

LNOFP news



18th Feb 2026 at 7am, just outside the Quarantine Station

Starting with this photo taken on the way into the NOSSA site. I just had to stop because it was a beautiful way to start the day.

The drive to the site is always interesting, its always changing and the slow drive is like going to a different world. On that morning the tide was high and reflecting the early morning light, of the sun just peeping over the clouds, back dropped by the Adelaide hills.

There has been quite a bit of progress over the past month. Painting of the priority 4 rooms has been completed as far as it can be until the walls are repaired. So, we have had time to finish off the sunroom and laundry spaces and move in some of the furniture.

We would have moved in more furniture but the pieces we wanted are inaccessible inside the store room! We will have to wait until we have a large team of helpers to empty the storage area, move what is needed to the house, and then repack what remains as not all the rooms are ready to take its furniture yet!

We did move the two large wheeled bins we had potting media and pots in at Oakden. This required emptying the bins so that they were light enough not to did into the sand as they were pushed to their new location and then finding new storage places for the contents. We have already loaded the bark into one bin and the potting soil into the other, clearing the laundry!

We have also signed off on the 'Care for Landcare' Grant which covered almost \$2,000 of safety related items including fire extinguishers and fire blankets to augment our fire safety equipment. We are very grateful for this grant and what we were able to buy with it.

As of last Wednesday, we have a large, temporary, shaded area to protect members from the sun and rain while doing potting work or having a BBQ! We made use of six, already in place, perma-posts marked for removal, to create a

shaded area for potting up tubers etc. The structure re-purposes a tarp roof that was provided with our shade houses and it blends well into the white background walls. The roof may get removed over winter but can be easily replaced once we need the shaded space next December. It was good to see how little the shade impacted on light into the kitchen as we hope to replace this with a free-standing veranda at some time in the future.



Taken on 4th March, early afternoon. Notice the green lawn – that is due to the DIT guys regularly watering our grass!

We have been potting up tubers ready for next year's Tuber Bank and sales plants. Looking forward to that season, we should have the shade houses operational and everything on hand to properly manage the tubers, and epiphytes, ready for 2027 sales.

This year we have decided to agist some P curta with the Burnside Council and their wonderful volunteer plant carers.



The nursery at the Burnside Council. Note the cloud cover. The P curta were left in the white igloo to the left so they didn't get drowned during the stormy weekend of March the 1st!

They are excited because they have never grown native orchids before and we are excited as its good practise to spread the risks and to future proof our orchids by growing them in different locations. We are slightly worried the orchids won't want to come back to us because they will be so well cared for! This is the first support location and we are thinking there will be another next year as Glenthorne Farm is being built as this is written, which is very exciting.