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The Australasian Native Orchid Society promotes the conservation of Native Orchids through cultivation and through preservation of their natural habitat.

ALL NATIVE ORCHIDS ARE PROTECTED IN THE WILD; THEIR COLLECTION IS ILLEGAL

MARCH MEETING: - IT'S ON!

Where: Bareena Bowling Club, 89 Noble St, Newtown VIC 3220 (Note: Access via Huntingdon St)

When: 7.30PM Wednesday 09/03/2022,

Speakers: Effects of rat eradication on Lord Howe Island, speaker Tracey Hinton

Don't forget to bring in plants for On the Bench

Next Month: Wednesday April 13, 730pm – to be announced

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Tuber Day

The date for tuber day this year is Sunday 27th March, commencing at 11am. The venue for the Tuber Day this year is once again at Neil and Judy Anderton's, 4 Sutherland Street Teesdale– format the same as previous years. Cost is \$5.00 per head, covering the BBQ, salads and dessert, BYO chair, cool drinks, wine, beer, etc.

Please register with Anita Hinton, Hintonshideaway@gmail.com for catering purposes

The price of the tubers will be \$2.50 per serve and all tubers have been potted - approximately 240 pots in all. The potting mix will be the same as last year, BioGro, perlite and leaf mulch, with added blood and bone. Number of tubers will range from 3 to 8 or more for the tubers in plentiful supply.

Limited quantities of potting mix will be available for purchase if more is needed, at \$5.00 per 10 litres.

The April Bulletin will be posted prior to tuber day with a list of species available



Tubers potted up ready for tuber day, 240+ pots, some already shooting!

In the Field: ANOS Victoria Field Trips:

Note: You need to register prior to the activities as they may be cancelled at the last minute due to conditions/Changes in COVID-19 restrictions

Contact the ANOS leaders if you are interested in any of the activities for details of meeting places, times, etc.

PLANNED TERRESTRIAL STUDY GROUP & CONSERVATION GROUP ACTIVITIES – to July 2022.**Please Note: Registration Requirements –ANOS Vic Conservation and Terrestrial Study Group Activities**

All dates and activities are dependent on the availability of guides, the weather and other factors not in the Society's control. Activities are therefore subject to cancellation or change. Registration is required for all events.

Register by e-mail or telephone. Details required: - registrant's name, names of others attending, contact telephone number(s), mobile number(s) for activity day, emergency contact telephone number(s) in case of injury, etc., e-mail address. Register at least five days prior to the activity. Note that leaders often leave early to check locations and may not be contactable. It is the member's responsibility to cancel their registration or contact the activity coordinator if they are running late for start time. If you haven't registered, you won't be contacted if changes or cancellations occur. Non-registrants risk inconvenience.

Date	Group	Activity	Leader
15 March	Cons	Diuris conservation Laverton	Garry French
21-25 March	TSG	Wulgulmerang	Len Carrigan
28 March	Cons	Diuris conservation Sunshine	Len Carrigan
11 April	Cons	Diuris conservation Sunshine	Len Carrigan
19 April	Cons	Diuris conservation Laverton	Garry French
24 April	TSG	Ingliston	Johanna Botman
26 April	Cons	Diuris conservation Sunshine	Len Carrigan
9 May	Cons	Diuris conservation Sunshine	Len Carrigan
14 May	TSG	Anglesea Area	Helen Schofield & Lance Breguet
17 May	Cons	Diuris conservation Laverton	Garry French
23 May	Cons	Diuris conservation Sunshine	Len Carrigan
28 May	TSG	Brisbane Ranges	Johanna Botman
31 May	Cons	Diuris conservation Laverton	Garry French
6 June	Cons	Diuris conservation Sunshine	Len Carrigan
11-13 June	TSG	Nungatta Area (NSW)	Gary Backhouse
14 June	Cons	Diuris conservation Laverton	Garry French
18 June	Joint	General search Melbourne N/E Fringe	Garry French
20 June	Cons	Diuris conservation Sunshine	Len Carrigan
23 June	Cons	Inverleigh maintenance	Neil Anderton
26 June	Joint	St. Helena Bush Reserve	Linda Rogan
28 June	Cons	Diuris conservation Laverton	Garry French
4 July	Cons	Diuris conservation Sunshine	Len Carrigan
9-14 July	Cons	Riverina (NSW) Orchid Reintroductions	Garry French
17 July	TSG	Gurdies/Grantville	TBC
19 July	Cons	Diuris conservation Laverton	Garry French
22-28 July	Cons	Riverina (NSW) Orchid Reintroductions	Garry French
25 July	Cons	Diuris conservation Sunshine	Len Carrigan
31 July	TSG	Mt Piper/Broadford	Paul Piko

Cons – Conservation Group; TSG – Terrestrial Study Group

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In the Shadehouse: Only one epiphyte photo sent in by Deanna Visser and two photos of terrestrials from Neil Anderton. Not many epiphytes or terrestrials in flower at the moment!

