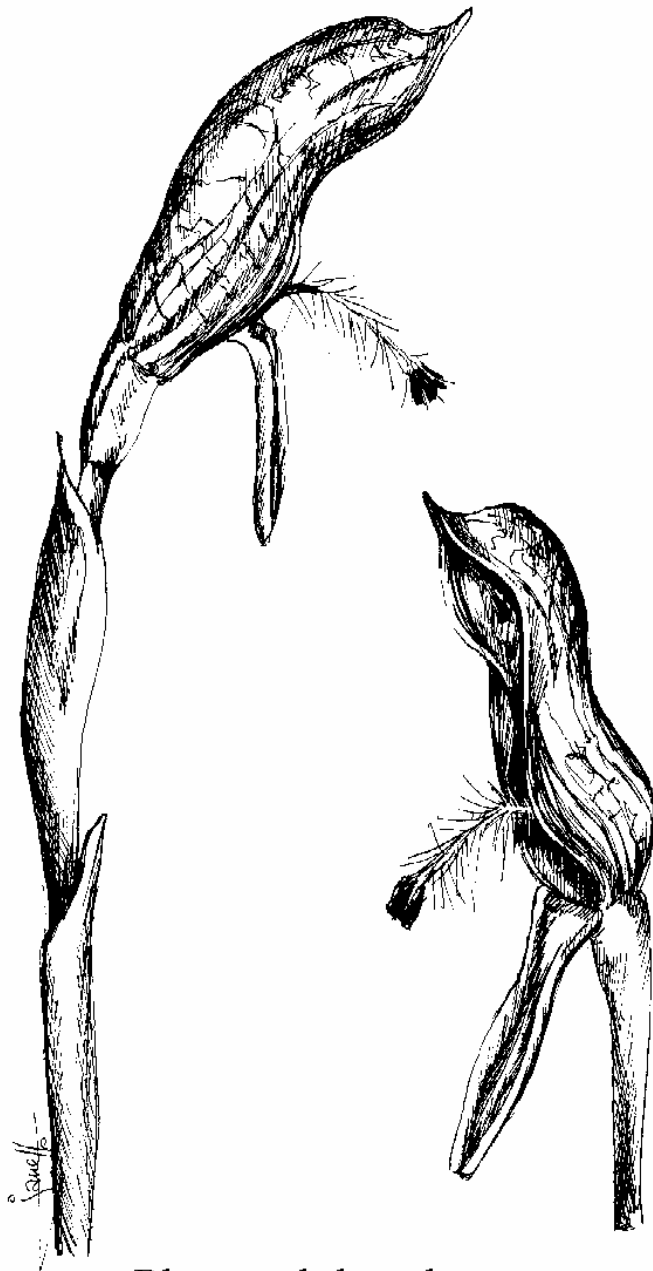




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NEXT MEETING 27 FEBRUARY 2007

Tuesday, 27 February, St Matthew's Hall, Bridge Street, Kensington. Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. Doors to the hall will be open from 7:15 p.m. to allow Members access to the Library and trading table.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 27th December *Dipodium*: Delamere & Raywood Nursery

Tuesday, 27 February 2007 Next meeting



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wed, 31st January at the home of **John Bartram**. Meeting commences at 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER MEETING - Plants Benched

Epiphyte species: *Cymbidium canaliculatum* 'Alba'; *Cymbidium canaliculatum* 'Gladstone'; *Cymbidium madidum*; *Dockrillia prenticii*;

Epiphyte hybrids

Sarcochilus Cherie Snow; *Sarcochilus* Red Cascade.

Terrestrial species

Diuris drummondii 'Buttery'; *Diuris brevifolia*.

Terrestrial hybrids

Diuris Dragonfly; *Diuris brevifolia* x *sulphurea*; *Diuris* Mule.

