

# Orchid Council of New Zealand Newsletter

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## Presidents Message – Glenys MacRae

Following the late January floods in Auckland I didn't think the weather could get any worse but then along came Cyclone Gabrielle. OCNZ sends its very best wishes to our friends in Northland, Auckland, Tairāwhiti Gisborne, and Hawke's Bay. Our thoughts are with you as you face the hard work ahead.

## Election of OCNZ Officers

In an Expo year there is no AGM, instead the election of officers is carried out by postal ballot. Orchid societies will receive nomination forms very soon. All positions are open for nomination and in particular OCNZ requires a new Treasurer. If you enjoy working with numbers and would like to be involved at the national level this could be the role for you. The current committee will stay in office until after the Expo which means there will be ample time for a comprehensive hand over from our Acting Treasurer, Graham Jackson. By October the new incumbent will be well versed in the Treasurer's duties. If you would like to know more about this role please contact me, Glenys MacRae, on email: [macraeg@gmail.com](mailto:macraeg@gmail.com)

## Orchid of the Year Winners

The COA (Committee on Awards) has great pleasure in announcing the 2022 Orchids of the Year. Congratulations to you all! Articles about these award-winning plants will appear in the 2023 Yearbook. Photos of these stunning award-winning orchids can be viewed [here](#).

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### Cultural of the Year

Pterostylis aff. montana 'Corbell' CCE/OCNZ (2022) (91.00 pts), Ernie & Joan Corbett (Taranaki)

### Species of the Year

Sarcochilus weinthalii 'Memoria David Hutchins' AM/OCNZ (2022) (82.67 pts), Patricia Hutchins (Wairoa)

## COA Chair

OCNZ is pleased to announce the appointment of Murray Dean from Taranaki as the new COA Chair. Murray will commence this role in April and has a number of ideas to streamline the way we do things which he would like to explore further with the COA. We look forward to working with Murray during the year.

## NZ Orchid Expo & More 2023

If you haven't had a chance to read the latest Expo Newsletter [read here](#).

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To all Society Secretaries please forward this newsletter onto your members. We would like to reach as many orchid growers as possible.

Thank you