

Welcome to our new subscribers. I am pleased to announce we have a steady stream of new members who are Australian orchid enthusiasts and are enjoying the range of articles provided by the journal. The first free e-newsletter has been distributed, and there has been positive feedback. There is a request to subscribe on the front page of the website and non-ANOS members are welcome. We aim to provide communication about group activities, circulate news, and promote events that may be of interest to orchid growers. Groups are welcome to send any short items to the web team through the online link, and they can be advertised online and/or via our newsletter. We also have a Facebook page, with the link on the website, and we encourage you to participate in this form of communication with fellow growers.

Negotiations are continuing around the next triennial ANOS Conference, which is planned for 2019. Council is doing some lateral thinking about the future of conferences, which require a lot of people power and expense. How they are run and organised needs serious review. If groups or members have novel ideas to suggest to Council we would welcome your input.

The show season is rapidly approaching for the

warmer states, while Victoria battens down for the ravages of winter. For southerners, it is a good time to travel, while orchids are relatively dormant and do not require as much watering and attention. For the more northerly groups, ANOS Council wishes you success and enjoyment in your winter shows.

The 2016 winners of the Ira Butler Trophy are presented in this issue. The retiring Chairperson Alan Stephenson reminds readers that good photography is critical for the best presentation of plants to the judges. If you are not confident, ask someone else to help you, as most of the IBT committee will have only the photographs to judge. If you look closely at the successful entries, each one is a specimen sized plant which is well flowered, cultured and photographed. Congratulations to all the winners.

Bill and Lorraine Dobson have received an FCC-ACC/ANOS 2017 for their beautiful plant of *Sarcocochilus dilatatus* which is featured on the covers. A notice of our August Annual General Meeting is below.

I look forward to speaking with lots of members at shows and events this year.

*Sheryl Lawson*

### **A.N.O.S. (Inc.) Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held on Saturday the 2nd September 2017

To commence at 3.00pm.

Venue: Kempsey Heights Bowling Club.

ALL positions on Council will be declared vacant and  
Nomination Forms will be made available on the ANOS website  
at [www.anos.org.au](http://www.anos.org.au)

Only fully financial Members can be nominated, and vote.

Reference to Item 18 of the A.N.O.S. (Inc.) Constitution and Item 19 of the  
Constitution are drawn to your attention.

Nominations will be accepted up to 7 days prior to the A.G.M.

Signed: R.A. Winch—Secretary