

AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHID SOCIETY INC. NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7 SEPTEMBER 2024

Awards

In the twelve months from the beginning of August 2023 to the end of July 2024, the ANOS judging panel granted thirty-seven awards. The vast majority went to dendrobiums (including six dockrillias). Of the rest, there were three *Sarcochilus*, one *Peristerchilus*, three plants of *Cymbidium canaliculatum*, and one *Mediocalcar*.

Twenty-three of the awards were granted by the NSW panel, eleven by the Northern Regional panel, and three by the Victorian panel. There were twelve Awards of Cultural Commendation, one Award of Distinction, fourteen Highly Commended Certificates, nine Awards of Merit and one First Class Certificate.

Details and photographs of all awarded plants can be viewed under the judging tab on the ANOS Inc. web site.

The 2024 spring show season is underway and the NSW and Northern Regional panels have granted awards at their regions' shows. August 2024 was the hottest on record, with the nation experiencing temperatures more than 3 degrees Celsius above the long-term average. This hot weather played havoc with the development and longevity of the flowers of *Dendrobium speciosum* in particular but also affected other species and hybrids. It will be interesting to see whether the effects of this weather will keep award numbers down.

The Regional Panels

Gerry Smee remains the NSW regional registrar, Pam Porteous has taken over from Graham Corbin as registrar for the Northern Regional panel. Richard Johnson remains registrar of the Victorian panel.

The Victorian panel has been increased by the addition of Warren Brooks whose elevation to full judge status was ratified by the Judging sub-Committee in April.

Electronic Judging Course

The Northern Regional Panel continues to conduct its first electronic judging course. The training material is comprehensive and its production has been far more time-consuming than initially envisaged. It is hoped that it will provide the basis for a new, more flexible model of judging course suitable for all regions, making use of modern technology which allows for participation by candidates who could not attend a series of classes held at a fixed venue at a fixed time. A detailed report on this first electronic course will be presented as soon as possible after its completion.

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