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Hi everyone

This is the monthly reminder of upcoming events for the Native Orchid Society of South Australia Inc. Sorry it is late. Please note about the AGM and the nomination for life membership that I have highlighted below.

Admin Focus Group

The Admin Focus Group meets every third Friday, with the next meeting scheduled for this Friday 20 March 2026, then on Friday 10 April 2026. This is an informal group that makes practical recommendations for the management committee. Currently there are only four of us meeting regularly, but we make a lot of progress. If you have ideas and would like to share them, you can come along when you are available.

We would value your insights. Just get in contact with Lindy (nossa.faciliy@gmail.com) and she will update you on where we are meeting this time.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting will be this coming Tuesday, 24 March 2026. Jake Robertson will be speaking at the meeting on the nature of pandemics, so that should be interesting.

Recommendation for Life Membership

Of note for the AGM, the management committee is recommending that Jane and Don Higgs be appointed life membership of the Native Orchid Society of South Australia Inc. If you would like to vote on the motion to appoint life membership, but will be an apology for the meeting, you can appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf - just email me to let me know. Here is a case for appointing this life membership is in the Agenda:

Jane and Don Higgs have been members of NOSSA since around 1994. They have brought extensive knowledge of both terrestrial and epiphytic native orchids. They are knowledgeable and fair judges. Jane regularly gave plant commentaries at meetings. They were regular contributors to the annual NOSSA Spring Shows and could be relied on to produce a wonderful floor display. Jane had been a particular advocate for maintaining a Tuberbank of native terrestrial orchids. She managed this for many years before Les Nesbitt took over. She helped bring together the growing and conservation interests in NOSSA. Both Jane and Don were judges at NOSSA meetings and spring shows for many years. They are knowledgeable and fair judges. Jane gave plant commentaries at meetings. Judging has been a very important role over much of the life of the Society. Both Don and Jane have made such a significant contribution to NOSSA that it would seem negligent not to include them amongst the life members. Over recent years, the Higgs have hosted the annual barbecue at their wonderful property at Myponga.

The Management Committee proudly recommends that life membership be granted to Jane and Don Higgs.

NOSSA Field Trip

As Cindy Anderson has just indicated in her email, there are still places for the field trip planned for Mylor Conservation Park on Saturday 28 March 2026.

Growing Australian Terrestrial orchids - new book available soon

A new book, Growing Australian Terrestrial Orchids, by Mike Pieloor, Helen Richards and Richard Thomson is about to be published. The softcover and hardcover book will be listed on the Australian Orchid Foundation website with a healthy discount. The eBook will only be available through book distributors.

Ideas for speakers

Suggestions for speakers at NOSSA general meetings would be very welcome. If you have any ideas that you think would be interesting to members, please contact Rosalie at nossa.enquiries@gmail.com

Orchids starting to appear

After the rain event at the start of this month, orchids have started to appear. *Corunastylis occidua* has started flowering and I am expecting to see *Eriochilus collinus* flowers soon. Even *Leporella fimbriata* could be up by the end of the month. I found them in bud on 23 March 2020, so the rain may have been early enough to get them going. It would be lovely to see your records appearing on iNaturalist.

Regards

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