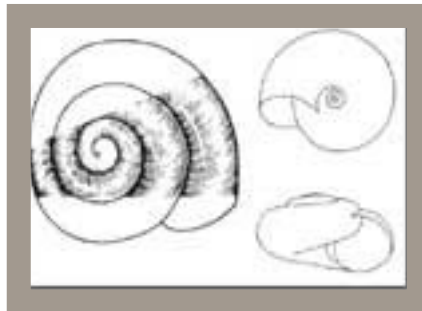


THE CATARACT GORGE SNAIL

PASMADITTA JUNGERMANNIAE

This snail was first recorded in 1879 by Petterd, and it was also found further North in Notley Gorge in 1984 by Kershaw. This snail is small to minute, being only 2-3mm in diameter. It occurs in small, widely spaced clusters of individuals and it has been found on mossy boulders, leaf litter and rotting wood, and within 1.5m of the high water level along the banks of the South Esk River.



A programme for the future management of these species has now been set up, involving volunteers from the local community supported by land and water managers. The Launceston Environment Centre hosted the project, securing funding from the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment's Threatened Species Unit and the Parks & Wildlife Service, Hydro Tasmania and a World Wide Fund for Nature grant. Additional partnerships for the project included the Centre's volunteers, the Launceston City Council, the Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery, Tamar Valley Weed Strategy Green Reserves team and the University of Tasmania.

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