



Orchid Hub Project:

The Orchid Hub Project (OHP) is a science into practice program that will germinate and grow bush orchids under sustainable systems using community volunteer support. Recent discoveries offer effective tools for propagation of south-west terrestrial orchids through a step change in our ability to grow our unique native orchids. We now have the technology and science to propagate the diverse range of common species to act as the nucleus to preserve and propagate species threatened by land use development, weeds, plant diseases and climate change. These artificially propagated species can then be replanted into local and state government conservation areas.

Orchids Western Australia (OWA) will provide a focal point for energising community capacity to participate in the training and development of skills to effectively propagate our unique and threatened terrestrial orchids.

“The orchid volunteer group continues to work hard in the labs at Curtin with Prof. Kingsley Dixon, on refining propagation methods for sun orchids, Queen of Sheba’s and spider orchids (plus a host of other genera) although the work will continue (at a slower pace) despite the understandable temporary reallocation of Lotterywest funding for Covid19 emergency relief. So far a number of amazing sun orchids and Queen of Sheba’s have been successfully propagated and OWA remains excited and extremely pleased to be part of the program.”

An application for funding has been made (15th June 2020) to the State Natural Resource Management Program (NRM) in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development under the State Government Community Stewardship Grants Program. Pre submission discussions with the NRM were very positive and helpful in completing the application.

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