, Concord, NSW 2137

The Society was founded on 19th July 1967.



Society Emblem: Dendrobium Fivedock Fire 'Summertime'

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd July 2026 commencing at 7.40 pm

Five Dock RSL Orchid Society is proudly supported by.

Club Five Dock RSL, Canada Bay Council and MarketPlace Leichhardt Shopping Centre

Visit our website www.fivedockorchids.com & our Facebook page *Five Dock RSL Orchid Society* for photos of the winning orchids from our Monthly Meetings and Annual Shows, Plants of the Night,

Class winners, Show Champions, and record of our Social Events.

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President's Report

We are now halfway through the year, and the next three months are going to be busy. We have been invited to organise a display for the 30th anniversary of the Kokoda Track Memorial Park which is on 1 August 2026. If possible, could members please bring in two or three plants for this display at our Meeting on the 23rd, I will take care of them until Saturday 1 August. You can pick up your plants after 3pm on the Saturday.

At the end of June, we had a bus trip to Mingara orchid show, with thirty-one persons joining in, with Eastwood orchid Circle and Concord Garden Club combined to make a memorable day. On the way back we had a small raffle where we collected \$147, we want to thank Scott Barry for donating a very beautiful twinkle to our raffle, this was much prized by our members.

Guest speaker for this month is Kathy Koutsoukis, who will be repotting Phalaenopsis for our novice growers to learn how to do this.

On 16th August 2026, we also have Ferragosto (which is an Italian street fair) where we will be raffling a Cymbidium and hopefully adverting our society and publishing our spring show.

In September, we have our spring show at Leichhardt Market Town, so please prepare your plants for benching and also for the sales table and then two weeks after that we have Orchids Central show at Condell Park, if not already done, can you please fill in the form that Robert would have sent out for duty at Condell Park or see Sharon during the supper break.

See you at the next meeting

Fedora Pristov

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC
Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on 25th June 2026,
at Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street, Concord

Opening:

The President declared the meeting open at 7.40pm and welcomed all members and our guest. Fedora then requested all those present to either turn their mobile phones off or to silent.

Apologies:

Apologies were as listed on the attendance sheet.

Minutes:

It was moved that Minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2026 as circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of that night's proceedings.

Moved John Costa	Seconded	Peter Booth	Carried
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Business arising:

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Fedora tabled the treasurer's report including accounts for payment

Moved	Jonathan Tran	Seconded	Marianne Patchett	Carried
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Correspondence:

The summary of Correspondence received, was tabled. Consisting of various Orchid Society Newsletters, News on upcoming Orchid Events & Conferences, Open Gardens information from the Garden Clubs Australia and promotions of various "Orchid & Garden" tours.

General Business:

The President asked had everyone present had signed the attendance register for insurance purposes, Covid 19 tracing, and the lucky badge draw

Fedora reminded members that this Saturday the Coach will be leaving here at 9 am for our trip to Mingara Orchid Fair returning about 5pm

The remaining prize money not handed out last month from our Autumn show was distributed

The upcoming events were advised starting with ANOS Sydney Group Auction this Saturday 25th July 2026 at 9am Castle Hill Show Ground Federation Pavilion, then a display at Kokoda Track Memorial Hall the following Saturday 1st August with a short demonstration on repotting orchids. The following weekend the National Orchid Extravaganza 7-9th August Yagoona, followed by the St Ives Orchid Fair 14-16 August St Ives Showground and Ferragosto Sunday 16th August 2026 Great North Rd Five Dock outside the RSL will be our stall where we will have Fertiliser, and a Raffle of an orchid from Baritta

Our next friendship night will be 8th September after our Leichhardt Market place Spring show/

Supper:

The meeting broke for Super

Lecture

Fedora introduced Gary Hodder and his presentation on Mounting or Potting your orchids Gary started by explaining that orchids are categorized into four distinct types being epiphytes, lithophytes, terrestrials, and saprophytes each with their unique requirements

Gary explained the various bush house designs from Tunnel houses to plastic veranda style houses to Under fruit trees with no afternoon burning sun.

Then came the various means to hold media in place Wire baskets with coir or paper bark lining for genera like Stanhopia. Timber slotted baskets that Vanda to grow in, Squat pots for compact orchids, Terracotta pots for plants that need to dry out between waterings and keep cool and water well pots for plants that like moist environments.