Judging results

Epiphyte species

1st *Cymbidium madidum* grown by Les Nesbitt

2nd *Cymbidium canaliculatum* 'Gladstone' grown by John & Bev Gay

3rd *Cymbidium canaliculatum* 'Alba' grown John & Bev Gay

Epiphyte hybrid

1st *Sarcochilus* Cherie Snow grown by Edda Viskic

2nd *Sarcochilus* Red Cascade grown by Edda Viskic

Terrestrial species

1st *Diuris drummondii* 'Buttery' grown by Les Nesbitt

2nd *Diuris brevifolia* grown by Les Nesbitt

Terrestrial hybrids

1st *Diuris* Mule grown by Les Nesbitt

2nd *Diuris brevifolia* x *sulphurea* grown by Les Nesbitt

3rd *Diuris* Dragonfly grown by Les Nesbitt

Plant of the night

Diuris drummondii grown by Les Nesbitt

No popular vote or judges commentary. Les Nesbitt gave a brief summary.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - NOSSA NEWS
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Approaching Field Trips – Susan Secomb

Wednesday 27th December:

To the Fleurieu after Christmas. Meet at Delamere local store by 10am. Raywood Nursery will be open and has a picnic area under the stringy barks – pack your picnic and thermos. I've been promised that there will be blue wrens flitting about to entertain us. The proprietor confirmed that *Dipodium*'s are coming up at the moment in spite of the drought. Talisker Conservation Park is tiny and not far away, so depending on fire bans, we will explore there as well.

2007

Field trips in 2007 will be very much dependant on the weather. The first one, planned for possibly mid February is camping in the South East, looking for the difficult to find *Corunastylis despectans*. Contact me in early February for details.

Subscription Renewals 2007

From 2007 all subscription renewals commence from 1st January.

At a Special General Meeting held in November before the regular monthly meeting and after a presentation from the Treasurer the following subscriptions were approved for 2007.

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SEE RENEWAL FORM INSIDE BACK COVER

TUBER BANK – 2006-2007 See Page 105

Left behind at the November Meeting Supper – a square white china plate. Pick up at the February Meeting or contact Faye Eaton on 8431 5460 to arrange return.

How it is Done

Reg Shooter

There were only six epiphytes benched at the November meeting, two of which were *Cymbidiums canaliculatum*.

There was *Cymbidium canaliculatum* var 'Alba' a nice size plant carrying five racemes of light green flowers with just a touch of white in the throat of the labellum & another with the more normal coloured flowers of dark green with suffusions of brown throughout.

This specimen had very large flowers, some of the largest I have seen.

This is a very easy orchid to grow providing a few basic rules are followed.

In its natural habitat of the dry north & northeastern parts of the continent it experiences long periods of dryness when virtually no rain falls for months on end. They have extensive root systems that run for many metres into the rotting heartwood of its host tree. This helps the plant to survive these long dry periods. In cultivation we grow them in pots thereby restricting the plant from producing these large root systems we have to compensate by not letting them dry out as much, however during our wet cold winters (the opposite to their natural state) the orchid must be kept quite dry. Wherever they are grown they do need plenty of air movement. This usually extends from around late April early May, depending on conditions. This is best done in a cold airy glasshouse or protected shadehouse with a solid clear roof.

Early October as new growth & flower spikes appear apply water and the occasional dose of fertiliser. They are intolerant of repotting as they resent disturbance of their roots. 'Pot on' rather than 're-pot.' When the time comes to pot on try to do it with the minimum of disturbance by having everything ready for the operation, the new pot & compost that should consist of large pieces of bark or other media that ensures excellent draining.

The plant is then carefully removed, placed in its new pot that should be large enough for at least three years growth, and then new media carefully dribbled around the roots. This is best done around late September early October just as the plant is starting into new growth. No water should be given at this stage but wait until the new shoots appear, which could be four or five weeks, then continue in the normal way.

Cymbidium canaliculatum is a very rewarding plant to grow and for the native orchid grower provides a show of flowers when there is little else to see.

