

Now that we know where these two colonies are, attempts to disturb them physically should be discouraged. It will be interesting to observe the behaviour of these orchids over the next few years, in particular their periodicity of flowering, and their longevity. The “field plots” are in place; all they need now is sympathetic management and diligent monitoring.

### RANUNCULUS ON MOUNT HUTT

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