When selecting the pot, you need to be mindful of what type of fertiliser you are using chemical or organic and how much salt will build up

Gary advised his media is 6 parts 19mm Bark, 2 parts 12mm Bark, 2 parts Charcoal, 2 parts Scoria, 2 Parts Perlite and 2 parts green manure.

Gary mentioned checking the ph balance of your media and ensure your roots are healthy. You grow orchids Hydroponically using Clay balls, Perlite, Blue metal, and regular fertilising and dust the leaves with blood & bone

Gary then went on to Mounting orchids

There are many types of mounts both natural & man made. Natural include Tree Fern slabs, Cork, Hard Wood planks etc. Man made includes plastic shields, Gutter guard where the plant is tied to the mount using moss or coir to protect the roots or gutter guard made into a pillow stuffed with coconut fibre for the roots to attach to. It was strongly suggested the roots be dipped in rooting hormone to promote strong root growth. Also noted that mounts dry out much quicker than pots so need more frequent watering and fertilising. To attach orchid to mount many different materials can be used fishing line, cable ties, twist ties or strips of old cloth or even old stockings. It was advised to leave original mounts intact and attach to new mounts, some even suggested glue

Gary advised his Southeast Asian dendrobiums grow best in coconut husks & banana peels and reminded members not to use landscape bark due to the harmful dyes

He also reminded member to rotate use of fungicide ensure best practice protection including Shirlies, Eco & Fongarid.

Gary then mentioned many ways to increase your collection.by division & Kiki

Fedora thanked Gary for his presentation

Lucky Badge Draw:

Was won by Peter D'Olier

Raffle:

Winners were John Costa, Ingrid Allen, Sharon McIlwain, Simon Tran, Patrizia Massa, Sandra Nagy, Bridget McLaughlan, and Robert Moon.

Closure:

The President then closed the meeting at 9.15 pm thanking members for helping supper, wished everyone a safe journey home, and asked for help to put the tables & Chairs away & vacuum up spilled potting media.

Dates for the Diary

23rd July 2026

7th August 2026

14th August 2026

16th August 2026

27th August 2026

02nd September 2026

08th September 2026

17th September 2026

24th September 2026

22nd October 2026

26th November 2026

05th December 2026

Monthly Meeting

National Orchid Extravaganza Arena Sports Club to 9th Aug 2026

St Ives orchid fair St Ives Showground to 16th August 2026

Ferragosto - Great North Rd five Dock "Street Fair"

Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging

Spring Show Marketplace Leichhardt to 5/09/2026

Friendship Night @ Club Five Dock RSL

Orchids Central Club Condell Park Set up to 20th Sept 2026

Monthly Meeting

Monthly Meeting

Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging

Presentation Night / Christmas Party, Club Five Dock RSL

Point Score June 2026

Open			
Class 1A Cymbidium Intermediate 61-90mm		Class 15 Coelogyninae Species	
1. <i>Cym.</i> Arachnid	P & J D'Olier	1. <i>Coel.</i> tomentosa	R. Oppedisano
Class 2 Cymbidium Miniature up to 60mm		2. <i>Coel.</i> longiarchis	P & J D'Olier
1. <i>Cym.</i> Ray's Dream	N & D Tzelis	3. <i>Coel.</i> tomentosa	GJ & SW Cook
2. <i>Cym.</i> Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	N & D Tzelis	Class 21 Oncidiinae Species	
3. <i>Cym.</i> Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	R. Oppedisano	1. <i>Onc.</i> sotoanum	G. Hodder
Class 3 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Exhibition		2. <i>Onc.</i> sotoanum 'Royale Stink'	GJ & SW Cook
1. <i>Rlc.</i> Pamela Hetherington 'Coronation'	S. McIlwain	Class 22 Oncidiinae under 35mm	
Class 4 Laeliinae (Cattleya) 66-110mm		1. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby	N & D Tzelis
1. <i>L.</i> Unknown	K. Koutsoukis	2. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby	R. Oppedisano
2. <i>Lc.</i> Mona Pink 'Hiromi'	J. Tran	Class 23 Oncidiinae 36-60mm	
3. Five Dock Golden Anniversary	N & D Tzelis	1. <i>Onc.</i> Unknown	GJ & SW Cook
Class 5 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Mini up to 65mm		Class 24 Oncidiinae over 61mm	
1. <i>C.</i> Var Doran	P & J D'Olier	1. <i>Brsdm.</i> Golden Gamine White Knight	N & D Tzelis
Class 6 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Cluster 5+Flowers		2. <i>Onc.</i> Pagan Love Song 'Ruby Charles'	R. Oppedisano
1. <i>Ctt.</i> Little Suzie	R. Oppedisano	Class 32 Australian Epiphytes Hybrids	
Class 7a Laeliinae (Cattleya) Species		1. <i>Den.</i> Avril's Gold 'Ray'	D & P Booth
1. <i>L.</i> anceps	P & J D'Olier	2. <i>Den.</i> Warringah 'Purple Heaven'	K. Koutsoukis
2. <i>C.</i> percivaliana 'Summit'	D & P Booth	3. <i>Den.</i> Aussie Parade 'Affection' x Hilda Poxon 'Measles'	R. Oppedisano
3. <i>L.</i> anceps var. oaxaquena	GJ & SW Cook		
Class 7b Laeliinae Species Other than Cattleya		Novice	
1. <i>Psh.</i> boothiania	P & J D'Olier	Class 39 Novice Laeliinae	
2. <i>Epi.</i> ibaguense yellow	G. Hodder	1. <i>L.</i> anceps	F. Halil
Class 10 Cypridioideae Species		Class 47 Novice Oncidiinae Species & Hybrids	
1. <i>Paph.</i> <i>primulinum</i> 'in Charm'	J. Tran	1. <i>Wils.</i> Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous'	A. Malcolm
Class 12 Dendrobium Species (Not Australasian)			
1. <i>Den.</i> bracteosum	P & J D'Olier		
Class 14 Monopodial/Vandaceous Hybrids			
1. <i>V.</i> Pachara Delight 'Blue'	P & J D'Olier	No. of plants benched = 35	



Open Plant of the Night

Prosthechea. boothiania

Owned by P & J D'Olier



Novice Plant of the Night

Lealia anceps

Owned by F Halil

Subtribe - Angraecinae

Earlier this month the Grand Champion orchid at an orchid show I visited, was a primary hybrid, *Angraecum Veitchii* which is a cross of *Angraecum sesquipedale* with *Angraecum eburneum*. The cross was made while in the employ of Veitch Nurseries by John Seden who was born in 1840 at Dedham, Essex, England and died in 1921. *Angraecum Veitchii* first flowering was on 10th January 1899 and the cross formally registered by Veitch Nurseries later that year

And guess what. Yes, there is a proposal to amend the members of this subtribe, the proposal would have the new name of *Campylocentrum* and all leafless Neotropical genera transferred to a new subtribe under tribe Vandaeae to be called Campylocentrinae. That would leave only the Palaeotropical genera in the *Angraecum* alliance within this subtribe

Angraecum sesquipedale, was named by Colonel Jean-Baptiste Geneviève Marcellin Bory de Saint-Vincent who was a French naturalist, officer and politician. born on 6 July 1778 in Agen (Lot-et-Garonne) France and died on 22 December 1846 of a heart attack, in his apartment on the fifth floor, 6 rue de Bussy, Paris, France

The genus name is a latinization of the Indonesian and Malay word *anggrek* meaning "orchid", itself ultimately from Javanese word *anggrék*, also meaning "orchid" while The type genus being *Angraecum sesquipedale* for this subtribe. The specific name *sesquipedale* means "one foot and a half", referring to the length of the spur.

Angraecum sesquipedale is a species from Madagascar, is famous for Charles Darwin hypothesis that, since the nectar was at the bottom of the spur, a pollinator must exist with a tongue at least that long on observing the 30 centimetres (12 in) spur in the lip. Otherwise, the orchid could never be pollinated. In 1867, Alfred Russel Wallace published an article in which he supported Darwin's hypothesis, remarking that the African sphinx moth *Xanthopan morgani* (then known as *Macrosila morgani*) had a proboscis almost long enough to reach the bottom of the spur. In a footnote to this article Wallace wrote "That such a moth exists in Madagascar may be safely predicted; and naturalists who visit that island should search for it with as much confidence as astronomers searched for the planet Neptune and they will be equally successful."

