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**Front cover** – Celebrating 40 years - Lorraine Badger with the help of Adrian Ward, using the NOSSA logo.

On 22 March 1977 at an inaugural meeting NOSSA was formed and the committee called for members to “submit designs for consideration of a logo for letterheads, badges, signs, car stickers, etc.” The winning entry, Chris Butler’s *Caladenia menziesii* (*Leptoceras menziesii*) commonly known as Rabbit Orchid was announced in the June journal 1977 Vol 1 No 5. This distinctive and attractive design in colours of red and white on a green background has changed very little and is still in use today.

## Bulletin Board

The Native Orchid Society of South Australia meets every 4th Tuesday of the months February to November at St Matthew's Hall, Bridge Street, Kensington. Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. Doors to the hall open from 7:15 pm to allow Members access to the Library, Trading Table.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Field Trip – TBA
June 27 <sup>th</sup> Tues	General Meeting - Speaker: Les Nesbitt – <i>Seeking Orchids in China</i>
Jul 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	Committee meeting – Lorraine & John Badger's – 23 Cumming St., Craighburn Farm
Jul 6 <sup>th</sup> Thur	Journal articles due – NOTE 1 day earlier than previously – late entries not published



### TO NEW MEMBERS

Russell Stanley of Charlton, Victoria

### FIELD TRIPS

**NOTE:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June trip **changed to June 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Location & Plants TBA –. Bring lunch, drinks, cameras & chairs.

**REMEMBER:** Field trips must be booked through Michael Clark our field trip co-ordinator - [nossa.fieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:nossa.fieldtrips@gmail.com)

### SPECIAL FIELD TRIPS

See article in journal for Belair NP re-enactment on page 55 and also preparations for York Peninsula on page 55

### COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 4<sup>th</sup>

Next committee meeting is on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
*Badger's home – 23 Cumming St., Craighburn Farm*

### ARTICLES FOR NEXT JOURNAL – JULY 6<sup>th</sup>

Articles / Reports need to reach the Editor **no later than Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. Thank you.

### NEXT MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 27

**Guest speaker – Les Nesbit** “Seeking Commercial Orchids in China plus travelogue”.

### NOSSA FUTURE MEETINGS 2017

**July 25** – Andrew Brown of WANSOCG (W. Australia)  
**August 22** – Greg Steenbeeke, Senior Threatened Species Officer, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage



### FOR THE 2017 DIARY

#### \*NOSSA SPRING SHOW

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September

**NOTE:** show brought forward 1 week

**Volunteers needed – contact secretary**

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#### \*SAROC Fair

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017

\***NOSSA Christmas BBQ** Dec 2 at the Higgs place

### ANOS VIC ANNUAL SPRING SHOW

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Sept Mt Waverley Community Centre, Vic.

### PTEROSTYLIS *Despectans* – SURVEY 2017

This full count survey will take place on Sat & Sunday of **August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

Areas include Hallett, Koolunga & Wirrabara Forest.

*For further details contact Erica Reeves*, Threatened Flora Officer, Northern & Yorke

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### WEEDING AT BRENTWOOD CEMETERY

**Sat June 24<sup>th</sup>** –(*Arachnorchis intuta*) from 9:30am

Bookings essential as this event is catered for

*Contact Erica Reeves* Threatened Flora Officer, Northern & Yorke

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## From the President

*Robert Lawrence*



### South Australian Regional Orchid Club

NOSSA has recently joined the Australian Orchid Council, which has enabled us to join the South Australian Regional Orchid Council (SAROC). We expect this to be a strategic alliance. In the immediate future, it will enable us to promote NOSSA at the SAROC Fair, to be held on the weekend of 10 and 11 June 2017. Seeing some NOSSA members have been involved in other clubs at the Fair, NOSSA will have a static display that will enable us to recruit new members from those who are already interested in orchids. As a smaller association, we expect to obtain a financial gain from being involved with the Fair. Rosalie and I have been to the last couple and encourage NOSSA members to attend.

### Orchid Seed Kits

If anyone missed out on the seed kits for this year, Les will be selling them at the SAROC Fair. This will probably be the last opportunity to purchase them. Kits are available for *Caladenia tentaculata* and *Glossodia major*.

### Wild Orchid Watch

I mentioned in February that we had applied for a Citizen Science grant, but we learnt this month that our application had just missed out. While this is unfortunate, we are continuing to make progress with getting university students involved from two of our institutions. We will report on this when we have made more progress.

