



## President's Message: Glenys MacRae

Many thanks to the Orchid Foundation Trust and the Orchid Societies that made generous donations to the Yearbook colour fund. Disappointingly OCNZ's funding applications to Pub Charity and The Lion Foundation were unsuccessful this year. Yearbooks will be distributed to societies late May/early June.



In mid-April the Hibiscus Coast Orchid Society was given a presentation about my travels to Singapore and the 2023 APOC Show (Asia Pacific Orchid Conference). If you have visited the Singapore National Orchid Garden you will know that there is an area called the VIP garden where new hybrids are named after visiting dignitaries and VIP's. Following my talk Susan Tucker messaged me to say that the Singapore Orchid Garden had just named a Dendrobium after our Prime Minister, Chris Luxon, while he was visiting the country. The orchid is Dendrobium Christopher Luxon described by a reporter as having purple, yellow and white petals, registered 15/4/24. Should we approach Chris to fund our next expo now that he knows about orchids?

## National Judges' Seminar & OCNZ AGM: June 1-3

Just a reminder that bookings for the Saturday evening dinner at the national seminar close on May 30, and that the cost of registering for the seminar is now \$55 a person, see attached forms. The seminar and OCNZ AGM are being held at the Auto Lodge in New Plymouth at King's Birthday Weekend.

## 2024 Show Dates

Thanks to the good work of club contacts and our Yearbook editors, the OCNZ website has updated the [Show Dates calendar](#) for this year and even a few into 2025. These dates will also appear in the forthcoming *Orchids 2024 Yearbook*.

## Requirement to Revise Constitutions

If your club is an incorporated society, there is a legal requirement for you to review and revise your constitution to re-register under the Incorporated Societies Act by April 2026. If this hasn't been done by the deadline, your club will lose its status (and also its charitable status if registered as a charity). The Government has a free online [constitution builder available here](#). Some clubs have already done the work, so we urge anyone still pondering to get cracking as we all know how time disappears! If you're unsure what it would mean to not be an incorporated society, there is some [good information here](#).

## OCNZ Facebook

Don't forget that we are happy to receive posters and flyers about upcoming shows and events for our Facebook page, or share your own posts with the OCNZ page to increase the number of 'eyeballs' seeing your event. Email to [ocnzeditor@gmail.com](mailto:ocnzeditor@gmail.com) for us to post. [See the page here](#).

## Vale – Trevor Signal

Trevor passed away in Mt Maunganui on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. Trevor had been a member of the Bay of Plenty and Tauranga Orchid Societies, and had been an OCNZ judge. Our condolences go to Pam and family.

## Vale – Rossy Fleischer

We were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Rossy Fleischer in mid-April. Rossy was a member of several Auckland based societies, and was an observer on the Auckland OCNZ Judging Panel. Originally from Germany, Rossy was a trained horticulturist who had recently purchased land North West of Auckland where he planned to set up an orchid nursery. Our condolences go to Rossy's family and friends.