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Lindsay Ames's photo of *Corysanthes diemenica*

Field Trip Report Hardys Scrub and Knott Hill 25th July 2026 by Robyn Guy.

On a misty July day we entered Hardy's Scrub, well led by Cindy. We saw large numbers of Helmet orchids in flower both *Corybas diamenicus* and *Corybas dilatatus*. We also saw leaves of many other orchid species including plenty of mayfly orchids (*Acianthus cordatus*) in bud.

The mosquito orchids (*Acianthus pusillus*) were still flowering, some starting to produce seedpods and there were also a lot of Snail orchids flowering (*Diplodium linguella* sp.) scattered everywhere. The maroon banded greenhood orchids (*Urochilus sanguineus*) were flowering and looking good, some very small, others nice and tall.

In the shade of a small tree in a patch of moss we found a group of the large gnat orchids (*Cyrtostylis robusta*) in full flower mixed with flowering snail orchids and spider leaves (*Caladenia* sp.).

Further down the track we came across some hills tall greenhoods (*Bunochilus viriosus*) in flower, some very tall, one measuring 66cm.

At 11.15am we all drove to Knott Hill and had an early lunch sheltered by the pine trees due to the occasional drops of very light rain.

After lunch we walked along the track between the barriers and found some small gnat orchid leaves (*Cyrtostylis reniformis*) with buds. There were a lot of leaves of the fire orchid (*Pyrorchis nigricans*), fringed hare (*Leporella fimbriata*) and some of the large duck (*Caleana major*). We came across numerous midge seedpods (*Corunastylis* sp) and some

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nodding greenhood buds (*Pterostylis nutans*) next to the track and further scouting produced some nodding in flower.

Heading down the road we discovered an abundance of orchids growing in the pine forest including large groups of helmets in flower, some with interesting, pale coloured flowers. There were huge numbers of mayfly orchids (*Acianthus caudatus*) in bud, large patches of rabbit ears orchid leaves (*Leptoceras menziesii*) and Vereena's greenhood rosettes (*Pterostylis vereenae*) and a few onion leaves (*Microtis* sp.) scattered throughout the forest.

We continued on to the "fallen pines", to look for *Anzybas unguiculatus* orchids. (editor's comment - NOSSA is aware that Forestry made an effort to protect the orchids.) Forestry logged the trees which disturbed the ground. There is still a very small area free of the large piles of logged trees where a few *Anzybas unguiculatus* leaves have survived. There were some flower remnants with a few leaves. The group searched for more *Anzybas unguiculatus* leaves in the nearby native bush area but didn't find any.

Altogether a most successful day having been so well scouted by Cindy. The weather was kind to us with some sun and only a few spots of rain.

Cindy Anderson's note: Many thanks to Greg who helped with scouting for the field trip.



Above: Lindsay Ames's photo of a group of *Corysanthes dilatata*.



Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Corybas diemenicus* and *Corybas dilatatus*.



Above: Lindsay Ames's photo of a *Pterostylis nana* group.



Above: Lindsay Ames's photo of *Pterostylis nana*, rear view.



Above: Lindsay Ames's photo of a group of *Pterostylis nana*.



Lindsay Ames's photo of *Urochilus*



Lindsay Ames's photo of *Bunochilus viriosa*.



Above Lindsay Ames's photo of *Corysanthes dilatata*.

Above right: Cindy Anderson's photo of early lunch at Knott Hill, everyone huddled in the pine forest to avoid the very light rain.





Cindy Anderson's photo of *Diplodium linguella*.



Left: A Puzzle?

NOSSA member Glen Dean found these orchid leaves near his home in Murray Bridge. It appears to be a variegated leafed orchid, *Pterostylis mutica* maybe, or swan greenhood? Does a NOSSA member have any suggestions?



Above: Lindsay Ames's photo of *Acianthus*

Right: Cindy Anderson's photo of a good tall specimen of *Urochilus sanguineus*.





Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Cyanothamnus coerulescens*. Lovely to see this blue boronia in flower.



Cindy Anderson's photo of rain drops on the *Bunochilus viriosus*!



Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Cyrtostylis robusta*

Right: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Urochilus sanguineus*. There were large numbers of *Urochilus* sp., many still looking good even though they have been flowering for so long.





Cindy Anderson's photo. Everyone's busy looking for orchids and taking photos in the pine forest.



Cindy Anderson's photo of *Acianthus caudatus*, a group of mayfly orchids, one very close to



Above: David Hirst's photo of *Pterostylis repanda x robusta*.



