

President's report for the period from 1 July 2022 for the 2023 Annual General Meeting

The ANOS Inc. council has been maintaining the status quo with printed editions/issues of "The Orchadian", of around 48 pages, being posted to subscribers four (4) times a year and the ANOS judging system providing judges for monthly meeting and show benches plus conferring awards.

Unfortunately, since the last AGM on Saturday 29 October 2022 the ANOS community has sadly lost Dave Groffen and Winsome Walmsley, that ANOS council is aware of. These well-known and well respected identities will be greatly missed.

The additional activities of the council have included:

The adoption of an acknowledgement of country (that Callyn Farrell was instrumental in developing).

A conservation project has been agreed with ANOS (Victoria Group) Inc. for a special purpose bequest.

Resolving to provide a small number of conservation grants of between \$500 and \$1,000 on a once a year basis.

Rescinding of the 5 August 2014 adopted nomenclature policy.

The rescinded nomenclature policy was replaced with the following at the 31 October 2023 meeting:

That ANOS Inc will encourage and promote the use of Kew/RHS accepted nomenclature as documented Plants of the World Online (or its successors) as updated from time to time.

<https://powo.science.kew.org/> (Plants of the World Online by Kew Science)

Furthermore, the online source for hybrid names will be the Registration Authority for Orchid Hybrids.

(<https://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp>)

Where a contributor or owner uses a differing name, then there shall be an appropriate reference to the "accepted" name.

Resolving to offer digital subscriptions for the period beyond 1 July 2024, increase added family member and group member fees to \$4.00 per member per year (to cover insurance costs that have increased substantially) and increase the subscription for printed and posted editions/issues of "The Orchadian" (to try to offset substantial adjusted net losses for the last three (3) years). The printed editions/issues of "The Orchadian" will remain at around 48 pages and be posted to subscribers four (4) times a year. The price for digital editions/issues of "The Orchadian" will be \$50 per year (a

saving of \$5 per year on the current Australian subscription rate). The price of printed and posted editions/issues of “The Orchadian” to Australian subscription will be \$75 per year and \$100 per year for overseas subscribers. Currently the cost for posting overseas is independent of the destination. These prices may have to be raised again for the period beyond 1 July 2025 because it cannot be estimated with any accuracy how many subscribers will opt for the digital version and how much the printing (highly dependent on the number printed and thus the number of subscribers opting for the digital version) and posting will cost.

There have been a number of departures from the ANOS Inc. council. These departures included (in alphabetical order) Carole Barnett (councillor and webmaster), David Brewster (treasurer) and Callyn Farrell (vice-president). Warren Wilcox (councillor) has also indicated that he will not be seeking or accepting a position at the 2023 annual general meeting (AGM).

A special thanks goes to Nette Meggetto who has been redirecting the mail received at the Officer, Victoria post box since 1 July 2023 resulting in a costs saving for ANOS Inc. A new postal address is being organised through Barry Moore. The hope is that this postal address will be more permanent and will not have to change with changes in office bearers.