NOSSA the first members: who were they, where were they from, what have they done for NOSSA and where are they now?

A celebration of 30 years as a Society will be held at the March 2007 meeting!

A historical article by R. Bates.

On that first ever meeting of the Native Orchid Society of South Australia- at Goodwood Boys High on March 22nd 1977 there were 48 persons present, many of whom were members of OCSA and many of whom paid their subscriptions that night. I have listed below as many of the 48 as I can and a few notes about some. Many of those present also worked on setting up the society in the months before - particularly Les Nesbitt and Roy Hargreaves, but also Peter Hornsby, George Nieuwenhoven, Reg Shooter, Jim Simmons, Bob Bates and Colin Jennings who chaired the meeting.

*Mr and Mrs Auliciems of Magill, who regularly helped at shows, brought plants to meetings and won many prizes.

*Mrs Betty Barclay of Dover Gardens

Mr Bob Bates of Fairview Park, committee since 1983; President 1990-91, 2005-6; Secretary; editor of the Journal, regular article writer since the first issue of the journal, field trip leader, plant commentator from 1977.

Barb Bennett of Glenelg

Mr and Mrs Burniston of Westbourne Park

Mr and Mrs Darryl and Chris Butler, regular on early field trips

Mr and Mrs Chisholm of Glenelg

*Mrs Mary Earle of Brahma Lodge, inaugural committee member

*Mr and Mrs K Furness of Eden Hills and Miss M Furness of Coromandel Valley

Miss Chris Furze of Brighton an early grower and exhibitor present at the 25th anniversary of NOSSA; married name Arams.

*Mrs Jean Gardner of Eden Hills

*Mrs Bubs Gready of Edwardstown

Mr Ray Haese grower, exhibitor, current member.

*Mr Roy Hargreaves of Everard Park, co founder of the Society, inaugural and long time secretary, life member, tuber bank co-ordinator, club historian and archivist and the society's greatest supporter for 20 years. Remembered through the Roy Hargreaves Trophy.

*Mr and Mrs C Hocking of Enfield, growers and exhibitors. Joan was an early contributor to the journal.

Mr and Mrs Peter Hornsby, inaugural vice president, President 1979-80, journal team, regular contributor to Journal, present at the 25th anniversary, current members.

*Mrs Audrey Howe of Findon inaugural committee member

Mr and Mrs Rod Hutchinson of Highbury present at the 25th anniversary.

Mr Colin Jennings President of OCSA, regular speaker at meetings and present at the 25th anniversary.

Mr and Mrs A Jensen of Coromandel Valley

John Leeder who moved that the society be called 'NOSSA'

Mr Brian Lehmann of Clarence Gardens, current member.

Mr and Mrs C Lindsay of Clapham

Mrs Shirley Little of Allenby Gardens

Mr and Mrs Rob Markwick, Banksia Park, regular speaker, photographic advisor and article writer; present at the 25th anniversary.

Ms A (Pat) Marks of Warradale; present at the 25th anniversary.

Mr and Mrs Les Nesbitt of Vale Park: *Kay is remembered through the Kay Nesbitt Trophy. Les was co founder of the Society, inaugural President and editor, committee member for 25 years, journal committee, and grower, and show organiser, registrar of judges, commentator, regular speaker, and auctioneer. Les is a life member and still major supporter of the Society.

Mr George Nieuwenhoven of Hope Valley, President 1983-4, 1997-8, Secretary, journal editor, committee member, grower, registrar of judges, show and conference organiser, inaugural winner of Show champion. His wife Nancy is a well known artist specialising in native animals and plants.

Mr and Mrs RG Nunn, Seaview Downs

Mr Brian Osborne, Vale Park

Mr Warwick Pybus of Somerton Park representing SGAP

*Mr Ron Robjohns, President 1988-9; committee member; inaugural Treasurer- a position he kept for more than twenty years and also a life member. He was a grower and exhibitor, show supporter and prepared the original constitution. Present with family at the 25th anniversary.

