



Above left: Cindy Anderson's photos of *Pheladenia deformis* x *Caladenia capillata* (Hybrid) in Ferries McDonald Conservation Park and left: *Pheladenia deformis*.





Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Caladenia cardiochila*. There were numerous *C. cardiochila* and so many different colours.



Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of a pale coloured *Caladenia cardiochila* with rain drops.



Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Hymenochilus pisinnus*.

Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Caladenia cardiochila*. Some of the *C. cardiochila* were very tall.



Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of a lovely deep red *Caladenia cardiochila*.



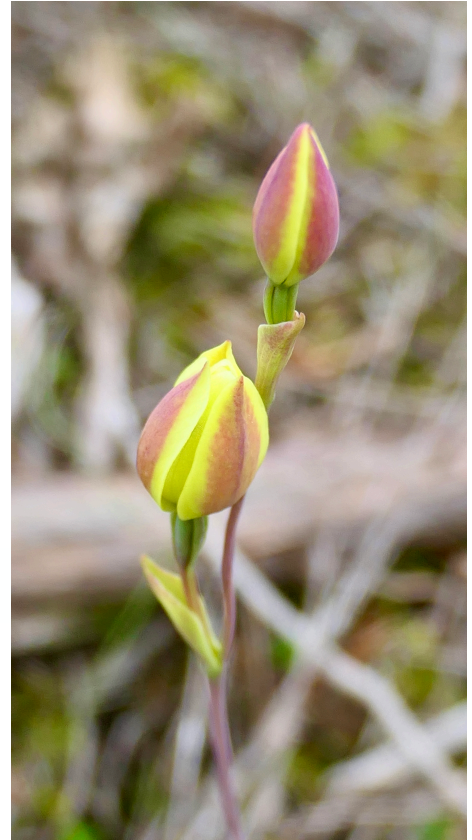
Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Caladenia (Jonesiopsis) capillata*.

If anyone who participates in the NOSSA field trips and has taken photos, please send them in via the NOSSA website for all journal readers to enjoy.
<https://nossa.org.au/members-area/nossa-photographs/>

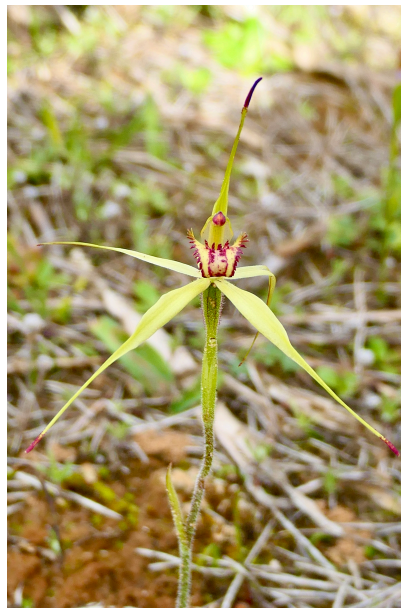


Left: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Corunastylis* sp., as a nice posy of seed pods.

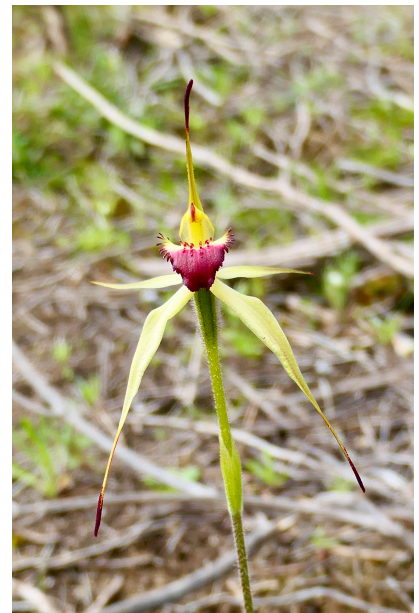
Right: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Thelymitra antennifera*



Below Left: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Diuris palustris*.



Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of a *Caladenia* sp., possibly a hybrid?



Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Caladenia stellata* (Mallee Murray).



Left: Cindy Anderson's photo of the NOSSA field trip lunchtime.

Right: Cindy Anderson's photo of a *Prostanthera* sp.





Above left: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Caladenia (Jonesiopsis) capillata*.

Below:: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Caladenia verrucosa*.



Above: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Caladenia campestris*

Below: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Caladenia stricta*.





Left: Cindy Anderson's photo of *Caladenia cardiochila*

Below: Kaye Fitton's photo of *Diuris palustris*?
donkey orchid Mallee?



Above: Kaye Fitton's photo of *Caladenia* sp.,
Murray Mallee? Wonderful variations were to
be found.



Above: Kaye Fitton's photo of
Caladenia capillata or a wispy
spider.

Field Trip Report Monarto CP and Ferries McDonald CP by Simon Despoja

It was a warm, sunny morning in Adelaide, but heading east along the freeway towards Monarto, it turned into a very grey day. Upon arriving at the Monarto Conservation Park car park, it was immediately clear why Cindy had recommended bringing warm clothes! After spraying our boots for *Phytophthora* (and spraying every other part of ourselves with mozzie spray!), we headed south along the Monarto Loop walking trail searching for *Caladenia* species, among others.

We had barely walked 10 metres before we spotted our first orchid of the day – a *Caladenia cardiochila* (heart-lipped spider orchid). Fortunately there were a number of these dotted along the path so there were plenty for everyone to get lots of photos in. Also dotted along the path were *Caladenia capillata* (wispy spider orchid), often growing in groups of 2 or 3. This was my first time seeing wispies, and they really are a sight to behold!

With four sites to visit in the day, we only stayed at Monarto for an hour, but even in that short time we saw a few more species in flower, including *Caladenia stricta* (upright spider), and *Pheladenia deformis* (bluebeard). There were many other species at other growth stages, with *Cyrtostylis robusta* leaves particularly abundant.

Following Monarto, we headed south towards the first of 3 locations in Ferries McDonald Conservation Park. The day's peaceful vibes were briefly interrupted by a particularly aggressive driver as we parked (legally and safely) on the roadside, but that was soon forgotten as we spotted some *Hymenochilus pisinnus* at the very beginning of the track. Along the short track, there were more *Pheladenia* sp. (in varying shades) and *C. capillata*, as well as some *Diplodinium/Linguella* sp. starting to form seed pods. However, the highlight of this location was the magnificent hybrid *Pheladenia deformis* x *Caladenia capillata*, of which there was only one.

The next stop was on the Western side of Ferries McDonald. This track delighted us with a number of species seen for the first time in the day. Of particular note were the *Caladenia* sp. Mallee Murray (starry spider), which ranged in colour from the typical yellow to green to pink to red. There were also *Diuris palustris* (little donkey orchids) in flower, *Thelymitra antennifera* in bud and two *Plumatichilos multisignatus* (mallee plumed greenhood) in bud.

By this point we had all worked up quite the appetite, so we drove to the main car park on the eastern side of the park for lunch. After nourishing our bellies, we headed along the Malleefowl Track for the last walk of the day under the beautiful sunshine which had finally broken through the clouds. The track did not disappoint, as once again we saw many *C. capillata* along the path, as well as a few more *C. stricta* and *C. cardiochila* (one of which had sepals and petals that were completely green).

Eventually the mosquitoes became too much for some of us, and after a wonderful day of orchid spotting most of us headed home, although a couple of hardy souls headed back to Ferries West to see if the *Thelymitra* sp. had opened in the sunshine.

Many thanks to Cindy for organising such a great day, and to Cindy and Greg for doing an amazing job of scouting.

New Members:

Welcome to NOSSA Madeleine Wallace and Alice Winter. There are many different activities within NOSSA in which to engage which our members hope you find enjoyable and informative. There are also many opportunities to volunteer to utilise your fabulous skills whether from the comfort of your lounge or out getting sweaty and dirty!

