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## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021



### ***NEXT GENERAL MEETING***

Provided that the Covid-19 Rules stay the same, the next General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 25 February, 2021**, commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

In order for the Committee to have everything in place for the Covid requirements, we ask that members **DON'T** arrive before 7 pm unless you are coming to assist with setup. This is to allow the Committee to put out the Signs, Registers, Sanitisation Stations, etc so that members can sign as soon as they arrive at the Hall.

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.***

- Firstly, and 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).
- **Condition of Entry** - Since our last meeting, the Queensland Government have changed the Requirements for compulsory signing in at events, and **it is now necessary, where possible, to use the provided "QR" Code, so for those members who have a phone capable of doing this, please make sure that you have it with you.** This will be inside on the table for use by those with suitable phones. For those members who do not have a suitable phone, there will be a paper Register to sign. **This form must be filled in legibly.** It will now also be back to our usual system of signing the regular Attendance Book as well. **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, once your plants have been placed on the tables, in order to observe the 1.5 metre distancing Rule.
- Hand Sanitising and Cleaning Wipes will be available at designated stations for members' use.
- There will be **no Red Spotters**, but the **Library and Trade Table will be available.**
- We request that Members bring no more than 4 (four) plants for benching.

- Plants will be displayed along one side of the hall, with Committee members monitoring member numbers during this time, in order to keep everyone safe. Plant judging will re-commence, and the Popular Vote will be operating. **When doing your Popular Vote, please be conscious of Social Distancing requirements.**
- 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 Trade Table will be out in the area usually used for the Red Spotters.
- 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.***

**The following members are requested to make themselves available for the next meeting:**

**Judges:** AOC Judges available on the night  
**Student Judges:** Hazel Barker and Colin Barker  
**Scribes:** Volunteers required please.  
**Supper Stewards:** Kay Ludlow plus volunteers  
**Hostesses:** Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck  
**Library:** Helen Vickers  
**Plant Registrar:** Janelle Girdlestone  
**Trade Table:** Volunteer Required.(Greg is acting President on the night)

## ***GUEST SPEAKER***

John Rees will be doing a presentation on Latouria type Dendrobiums. These have become very popular in recent times, and are a very interesting plant.

## ***NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING***

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 9.30 am on **Thursday 4 March, 2021** at the Bayside Uniting Church Rooms, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

## ***Memberships for 2021***

**EDOS Inc Committee have decided that, in light of the difficulties created during the 2020 year by**

**the Covid-19 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. Please contact the Secretary at secretary@edos.org.au or phone Garth on 0410 318 587.

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

## **55th EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW**

The Committee is moving ahead with plans for the 55<sup>th</sup> Autumn Show on 1 and 2 May, 2021.

In order to adhere to any Covid-19 Regulations which may still be in operation at that time, we have looked at some changes in the layout of the Show.

**More information will be available in future Newsletters once we have worked out the best plan.**

If there is any member who is interested in Sponsoring a Category at the Show, please let Show Captain, Ray know.

The Show Schedule is attached to this Newsletter so that members can start planning and organising the plants they may want to bench or sell.

For those members who have not sold through EDOS Inc before, EDOS Inc makes payments for Plant Sales via EFT. Treasurer Rooks will have forms available at the next few meetings and at the Show for Members to fill out with Bank Details. These forms, once filled out, are to be handed back to either John Rooks, or Dot Rooks who is one of the Hostesses on the door at Meeting nights. Be assured that this information will remain confidential.

## ***BAR CODE LABELS***

Bar Coding Labels for the upcoming EDOS Inc Autumn Show **will need to be ordered early to avoid a last minute rush.**

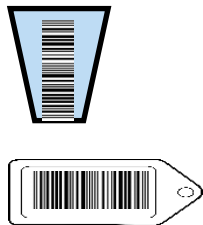
***It may not be possible to print labels on Friday night.***

Remember, any labels that you had left over from previous Shows can be used again at the Autumn Show. The Bar Code Label Request Form is on the Website, and for those who need them, they will also be available at the February meeting.

The contact details on the form are Important, so that Ray can contact the member if there is an issue, or to let the member know when they are ready for collection.