Mr and Mrs Reg and Gillian Shooter: Reg was President in 1986-7, committee member since 1980, grower, librarian, show marshal, conference organiser, and judge. His wife is a real Jill of all trades and raffle organiser extraordinaire, both are most reliable supporters and busy in other societies too. Reg is a life member and both are current members.

Mr John Scarvelis from the Society for Growing Australian Plants.

*Mr Jim Simmons of Stonyfell, President 1981-2, Secretary, original librarian and early committee member, journal editor and contributor.

Mrs Helen Walker of Cumberland Park

Mr and Mrs Don and Bubs Wells although not present on the night did pay their subs to become foundation members. Don became a committee member, President, life member, grower and exhibitor, show organiser, tuber bank, maker of trophies, both Don and Bubs are current members and have been great supporters of the Society's every aspect.

Mr Kevin Western of Blackwood, inaugural committee member, President 1987-8, grower and exhibitor, show organiser, article contributor, flasking expert, current member.

Mr Nicky Zurcher, grower and exhibitor, judge and current member

Others who joined in the following 3 months include Peter Barnes of Urrbrae and Gerald McCraith of Essendon Victoria. Gerald who was already over 60 when he joined has been President of the AOF for over 20 years and Peter is a current member.

References:

Mostly from copies of our journal since April 1977, especially the first issue and articles by Roy Hargreaves

Recovery after burn-off near Mount Lofty

Rosalie Lawrence

A NOSSA excursion was organised for 1 pm on Saturday 18 November. Susan Secomb and the Lawrence family turned up for the event and pooled their plant identification skills as best they could. Though a warm day, it was a pleasant stroll down to the burnt area which was located just over the road on the Cleland side 400m west of Mount Lofty summit. It is primarily stringy-bark woodland.

There was an appreciable difference between the unburnt and burnt area as we cast our eyes over both sites. One was thick, dull dense undergrowth with a dark aspect whilst the burnt area was light lush and verdant with the sun softly streaming through – a most inviting place. So, in spite of drought conditions since a controlled burn earlier this year, considerable regrowth has taken place.

The main objective, of course, was to find evidence of orchids, although we were not expecting to find much. It was therefore with great delight that we eventually found some capsules of *Thelymitra* species. All told there were about six locations found along the tracks at the edge of the controlled burn. No evidences of *Thelymitra* sp were seen along the track in the middle of the burnt area as also was none seen on the unburnt side of the peripheral tracks.

Though looked for, it was disappointing not to find any shoots of *Dipodium roseum*. We had observed some on 5th December 2005 in the vicinity of the youth hostel near the margin of the area that has been burnt since.

Apart from orchids, many species of plants had either germinated or regrown in the burnt area. Black Rapier Sedge had recovered and small plants were ubiquitous. Trigger plants in flower were striking whereas gentian blue *Lobelia* flowers were a surprising find, almost hidden from view. Tussock Grasses (*Poa* species) were common. Banksia seedlings were abundant in many areas, as were Holy-leaf Flat Pea (*Platylobium obtusangulum*). *Lomandra* tussocks had recovered well and some were flowering. Fresh regrowth of Native Cherry (*Exocarpos cupressiformis*) had occurred at the base of the burnt remains. A total of 36 native species of understorey plants was noted in the burnt area.

Not many conclusions could be drawn from only one visit and we could only assume that the burnt area resembled the surrounding bush before. It will be interesting, however, to monitor this site in the future, especially to see which orchids come up and flower next year. Being so close to the city it should be convenient to monitor.