Species list – Monarto/Ferries McDonald Field Trip 29 August 2026

Botanical Name	Common Name	Growth Stage	Distribution
<i>Acianthus pusillus</i>	Small Mosquito	L, S	M, FE, FW
<i>Caladenia (Jonesiopsis) capillata</i>	White Wispy Spider	F, B, S	M, FE, FW
<i>Caladenia campestris</i>	Plains Spider	F	FE
<i>Caladenia cardiochila</i>	Heart Lipped Spider	F	M, FE, FW
<i>Caladenia stellata</i> (C. sp. Murray Mallee)	Starry Spider	F, B	FW
<i>Caladenia stricta</i>	Upright Spider	F, B	M, FE, FW
<i>Caladenia verrucosa</i>	Little Mallee Spider	F	FE
<i>Corunastylis fuscoviridis</i>	Mallee Midge	S	M, FE
<i>Cyrtostylis robusta</i>	Large Gnat	L, F, S	M, FW
<i>Diplodium dolichochilum</i>	Mallee Shell	L, F, S	M, FE
<i>Diuris palustris</i>	Little Donkey	F	FW
<i>Eriochilus collinus</i>	White Hills Bunny	L	FW
<i>Hymenochilus pisinnus</i>	Slender Midget	F	FE
<i>Diplodium linguella</i> sp	Snail and Dwarf	F, S, L	M, FE
<i>Pheladenia deformis</i>	Blue Fairy	F, S	M, FE, FW
<i>Ph. deformis</i> x <i>Ca. capillata</i>	Hybrid	F	FE
<i>Plumatichilos multisignatus</i>	Mallee Plumed Greenhood	B	FW
<i>Pyrorchis nigricans</i>	Fire Orchid	L	FW
<i>Thelymitra antennifera</i>	Rabbit Ears Sun Orchid	B	FW
<i>Urochilus sanguineus</i>	Maroon Banded Greenhood	F, S	M, FE

Legend:

Distribution:

M = Monarto Conservation Park

FE = Ferries McDonald Conservation Park (next to road and loop track – Eastern side)

FW = Ferries McDonald Conservation Park (West)

Growth Stage:

L = leaf

B = bud

F = flower

S = seedpod

NOSSA GENERAL MEETING held Tuesday 22nd September '26.

There was better attendance this month and an interesting talk by Alex Emmins from the National Trust of SA who provided information about the National Trusts sites around metropolitan Adelaide and beyond, the vegetation, including orchids and weed control in the National Trusts sites. The National Trust is more than old buildings.

The next general meeting speaker for Tuesday October 22nd, is Steve Howard on setting up and growing terrestrial orchids.

Right: David Hirst's photo of *Acianthus caudatus*.

Below: David Hirst's photo of *sp.*, Fairy Floss.



Above: David Hirst's photo of *Cyrtostylus reniformis*.



Left: David Hirst's photo of an unnamed species.



Above: David Hirst's photo of Alex Emmins receiving a NOSSA thank you mug gift from Rosalie Lawrence and below left, Les Nesbit providing a commentary on the tabled orchids for the meeting.

Right: David Hirst's photo of an unnamed sp.

Below: David Hirst's photo of Les Nesbit providing the meeting with his commentary on the benched orchids.



Above: David Hirst's photo of a *Diuris* sp.



Right: David Hirst. *Caladenia* Fairy Floss



Below: David Hirst's photo of *Pterostylis baptistii*



Les Nesbitt Orchid Propagation Facility News Sept 2026



We had started putting the shade house up and then last weekend we added some shade cloth and moved some of the orchids into the space. Thank you Andrew, Helena, Gordon, Robert, and Rosalie



Plus.....



The tank-stand building and the painting of the outside of the building will start off the next few weeks, thanks to the onsite DIT crew.

