



# Australian Native Orchid Society - Macarthur Group

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**Next Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2020**

**Life Members:** Mr. J. Riley, M. T. Cooke, and W. & M. Southwell, A. & C. Asquith. (J. English)

**Conservation Officer:**

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**Venue: BIRRAWA HALL**

**Should you wish to pay into our account for your fees**

**FITZPATRICK ROAD**

**BSB 062517 A/C 00909929**

**Mt. ANNAN.**

**Doors open 7.00pm, benching closes 7.55pm, meeting starts 8pm**

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**Hi to All**

**Many thanks to Jim Cootes for his very good presentation at the last video meeting.**

**Congratulations to Carol & Tony for plant of the night and Mike Harrison for popular choice. It was great to have the photo online orchid show, a great help in keeping the group involved. Well done to Ross and Greg for putting all this together and making it work.**

**Personal meeting again back in the hall, will be good to see you all. The meeting will have to comply with certain Corona virus regulations from both the Camden Council and State Legislation.**

**IMPORTANT if you have any symptoms or flu or are running a temperature, had contact with an overseas traveller, DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING.**

**There will be equipment available and social distancing will be necessary.**

**Annual General Meeting and election of Committee at this meeting, don't be shy about putting your hand up to serve on the committee.**

**Discussions will be held with Oran Park Shopping Centre management and a report will be made to the meeting on the viability of the orchid shows there.**

**The kitchen at the hall will not be available to the members, so there will be no supper at the meeting. If any member requires refreshment, they will have to bring their own. No sharing of any food.**

**At future meetings there will be photo-video judging for non-attending members and Ross will be giving more details on this.**

**Due to the corona virus, there will be no sales table until further notice, but if you need any supplies, ring through an order to Margaret and she will bring it to the next meeting.**

**Good growing and stay safe**

**Wally**  
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**Dear Members**

As part of a return to face to face meetings we are required to meet various COVID 19 safety and responsibility plans. It is vitally important we don't get complacent to the issues and dangers around this virus. It's important that social distancing and proper hygiene is maintained at our meetings.

The following information should be noted and all intending to attend on 21 July should email Ross at [ross.morrison1559@gmail.com](mailto:ross.morrison1559@gmail.com) prior to the meeting indicating you'll be attending.

- Do not attend if you are unwell or been in contact with anyone with COVID 19;
- Temperature checks and attendee register must be completed by all attending;
- Hand sanitizer must be used as appropriate during the meeting;
- Social distancing will be required at the meeting / ZOOM meeting alternatives are available;
- No supper will be provided on the night;
- Members are encouraged to register with the COVIDSafe.app;
- Ross Morrison will act as the MANOS COVID 19 Safety Coordinators.

Look forward to seeing as many members as possible on the night.

Ross Morrison  
Secretary.

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## **PRESENTATION WHAT JUDGES LOOK AT WHEN YOU BENCH A PLANT**

### **THIS IS HOW YOU PRESENT YOUR PLANT**

Many members wonder why their plant, which has a lovely flower on it does not win a prize in its class. Often it is because the plant has not been prepared by its owner.

1. all dead leaves should be removed, as well as weeds.
2. plants should be cleaned so that there are no signs of scale or insects.
3. any dying or dead flowers should be removed.
4. plants should be staked so they are firm in the pot, not left to ramble everywhere.
5. flowers should be staked to show them off to their best advantage without being obtrusive.
6. staking correctly means that they should not tied to the stake above the ovary on single flowering orchids, and not tied above the bottom flower on multi flowering orchids. If your orchid is one that branches you may tie up to, but below the last branch.
7. clean your pots, they do not have to be immaculate but dirty pots do not improve presentation. Presentation of your plants goes a long way in showing off your plants to their best advantage - making people admire them.