

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

17° GEO. V., No. XLI.

No. 41 of 1926.

AN ACT for the affiliation of Agricultural Societies with the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia.

[Assented to 16th December, 1926.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Royal Agricultural Society Act*, 1926, and shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

“Agricultural Society” means and includes any society, club, association, or other body of persons, whether corporate or not, registered in pursuance of this Act.

“Agricultural Show” means and includes any show having for its principal object the exhibition of agricultural or pastoral products and live stock, including horses in action.

“Minister” means the Minister for Agriculture.

“The Royal Agricultural Society” means the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia Incorporated.

Registration of agricultural societies.

3. (1.) No society, club, association, or other body of persons, whether corporate or not, shall hold or promote an agricultural show unless and until such society, club, association, or other body of persons shall have become registered with the Royal Agricultural Society in the manner hereinafter prescribed, which registration shall be testified by the issue of a certificate in the form contained in the schedule to this Act.

(2.) In order to obtain such registration, there shall be lodged with the secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society an application in writing—

- (a) under the common seal, duly affixed, of the applicant, if a body corporate; or
- (b) signed by at least ten persons on behalf of a society, club, association, or body of persons not incorporated.

(3.) On receipt of such application the Royal Agricultural Society may grant such registration on payment of the prescribed fee:

Provided that registration shall not be refused if the application is made by or on behalf of a society, club, association, or body of persons established for agricultural show purposes before the commencement of this Act:

Provided also that, in any case, there shall be an appeal to the Minister from the refusal by the Royal Agricultural Society to register any society, club, association, or other body of persons, and effect shall be given by the Royal Agricultural Society to the decision of the Minister if the appeal is allowed and registration is directed.

4. The Royal Agricultural Society shall keep a register at its office in Perth, in which shall be entered the full name and the postal address of all agricultural societies registered under this Act; and such register shall be open for inspection during the office hours of the Royal Agricultural Society.

Register.

5. If any society, club, or association, or other body of persons, whether corporate or not, shall hold or promote an agricultural show in contravention of the provisions of this Act, the Royal Agricultural Society may proceed against such society, club, association, or body of persons, for an injunction to restrain it or them from so contravening the provisions of this Act.

Shows in contravention of this Act may be restrained by injunction.

6. (1.) Uniform by-laws governing all registered agricultural societies and the members thereof shall be made, and may be revoked, altered, or amended, by the council of the Royal Agricultural Society and delegates of the registered agricultural societies, present and meeting together, at a conference convened from time to time by the Royal Agricultural Society.

By-laws of registered societies.

At every such conference the President of the Royal Agricultural Society, if present, shall be chairman. In his absence the members of the council present may elect one of their number to be chairman for that meeting.

At every such conference the questions there considered shall be decided by open voting, and by the majority present. Each member of the council and each delegate present shall have one vote, and in the case of an equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(2.) Every registered agricultural society may make by-laws for the regulation of matters of local concern, and not inconsistent with the uniform by-laws made under subsection (1) of this section.

(3.) All such by-laws shall be subject to the approval of the Governor, and section thirty-six of the Interpretation Act, 1918, shall apply.

7. The Governor may make regulations enabling the cancellation of the registration of agricultural societies for breach of the by-laws, or for other sufficient cause; and prescribing all matters and things that it may be necessary or convenient to prescribe for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Regulations by the
Governor.

THE SCHEDULE.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ACT, 1926.

Certificate of Registration.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the _____ Society
has this day been registered by The Royal Agricultural Society of Western
Australia (Incorporated), in pursuance of the provisions of "the Royal
Agricultural Society Act, 1926."

Dated this _____
hundred and twenty _____

day of _____
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One thousand nine _____

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President.

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Secretary.