The most important information required is the number of labels required for each dollar value (whole dollars ONLY). Any labels you do not use can be used at any EDOS Inc show in the future.

To ensure that the Barcoding system works efficiently and quickly, we are requesting that ALL labels be put vertically on the pot (as below), instead of horizontally, to enable the reader to work more efficiently.



The Barcode label needs to be put on the **back of the plant name tag on mounted plants.**

If there are any queries please contact Ray, either on 3823 4277 or email [taketwo@iprimus.com.au](mailto:taketwo@iprimus.com.au)

Remember, it is a requirement to have these barcode labels on your pots, as this is the only method our Plant Sales Staff will be using to process the sale of your plants.

In addition to the bar code labels, you can still put the "old style" information Tags on your plants with any other information you want eg species, colour etc.




**DON'T FORGET – NO BAR CODE LABEL, NO PLANT SALES!**

**Plant Benching Labels** - are available on the Website. They will also be available at the February and March Meetings.

**Craft Sales Tags** will be available at the February and March Meetings. If you have any queries about items to be sold through Craft Sales, please contact Convenor Narelle Edmonds.

**Member Number** – If you do not know what your Member Number is, it will be available from the Plant Registrar on the Friday night. This number needs to be

used if you are benching, otherwise we can't identify the owner of the plant should it win.

 **Names on Plant Labels** - For any members who are unsure of, or would like to confirm that their plant labels are correct before benching, (either spelling or registration of crosses) EDOS will have the Orchidwiz database available for members to check their labels on Friday night prior to benching of plants,. Please see Ann Kable or Janelle Girdlestone

**Plant sales** – Convenor Dick Dorham will require helpers in Plant Sales. Dick would also appreciate it if anyone can bring in small boxes.

**If anyone is interested in operating the Cash Registers during the Show, please contact Plant Sales Convenor, Dick at the next meeting, and he will organise some training.**

**Convenor Dick would also like to emphasise that fact that you must NOT alter the monetary value on the bar code label by writing on it. If you wish to change the value, or you don't have a label of the value you want to charge, please replace the label with the correct value. You cannot put 2 labels on your plant to be added together (for example, a \$20 and a \$10 label for a \$30 plant)**

**Condition of Sale Plants** – Please ensure that any plants you may present for sale are virus free, clean and NOT RECENTLY POTTED. Plants need to be stable in the pots and not show any insect damage, etc.

It has been noted that some plants presented for Sale at recent EDOS Shows were below the standard and quality that this Society considers acceptable. If a plant is not of the standard that you yourself would purchase, then it should not be presented to Plant Sales. As per our By-Laws, -refer in particular to EDOS By-Laws 5.6 and 5.7 - such plants which are deemed to be of an unsuitable standard will be removed from the Sales Tables.

**Sales at EDOS Inc Shows are limited to Orchids and Orchid related products. Any queries relating to Sales need to be directed to the Plant Sales Convenor, Dick**

## **Assistance During The Show**

If you are available to help out at the Autumn Show please put your name on **the Roster which will be at the next couple of meetings (Roster will be at the front table)**, or contact either Show Captain Ray, Secretary Garth or President Barry and let them know when and where you would be available to help out.

**One area we urgently need volunteers to cover is scribing on Friday night during Judging.** It is not an onerous job, the main part of the job is copying names off the plant labels of the plants that have been judged as winners, along with the correct Class, so that those in the office can print out the Place Cards. There will be someone there to assist you during the night. (Incidentally, you could always “practice” on Meeting nights during judging)

We particularly need volunteers for the Front Door, and Plant Minding, and to set up **on Friday afternoon from 3.00 pm, and especially for the clean up on Sunday afternoon. Because of the Covid Rules, there will be a bit more cleaning to do than usual, so the more helpers we have the quicker it all gets done!**

Under the current Covid climate, we understand that some members will be reluctant to attend a public event such as this, but if you are able to, please consider helping out. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours, we need as many members as possible to help make the show a success and give all of our workers a break and a chance to have a browse around the show! Remember, it is your Society.

There will be more information in the next Newsletter in relation to the Kitchen, Floral Art etc.