Left: David Hirst's photo of *Dendrobium* 'Edda Lloyd' x *Speciosum* 'Pure'.



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Above David Hirst's photo of speaker Peter Waton receiving a thank you gift from Rosalie Lawrence.

Field Trip Species List Hardy's Scrub and Knott Hill 25th July 2026

H = Hardys Scrub. *K* = Knott Hill.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Growth Stage	Distribution
<i>Acianthus caudatus</i>	mayfly orchid	Buds & flower	H & K
<i>Acianthus pusillus</i>	small mosquito	Flowers & seedpods	H
<i>Anzybas unguiculatus</i>	pelican helmet orchid	Leaves	K
<i>Bunochilus viriosus</i>	hills tall greenhood	Flowers	H
<i>Caleana major</i>	large duck orchid	Leaves	K
<i>Caladenia</i> sp.	spider orchid	Leaves	H & K
<i>Corunastylus</i> sp.	midge	Seedpods	K
<i>Corybas diemenicus</i>	stately helmet orchid	Leaves & flowers	H & K

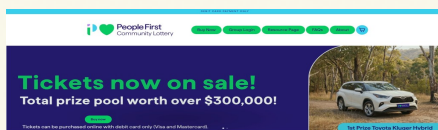
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<i>Corybas dilatatus</i>	veined helmet orchid	Leaves & flowers	H & K
<i>Cyrtostylis reniformis</i>	small gnat orchid	Leaves & buds	K
<i>Cyrtostylis robusta</i>	large gnat orchid	Leaves & flowers	H
<i>Diplodidum linguella</i> sp.	snail orchid	Flowers	H & K
<i>Glossodia major</i>	purple cockatoo	Leaves	H & K
<i>Leporella fimbriata</i>	fringed hare orchid	Leaves	K
<i>Leptoceras menziesii</i>	rabbit ears orchid	Leaves	K
<i>Microtis</i> sp.	onion orchid	Leaves	K
<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>	nodding greenhood	Buds & flowers	K
<i>Pterostylis pedunculata</i>	Maroon Greenhood	Leaves	K
<i>Pterostylis vereenae</i> (prev. <i>foliata</i>)	vereena's greenhood	Leaves	K
<i>Pyrorchis nigricans</i>	fire orchid	Leaves	K
<i>Thelymitra</i> sp.	sun orchid	Leaves	H & K
<i>Urochilus sanguineus</i>	maroon banded greenhood	Flowers	H

The NOSSA General Meeting held Tuesday 28th July.

The meeting was better attended than the previous month. Peter Watton gave an interesting talk about post-fire recovery at Scott Creek Conservation Park.

NOSSA News



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.

Next Year NOSSA will be 50 years working for Native Orchids in South Australia and we have many celebratory plans for members in which to participate.

We will be sending out information about the following events:

***SALA Art Show** - Native Orchids in any form, and Quarantine Building sketches/depictions

***A orchid polo-shirt order form**, that will close in early October 2026, so that we can have the shirts back for early 2027,

***Native Orchid and Environment Show in 2027** and we plan to run native orchid competitions which will also be offered to NOSSA members at the 2026 Show so that you are well prepared for the Show events the next year 2027.

2026 show date September 5th with set up on afternoon of the 4th September

Why not bring your pots of orchids and see if you win the popular vote in your division. We will send out some tips to help you win. This will be a good intro to the competitions

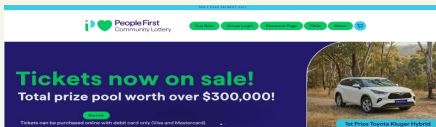
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for 2027 where judges will make the decisions.

The other option is to sell your excess pots of orchids. We will send out some tips on this soon as well, but we are happy to sell tidy, virus free and well labelled orchids.

Other events will be announced as the lead time approaches. So be ready for a big year in 2027. If you would like to be involved in setting up any of these events we would welcome the support. Please let nossa.secretary@gmail.com know of your interest and what you would like to be involved with, and how you would like to be involved.

Refresh August #1



Our exciting news is that we have the Building Application approval and can start setting up the LNOPF site. First action is to set up the shade houses that we already have on site. This is not a difficult task but one that many hands will be valuable assets.

The date is the 22nd of August from 10am up to 2.30pm and we can accommodate times suits you. Just let nossa.seeds@gmail.com know of your planned arrival and departure by the 21st August and please BYO any food and drink you need for the day. A pair of gardening gloves could help your hands, mosquito repellent for the slow mozzies and sun protection.

