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NEWSLETTER MAY 2020

Hello from your President

I hope you are all well and staying safe. As I have been telling people, you are not stuck at home but safe at home.

COVID19 has caused a lot of distress and uncertainty worldwide. I think Australia has fared extremely well with our controls and restrictions. We do not want to relax restrictions too early. The wellbeing and safety of our members are at the forefront and we will be guided by Government rules and guidelines before we can resume any society activities.

If you are like me, you will have had some lovely orchid flowers and nowhere to show them off, with meetings and shows cancelled. But I have been getting a lot of jobs done around the shade house and yard that have been put off for so long.

I know members are keen to get back to normal !! but I am afraid normal as we know it may be a thing of the past, and we need to adapt to a new way of life. Some of you are missing getting back to meetings, to have a good catch up with friends. Your committee is working to make this happen, but it is an unknown and uncertain world at the moment. It is too early to call when this will be, especially with so many different interpretations of the rules. We have not received any recommendations yet from our venues when they may reopen and what their requirements will be, and also with the colder weather comes flu season so we need to be extra careful.

Stay well, enjoy your orchids. I am looking forward to catching up with you all when the time is right.

Barry Kable



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Following on from the Management Committee decision in March, there will not be a General Meeting in May, 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

Following on from the Editor's request in the April Newsletter for members to send in photos of their 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 – we received a number of great photos. 2 of our AOC Judges made a decision on which photos they considered were the best. The Winners were:

First – *Bulb. medusae*, owned by Bill and Margaret Williams

Second – *Den. macrophyllum* owned by Bill and Margaret Williams

Third – *Bulb. pulchrum* owned by Paul and Leanne McCarthy

We will continue on with this activity for June. Please send in your photos of flowers currently out during this month.

The Rules are:

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.

Popular Vote

We would also like our members to have a "Popular Vote" from the photos attached to the Newsletter. Just email your choice (either plant name or just the number on the photo) to editor@edos.org.au or phone 0407 351 922 if you can't email. We will announce the winner in next month's 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

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions placed on our clubs and venues, the decision to hold our Christmas in July has been taken out of our hands. We have no choice but to cancel the event for this year.

Refund of Bus Trip Monies

Treasurer John Rooks has organised to refund any monies paid by members for the cancelled Bus Trip to Redcliffe into members' bank accounts. Please keep an eye out for this refund. If John doesn't have your bank details, an alternative arrangement will be made to refund the monies.

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.

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 **CANCELLED**
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 **CANCELLED**
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

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