



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 2026

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

Attendance at this meeting will also be possible via Zoom link.

Afternoon tea provided Plant sales and book sales

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