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## 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.

## 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. If the article is not appropriate for our Newsletter, it will not be printed, and the sender will be notified of the reason.

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## 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](mailto:taketwo@iprimus.com.au)

## Article on Insects and Pests

Ray has put a very interesting article on Insects and Pests on the Website which is a great article to read. Please take the time and have a read.



# Shows for 2021



**What:** Ipswich Autumn Show  
**Where:** Silkstone State School, Prospect St, Silkstone  
**When:** 10 and 11 April, 2021

**What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** BISC Building, Belmont Shooting Complex,  
1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont  
**When:** 17 and 18 April, 2021

**What:** Redlands Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** **New Venue** - Redlands Multi Sports Club,  
Judy Holt Park Complex, entry via roundabout  
corner Bailey and Randall Roads Birkdale  
**When:** 24 April, 2021

**What:** **EDOS Inc Autumn Show**  
**Where:** **BISC Building, Belmont Shooting  
Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road,  
Belmont**  
**When:** **1 and 2 May 2021**

**What:** Lockyer Autumn Show  
**Where:** Gatton  
**When:** 7 and 8 May, 2021

**What:** Aspley Orchid Society May Show  
**Where:** Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd,  
Wavell Heights  
**When:** 8 May, 2021

**What:** Toowoomba Autumn Show  
**Where:** Church Hall, Cnr James and Phillip Sts,  
Toowoomba  
**When:** 8 and 9 May, 2021

**What:** Brisbane Orchid Society  
**Where:** BISC Building, Belmont Shooting Complex,  
1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont  
**When:** 22 and 23 May, 2021

**What:** Toowoomba Winter Show  
**Where:** Church Hall, Cnr James and Phillip Sts,  
Toowoomba  
**When:** 17 and 18 July, 2021

**What:** John Oxley Autumn Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 24 and 25 July, 2021

## EDOS Inc Facebook page

Don't forget members, that EDOS Inc has a Facebook page. Keep up with what is important to EDOS Inc members via Facebook. If you have something relevant to EDOS Inc to share with your fellow members, please feel free to post it. Always remember though that if it is inappropriate, one of the Administrators will remove it.

## AOC Orchid Species of 2020

Brent Nicoll's plant of *Rhynchosstylis retusa* 'Nico One' was selected as Queensland's entry into the AOC Orchid Species Plant for 2020

Congratulations to Brent, and all the Best for a win in the final selection against the other states.



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## AOCC Conference 2021

*Please see below the Letter from Les Vickers Conference Chair, Planning Committee, and Ken Haase Vice Chair, Planning Committee*

### Re – Postponement of 22nd Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show

Dear SEQ and NSW Orchid Society Members,

It is with considerable regret that the planning committee had to make the decision to postpone the 22<sup>nd</sup> AOC Conference & Show.

The new event date for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show is from 31 August to 4 September 2022. You may have heard about the change

as we had to consult with major stakeholders and others prior to meeting to set a new date.

As this event includes participants from around Australia and Overseas, we have had to take into account the impact of COVID-19 on many facets of the event. Due to the ongoing issues with safety, costs, on and off again Interstate travel, time after time and the inability to undertake international travel till at least 2022, the Planning Committee opted to postpone this event.

This was not an easy decision to make but one that had to be made if we want to put on a safe and great event in S.E Queensland. This will at least give us the opportunity of staging an excellent event as originally planned with large numbers of show attendees, registrants, guest speakers and orchid vendors attending.

We appreciate the support we have had so far from SEQ and NSW orchid societies and look forward to further assistance with the setting up and running of the show and conference. Our planning indicates that we will need large numbers of people to assist over the 5 days of the event.

A number of close-off dates for various registrations for events have changed and these will be updated on our website <https://www.aocc2021.org/> as soon as possible. For example, the close-off date for discounted early bird registration will now be 31 March 2022.

Would you please pass the above information onto your members? If you require any further information, then please contact members of the planning committee. Contact details are above and on the AOCC website.

Please accept our apology for any inconvenience this may have caused.

***For the latest information click on the link - <https://www.aocc2021.org>***

### **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

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