

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC SALES TABLE STANDARDS AND RULES

The following sets out the rules and standards for the sale of plants at monthly meetings, shows or exhibitions conducted by Five Dock RSL Orchid Society.

The objectives of these rules and standards are to:

- **Preserve and enhance the good name of the Society by ensuring an acceptable standard of plants being sold and an acceptable conduct of selling the plants**
- **Encouraging ongoing good will and interest with those purchasing plants so that they purchase more plants in the future and become members of the Society**
- **Protect the reputation of the venue supporting the Society so that they continue this support**
- **Ensure equal fairness and opportunities for all members of the Society with the sale of plants**

1. Show and Sales Committee

- 1.1. The Executive Committee of the Society will establish a Show Committee and Show Marshall before each show to manage the conduct of and operate the Sales Table within these rules and standards.
- 1.2. The Show Committee Members/Marshall must wear an identifying badge while working on the sales table.
- 1.3. The Show Marshall or any member of the Show Committee shall examine all sale plants and have the right to not accept or remove from the sales table any plant which is deemed not to conform to the following standards.

2. Quality and Presentation of Plants

- 2.1. Plants must be healthy and free from disease and insects, with reasonable care, have a good chance of survival and flowering.
- 2.2. Plants may be in pots or on mounts.
- 2.3. Plants must be established, not have outgrown the container and must be clean and free from weeds.
- 2.4. Plants in flower must be presented in a pleasing manner and must have minimal flower spotting.
- 2.5. Plants must have a separate label securely placed in the pot clearly marked with the name of the plant. If the name of the plant is unknown then the plant shall be labeled "Unknown Parentage". The labels must be of an acceptable material and not considered potentially dangerous to purchasers (such as venetian blind material that may cut purchasers).

3. Rules of Sales

- 3.1. Members who provide plants for sale at shows shall be an exhibitor at that show or be a worker at that show and have attended a minimum of 4 monthly meetings .
- 3.2. All plants must be booked in on the official booking-in sheets and checked by a Show Committee member. All plant sales, actual sales prices and withdrawal of plants from sale must be recorded on the booking-in sheets. Payments by the Society to members for sale of plants will be based on the records kept on these booking-in sheets so the accuracy of these booking-in sheets is important.
- 3.3. Only 10 plants on the sales table will be accepted from each membership per day. More plants may be accepted and placed onto the sales table at the discretion of the Show Committee.
- 3.4. Plant sales will only commence after the judging of the Show Bench by the judging panel is completed.
- 3.5. Plants for sale must have removable yellow tags attached securely to the plant. These tags must clearly display the seller's identifying mark and the price required for the sale.
- 3.6. All plants shall be presented on the sales table and offered equally to potential purchasers irrespective of ownership.
- 3.7. When being sold, all plants must be described correctly and honestly so as to protect the reputation of the Society and the venue owner.
- 3.8. Plants benched in Shows that are also offered for sale may be sold provided they are not removed from the Show bench until 2 hours before the end of the Show.

4. Other

- 4.1. To assist with the recovery of the costs of running the Show (prize money, judges costs, awards etc), the Committee may raise money on behalf of the Society by holding raffles, selling fertilizer and providing plants for sale on the plant sales table.
- 4.2. The Committee and the Society shall take all reasonable care, but accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to plants whilst on the sales table or whilst being delivered to or from the sales table.