

LNOFF Report June 2026 by Lindy McCallum - Journal Notes

Julie (journal notes monitor) has put together a video, in a super-fast timeframe to meet a request for a short video to show people what NOSSA does. We had other short videos on NOSSA activities but nothing on the LNOFF. I think she has done a wonderful job and hope you like it too.

<https://youtu.be/-t0Gz6t7JGc>

We are working on the ceiling of the passage, well it's really 3 passages, so it's a large area. Rod has already got the scraping done and has started the 'Peel Stop' layer of treatment. He loves it when it runs down his arm! The tables in the laminar flow room are ready and waiting for the next time we have enough muscle to lift the small laminar flow into place on the table. That will make explaining what we do a little easier too!



We have had lots of visitors at our site over the past month and as a result we are going to improve our photos of what we are doing there. We are going to use 'a picture is worth a thousand words' concept to improve our tours by having photos to help explain 'what and why' we are doing this work.

Finally, I thought I would share this photo – not strictly LNOFF but it's too good to resist. It was taken at the Orchid Fair at Campbelltown over the long weekend. They both were enjoying a well-earned rest during the announcements of the winning displays.

Left: Lindy's photo of Gordon Nimms and Les Nesbitt at the Orchid Fair, Campbelltown.

Talking announcements, SAROC acknowledged our efforts of the years by presenting NOSSA with the following framed certificate!

Left: Rosalie Lawrence's photo of the certificate - Best Educational Display!



Thank you to the members that



helped with the display over the June Long weekend. Les, Gordon, Jan, Robert, Rosalie, Greg, John D, Lindy and anyone else that assisted behind the scenes. It was great catching up with visiting members, and talking to people about NOSSA and explaining the display which was seed focused with a microscope and the sequences of growing orchid seed.

Left: Lindy's photo of the Mayor of Campbelltown, Jan and Don Higgs.

BIG NEWS !

Les Nesbitt has self-published his 2nd edition of:- **'Terrestrial Orchid Culture in Adelaide. The Fundamentals Explained.'**

We will have a couple available at the NOSSA general meetings held at St Matthews Hall, 68 Bridge Street, Kensington starting at 7:30pm every 4th Tuesday of the month except January. Have a great month, keep warm, see you

around at one of the events.

Rocky Creek Hut, Kuitpo Forest and Mt Bold Reservoir 30 May 2026 field Trip Report. By Mary-Jo Bellew



Our May Field trip destination was Rocky Creek Hut nature preserve in Kuitpo Forest Reserve, Meadows.

Left: Rosalie Lawrence's photo: 'Before the rain started!', at Rocky Creek Hut / Razorback Road, Kuitpo



Left: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Urochilus sanguineus*. The majority of labellum's had been triggered possibly by heavy rains.

Below: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Acianthus pusillus*.



We met at 10am at the Razorback Rd car park with raincoats, umbrellas, and all manner of wet weather gear to hunt down our target species; *Urochilus sanguineus* (blood greenhood) and *Brunochilus viriosus* (hills tall greenhood), and shell orchids at Mt Bold Reservoir after lunch.

It was indeed a very crisp morning, with threatening rain and wind. Cindy warmly welcomed everyone, and a special welcome to new member Steve. Robert shared a little about the Pine Forest from his previous time working there. Shoes sprayed and safety info shared, everyone was keen to get moving on the track. There was a lot to see, so many orchid leaves to decipher! The mosquito leaves were everywhere with numerous flowers, and some mayfly in buds. *Pterostylis nutans* (nodding greenhood) leaves were dotted in groups along the track, some with flower stems emerging.

Right: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Brunochilus viriosus*. There were plenty, most were still in bud.





Left: Rosalie Lawrence's photo of the 'Orchid Hunters'.

Several *Glossodia major* leaves were spotted. For those of us struggling with identification, Robert pointed out a key feature of the leaf being the very small black dots on the glands!

