



BY-LAWS OF THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

These By-laws are the instruments by which the committee of The Orchid Society of New South Wales manages the day to day administration of the Society.

They are designed to complement the Rules of the Society. In any case where conflict between the Rules and these By-laws seems to occur, the Rules are superior.

Definitions

Society means The Orchid Society of New South Wales Incorporated.

Registrar means the Registrar of Judges duly elected by the Principal Judging Panel.

Committee means the committee of the Society

Principal Panel means the principal Judging Panel

AOC means the Australian Orchid Council

1. Classes of Membership

Metropolitan members are members whose primary residence is within a 100km radius of the place where general meetings are held.

Country and Interstate members are members whose primary residence is outside that distance.

Junior members are 17 years of age and under for the whole of the financial year of the Society. Junior members may not vote on any topic at any meeting for nor nominate candidates for election.

Joint members are two members who reside at the same residence and exhibit jointly. They shall receive one copy of the Society bulletin and communications only.

Life members are elected as noted in the Rules. Members should have given outstanding service to the Society for a minimum of ten years.

2. Membership Fees

Subscription shall be set from time to time by the Committee and are:

- Single Metropolitan Member \$25.00
- Joint Metropolitan Members \$32.00 (i.e. \$27 m'ship and \$5 for insurance)
- Single Country and Interstate Member \$22.00
- Joint Country and Interstate Member \$29.00 (i.e. \$24 m'ship and \$5 for insurance)

Subscriptions are due and payable on 1st July in each year. They must be paid in full by 30th September to remain a member.

In addition a joining fee of \$10 is required.

3. Exhibiting at Shows and Meetings

Members may show plants and displays separately or jointly.

4. Visitors

Except by special authorisation by the Committee a visitor may only visit the general meetings of the Society three times in any one financial year. An authority on orchids visiting Australia may be made by the Committee an Honorary member of the Society for the duration of their stay with all rights and privileges of membership except voting and holding office.

5. Judging

All members of the Society who have been approved by the Committee as judges are appointed as members of the Principal Judging Panel. Judging panel members are required to be trained and experienced as required by the Committee. The Registrar shall recommend those requirements to the Committee. Only members of the Society may become judges and remain judges. On becoming unfinancial a Judge must be approved again by the Committee after payment of outstanding dues and before resuming the appointment.

The Registrar is Chair of the Principal Panel, is responsible for the administration of judging within New South Wales and represents New South Wales judges on the AOC Judging and

Awards Standing Committee. A Deputy Registrar, Assistant Registrar and Secretary may be appointed by the Principal Panel to assist with the administration.

Judging panels are organised by region within New South Wales. There are four, namely Metropolitan panel, Hunter and Mid North Coast panel, Far North Coast panel and South and West panel. Each panel has responsibility for administering Show judging within its region for orchid societies affiliated with the Society. A Panel leader shall be elected by each panel from among themselves. Each panel is responsible to the Principal Panel. The Registrar is a members of all Regional panels.

Judging practice for Shows and for Awards shall be as required by Judging guidelines and rules provided by the AOC together within any modification approved by the Principal Panel.

6. Affiliation

Orchid societies with objects similar to those of the Society may on payment of a fee become affiliated to the Society. Included in their constitution must be:

- a. a prohibition of distribution of income and/or assets among members during the existence or at the closure of the society;
- b. a prohibition of granting awards to any plant or owner of any plant, and
- c. that judging shall be in accordance with the Rules and By-laws of the Society.