Hills District Orchids Summer Open Day - 25th February 2007

It won't be long before the first of the major orchid events of 2007 is with us. The **Hills District Orchids Summer Open Day** will be held on **Sunday 25th February 2007**. Also attending on the day will be Tinonee Orchid Nursery (Ray Clement – 02 6553-1012), Macquarie Native Orchids (Mike Harrison – 02 4576-3290) and Miriam Ann Orchids (Alan Merriman – 02 4739-5141) for all your fertilizers and orchid related chemicals. Alan also conducts monthly growing classes at his Glenbrook nursery and produces **free monthly growing notes** via email; more details send a request to mirannorchids@pnc.com.au

The Open Day is held at Hills District Orchids, 183 Windsor Road Northmead NSW 2152 (next to "The Home Team"). Starts at 9am, going until 4pm. Please park in Mary Street or Windermere Avenue. Light refreshments available on the day. Stay for the lunchtime sausage sizzle!

Email: davidpbanks@veritel.com.au

N.O.S.S.A Tuber Bank for 2006/2007
Malcolm Guy

Available to financial members only! Closing date for orders is the last mail on the 2nd of January 2007. Tubers will be posted on the 22nd January 2007.

I thank all growers who have generously promised tubers, which need to reach me by the 8th of January.

NOTE; 61 lots in all. See next page for listing and inside back cover for Order Form.

Circle each lot number that you wish to order & mark 'Sub' by any that you would like if your first choice is not available. Lots will have from 2-10 tubers depending on supply & demand. Tubers in short supply will be issued on a first come first served basis. Please record the provenance of tubers you receive if known.

Price per lot is \$1.00. An additional charge of \$4.00 for postage & handling costs applies.

POST ORDER TO; M Guy
 15 Naomi Terrace
 PASADENA Sth Aust. 5042

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1	<i>Acianthus pusillus</i>	
2	<i>Caladenia latifolia</i>	white
3	<i>Caladenia latifolia</i>	pink
4	<i>Chiloglottis trapeziformis</i>	
5	<i>Chiloglottis</i> aff. <i>truncata</i>	
6	<i>Corybas deimenicus</i>	Sandy Creek SA
7	<i>Corybas deimenicus</i>	Kuitpo SA
8	<i>Corybas hispida</i>	South QLD
9	<i>Corybas incurva</i>	
10	<i>Corybas incurva</i>	Lake Leak Rd TAS
11	<i>Cyrtostylis huegelli</i>	Mt Franklin WA
12	<i>Cyrtostylis reniformis</i>	early NSW
13	<i>Cyrtostylis reniformis</i>	Kuitpo SA
14	<i>Diuris orientis</i>	
15	<i>Leptoceras menziesii</i>	Kuitpo SA
16	<i>Microtis brownii</i>	
17	<i>Microtis frutellorum</i>	
18	<i>Microtis oblonga</i>	Merinda Park VIC
19	<i>Microtis parviflora</i>	Christmas Hills VIC
20	<i>Microtis rara</i>	
21	<i>Microtis unifolia</i>	
22	<i>Diplodidium fischii</i>	
23	<i>Diplodidium laxum</i>	
24	<i>Diplodidium obtusum</i>	Kincumber NSW
25	<i>Diplodidium obtusum</i>	sp. aff.
26	<i>Diplodidium reflexum</i>	Fern Bay NSW