Epiphytes: *Dendrobium* (Steven x *fuliginosa*) x (*dolichophylla* x *pugioniforme*) (Deanna Visser)



Dendrobium (Steven x *fuliginosa*) x (*dolichophylla* x *pugioniforme*), grown by Deanna Visser

Terrestrials: *Chiloglottis diphylla* (Kempsey NSW), *C. seminuda* (Long Point Lookout NSW) (Neil Anderton)



Chiloglottis diphylla and *C. seminuda*, grown by Neil Anderton

In the Field: Helen Schofield and Lance Breguet visited the Brisbane Ranges, and Chris and Leonie Hall have been out and about in the Otways and at Mount Buffalo

Lance photographed *Corunastylis morrisii* (Bearded Midge Orchid) in the Brisbane Ranges, while Chris photographed *Corunastylis archerii* (Variable Midge Orchid), *C. pumila* Green Midge Orchid) and *C. morrisii* in the Otways and *Spiranthes alticola* (Mountain Ladies Tresses) and *Thynniorchis huntianus* (Elbow Orchid) at Mount Buffalo



Bearded Midge Orchid (Lance, Brisbane Ranges), Variable and Green Midge Orchids (Chris, Otways) and Mountain Ladies Tresses (Chris, Mount Buffalo)



Closeup of the flowers of the Bearded, Variable and Green Midge Orchids, Elbow Orchid (Chris)

Some of the less common Orchids for Sale at the Tuber Day



Thelymitra Kay Nesbitt, *T. nuda* x *antennifera*, *T. peniculata*, *Leptoceras menziesii* (green tip) and *Acianthus pusillus* (green)



Diuris orientis, *Caladenia latifolia*, *Corybas hispidus* and *Lyperanthus suaveolens*

ANGLESEA ORCHIDS

Autumn Orchids

The beautiful pink shades of the Hyacinth Orchids, *Dipodium roseum*, are still brightening up the bush in many areas. The Horned Orchids, *Orthoceras strictum*, have fertilised with the swollen ovaries indicating the presence of many seeds. A few Flying Duck Orchids, *Caleana major*, and Small Duck Orchids, *Caleana minor*, may still be seen.

The first autumn orchids usually seen each year are the Midge Orchids *Corunastylis* sp. and it is pleasing to record that the Sharp Midge Orchid, *C. despectans*, is in flower along No 2 Rd, and a few Bearded Midge Orchids, *C. morrisii*, are already in flower along Forest Rd where the roadside verge has been recently slashed. Fringed Midge Orchids, *C. ciliata*, are still to appear, so keep your eyes peeled. There will be more of these Midge Orchids appearing as autumn progresses. The Autumn Bird Orchids, *Chiloglottis curvicalvia*, are producing tiny leaves and with a little rain, buds should start growing soon. This time last year the first Parsons Bands Orchid, *Eriochilus cucullatus*, was observed flowering along Forest Rd, but as yet this species has not been noticed this year. The first greenhoods Tiny Greenhood, *Pterostylis parviflora*, and Brown-tipped Greenhood, *P. clivosa*, should have their rosettes appearing soon.

A few things to look out for in the next couple of months—by April we'll be looking for the heart-shaped leaves of the Mosquito Orchid, *Acianthus pusillus*, and the Fringed Hare Orchids, *Leporella fimbriata*, —look for the elliptical, green single leaves with red



Fertilised Horned Orchid



Sharp Midge, Bearded Midge and Fringed Midge Orchids

veins. The Autumn Greenhood, *P. ampliata*, should appear after good autumn rains and Banded Greenhoods, *P. sanguinea*, will start to appear in May. We are hopeful that autumn rains will help all our orchids – the bushland is just so very dry at the present time. One wonders just how do these fragile flowers push their way through the compacted soil.



Fringed Hare Orchid and Mosquito Orchid leaves

All of our orchids are documented and photographed in *Orchids of the Anglesea District* unfortunately now out of print. We can assure you a new edition is well on its way to publication. It is now in the hands of the publisher. Please make sure you let us know of any unusual sightings you have.

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2022 AOF Essay Prize

The AOF Essay Prize is an annual writing competition, established with a generous endowment by the Slade family.

There will be three prizes –

1st	Prize	\$350.00
2nd	Prize	\$250.00
3rd	Prize	\$150.00

The Foundation invites all Australian orchid growers to consider the topic for 2022 and submit an entry. We would like to hear about your ideas and experiences and benefit from them.

ESSAY TOPIC FOR 2022:

Too many orchids: Managing space and addiction

Everybody who commences growing orchids and is smitten by the “Orchid Bug” eventually has to address the issue of “space and addiction”. How have you dealt with this complex issue to satisfy both sides of the equation?

The deadline for receipt of all entries is June 30th 2022

Send your entry:

electronically to aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au
or AOF Essay Prize P.O. Box 440, Yarra Glen Vic. 3775

Please include your name, address and telephone contact.

Entry Rules:

- This competition is open to Australian residents only.
- The essay will be an original article, not previously published.
- The essay must be no more than 4,000 words, short essays are most welcome.
- The essay is to be in English and typewritten.
- Entries may include art work or images.
- The authors of the essays will remain undisclosed to the judges, whose decision will be final. If in the opinion of the judges, no worthy essays are received, there will be no award that year.
- Non-winning entries will be returned to the sender if requested. These entries may be submitted to the editors of Australian orchid periodicals for publication, with permission from the author.
- The winning essay will be announced at the AGM of the Foundation in October 2021.
- The winning entries will be placed on the AOF web site and maybe published in Australian orchid periodicals.

Note: Articles, upcoming events and information for inclusion into the monthly bulletin need to be with the editor by the 15th of the month prior to publication. RSVPs for events need to be after the 7th day of the month of publication

Location of ANOS Geelong meetings from July 14

Bareena Bowling Club: Access via Huntingdon St – both off street and on street parking

