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Committee to put out the Registers, Sanitisation Stations, etc for members to sign as soon as they arrive at the Hall.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year, the Management Committee made the decision to hold the General Meeting first, followed by the Guest Speaker Spot “Orchid Chit Chat”, then a break for Supper. The Annual General Meeting will be held following Supper.

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 November, 2020**, commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West. Due to the ongoing Covid Restrictions, the following Rules will apply.

As we are operating under the Uniting Church’s Covid Plan, please be aware of some of the Instructions which will be enforced.

In order for the Committee to have everything in place for Covid management, we ask that members DON’T arrive before 7 pm unless you are coming to assist setup. This is to allow the

- Most importantly, if you are not feeling well, or show any of the flu-like symptoms, please do not attend the meeting. If you do, you may be asked to leave and seek medical attention. Also, if you don’t feel comfortable with attending, we accept your decision.
- Entry will be via the usual door, however to Exit the Hall you will need to use the double sliding door (Fire Exit Door). Both doors will be signed appropriately. (This may change on the night due to maintenance around the Hall. There will be plenty of signs to notify members of where they will need to go).
- It will be a condition of entry that members sign the Covid **Attendance Register And Tracing Register** instead of the regular Attendance Book. **We recommend that you bring your own pen, however, we will have sanitised pens available.**
- Members attending are asked to take their seats as soon as practicable. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid Rules, social distancing does not allow for “small gatherings” at a meeting.
- Hand Sanitising and Cleaning Wipes will be available at designated stations for members’ use. Committee members will be sanitising frequently touched areas during the night.

- There will be no Red Spotters or Library available.
- We request that Members bring no more than 4 (four) plants for benching.
- Plants will be displayed out on the side area where the Red Spotters usually operate. Committee members will be monitoring numbers during this time, in order to keep everyone safe.
- There will not be any Judging on the night, however the Popular Vote will still operate.
- Supper will be out in the area between the Hall and the Church. Tea/coffee will be poured by kitchen volunteers who will also add the milk and sugar if required. Individually wrapped biscuits will be provided.
- If you need stock from the Trade Table, it will need to be pre-ordered. Greg can be contacted on 0499 987 729
- The correct money or use of EFTPOS would be appreciated for Raffle tickets.

Depending on the Government's relaxations, some of these Rules could change, depending on further information from the Church Committee.

GUEST SPEAKER

As this is also EDOS Inc's Annual General Meeting, there will not be an organised Guest Speaker. Instead, we will be having a segment called "Orchid Chit Chat". Greg Webb will be bringing in some Catasetum and Phalaenopsis plants, and will be giving members tips on how he grows them so well. We are also asking members bring in some of their "problem plants", and our experienced growers will endeavour to sort the problem.

EDOS Inc 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** of Eastern District Orchid Society Inc (EDOS Inc) will be held on **Thursday 26 November 2020** at the Bayside Uniting Church, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West **following the Supper break.**

All members are invited to attend. The election will follow the procedures as stated in The Constitution of the Society.

All positions will be declared vacant and nominations / appointments are invited from interested members for the various positions of the society.

Nominations will only be taken from the floor at the Annual General Meeting if The Secretary has not received any previous nomination for that particular position.

All members need to be financial to be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting in November 2020.

M Ludlow, Secretary EDOS Inc

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 5.30 pm on **Saturday 12 December, 2020** at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, prior to the "End of Year Function".

Memberships for 2021

EDOS Inc Committee have decided that, in light of the difficulties created during the 2020 year by the Covid situation, membership fees paid in 2020 will be carried over to cover 2021.

Change of Members' Details

In order to keep our EDOS Inc. records up to date, and to be able to keep in contact with our members, we would appreciate that, if you change any of your details, eg phone number, address, email address, please let us know of the changes. Show Captain Ray currently manages the Database, and can be contacted either by phone 07 3823 4277 or (preferably) email at taketwo@iprimus.com.au

Your information is very safe – we do not give out any information without your permission.

Vale Graham Bryant

The orchid world lost another of its characters recently with the passing of Graham Bryant. Graham was a member of EDOS Inc for some years, and was well known for his quick wit and sense of humour, and his willingness to help orchid growers with advice, and on occasion his generous offers of plants. We offer our Condolences to his family at this time.

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Due to the fact that we have only had 2 Monthly Meetings this year, there will not be any Annual Points awarded, nor will the Jack Feige Memorial Trophy be presented this year.



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Birthday Wishes

I know that we don't usually acknowledge our members' birthdays, but I am sure that this lady won't be upset! (She has told me that she is looking forward to her letter from the Queen). The members of EDOS Inc would like to congratulate member **Aileen Packman** on her **99th** Birthday – what an achievement! For those who don't know Aileen, she joined EDOS Inc in 2012, and still attends some meetings, and usually comes to our Shows for a wander around.

We all hope to be able to help Aileen celebrate her 100th next year.

EDOS INC. TRADE TABLE

If any of our members require goods from the EDOS Inc. Trade Table at any time – not just on a Meeting night - please contact our Convenor Greg Webb on 0499 987 729. Greg will then be able to assist you with your purchases and arrange collection.

EDOS Website

How many of our EDOS Inc members have looked at the website recently? Please feel free to have a look, and make any comments you think may be helpful and informative. If you have any information or articles you would like to have added, please contact Ray via email: taketwo@iprimus.com.au

Articles for the Newsletter

If anyone has an article of interest for our members on an orchid-related subject, please feel free to send it in to me for inclusion in the Newsletter

End of Year Function

EDOS Inc will be holding an End of Year Function (instead of our usual Christmas Function) on 12 December, 2020 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, 92 Wondall Rd, Manly West. Cost will be \$25 for members, and \$50 for non-members. This will be a "sit-down" meal, served at the table, instead of our usual smorgasbord.

The bar will be open from 6.30 pm, with Finger Food being served at 7 00 pm. The Main Meal will be served to the table at 7.30 pm, followed by sweets.

The Committee will be working with the Club in the next few weeks, to determine what restrictions will apply on the night.

Currently this includes not being able to move about the room and interact with other members. (President Barry will find this rule difficult, as he likes to "socialise" with members!), so, unfortunately, due to this part of WML Club's Covid Plan, we won't be holding our usual Rolling Raffle.

There also won't be any Judged Plant Competition on the night.

We **will** be having a number of lucky draws – prizes will be vouchers for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, plus a prize donated by Dot Rooks, plus some others.

We will keep members informed regarding any further restrictions as soon as we have details.

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