Also, many *Eriochilus collinus* (parsons band) leaves were spotted all along the track, several with dead flowering stems attached.

Just off the track we checked out our target species, the *Urochilus sanguineus* (maroon banded greenhood) in full flower, and the *Bunochilus viriosus* (tall greenhood) with many flowers opening. We noted the few sterile plants close by, which would hopefully flower next year. We found several *Caladenia* sp. (spider) leaves emerging, and possibly a few *Caladenia tentaculata* leaves identified by Robert. Some small gnats were also spotted with tiny buds emerging.

A highlight on the trip was the delightful range of fungi dotted through the forest. So many colours and beautiful shapes that kept the cameras clicking! My favourite was the shiny deep purple mushroom, likely an emperor cortinar (*Cortinarius archer*).

Along the track, Cindy pointed out a few *Corybas diemenicus* (helmets) that were just beginning to bud. Always a treat!

Left: Rosalie's Lawrence's photo 'The rain came down as we were walking back for lunch'.

Right: Cindy Anderson's photos of *Acianthus pusillus*.



Further along the track a big patch of *Leptoceras menziesii* was located, being guarded by a monstrous 'mouse' spider!! Very black with a big red head and shiny blue abdomen, probably out wandering looking for a mate (so google tells me!)



Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Acianthus caudatus*, leaves and buds.



As we headed back the rain started! We gathered for lunch at the old hut before moving on to Mt Bold Reservoir to see our last target species, the *Diplodium* sp. Southern Lofty (shell, blunt nose greenhood). The three beautiful blooms were admired, and several other smaller flowers were found with many base leaves visible.

Cindy pointed out the *T. grandiflora* (sun orchids) emerging, together with one displaying dehiscent seedpods from last year!

The chill was setting in, time to call it a day! A big thank you to Cindy for another wonderful field trip, and to Greg who assisted with the scouting.

Left: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Cyrtostylis reniformis* starting to produce a bud.

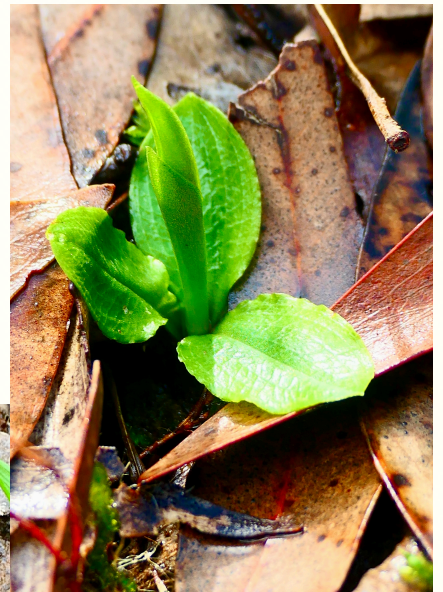


Left: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Brunochilus viriosus*. The labellum had been triggered possibly by heavy rain.



Right: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Thelymitra grandiflora* with dehiscent seed pods.

Right: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Pterostylis* sp., possibly nutans?



Cindy Anderson's photos (below left) of a mushroom. There were mushrooms of all colours, shapes and sizes and (below right) a 'red-headed mouse spiders, *Missulena occatoria*.



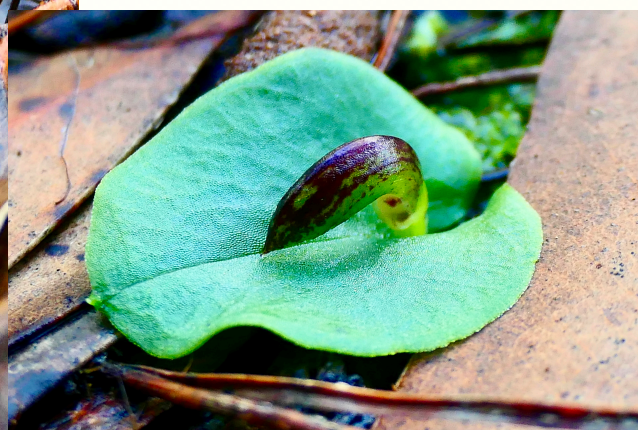


Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Leptoceras menziesii* leaves.