Thanks to Rod and Bob the painting on the inside continues. The kitchen is waiting for its last coat of ceiling paint and two coats of paint on the walls. That leaves only the common room where the ceiling paint is proving to be uncooperative – even though it is literally hanging in places it is hard to move in other places; and the walls to be painted which is tantalisingly close to being finished which means we start an establishment phase of LNOPE.

Thank you to all those people that have helped to set up.

Our next weekend open day is the 26th September from 9.30am. Please book by the 25th with nossa.seeds@gmail.com

NOSSA has someone very interested in obtaining a copy of **The Orchids of Tasmania** by David Jones, Hans Wapstra, Peter Tonelli and Stephen Harris (Miegunyah Press, 1999; ISBN 0522848516 / 9780522848519). Please let nossa.secretary@gmail.com know if you are willing to donate or sell it. The buyer is someone in Czech Republic who is going to Tassie in 2027!

Don't forget the People First Community Lottery!

https://www.communitylottery.com.au/products/native-orchid-society-of-sa?_pos=1&_sid=c0f702444&_ss=r

There are fabulous prizes and all monies collected when NOSSA is selected as your charity of choice, goes to NOSSA! Setting up the NOSSA Les Nesbitt Orchid Propagation Facility is expensive! Access the People First Community Lottery through the NOSSA website, click on the image to go to People First Community Lottery. Select the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Good Luck! All funds go to the nominated community group - ie., NOSSA! The lottery closes 8th October 2026.

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A reminder for the November Christmas member's meeting - bring a plate and something for a raffle. Also, prepare a 10 minute talk about "your favourite orchid interaction" as a NOSSA member to be included in the NOSSA 50th year book.

An interview with NOSSA member Heidi Clark, member since 12/10/21 and photographer.

You won a South Australian photographic award? State Winner for SA for the Heart of TAFE competition run by the AEU -<https://www.aeufederal.org.au/photography-comp>
I head to Canberra for the National finals 27-29th October, where the winner will be announced and our photos will be on exhibition within Parliament House.

When did the competition take place? June 2026, Entries closed 22 July and I was notified of winning the SA prize 28th August 2026

What camera/phone did you use? The winning photo was taken with my Samsung Galaxy S25 phone.

What was the subject? The photo was "More Than an Ant", a Golden-tailed Sugar Ant (*Camponotus suffusus*). The caption read: TAFE has taught me that conservation isn't only about protect iconic or threatened species. It begins by noticing the small, often overlooked interactions that keep our ecosystem function. Every observation strengthens my understanding of biodiversity and reinforces how the knowledge gained in the classroom comes to line in the natural world. It is this journey of curiosity, discovery and practical learning that inspires the next generation of environmental stewards.

Do you think everyone and anyone could 'have a go'? This particular competition was solely for TAFE students, which I was at the time. But I absolutely think everyone and anyone can have a go at photography. You don't need to be a professional or have expensive equipment. I fully encourage people to get out there, explore the natural world, find the beauty in all the things around them and photograph what they see. You never know where that first photograph might lead you.

Photo competitions using phone cameras seem to be 'a thing' today. Do you propose to do another competition sometime? I love photography. I love taking photos of the things I see, but I don't necessarily think about composition or trying to create the "perfect" photograph. I tend to just photograph what catches my eye, which is predominantly things out in nature: orchids, birds, insects and everything else I come across.

For me, photography is also a tool in my arsenal as I study towards becoming an ecologist. It gives me a way to document what I see, help identify species and keep a visual record of the places and things I encounter.

So, do I want to enter another competition? I'm not really sure. If I happen to take an amazing photo that fits the brief, then maybe I will. But regardless of whether I enter another competition, I'll still be out there taking photos anyway.

Are you tempted to wander into using a camera?

My prize money helped purchase my new camera Canon EOS R10, but while I'm still learning how to take amazing photos with it, I do still use my phone too.

