

ORCHID COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND NEWSLETTER

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Vice-President's Message: Allan Rae

Another year and another *Yearbook* has been published. Almost 850 copies have been distributed so I hope you have your copy. If not, make sure you get to your next club night, or contact your club. Then I hope you enjoy it! After 6 years, this was my final *Yearbook* as managing editor so the hunt is on for someone to take on the role. I hasten to add that this is not a solo show, there is good support from assistant editor Phil Thomsen; Murray Dean and Glenys MacRae (OCNZ awards); Noel Townsley (NZOS awards); our vigilant proof-reader Joy Hopson; and Toby Marris (advertising sales). The next few months are an 'editorial breather' but new material will start to appear in the inbox from October. This flow of articles (hopefully) continues to the deadline at the end of February, and editing and proof-reading fills the remaining time until the book goes to our experienced and helpful printer at the beginning of April. If you're interested in knowing more about the role please [email me](#) or [Phil Thomsen](#).

Iwitahi Orchid Reserve Visit June 12 (pre-Judges' Symposium)

Toby Marris will be at the reserve from about 10am on Friday, June 12, aiming to enter the reserve at about 10.15am to do a full circuit and inspection, so will be there till 1.30-2pm. "Anyone en route to Napier will be welcome to join me, I am not expecting to see much in the orchid line but it will be an opportunity for people to get an idea of our work there." For those unsteady on their feet, the group could do an entry at the Napier end and a short walk in either direction from that point. Please [email Toby](#) for more details.

50th Anniversary Cake

OCNZ will mark its 50th anniversary with a brief speech and a cake-cutting on **Sunday, June 14 at 12.45pm** between the end of the Judges' Seminar and the opening of the AGM. We invite all judges and AGM delegates to join us.

Incorporated Society Obligations Continue after Re-registration

Once registered under the 2022 Act, societies have ongoing responsibilities to make sure they continue to operate properly. These include maintaining your governance structure, holding annual general meetings, keeping accurate records, and providing required information to the Companies Office. Even if your society is also a registered charity, you still have obligations to the Companies Office. For example, you must keep officer details and contact addresses up to date, as well as amendments to your constitution. To help societies stay on track – especially when roles change – use our simple checklist as a practical reference.

[Checklist: life after registering under 2022 Act \[PDF, 369 KB\]](#)

[Read more: Your responsibilities as an incorporated society](#)

What Happens to Your Orchids After You Die?

At the request of a club member, OCNZ has drawn up a simple Statement of Wishes document as a guideline we hope will be helpful (it has been checked by a lawyer). Along with your will, you can leave a direction to your Executors as to how they will deal with your orchid collection. This document should be kept with your will and updated as needed. Unlike a will, however, it is a non-binding document. Please request a copy, which can be adapted as you wish, from the [newsletter editor](#) and one will be sent to you.