### May 2017 general meeting

Dr Jasmine Packer is an ecologist with varied interests including bandicoots and fungi. Indeed, she spoke to the Field Naturalists about *Phragmites australis* (Common Reed) earlier in the month. At our meeting, she spoke about the critical interactions that bandicoots, hyacinth orchids and particular fungi have in nature. As a small animal, their digging activities are critical for creating habitat for orchid seeds to germinate. It was an enjoyable and engaging presentation with enthusiastic discussion afterwards. Jasmine always seeks to maintain an enthusiastic and positive perspective on nature.

### Two new orchid publications by Rudie Kuitert

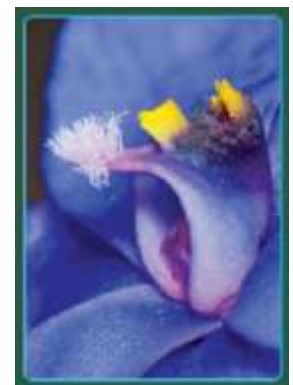
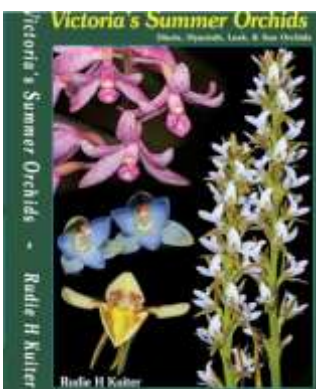
***Victoria's Summer Orchids*** 216 pages. 1150+ photographs! \$70.00

***Orchid Pollinators of Victoria*** 4th Ed. 338 pages. 1300+ photographs \$90.00

The NOSSA committee moved that we buy one of each for the library. Orders will also be taken from members who wish to have their own copy, thus saving on postage. Contact [nossa.membership@gmail.com](mailto:nossa.membership@gmail.com)

The author of numerous recent orchid publications, Rudie packs his books with quality photographs to assist all levels of orchid enthusiasts with identification in the field through detailed close-ups; illustrations of all aspects of the flower,

leaves and whole plant, together with information on flowering times, size and variations. His books are a pure joy to peruse and take in his photography which often captures his primary interest: the pollinators.



## PIG IN A BAG FIELD TRIP

### Myponga District Saturday 20 May 2017

Marg Paech

Saturday was a clear May day despite the threat of showers. The breezes were at times brisk, but did not deter the little group of 8 who met at the Hindmarsh Falls Picnic Ground. As we were leaving the vehicles, a spider was found, - No! too early for *Arachnorchis* flowers and even leaves! It was an 8 'legger' on the collar of John Badger's jacket, which once dislodged, was the subject of many photos.



*Neosparassus diana* - Huntsman spider  
Photo: Carolyn

The group walked through the scrub, parallel to the road leading to the viewing area of the Hindmarsh Falls. Many varieties of young leaves were spotted but no flowers were to be seen.



*They sought them here, they sought them there,  
Those jolly orchid hunters sought them everywhere* – Photo: LB

As the walk went on a few fell behind. Marg led the remaining four onto the track to view the falls, after

almost being lost in the bush. Here the rare Hindmarsh Falls green *Correa* (*C. calycina* var. *calycina*) was found in flower.

On our ascent several *Acianthus pusillus* flowers were photographed. Some large leaves were noted with the suggestion that they may be *Pterostylis curta* leaves.<sup>1</sup> This was the home of the critically endangered *Pterostylis bryophilum*, but, it's now thought to have died out.<sup>2</sup>



Photo: John B

The two groups soon reunited making their way back to the vehicles. On the way a patch of 6 undetermined *Prasophyllum* (leek orchid) leaves were found along with some *Diuris* (Donkey orchid) leaves.

All proceeded to Spring Mount and since it was midday, lunch was consumed before moving into the CP. The beautiful bright red heath flowers challenged photographers. *Pterostylis nutans* rosettes were a little further advanced here with some early buds being found. A number of *Eriochilus* capsules were found with a spectacular one which had four leaves



<sup>1</sup> *Pterostylis nutans* leaves not *P. curta* in Myponga [Bob Bates. 4/6/17

<sup>2</sup> Also Bob Bates 14/6/17 "not quite, as we saw flowers just 3 years ago but it's too small an area for long term survival though." Editor. Other reports for sightings in this area; (DEH 2006 cited in Quarmby 2010)

tightly growing together. Fungi of various types, and native violets were also found at both locations.

