

Another year has passed, and Societies and membership seem to be recovering from Covid days. We still need to do more to attract new members. This will require a different approach than the past to attract the next generation of orchid enthusiasts. At the big shows it is apparent that there are more orchid growers out there than in the past, but they are not joining clubs.

The major concern is that there are the same people doing the work and younger members are reluctant to join committees.

Irene and I have embarked on a project to grow orchids in a confined area (indoors) using readily available shelves and lights, we will write up our results and methods in the coming months as an example of what growers can do in the smaller houses and gardens now available. I believe that encouraging new members to grow orchids indoors is an element of the future. In any case we need new ideas as we seem to be stuck in the past.

Our (ANOS) future depends on attracting future generations.

The past year has been successful, however the transition of the Orchadian has been slow and disappointing. This means that the committee needs a rethink on how we progress to maintain economic viability of The Orchadian and ANOS. The economic pressures for ever increasing postage will result in increased subscription cost and more opting for a digital copy rather than the print or leaving. We have changed from offset printing to digital printing which will lower the costs and make them more scalable. This has been achieved with minimal loss in print quality.

The Ira Butler Trophies have been judged and will be in the September Orchadian. It has been suggested that societies consider submitting and paying for the entries of their members as a means of increasing the participation.

I'd like to thank all of the committee for the hard work and dedication over the last 12 months

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