However, in 1903, the predicted pollinator was discovered, a hawk moth then named *Xanthopan morganii praedicta* ("praedicta" meaning "the predicted one"). Specimens were collected by Charles Oberthür 14 September 1845 – 1 June 1924 in Rennes, France & Paul Mabilie Born in Tours, France in 1835 – 6 April 1923 who collected a male & female specimen's and sent them to Lionel Walter Rothschild, 2nd Baron Rothschild, Baron de Rothschild born in London England 8 February 1868 – 27 August 1937 at Tring, Hertfordshire, England. & Heinrich Ernst Karl Jordan born in Almstedt Lower Saxony, Germany on 7 December 1861 – 12 January 1959 who described the new species and confirmed it has an appropriately long proboscis. The specific name *sesquipedale* means "one foot and a half", referring to the length of the spur.

The sub-tribe Angraecinae genera are

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| • <i>Aerangis</i> | • <i>Aeranthus</i> Lindl., 1824 (47 spp.) | • <i>Ambrella</i> H. Perrier., 1934 (1 sp.) |
| • <i>Ancistrorhynchus</i> | • <i>Angraecopsis</i> | • <i>Angraecum</i> Bory, 1804 (219 spp.) |
| • <i>Beclardia</i> | • <i>Bolusiella</i> | • <i>Calypstrochilum</i> Kraenzl. (2 spp.) |
| • <i>Campylocentrum</i> Lindl., 1835 (73 spp.) | • <i>Cardiochilos</i> | • <i>Chauliodon</i> |
| • <i>Cribbia</i> | • <i>Cryptopus</i> Lindl. (4 spp.) | • <i>Cyrtorchis</i> |
| • <i>Dendrophylax</i> Rchb.f. (9 spp.) | • <i>Diaphananthe</i> | • <i>Dinklageella</i> |
| • <i>Eggelingia</i> | • <i>Erasanthe</i> | • <i>Eurychone</i> |
| • <i>Jumellea</i> Schltr., 1914 (58 spp.) | • <i>Lemurella</i> Schltr., 1925 (4 spp.) | • <i>Lemurorchis</i> Kraenzl., 1893 (1 sp.) |
| • <i>Listrostachys</i> | • <i>Margelliantha</i> | • <i>Microcoelia</i> |
| • <i>Mystacidium</i> | • <i>Neobathiea</i> Schltr., 1925 (5 spp.) | • <i>Nephrangis</i> |
| • <i>Oeonia</i> Lindl., 1826 (6 spp.) | • <i>Oeoniella</i> Schltr., 1918 (2 spp.) | • <i>Ossiculum</i> P.J. Cribb & Laan, 1986 (1 sp.) |
| • <i>Plectrelminthus</i> | • <i>Podangis</i> Schltr., 1918 (1 sp.) | • <i>Rangaeris</i> |
| • <i>Rhaesteria</i> | • <i>Rhipidoglossum</i> | • <i>Sobennikoffia</i> Schltr., 1925 (4 spp.) |
| • <i>Solenangis</i> | • <i>Sphyrarhynchus</i> | • <i>Summerhayesia</i> |
| • <i>Taeniorrhiza</i> | • <i>Triceratorhynchus</i> | • <i>Tridactyle</i> |
| • <i>Ypsilopus</i> | • | • |

The Genus *Dendrophylax* also known as the Ghost orchid is immortalised in popular culture in that The plant plays a pivotal role in the non-fiction book *The Orchid Thief*, by Susan Orlean, and the movie based on the book, *Adaptation*, although in the book the plant genus is its former genus name *Polyrrhiza* described by John Lindley FRS (5 February 1799 – 1 November 1865)

Another ghost orchid in literature is based on the Blair Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary of Southwest Florida, north of Naples, Florida and east of Bonita Springs, in the United States. inspired the novel *Ghost Orchid* by D. K. Christi.

With the current Netflix controversies for mischaracterising people & things for example in the series *Wednesday* it is falsely stated that *Dendrophylax lindenii* was first discovered on the Isle of Wight in 1854 and is "carnivorous". It seems that the script writers Alfred Gough and Miles Millar confused it with another "ghost orchid", the European *Epipogium aphyllum* named by Olof Peter Swartz 21 September 1760 – 19 September 1818, and *Dendrophylax lindenii* is native to Cuba, the West Indies and Florida and no, it's not carnivorous