Two of our number left the group as we set out for Myponga Conservation Park. Once we turned off from James Track it became a single vehicle track, through patches of water and up and down dale. Eventually two vehicles were left while the other two vehicles conveyed the 6 who remained in the party to our destination.

For a while it looked like our search may have been fruitless, but after Robert and Marg walked over it, John found our first *Eriochilus collinus* flower – the best one of the trip. From there it was all positive. Robert found a single flowered *Corunastylis* sp. Ade *collinus* Adelaide Hills and then spent *Corunastylis* flowers were found.



*Eriochilus collinus* Photo: Robert L

More *Eriochilus collinus* flowers were found, and Carolyn (who had made a brief stop, losing the group) was phoned to come and see them. She'd been so disappointed earlier at not having ever seen an *Eriochilus* in flower.

The *Eriochilus* and *Corunastylis* were all found in the vicinity of a very low 'tuffty' grass which Robert mentioned were where they were often found. Whilst we waited for Carolyn, several cauline

*Urochilus* stems were found, 1 with sterile rosettes at its base.

As we were heading upward to the vehicles [the terrain was rather steep unless walking along contours] a *Urochilus* with one flower was found, much to Robert's delight. He used his photo to taunt Rosalie when we got back to the cars. Meanwhile, near the vehicles, Lorraine W found quite a few tall *Thelymitra* stems with capsules in a small area.



The lengths some go to find an orchid! Photo: LB

This field trip was a 'pig in the bag' trip – since we did not know what, if anything we would find as no one had checked out the area prior to the trip.

We agreed it was a worthwhile experience as most of these locations were new to us. Having been visited by NOSSA members many years ago, none of us were familiar with them and we just had the old field trip reports to inform what orchids had been found there.

Thank you to all who took part, especially our guides. It was a great time together doing what we love: looking for orchids, getting to know each other better, admiring and learning more about the other things nature has to offer.

\*\*For the record, I found *Leporella fimbriata* in flower at Mt Billy on the way home.

Hindmarsh Falls		Spring Mount		Myponga CP	
<i>Acianthus pusillus</i>	Fl	<i>Acianthus pusillus</i>	L	<i>Thelymitra</i> sp	L caps
<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>	L	<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>	L b	<i>Eriochilus collinus</i>	fl
<i>Thelymitra</i> sp	L	<i>Thelymitra</i> sp	L	<i>Corunastylis</i> sp. Adelaide Hills	fl, caps, s
<i>Glossodia major</i>	L	<i>Glossodia major</i>	L		
<i>Leptoceras menziesii</i> ,	L	<i>Urochilus sanguineus</i>	Fl, b, s		
<i>Pterostylis curta</i>	L	<i>Eriochilus collinus</i>	caps		
<i>Diuris</i> sp					
<i>Prasophyllum</i> w red bases	(6) L	<b>CODE:</b> L = leaves; b = buds Fl = flowers caps = seed capsules s = sterile rosette/leaf			
<i>Corunastylis</i> sp. Adelaide Hills					



## Why not join us for the 'Re-Enactment' Of NOSSA's First Field Trip

1 July 2017

Everyone is invited to join us on this field trip. We would especially like to see some folk who went on the first field trip. It will be interesting to compare the plants we find with those that were found on that occasion, as listed in last month's journal – p.43.

Bring lunch, drinks, cameras & chairs.

**REMEMBER:** Field trips must be booked through Michael Clark our field trip co-ordinator - [nossa.fieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:nossa.fieldtrips@gmail.com)

## Letters to the Editor: [nossa.editor@gmail.com](mailto:nossa.editor@gmail.com)

Hi Lorraine,

Further to the earlier field trip to Nixon Skinner on April 1 as reported in the April Journal p. 33 [Vol 41 No. 3], it should be recorded that apart from the *Corunastylis* and *Eriochilus* we also found a few *Leporella fimbriata* in bud.

Regards, Rosalie

Hi Lorraine,

Thanks for the newsletter. I'll check out the National Geo article about photographing orchids. Hope my late reply re Yorke Field Trip is useful. Lib Bartholomeusz



## From the Editor

### Journal Editor Vacancy

As mentioned in the last journal I will be resigning from the position of NOSSA

journal editor. I am prepared to continue only until the AGM in March 2018, during which time I would, hopefully, take time to train and assist a new editor. As explained one does not need to live in Adelaide for in this day and age it is possible to produce a magazine from anywhere in Australia. If you are interested or have any questions about the role please contact me at: [nossa.editor@gmail.com](mailto:nossa.editor@gmail.com)

## From the Editor

### Other NOSSA Vacancies

We are also in urgent need of a Secretary or several folk willing to share various parts of the role.

