

## INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

# **Membership**

For insurance purposes, every competitor must be a financial member of an Incorporated Working Sheepdog Association.

You must be a full member to register a dog with this Association.

The annual membership subscription is \$120 for full membership (competitors and breeders), \$35 for associate members and \$200 for a family, and is due and payable on January 1st each year. Juniors up to the age of 21 years may be registered without any membership fee.

#### **Registration of Dogs**

Each breeder must register a stud prefix for use exclusively in the naming of dogs bred by them. Each dog submitted for registration must be named and that name must not exceed two words in addition to the breeder's stud prefix. No name shall be given to a dog that is not indicative of its sex.

As a general rule, only sheepdogs with a documented or known history of pedigree can be registered. When application is made to register a dog(s) where there is no documented history of breeding, the Council will assess the appropriateness of the dog(s) being registered by:

- (a) making appropriate enquiries with the assistance of the owner of the dog(s) to establish their breeding history which would indicate that registration is appropriate. If the immediate sire and dam of the dog(s) to be registered can be identified and their working history and characteristics are consistent with the aims of the Association, the dog(s) should be formally registered.
- (b) If there is no documented or proven history of the dog(s) for which registration is being sought it will be necessary for the working ability of the dog(s) to be assessed by three Council members at a convenient time, taking into consideration the age of the dog(s) for which registration is being sought.

The fees for the individual registration of dogs is as follows;

(a) from a notified litter \$5.00/dog

(b) not from a notified litter, but

from a registered sire and dam \$10.00/dog (c) other than specified above \$50.00/dog

(inspection may be required)

## **Litter Registration**

Litters may be recorded within two months of birth. Particulars of the number of pups, their sex and colour must be supplied.

Fee \$5.00/litter

If the sire and/or dam of the litter are not already individually registered, application for their registration must be made at the time the litter is notified. If the sire of the litter is not owned by the breeder at the time of the service, a certificate of service must be forwarded with the application.

# **Transfer of Ownership**

Notification of the transfer of ownership of all dogs and pups sold must be officially recorded with the Association within two months.

Fee \$5.00/dog

### **Leases**

Notification of a lease agreement must be officially recorded with the Association within two months.

Fee \$5.00/dog

### **Forms**

All litter notifications, individual registrations, transfers, leases and details of services must be made on official forms, obtainable free of charge from the Secretary or downloaded from the Documents section of our website: www.sasheepdogtrials.com.au