We would love to see you, and show you around if you have not been before.

2026 show date September 12th with set up on afternoon of the 11th September

Why not bring your pots of orchids and win the popular vote?. We will send some tips to help you. This is an intro to the competitions for 2027 where judges will make the decisions.

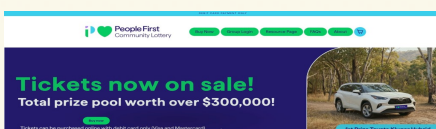
We are having the following competitions this year and the rules are being simplified so that you will be enticed to have a go. 😊

All plants need to be disease free and labelled with the species and a code. We will send the details when you ask for the paperwork to enter. Please ask for paperwork by the 4th Sept.

The Best Display – this can be an individual or team activity presenting a group of 5 or more native orchids on either 1 folding table space or ½ a folding table space OR feel free to bring plants for the general NOSSA display.

President's Choice – Any plant on site can be selected as the winner.

From Refresh August #2



Spring Show Sales to sell your excess pots of orchids. We will send out some tips on this soon as well, but we are happy to sell tidy, virus free and well labelled orchids. This year we are trialling electing to put a sale plant in a display and wish to sell it. We will need to indicate that it

is for sale and will not be available for collection until after 3pm. Please let us know how many plants so we can assign space and we will send you what needs to be on you label and a code so we can pay you after, plus some helpful tips.

Participate in the NOSSA Show with your orchids or/and as helpers to manage the day.

Contact nossa.secretary@gmail.com to gain information or offer assistance 😊

Have a great month, keep warm.

The NOSSA diary.

The People First Community Lottery to raise funds for NOSSA:

Visit nossa.org.au and scroll to [People First Community Lottery](#) - type in NATIVE ORCHID SOCIETY and select the number of tickets your wish to purchase. All funds go to NOSSA (or your nominated group). The main lottery closes 8th October 2026. There are heaps of good prizes starting with cars, cruises, with the last prize having a value of \$600. https://www.communitylottery.com.au/products/native-orchid-society-of-sa?_pos=1&_sid=c0f702444&_ss=r

DONATE to NOSSA:

NOSSA is now able to receive donations via the website. There is a 'Donate Button' which directs people to the donation page - <https://nossa.org.au/how-to-donate/>

Choose a recurring or one-time donation and nominate an amount. The new Les Nesbit Orchid Propagation Facility on Torrens Island has many costs associated with setting it up. It is also costly in man-hours. NOSSA relies heavily on grants which aren't assured. Donations will be gratefully received.

The Spring Show Saturday 12th September 2026

- For information on exhibits:-

<https://nossa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/2026-nossa-spring-show-exhibits-information-1.pdf>

- For the instructions on how to label your orchids:-

<https://nossa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/2023-nossa-labelling-of-merchandise-for-sale-1.pdf> For volunteering at the Show:- email nossa.secretary@gmail.com

- Set up on the Friday from 4 pm.
- Before the Show opening from 8.30am

We are generally making things look tidy and ready for opening by 10:00am

- During the Show – *even if only for a short period* to help with general tasks
- Pack up after the Show (this can start from about 3.30pm and aim to finish by 5.30pm).

Membership payments:

It is now possible for members to have recurring debits for their yearly membership payments. Go to the Membership Renewal page, scroll down to the Recurring Direct Debit and select the appropriate button and follow instructions. Transactions are solely between the banks. NOSSA will not receive any personal data.

DONATING to NOSSA via nossa.org.au

The Native Orchid Society of South Australia (NOSSA) is a exclusively managed by volunteers. All money (except for transaction fees) is used to fulfil the aims of NOSSA. "Not only are orchids beautiful & sexy but they are also vital for helping us to understand what is happening in the bushland".

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: NOSSA is in urgent need of a membership secretary. This is not an arduous job and can all be done from home. contact nossa.secretary@gmail.com

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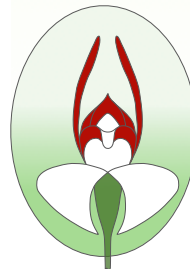
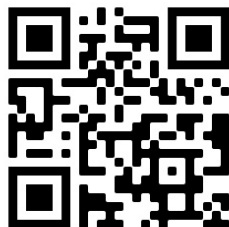
SPRING SHOW

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2026
10:00am - 4:00pm

Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall,
Township Rd. Marion.

ENTRY: \$2:00
All donations accepted

Native Orchids for display & sale
DVDs, Books
Advice on identification, growing
& conservation



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