

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Following on from the Management Committee decision in March, there will not be a General Meeting in April, due to the continuation of the Covid-19 lockdown.

We want to keep everyone safe and protected from this virus, so we will be re-assessing the situation around June.

If there is any important information to be distributed to the members, it will be emailed out to everyone.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee Meeting which was scheduled for April was cancelled, and the EDOS Executive Committee made a decision to reschedule the meeting which was planned for 6 May to a date to be decided in early June. In the meantime, the Executive Committee will attend to any matters that require immediate attention. A decision will be made at the June meeting as to whether the EDOS Spring Show will go ahead.

Further meetings will be assessed as time goes on.



54th EDOS Inc SPRING SHOW

A decision will be made in June whether EDOS goes ahead with the Spring Show on 19 and 20 September,

2020. This decision will depend on the Government Restrictions that are in force, and will also be dependent

on whether the AOC makes a decision to allow the AOC Judges to return to judging. Once again these decisions are all made to keep our members safe and healthy.

As soon as a decision is made, we will notify everyone to allow for plenty of time to prepare for the Show.

EDOS Inc Show Vouchers

DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE SHOW, THE EXPIRY DATE FOR THESE VOUCHERS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 2020. THIS INCLUDES THE ABILITY TO USE THEM AT ANY OF OUR SPONSORS.

EDOS Inc's New Website

EDOS Inc's new website – www.edos.org.au - is now up and running. Please go in and have a look, and tell us what you think. Any suggestions will be taken on board. There is still a bit of information – eg more photos - to be put on, and if you have any other items you think may be of interest to others, please let us know. Contact webmaster Ray on webmaster@edos.org.au if you have any comments.

SOMETHING TO FILL IN THE GAPS

Because we don't have anywhere to show our flowering orchids at present, the Editor would like you to send in photos of your best flowering plants that are currently out in flower – just like taking them to the monthly meetings, only you don't need to go out.

The Rules will be:

- The plant must be currently in flower
- The plant must be yours, and you must have owned the plant for 6 months.
- The photo needs to be clear and of good quality, since it could end up in the Newsletter.

The best plants will be selected, and printed in the Newsletter (seeing as we don't have photos from the meetings). This will allow everyone to share what they are currently flowering. Just email me a good quality photo of the flower, with its name, or if you don't have email, you can post a copy. The top photos will be put into the Newsletter.

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Position Vacant

EDOS Inc is still looking a member who is willing to take on the position of Publicity Officer for EDOS Inc. The position is not a hectic one – most of the work is in the 3 or 4 months leading up to a Show. It needs someone who is computer-and internet savvy as most of our advertising is done via internet, emails and some post-outs. There is a spreadsheet with all of the "Who, When and Hows" to make the job easier. The Editor is currently covering the position, and is more than happy to provide assistance. If you are interested, please contact either Secretary Milton or Editor Janelle for more details.



Christmas in July

Our plans to hold our Christmas in July will be re-assessed closer to the date. Going ahead with the function will depend on a number of things, so we will keep you all informed.

Plant Sales at Monthly Meetings

To those members who are not familiar with the EDOS Inc By-Laws, By-Law 5 states that EDOS Inc members may, with the permission of the Committee, sell Plants at a General meeting. Such sales will attract a 15% Commission, to be credited to the Society.

So, if any of our members wish to sell at a meeting, please contact one of the Committee to confirm approval.