Left: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Cyrtostylis robusta* with advanced leaf and bud.

Below: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Corybas diemenicus* (helmet) bud close to opening.





Cindy Anderson's photo of *Thelymitra grandiflora* leaves growing from the base of the dehiscent seed pods

Calendar:**July**

Wed 8th LNOFF, Torrens Island

Sat & Sun 11&12th Lower Lakes Project

Sun 12th LNOFF, Torrens Island

Wed 15th LNOFF, Torrens Island

Tues 21st Halbury Parklands – *Pterostylis lepida*, Bushcare – Sevenhill – *Caladenia argocalla*, Bushcare

Wed 22nd LNOFF, Torrens Island

Sat 25th LNOFF, Torrens Island

Sat 25th Field Trip

Tue 28th General Meeting 7.30pm, St Matthews Hall, 68 Bridge Street., Kensington.

Wed 29th LNOFF, Torrens Island

Field Trip Species List for Saturday 30 May 2026 at Rocky Creek Hut, Kuitpo Forest and Mt Bold Reservoir

Botanical Name	Common Name	Growth Stage	Distribution
<i>Acianthus pusillus</i>	small mosquito	flowers	RC
<i>Acianthus caudatus</i>	mayfly orchid	leaves, buds	RC, MB
<i>Bunochilus viriosus</i>	tall greenhood	buds, flowers, sterile plants	RC
<i>Caladenia sp.</i>	spider orchid	leaves	RC
<i>Corybas diemenicus</i>	stately helmet orchid	leaves, buds	RC
<i>Cyrtostylis reniformis</i>	small gnat orchid	leaves, buds	RC, MB
<i>Cyrtostylis robusta</i>	large gnat orchid	leaves, buds	MB
<i>Diplodinium sp.</i>	southern lofty most likely: blunt nose greenhood	leaves, buds and flowers	MB
<i>Diplodinium linguella</i>	snail orchid	leaves	RC
<i>Disa bracteata</i>	South African weed	leaves	RC
<i>Eriochilus collinus</i>	white hills bunny orchid	leaves, old flower stems	RC, MB
<i>Glossodia major</i>	purple cockatoo orchid	leaves	RC
<i>Leptoceras menziesii</i>	rabbit ears orchid	leaves	RC
<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>	nodding greenhood orchid	leaves, buds	RC
<i>Pterostylis vereena</i> (prev. <i>foliata</i>)	vereena's greenhood orchid	leaves	RC
<i>Thelymitra sp.</i>	sun orchid	leaves, seed pods	RC, MB

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<i>Thelymitra grandiflora</i>	giant sun orchid	leaves, seed pods	MB
<i>Urochilus sanguineus</i>	maroon banded greenhood	flowers sterile flowers	RC, MB

MB= Mt Bold Reservoir, Razorback Road, Meadows

RC= Rocky Creek Hut nature preserve, Razorback Road, Meadows

added by Robert Lawrence.

The Refresh June 2026:-

If you have dates/events that you would like to circulate to the NOSSA membership, you are welcome to let us know at nossa.seeds@gmail.com.

Remember LNOFP, is the Les Nesbitt Orchid Propagation Facility and anyone is welcome to attend, but please let nossa.seeds@gmail.com know of your intended attendance so that we can arrange security, guide you in, or meet you at the end of public transport route. Most open days (listed below) start at 10am.

General Meeting is held at St Matthews Hall, 68 Bridge St., Kensington. The Hall is usually open from 7 for 7.30 start.