### Country Field Trip Ideas Request:

Following the request in last month's journal on orchid locations for a planned FIELD TRIP to York Peninsula later this year, I am pleased to report that we have received some great feedback and are now looking at working with a local group (see article below). We're still interested in hearing of locations in the Upper South East for Oct 14th & 15th.

**Further Information Required** for a J G Morley as no location given to send journal.

## York Peninsula Field Trip Aug 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2017

For this to be a memorable time away plans need to get underway. We have been invited to join the local APS group on the Sunday as they visit Halbury Parklands (10 minutes east of Balaklava). Not quite on YP, but they have said that they would appreciate NOSSA's company. On the Saturday we will probably visit an area on the peninsula in the morning and then visit Victoria Park on the edge of Moonta in the afternoon. Some may like to stay over on the Saturday night, but if not both locations are within driving distance from Adelaide. If you think you *might* like to join us for this weekend, or either Saturday or Sunday please register your interest with our Field Trip Co-ordinator, even if you cannot commit at the moment. This would be a great opportunity for both the experienced orchid hunter and those who are new to NOSSA and an opportunity to get to know the YP folk.

**Why not contact the Field Trip co-ordinator today?** [nossa.fieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:nossa.fieldtrips@gmail.com)

## *Pterostylis sanguinea* Seedlings

*Les Nesbitt*

The 2016 seed kit effort was not entirely wasted. At Kildare there are eight 100 mm pots with one or more seedlings emerging. These are probably not kit pots. Tiny seedlings were planted out last year from the petri dishes used to test the viability of the seed and the ability of the fungus to germinate the seed. The largest seedling will flower with one small bud developing. Not bad going from seed to flower in 18 months. Not many orchids mature that fast. The mix used appears to be 100% native potting mix. The seedlings died down prematurely last winter/spring in the cold and wet and I thought they were lost. Our native orchids are tougher than you think.

I am pleased that my two mother plants at home have re-emerged. One has 5 buds and the other 3 buds. Thrips are always a pest that suck the life out of the autumn greenhoods, so I use fly spray once a week to prevent damage. I hold the spray can at least 1m away from the orchid to minimize freezing

the plant. I will try for seed again this year as last year no pods formed in the wet.

At my bush block, eight seedling leaves have appeared in the dry mix pots from last year and 7 seedlings are up in the ground that was sown with seed and inoculated millet. Several seedling leaves are showing in what I am sure were empty pots last year from the compost trials. Have 2017 seedlings appeared already? The remaining seed from 2 years ago was mixed with fine sand and sprinkled at Easter on last year's pots and ground sites.

Although the kits were unsuccessful, the associated activities have resulted in at least 30 healthy *Ptst. sanguinea* seedlings in 2017. More may appear. Nowhere near the thousand that was dreamed about or the hundred that was hoped for but encouraging enough to spur further effort this year. There have been rumours of other seedlings but no proof has been forthcoming.

## Plant Recall June 2017

*Les Nesbitt*

The objective of this exercise is to make available native orchid species seedlings to members. Apart from *Den. speciosum* and *kingianum*, native species are not often available in Adelaide so this is also a conservation project. We can learn from each other about each species requirements as we all have different growing ideas. The exercise for 2017 will be the fungus dependent orchid seed kits. Please bring your plants to the June meeting so we can see the

results. No flowering plants have been seen yet which just demonstrates that growing native orchids from seed is not a fast process. The plants are:

1. *Dendrobium teretifolium* from 2012
2. *Dendrobium linguiforme* from 2013
3. *Dendrobium comptonii* from 2014
4. *Sarcochilus hartmannii* 2015
5. *Ptst sanguinea* & *P. nana* (seed kit) 2016

## Organ Transplants

Reprint: NOSSA JOURNAL, Vol. 10, No. 1. February, 1986

Some people carry cards in their wallets authorizing surgeons to remove organs for transplant after death. Members of the Orchid Society of Great Britain carry cards saying: 'Orchids need expert care. In case of death or illness of owner, contact the

secretary of the Orchid Society of Great Britain...Delay may be fatal.'

