



How to Apply for Membership of the Western Australian Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group

Eligibility

1. Any person who supports the values and objects of the association is eligible to apply to become a member. (See below)
2. An Ordinary Member must be 15 years or older.
3. An Associate Member must be 11 years or older and either be a full time student or normally reside outside of Western Australia.

Privacy

Please note that the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 requires an incorporated association to maintain an up-to-date register of its members.

The act also entitles any member to be able to inspect the register free of charge and make a copy or take an extract subject to conditions and charges determined by the committee.

To have access the member must first gain committee approval by detailing the reason for wanting access and if approved must then sign a statutory declaration stating the sole purpose of accessing the register is WANOSCG business.

The process

1. Fill out the application form (WANOSCG Application Form 2019)
 - a) Determine which class of membership is required
 - b) If applying for a family membership list the name of all members
 - c) Ensure all members under a family membership sign the application form
 - d) If possible get a WANOSCG club member to sign as a nominator

See below for details of Membership categories.

(Note that only new applications need a nomination. Existing members filling out the form to comply with the new constitution just need to complete their own details for the purposes of the WANOSCG record of members.)

2. Read the club's values and objectives below (as set out in our constitution) and sign the bottom of the application form . Then:
 - a) post it to WANOSCG, PO BOX 323, VICTORIA PARK WA 6979, or
 - b) email it to wanoscg@gmail.com, or
 - c) bring it along to our monthly meeting held at 7:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month (March to November) at the Botanic Gardens and Park Authority office, Kattidj Close (off Fraser Avenue), Kings Park, Perth.
3. Upon receiving notification that your application to join WANOSCG (Inc) has been accepted please pay the nomination and annual membership fees.

The fees and how to pay

A one-off Nomination fee of \$25 applies for each Individual or Family application. This entitles a new Individual or Family membership to one name badge, a car sticker and copies of the WANOSCG Constitution, By-laws and field trip guidelines and procedures. Additional badges are \$15.

Only new applicants need to submit a nomination fee. Existing members filling out the form to comply with the new constitution do not need to pay a nomination fee, only their annual fee under the scale according to membership class.

Annual membership fees

- a) Ordinary member \$35 (*\$25 discounted)
- b) Associate member \$20 (*\$15 discounted)
- c) Family membership \$45 (*\$30 discounted)
- d) Associate family membership \$40 (*\$25 discounted)

The Annual Membership Fee is due on 31 March of each year.

New membership applications received after 31 August of each year will be entitled to discounted annual fees as shown above*.

The following memberships shall have no nomination fees or annual fees:

- e) Life member
- f) Honorary member

Payment of the nomination and annual fees can be:

- a) made in person to the Treasurer, or
- b) by mail with cheques made out to WANOSCG and sent to:
WANOSCG, PO BOX 323, VICTORIA PARK WA 6979, or
- c) by electronic transfer to the club's bank account:
BSB: 306044, Bank name: Bankwest, Account number: 5492468

Note: If you choose to send money electronically please identify what the payment is for (eg Annual Fees, Nomination Fee) and send a copy of your electronic receipt with your name to wanoscg@gmail.com.

Membership classes

The membership classes are as follows:

- a) Ordinary membership as defined in Part 3 of the constitution. Applicant must 15 years or older.
- b) Associate membership as defined in Part 3 of the constitution with the following additional eligibility requirements.
 - i) Have reached the age of 11 years old or older; and
 - ii) Either:
 - normally reside outside of Western Australia; or
 - are a full-time student.
- c) The following membership classes are bestowed by the committee from time to time
 - i) Life membership.
 - In recognition of long term meritorious services rendered to WANOSCG
 - Having the rights of an ordinary member for life.
 - ii) Honorary membership.
 - In recognition of services rendered to WANOSCG.

- Having the rights of an associate member for the remainder of WANOSCG's financial year that is current at the time.

Family memberships

The ordinary and associate membership classes may be applied for individually, or as part of the following family memberships.

- a) Family membership, consisting of up to 2 ordinary memberships plus 3 associate memberships.
- b) Associate family memberships, consisting of up to 5 associate memberships.
- c) The above family memberships must reside at the one respective registered membership address and shall only be entitled to receive the one copy of all WANOSCG communications, notices and Bulletins sent to that one address.

OBJECTIVES AND VALUES OF WANOSCG

The Objectives are:

- a) To promote the interest in and preservation of Western Australian native orchids;
- b) To learn the best means of their conservation and cultivation and to promote their conservation in their natural environment;
- c) To learn their habitats and keep records of them in their natural environment;
- d) To have field days and learn to recognise their different genera and species;
- e) To hold meetings for the exchange of knowledge and furthering of the interest in Western Australian native orchids;
- f) To affiliate with kindred organisations;
- g) To make rules for the governing of the WANOSCG's affairs; and
- h) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

The Values are:

In pursuit of their objectives, WANOSCG's and its members' values are to:

- a) Act with integrity beyond reproach;
- b) Respect the environment;
- c) Respect fellow members and others, their communities and cultures and
- d) Strive for tangible, lasting outcomes.