

**Maroondah Orchid Society Incorporated ('MOS')  
SPRING SHOW 2025**

## **SPRING SHOW ENTRY CONDITIONS**

### **1. MEMBERS' ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER PLANTS IN THE SHOW**

- (a) To enter plants in the show, you must:
- (1) Be a financial member of MOS.
- Membership fee is to be paid by September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Club meeting night, prior to the Show.**

### **2. ELIGIBLE PLANTS**

- (a) Plants that:
- (1) Have been owned **and** grown by a member for at least the 9 months leading up to the show, may be entered **competitively** by that member; and
  - (2) Have **not** been owned **and** grown by a member for at least the 9 months leading up to the show, may be shown '**non-competitively**' by that member and are ineligible for any prize

### **3. SECTIONS**

- (a) There are 3 sections in the show. The sections are Open, Intermediate and Novice.
- (b) Each member is classified as exhibiting primarily in either of the Novice, Intermediate or Open section.
- (c) A member who:
- (1) Exhibits in the **Novice section** at MOS monthly meetings is classified in the **Intermediate** section.  
Exceptions to the above are the Special Cymbidium Classes (47B & 48B) which are exclusively for novice growers.
  - (2) Exhibits in the **Intermediate** section at MOS monthly meetings are classified in the **Intermediate** section.
  - (3) Is not classified in the **Novice** or the **Intermediate** section is classified in the **Open** section.
- (d) A Novice or Intermediate section member may, without prejudice to his or her Novice or Intermediate status, enter plants in Open section classes where a corresponding Intermediate/Novice or Novice class does not exist.

### **4. ENTERING COMPETITIVE PLANTS INTO CLASSES & PLANT LABELLING**

- (a) Member's plants will be entered in the **class** appropriate for the particular plant and the **section** in which the member exhibits.
- (b) It is the sole responsibility of the **judges** to ensure that plants are entered into the correct classes. Open & Intermediate members should not enter plants into individual classes on the Exhibitor Registration Form. Novice members must record all plants entered into individual classes on the Exhibitor Registration Form.
- (c) Plants entered in '**Notifiable**' classes must be individually recorded on a Notifiable Class Advice Sheet (available from Show Marshall).. The letter 'N' beside a class on the Show Schedule denotes a 'Notifiable' class.
- (d) To ensure plants can be judged correctly by the judges, they must be labelled correctly. Each plant label must:
- (1) Be of approximate credit card size;

- (2) Contain the name of the plant and the member's membership number (eg. C8). Your member's membership number is the first set of numbers at the start of the address sticker on the M.O.S. Newsletter. Your membership number will also be available at the September general meeting.

NOTE. Your membership number is only required on the label if the plant is exhibited on the members stand or on a display staged by more than one member. Ask the Show Marshal if you are unsure of your membership number.

The lettering must be legible 2 metres from the label.

and

- (3) Have attached to it:
- (A) If the member is in the Intermediate section - a yellow dot;
  - (B) If the member is in the Novice section - a blue dot;
  - (C) If the plant is entered in a Notifiable class - a red dot; and

Plant labels and coloured dots are available from the Show Marshal free of charge upon registration.

## 5. EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FORMS

- (a) Members should enter on an Exhibitor Registration Form the following details in the appropriate place:
- (1) The Member's **Membership Number**,
  - (2) The Member's **Judging Section**,
  - (3) The Member's **name, address and phone number** and
  - (4) Novice Exhibitors to enter plant details for all show entries.
- (b) Completed Exhibitor Registration Forms must be handed to the Show Marshal before **5.30pm - Friday night of Show set up**

## 6. SEEDLINGS

- (a) '**Seedling**' means a plant grown from seed that has not been divided.
- (b) A plant, eligible for a seedling category must be a plant flowering for the first time.
- (c) A seedling retains its status as a seedling throughout the flowering season in which it is first shown.

## 7. STAGING PLANTS AND DISPLAYS

- (a) Competitive plants must be labelled in accordance with clause 4(d).
- (b) Non-competitive plants must be clearly labelled 'Non-competitive'.
- (c) Plants and stands must be ready for judging by 6.30pm on Friday 27nd September 2024.

## 8. JUDGING

- (a) Judging will be in accordance with the judging standards endorsed by the Orchid Societies Council of Victoria ('OSCOV') except in the case of displays (refer section 11 – Displays)
- (b) According to OSCOV standards:
  - (1) A small flowered cymbidium - hybrid has flowers that are less than 65mm across the widest part of the flower;
  - (2) A medium flowered cymbidium - hybrid has flowers that are between 65mm and 90mm (inclusive) across the widest part of the flower; and
  - (3) A large flowered cymbidium - hybrid has flowers that are more than 90mm across the widest part of the flower.
- (b) The judges have the power to withhold any prize in any class if they are of the opinion that no exhibit is worthy of the prize.

- (c) The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into

**9. FLORAL ART DISPLAYS – Open to all members for Champion Floral Art Award**

- (a) All entries should be registered with the Spring Show Marshal, David Cannon 0418394282 by Wednesday 24th September 2025. Entries not registered with the Show Marshal by the date shown may not be eligible for judging.
- (b) With respect to entries:
- (1) The only flowers that may be used are orchid flowers;
  - (2) Fresh or dried foliage, seed heads and berries may be used;
  - (3) Accessories may be used;
  - (4) Entries must fit within a 60cm x 60cm area.
- (c) Floral art entries are to be staged by 6.30pm on Friday 27th September 2024.

**10. MINI STAND DISPLAYS – (Refer Show Schedule part 2 Displays)**

- (a) All entries should be registered with the Spring Show Marshal, David Cannon 0418 394282 by Wednesday 24th September 2025. Entries not registered with the Show Marshal by the date shown may not be eligible for judging.
- (b) With respect to entries:
- (1) Board size 60cm x 60cm
  - (2) Board must be completely covered (i.e) cloth or foliage
  - (3) Number of plants 1 – 5 maximum
  - (4) No limit of foliage plants or props (i.e) Rocks, logs etc.
  - (5) Foliage plants not to have flowers
  - (6) No maximum of height
  - (7) Judged on Appreciation
    - A. Overall appearance.
    - B. Quality of display.
    - C. Quality of the finished stand.
    - D. Labelling.
    - E. Balance, arrangement & colour
    - F. All flowers to be on the plant.
- (c) All orchids placed on the Mini Stands are eligible to be judged in their classes as per the Show Schedule.

**11. DISPLAYS**

A display to be judged as a - 'Display Incorporating a Theme', could be by one or more membership.

**A display is eligible for only one display Prize.**

**12. General**

- (a) The Show Marshal may at his sole discretion prohibit the entry into the hall, or require the removal from the hall, of any plant suspected of having virus or being otherwise diseased. All members acknowledge that it is a condition of entering plants competitively, or as non-competitive entries, that they agree not to dispute the exercise by Show Marshal of his discretion under this clause.
- (b) Smoking in the hall is prohibited during the setting up and staging of the Spring Show
- (c) The greatest care will be taken of all exhibits but the Show Marshal, the MOS committee and the Society will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any exhibit.
- (d) Without the permission of the Show Marshal, no exhibit may be removed from the Show until after 3pm on Sunday 28th September 2025.
- (e) **Any Member who wishes to sell plants at the Spring Show must exhibit plants at the Spring Show.**
- (f) Any matters concerning the interpretation of these Spring Show Entry Conditions shall be referred to the Show Marshal, whose decision shall be final and binding on all persons concerned.