

LIFE MEMBERSHIP of the COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

Life Membership will be awarded a person to recognise that person's outstanding contribution to the Coffs Harbour Orchid Society over a significant period of time.

The awarding of Life Membership will be decided by the Committee of the CHOS after considering the eligibility and merit of the prospective Life Member.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

These criteria are provided to act as a guide for the Committee in assessing any application for Life Membership.

1. Length of membership of the CHOS should be a minimum of 15 years.
2. Served at least 5 years in a significant elected and/or non-elected role of the CHOS. This time may be in one role or in a combination of roles
3. The applicant should have played a major role in promoting the aims and objectives of the Society. This may have been achieved through participating in activities such as:
 - Serving as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or committee member.
 - Serving in one or more non-elected role such as Librarian, Public Officer, Publicity Officer, Catering Officer, Show Marshal, Agricultural Show Exhibit Organiser, Newsletter Editor.
 - Organising the Society's various activities both in-house and externally such as
 - the annual shows,
 - monthly meeting activities,
 - speakers for each meeting,
 - visits to orchid nurseries,
 - orchid displays at an external venue.
 - rosters, calendars, workshops,
 - Maintaining and updating the Society website, contributing to the Society newsletter etc.
 - Participating in the various activities of the Society. These could include taking an active part in meetings, competitions, shows, fund raising activities, Society excursions and workshops.
 - The applicant may have served the wider orchid community by speaking at other groups or Orchid Societies, becoming an accredited national judge or submitting articles to orchid publications or websites.
 - Any other factors that may be considered relevant by the Committee.

APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

1. There should be no more than one award per year unless there are exceptional circumstances. If more than one nominee then a waiting list may be developed
2. Completion of the 'Nomination for Life Membership' form. This may be done by committee or by members of the society. Application must be nominated and seconded by financial members, and signed by the nominee.
3. Application must be lodged with the Secretary of the CHOS.
4. Merits of application will be assessed by the CHOS Committee.
5. The Committee will discuss the application and the merits of the applicant and decide whether to award the Life Membership.
6. The nominee must agree to the award.
7. If the application is successful then Life Membership will be awarded to the applicant, usually at the Christmas Dinner/Awards Meeting.

ENTITLEMENTS OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

1. Awarding of Life Membership Badge.
2. Waiver of annual CHOS membership fees.