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UPCOMING SHOWS (pending for now)

What: Maroochydore Orchid Show
Where: Uniting Church, Cnr King & Gloucester St, Buderim
When: 07 and 08 August, 2020

What: ANOS Kabi
Where: Strathpine Community Centre, 119 Gympie Rd
When: 15 and 16 August, 2020

What: Logan & District Orchid Society
Where: Springwood State School, Springwood
When: 29 and 30 August, 2020

What: North Brisbane Orchid Society
Where: Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 29 and 30 August, 2020

What: Nambour Orchid Society
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 4 and 5 September, 2020

What: Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont
When: 5 and 6 September, 2020

What: West Brisbane Orchid Society
Where: Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 12 and 13 September, 2020

What: Eastern District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont
When: 19 and 20 September, 2020

What: Glasshouse Country Orchid Society
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Rd, Beerwah
When: 25 and 26 September, 2020

What: Ipswich Orchid Society Show
Where: Silkstone State Primary School, Prospect St, Silkstone
When: 26 and 27 September, 2020

What: Redlands Orchid Society Charity Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland
When: 3 October, 2020

AOF Essay Competition

Congratulations to EDOS Inc member Jan Heitman for her Essay on "How do my orchids survive when I am not at home?". Jan was the equal second placegetter with her story.

I have just finished reading Jan's article – it is a very entertaining and informative essay. You can take a look on the AOF website - www.australianorchidfoundation.org.au/aof-essay-prize.

This article will also be published in the Orchids Australia magazine in the next 1 or 2 editions.

Whilst on the subject of the Australian Orchid Foundation, I would recommend to our members to log onto their website and have a look at what is to offer.

They have quite a good list of publications for sale, and there is a lot of information regarding their seed bank and research work which may interest some of our more adventurous members.

For those who have a story to tell and a literary flare, the next Essay competition closes on 30 June 2020, and the subject is "Growing orchids in a small area or balcony"

Acknowledgement of BCC Support

We would also like to acknowledge the Support of the Lord Mayor's Community Fund and Councillors Ryan Murphy (Chandler Ward) and Lisa Atwood (Doboy Ward) for their assistance in Supporting EDOS Inc once again in 2020.

Show Sponsors 2020

EDOS Inc would like to Acknowledge and Thank our Sponsors who have once again come on board for our 2020 Shows:

Bendigo Community Bank (Autumn and Spring Shows)
Orchidaceous Supplies (Autumn and Spring Shows)
Fame Orchids Nursery (Autumn and Spring Shows)
G & M Botting (Autumn and Spring Shows)
Aranbeem Orchids (Autumn and Spring Shows)
M Ludlow (Autumn and Spring Shows)
Robertson Orchids (Autumn Show)
Bunnings (Manly West)

Some (Useless??) Snippets of Information

Queensland Orchid Society Inc's first award after its inception was made in November, 1987 to *Paphiopedilum* Saint Swithin 'Sunnybank', owned by Rod MacKinney. It was awarded an FCC, unfortunately no points have been recorded in the award information.

Cym. Wallara 'Wondabah' was the first recorded AOC award made in August 1964, being an AM with 80 points.

The AOC is now up to 6300 awards in Australia as at March 2020.



If you want to take a look at some absolutely amazing photographs of orchids I would suggest a look at Gary Yong Gee's website www.yonggee.name

Gary also has an amazing list of Articles on the site, which contains an extreme amount of information.

There is also a huge list of links to other Orchid sites.



The Beginning of TAPS

This is an excerpt taken from the Australian Orchid Review of Autumn 1988.

GROUP OF ENTHUSIASTS FORM WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST PAPHIOPEDILUM SOCIETY IN THE WORLD.

"A group of paph growers including Harry Greaves, Errol Marshall, Barry Scriven and Phil Diamond have laid the foundations of T.A.P.S. – The Australian Paphiopedilum Society. This new society will be devoted entirely to all paphs. species and hybrids, prags, etc.

One of the purposes of the society is to further cultural research in paphs for the Australian environment, and communicate with paph growers Australia wide. It is planned that an informative newsletter be circularised to all financial members, and membership will be worthwhile just for the newsletter alone.

*If you are interested in becoming a foundation member of this new club and are a paph enthusiast write for further details to Mr H **Cleveland Qld.**"*

Do we have any of the original members still active today??

If anyone has any information or articles they would like to see in the Newsletter, please let me know, and I will endeavour to find the information..

Stay Safe everyone, and we will see you all in the near future.

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