

FROM THE EDITOR - LAURENCE MAY

MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER Members are reminded that the Membership year begins on June 1st each year. Annual Subscriptions are now due for 2017-2018. Subscription payments per the schedule on page two are to be posted to: Secretary, The Irish Orchid Society c/o National Botanic Gardens, Dublin, D09 E7F2. If you prefer, you may use the Credit Card/PayPal form at our website: www.irishorchidsociety.org/membership.php

By now all members should be aware of our website, so beautifully designed and administered by our Committee Member Lisa Coffey. If you haven't yet, please visit and appreciate her skill and construction.

This issue of *Pollinia* is dedicated to the memory of Mildred A. Maffei Selvitella of Cambridge, Massachusetts, a dear friend to the editor for fifty years and a loyal supporter of the IOS, who passed away on June 19, 2017. We will all miss her so very much. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.*

My best wishes to all for a continued good summer with, if we're fortunate, extended periods of sun and warmth.



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22 November - Monday 1 January



Front Cover: *Caleana major*, the Flying Duck Orchid, is a small orchid found in eastern and southern Australia. This terrestrial plant features a remarkable flower, resembling a duck in flight.

Caleana major can NOT be cultivated. Not even skilled expert growers have succeeded. There are no plants for sale. Under Australian legislation it is a protected plant and it is illegal to remove it from the wild. More details may be found on the Native Orchid Society of South Australian website (nossa.org.au)

