

It has been 12 months since I was elected President of ANOS Inc. In that time Council has been working diligently and I thank them for their teamwork and positive results. Issues that council identified at the beginning of this term requiring action included upgrading of the website, considering how we can best address our aim of promoting and supporting conservation issues, improving communication with groups and members, increasing membership, updating the judging handbook, and exploring options for the challenging task of organising the national conference and show in 2019.

Rick Winch as Secretary has supported the work of council in a dedicated and reliable manner and David Brewster as Treasurer has worked steadily managing our finances. Dave Groffen has provided leadership as National Judging Registrar.

*The Orchadian* editor, Peter Adams, has been dedicated to upgrading the quality of our journal, a very large commitment, and the results can be seen in an expanding base of writers and rising memberships. An index of past issues is currently being placed online for convenience of members, and scanning of early editions is also planned to make it more accessible to growers and researchers. It is a rich source of new information and Australian orchid history.

A new website has been established by Malcolm McGowan that allows easy online registration and renewal of membership. It provides information on all awards, and the capacity to search for awards and hybrid registration, a huge task undertaken by Keith Riseley. Further expansion of the website is occurring. *The Orchadian* Facegroup page has been initiated and maintained by Callyn Farrell. Malcolm has also initiated our e-Newsletter as a way of communicating more informally between each other regarding contemporary matters such as shows, special events, and council news.

The Conservation Officer Roslyn Capell has been familiarising herself with nationwide conservation issues and liaising with a number of conservation groups. Some of her work has been seen in articles in *The Orchadian*. David James as Membership Officer has spent many hours in updating our membership list and providing support for membership enquiries.

Barry Dudman and Wal Heath as councillors have provided perspectives and opinions from Tasmania and Western Australia respectively. Tony Clarke as Past President has provided support and counsel.

I thank the Ira Butler Trophy Committee for their work in promoting the recognition of quality ANOS species and hybrids and welcome the new President Rob Trevenor. Alan Stephenson has retired after his three year term. Thanks to him and to the secretary Irene Chalmers for their work.

Organisations must be flexible and be prepared to change when circumstances require it. The increasing average age of our membership and societal changes mean that ANOS Inc. must also consider its role and function. More people obtain their information online, less people go to formal orchid meetings, and there is increasing interest amongst members, particularly younger ones, for field excursions and support of conservation, particularly of terrestrial orchids. After careful consideration of member needs Council have decided that *The Orchadian* will remain as a hard copy journal but this will be under continuing review.

The capacity and willingness for individual groups to sponsor and deliver a triennial conference and show is increasingly limited. Thanks are due to the ANOS Central Coast and Kempsey Speciosum Spectacular organisers for providing the successful Conference and Show in 2016. In discussions with individual groups so far has no clear solution for finding a group or groups who can undertake this task have been found. Council have determined that they will undertake the responsibility of organising and funding the next triennial event themselves and welcome support and suggestions from any group or groups who may be willing to share a part of this load by providing their show as a starting point. We also welcome new ideas about how to deliver a conference and show for members and the public.

I have spoken individually to a number of groups and will continue to talk to members about the function of ANOS Inc. so we can remain a meaningful and productive organisation fulfilling our charter.

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