27	<i>Diplodium robustum</i>		
28	<i>Diplodium truncatum</i>		Gulpstream NSW
29	<i>Diplodium truncatum</i>		You-Yangs VIC
30	<i>Pterostylis baptistii</i>		Gosford NSW
31	<i>Pterostylis baptistii</i>		Janney
32	<i>Pterostylis baptistii</i>		Warnervale NSW
33	<i>Pterostylis curta</i>		
34	<i>Pterostylis</i> Cutie 'Harolds Pride' x <i>baptistii</i> 'Gosford'		
35	<i>Pterostylis foliata</i>		Kuitpo SA
36	<i>Pterostylis hildae</i>		NSW
37	<i>Pterostylis</i> Hoodwink		
38	<i>Pterostylis ingens</i>		Sth Tralfalga VIC
39	<i>Pterostylis</i> Jack Warcup		
40	<i>Pterostylis</i> Joseph Arthur		
41	<i>Pterostylis</i> Nodding Grace		
42	<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>		Peacedale VIC
43	<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>		Westley Dale VIC
44	<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>		Chilton VIC
45	<i>Pterostylis pedunculata</i>	small form	S of Lena TAS
46	<i>Pterostylis pedunculata</i>		Kuitpo SA
47	<i>Pterostylis pedunculata</i>		Wisemans Ferry NSW
48	<i>Pterostylis</i> "SA Great"		
49	<i>Pterostylis stricta</i>		Herberton QLD
50	<i>Taurantha collina</i>	green	Tallai Range QLD
51	<i>Taurantha concinna</i>		Fern Bay NSW
52	<i>Taurantha concinna</i>		Warrandyte VIC
53	<i>Taurantha concinna</i>	small form	Bicheno TAS
54	<i>Taurantha</i> x <i>conoglossa</i>		Blight Park NSW
55	<i>Taurantha ophioglossa</i>		Red Bank Plains QLD
56	<i>Taurantha ophioglossa</i>		Flagstone Creek QLD
57	<i>Thelymitra graminea</i>		WA
58	<i>Thelymitra</i> x <i>macmillanii</i>		
59	<i>Thelymitra</i> Melon Glow		
60	<i>Thelymitra rubra</i>		Dixon Creek VIC
61	<i>Thelymitra rubra</i>		Bellgrave VIC

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**Merry
Christmas**



ABOVE and BELOW RIGHT: *Cymbidium canaliculatum* 'Gladstone'



PLANTS BENCHED NOVEMBER
2006—1 EPIPHYTES

ABOVE LEFT & CENTRE: *Cymbidium madidum* var. *leroyii*



ABOVE : *Cymbidium canaliculatum* 'Alba'



ABOVE: *Docrillia prenticii*

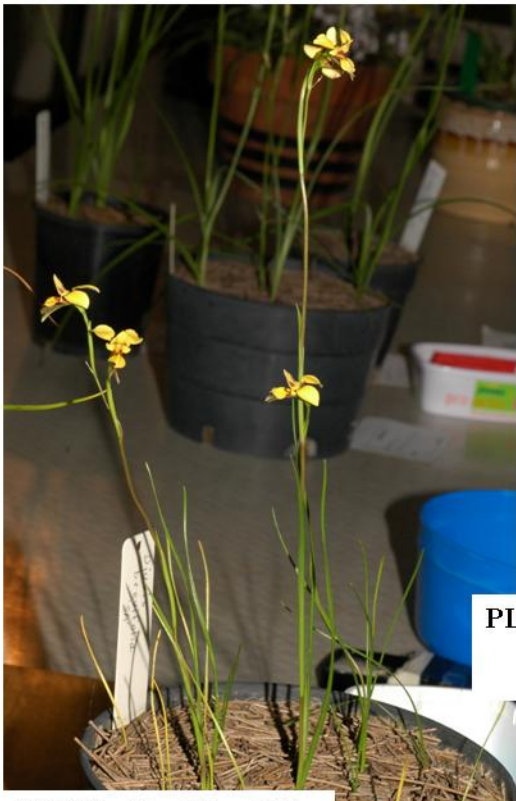


ABOVE: *Sarcochilus* Red Cascades



ABOVE: *Sarcochilus* Cherie Snow

PLANTS BENCHED NOVEMBER
2006—2 EPIPHYTES



ABOVE: *Diuris brevifolia*

PLANTS BENCHED NOVEMBER
2006—3 TERRESTRIALS

ABOVE: *Diuris brevifolia*

BELOW: *Diuris drummondii*



Diuris drummondii



Diuris sulphurea x brevifolia



Diuris Mule



Diuris Dragonfly