



HOW TO HAVE YOUR ORCHID CONSIDERED FOR AN OSCOV AWARD

Many orchid growers in Victoria flower fantastic orchids that are very worthy of consideration for an OSCOV Award.

OSCOV can grant a number of awards, including an award for **quality**, for **culture**, for **distinctiveness**, for **breeding quality** and/or for **rarity**.

Please note that just because an orchid is **considered** for an award does not mean it will be **granted** an award. OSCOV should, and has, high standards ☺ Receiving an OSCOV award is a very special achievement for an orchid grower.

This document sets out how your orchid can be considered for an OSCOV award.

- (a) In each case – your orchid will need to be seen **in-person** by OSCOV Judges, either at a Club monthly meeting, an OSCOV Show, or through other special arrangements made with the OSCOV Registrar.
- (b) At a Club monthly meeting or an OSCOV Show – the OSCOV Judges will always consider whether orchids at that event should be considered for an OSCOV award. If they think an orchid is potentially worthy – they will let you (or the relevant Club official) know. In that event – you will be advised of what next needs to happen, which may include taking photographs.
- (c) Where OSCOV has not initiated the award consideration process itself under (b), OSCOV suggests that, unless you are an experienced orchid grower and you have a good idea of the required attributes for an OSCOV award, you seek the opinion of an OSCOV Judge about the orchid you're considering submitting, before proceeding further. Even if the Judge(s) canvassed don't give you positive feedback – if you still want to pursue the award process, please do so.
- (d) Following (a) or (c) – if you would like to pursue the award process yourself, you need to contact the OSCOV Registrar (Glenda Coutts) on 0448 913 155 or at Glenda.Coutts@bigpond.com for details of the extra information, potentially including digital photographs and **measurement** photographs, that OSCOV will need to consider the award.

Here are some important **additional** matters you should always consider:

- (e) Time can be of the essence in the awarding process – flower condition can deteriorate quickly, insect or fungal damage can occur, or other undesirable events can also intervene. Please take **many** pictures (including the whole plant, a single stem, and a representative individual flower) as soon as you can.
- (f) If covid or other regulations restrict the ability of Judges to see your orchid in person – please immediately contact Glenda (on 0448 913 155 or at glenda.coutts@bigpond.com.au) for further instructions.
- (g) Please also feel free to contact Sharyn Bolitho (the OSCOV Awards Secretary) on 0422 220 645 or at oscovawards@gmail.com for help in the awarding process.
- (h) If your orchid **is** granted an OSCOV award – it will automatically be entered into the Victorian Orchids of The Year (**VOOTY**) competition, but you **must** also submit an award application form, and required photos. For more information:
 - (1) for a quality, culture, distinctiveness, or breeding quality award: [OSCOV-AwardApplicationForm@17.3.26.pdf](#)
 - (2) for a rarity award: [OSCOV-CBMAApplicationForm@17.3.26.pdf](#)