

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016

Good evening.

This meeting will be my last as president. It has been a successful time being awarded the AOC conference and continuing in our efforts to secure the WOC. I am very aware that I am but the figurehead, all the real work being done by Veronica and Ralph who are indispensable. Veronica is a magnificent secretary for us and does an amazing job ensuring we do what we need to. Ralph runs our finances and protects all our funds in these hard economic times. All members of our executive volunteer their time and all add with their varied abilities. Irene Bodell is a tireless worker attending many society meetings, judging and working for the Ira Butler committee. Ian Chalmers is our Registrar, represents us nationally and is working very hard to rationalise the import and now the export processes in this country. Garrie Bromley is our metropolitan registrar but more importantly, Lesley is our judging secretary and both give their extensive knowledge and experience in shows and judging. Peter and Jane D'Olier both work within the judging system and with the SOS committee. Jean and Geoff Fulcher have given their great experience in many areas and Geoff's financial background has been greatly appreciated in our show negotiations. Gary Hart adds his experience and show knowledge as well as overseeing the judging processes at RAS. Ken Siew is our national representative, a respected and knowledgeable judge and has a unique ability to dissect possible difficulties in our endeavours. Toni is our editor, webmaster and works in the OOW committee. Mal Stone heads the OOW committee and Frank Daniel the SOS committee. We thank them and all their members for their work in making these shows the successes they are. Our regional registrars including Scott Barrie, Kevin Hipkins, Dick Cooper, Bob Wilson and Peter Stubbs all work hard to keep our judging processes available for our regional members. John Allen, Wendy Dhu and John McAuley assist Ian with the awards preparation and John is overseeing the metropolitan Orchid Appreciation Course which we all appreciate. Everyone needs to remember that all the above freely give their time for no reward. There are many who do the little things which keeps us going, setting up the halls, the shows, and most importantly, the supper. Without these volunteers, our events would not be as successful and as volunteers they need to be appreciated and congratulated for their efforts. August will see a new executive elected and I move to immediate past president. We are always looking for new members to continue our effective management. I am sure the Society will continue to flourish and we will further promote the appreciation of our flowers.

Chris Dalrymple