

ORCHID COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND NEWSLETTER

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President's Message: Keith Smart

I have returned home from a delightful trip to Japan, the most memorable part being my participation as a judge at the prestigious Tokyo Grand Prix Orchid Show. The exceptional quality and presentation of the plants were truly inspiring, a standard we should all strive to achieve.

The orchid world has entered a new year, 2025, with various meetings and events already under way. I encourage you to consider your club's long-term future, welcoming new members to your committee and gradually guiding them through the club's responsibilities. While recycling is commendable, relying solely on past officers to fill vacancies is not ideal. Our orchid community needs fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and enthusiastic individuals to ensure the continued vitality of our clubs and judging panels, and national executives going long-term.

I would appreciate it if you could take the time to review the draft OCNZ constitution attached to this newsletter. Your feedback before and at the AGM in June would be most welcome, so that any necessary corrections or improvements can be made. Please ensure your club's constitution is updated to maintain your organisation's registration. If you encounter any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact me; resources are available to assist you.

AGM Papers

You will find attached to the email that brought you this newsletter:

- 1: The first advance notice of the AGM, including date and venue, and a nomination form for the OCNZ elections. Please read this notice as it contains information about when remits are due to our secretary (March 30) and that OCNZ will be tabling two remits ourselves – one regarding an increase in capitation and the other putting forward the revised OCNZ constitution for approval.
- 2: The revised OCNZ constitution for perusal and comment.
- 3: Your society/club may nominate someone from another society/club so long as you have their permission to do so (nominations close April 30).

Help Keep the Yearbook Afloat

We're asking clubs to consider a donation to help meet the Yearbook's printing costs. Due to never-ending rising costs, we now have bill for a per copy cost that's quite a bit more than we receive from capitation. Donations may be made to a/c number **02-0727-0548974-00** using your club/individual name and 'YB printing' in the reference fields. We thank you most sincerely in advance.

Australian Orchid Conference & Show 2025

When: Wednesday, October 1 to Sunday, October 5.

Where: Woolgoolga, 2 hours' drive south of Gold Coast airport.

Speakers: Dr Ashley Field; Chris Cobb; David Banks; Michael Coker; Scott Barrie (all Australia); and Dr Fred Clarke (US); Wenqing Perner (China); Ximena Portillo (Ecuador) and Canh Chu Xuan (Vietnam).

Registration: Earlybird until July 31 \$A220. Full details from the [website](#).