'In the event of death or serious illness, it is all too easy for an orchid collection to be forgotten,' the society explains.



## May 2017 Photographic Competition

### *Miniscule Orchids – less than 10 mm*

*Rosalie Lawrence*

May's theme was 'miniscule', or less than 10mm. Of the eight entries five were *Corunastylis*, two Spider orchids from Western Australia and one an epiphyte. The flowers of the two spiders, *Caladenia pachychila* (photographer Rob & Jenny Pauley) and *Caladenia bryceana* subsp. *bryceana* (Pauline Myers) were the largest of the group being about 10mm across whilst the *Bulbophyllum globuliforme* (Ros Miller) and *C. despectans* (Rosalie Lawrence) were the smallest being only 2mm across.

Of the remaining *Corunastylis* entries the flower size ranged from 3mm for *C. pumila* (Rob & Jenny Pauley), 4mm for *C. tepperi* (Ricky Egel), 7mm for *C. ciliata* (Rosalie Lawrence) and 8mm for *C. morrisii* (Rob & Jenny Pauley).

The winning picture *C. morrisii* (Bearded or Hairy Midge Orchid) is one of the larger midge orchids. Other synonyms are *Prasophyllum morrisii* and *Genoplesium morrisii*. This common species is mainly found in Victoria but it does extend into southern New South Wales in the east and in the west just spills 50 km over the border into South Australia where it is rated endangered. It also occurs in the south east of Tasmania.

With such a wide distribution range, it is not surprising to see quite a variation in flowering time from late spring through to autumn depending upon location.



### Theme for JUNE Photographs:

*Any Blue or White Orchid flower*

**NOTE:** Orchid photos from **any** Australian state are acceptable

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### Rules of entry:

The subject matter must have something to do with Australian orchids. Any format is acceptable including Photo shopped images, artwork, etc.

### How to enter:

Email [nossa.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:nossa.enquiries@gmail.com) – jpg as large as you are able to send OR Post: PO Box 565, Unley, 5061

# May 2017 Benched Orchids

Photos Courtesy of David Hirst

## Epiphytes: Open Division

**Species:**

No entries  
No entries  
No entries

**Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> *Den. Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy'* Eric Nesbitt  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nil  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nil

## Epiphytes: Second Division

**Species**

No entries  
No entries  
No entries

**Hybrids**

1<sup>st</sup> *Den. Ellen Surprise X Aussie Victory* R & R Lawrence  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Dendrobium Eclipse* Janet Adams  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Den. Eleanora Star X Aussie Victory* R & R Lawrence

## Terrestrials: Open Division

**Species:**

1<sup>st</sup> *Corybas hispidis* D & J Higgs  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Dipodium laxum* Les Nesbitt  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Dipodium truncatum* Les Nesbitt

**Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> *Pterostylis X furcillata* D & J Higgs  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Pterostylis trunkfish* D & J Higgs  
3<sup>rd</sup>

## Terrestrials: Second Division Nil

### POPULAR VOTE

**OPEN DIVISION Epiphytes:**

**Species:** Nil

**Hybrid:** *Den. Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy'* Eric Nesbitt

**SECOND DIVISION Epiphytes:**

**Hybrid:** *Dendrobium Eclipse* Janet Adams

### POPULAR VOTE

**OPEN DIVISION Terrestrials**

**Species:** *Corybas hispidis* D & J Higgs

**Hybrid:** *Pterostylis trunkfish* D & J Higgs

## Plant of the night

*Corybas hispidis* Don & Jane Higgs



Den Elanora Star x Aussie Victory

**Corybas hispidis**

Den Ellen Surprise x Aussie Victory

# May 2017 Benched Orchids 1

PHOTOS - David Hirst



*Urochilus sanguineus*

*Den Ellen Surprise x Aussie Victory*



*Diplodium truncatum*



Den Jonathons Glory 'Dark Joy'



Den Awesome x Den speciosum var curvicaule



Den Elanora Star x Aussie Victory\_

*Pterostylis obtusa*



Den Ellen Surprise x Aussie Victory\_

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PHOTOS - David Hirst

*Acianthus pusilla*



*Acianthus pusilla*

*Pterostylis x furcillata*



*Diplodium laxum*



*Diplodium truncatum*



*Pterostylis Trunkfish*



*Acianthus saxatilis*

*Acianthus saxatilis*