First, we acknowledge the members that put in time for NOSSA. They do a lot of different things that help make NOSSA what it is – friendly, learned, people with an interest in the conservation, propagation and learning about native orchids with the result that native orchids are conserved in situ, grown to maintain biodiversity of bushland and revegetation projects, and the public learn about orchids too. These things we can be proud of!

Did you know there are ways that you could assist NOSSA? There are vacancies in Marketing, Events, Speaker Coordinator, as a member on the Management Committee, as Secretary and one of the 2027 Celebration Activity Leaders. We are happy to tailor the role to suit your time availability, even tailor the tasks, provide a mentor and happy to discuss what you are interested in. So, do you have spare time for NOSSA?

On the long weekend (6 -7th June) the Orchid Fair happened out at the hall behind the Campbelltown Council chambers. The Fair entry was \$7 with a free tea/coffee. There were country groups that set up wonderful orchid displays and a number of interstate orchid specialists with things to sell. NOSSA had an information stand and this was a good stall to come to help on because there were plenty of experts to answer questions and plenty to see.

NOSSA Conservation Group Newsletter Issue No. 002 | June 2026 from Ky Wadmore.

Welcome to the second edition of the NOSSA Conservation Newsletter. Orchid season seems to be off to a good start with some decent rainfall these past few weeks. I just got back from a trip up to Ikara Flinders Ranges over the long weekend, and there were plenty of greenhood & gnat orchid leaves up, with mosquito orchids in flower.

It is very green up in the Flinders now, so if you get a chance to go in the coming months, make the most of it! Alligator Gorge is recovering since the bushfires last year, with a lot of natural regeneration occurring, creating significant monocultures today, but I'm sure diversity will increase as the years progress.



Left: Plant photography out at Mount Remarkable.

CONSERVATION NEWS:

NOSSA Conservation Survey 2026 – Have you completed the survey emailed out? It will help with a lot of planning and coordination of future events, so if you have 5 minutes to complete the survey, please use this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdo7ELZcbC-B4CIK8jZhbQdN1uLrsIDxdnYsJ1cAr2Kg8ixSQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

CONSERVATION UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 11/12, 2026: Coorong Lakes Project – Mt Sandy:

A weekend involving a Biosurvey at Mt Sandy, collaboration event with A ROCHA, with opportunities to assist with planting native plants on site.

July 21, 2026: Halbury Parklands with Trees for Life:

This will be an event hosted by Trees for Life, where volunteers will assist with removing invasive weeds around populations of *Pterostylis lepida* (Halbury Greenhood) which is **endangered** at state and national level.

CONSERVATION MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

I would love to know more about you, yes you reading this! For our next newsletter I would love to put you on focus, learn about your interests in conservation, why and when you joined NOSSA and some of your interests outside of orchids perhaps!

If you want to help connect with this community, please reach out and we can have a little chat and feature you in the next newsletter

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Marino Conservation Park Open Day

Left: Community members (including Robert & myself) on a guided walk through Marino Conservation Park, hosted by Adam Spencer from Friends of Marino CP. (Photo provided by Rob George – Friends of Marino CP)

On the 31st of May Robert & Rosalie Lawrence and I attended the National Parks and Wildlife Open Day at Marino Conservation Park, which was hosted by the Friends of Marion Conservation Park.

The event saw a decent turn out of community members to learn about the biodiversity at Marino Conservation Park, plant native plants and network with community conservation groups. There was also a guided walk with Friends of Marino Conservation Park President, Adam Spencer.

Overall, a lovely day with decent weather and connection-building (albeit a little windy!)



Photographs for use by NOSSA:

NOSSA always appreciates the wonderful photographs which people share. The method of sharing is described on the NOSSA web page at <https://nossa.org.au/members-area/nossa-photographs/>

This method also allows safe, secure, organised and described storing and use by NOSSA but importantly, NOSSA has gained approval from the photographer to use these beautiful photographs for advising, publications and merchandise.

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