

President's report for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 for the 2024 Annual General Meeting

by David James (President)

For the period associated with the 2023/2024 financial year the ANOS Inc. council has arranged for the publishing of printed issues of "The Orchadian", of around 44 pages, being posted to subscribers four times a year. It was hoped that the publishing of "The Orchadian" could return to the March, June, September and December timeframe. This did not occur. "The Orchadian" has not been published on time for an extended period now (including for some time before the 2023/2024 financial year). One of the reasons for the late publishing of "The Orchadian" is a lack of suitable material. Each issue of "The Orchadian" is a set size of around 44-48 pages and until the editor has enough suitable material to fill 44-48 pages the issue cannot be published.

The ANOS Inc. council has also provided background and support for the ANOS judging system to provide judges for monthly meeting and show benches plus the conferring awards.

Unfortunately, since the last AGM on Saturday 2 December 2023 the ANOS community has sadly lost John Andrews of Narara, NSW; David Butler of Kincumber, NSW; Alan Stephenson (life member) of Nowra, NSW; John Hazelwood of Brighton, Queensland; Emil Dallmer of Corrimal, NSW and George Mayne of Wollongong, NSW, that ANOS council is aware of. These identities will be greatly missed.

The ANOS (Geelong Group) Inc. has been provided with funds from the conservation fund to assist with repair of the protective orchid enclosure fencing around a colony of *Caladenia* sp. aff. *fragrantissima* (Inverleigh) [Inverleigh Spider-Orchid] and for the upgrading (replacement) of the enclosure gates.

The financial position of ANOS Inc. is similar to last year and the two years before that with an underlying net loss of between \$9,213.55 and \$7,869.19 (\$9,213.55 for the 2020/2021 financial year, \$8,785.68 for the 2021/2022 financial year, \$7,914.91 for the 2022/2023 financial year and \$7,869.19 for the 2023/2024 financial year). The council is aware of this continuing loss and has increased the subscription fees and is decreasing operating costs in 2024/2025 financial year to address this issue. Subscription fees have been increased because they were 94.5% of the income for ANOS Inc. in the 2023/2024 financial year. The changes made are not expected to allow ANOS Inc. to breakeven for the 2024/2025 financial year and additional changes, in subsequent years, should be expected to again allow ANOS Inc. to breakeven. In addition, there was a number of one off accounting corrections making last year's position look worse than it actually is plus the theft of \$4,209.70 by a sophisticated legitimate claim replacement by a scammer.

The 2024 annual general meeting is the conclusion of my term as president. The constitution does not allow for the president's term to exceed three consecutive years. I would like to sincerely thank all the ANOS Inc. council members during the last three years for their support.