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## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021



*The Management Committee of  
EDOS Inc would like to wish our  
members a Happy New Year!*

*Let's Keep Safe in these difficult  
times and look after each other.*



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

Provided that there are no major changes in the Covid-19 Rules, the next General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 28 January, 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. For those members who do not have a suitable phone, there will be a paper Register to sign. 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.**

- We are hoping that by the time this meeting is on, it won't be necessary to wear a mask, but be prepared for this possibility.
- 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:** Ann Kable  
**Trade Table:** Greg Webb

## ***GUEST SPEAKER***

Our new Secretary, Garth Dale, will be doing a presentation on his and Lyn's trip to Barrita Orchids' Open Day (*Sarcochilus*), and also their visit to Rick Emmerson's Pacific Beach Orchids Nursery in Bundaberg. Rick grows fantastic *Vandae*.

## ***NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING***

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 9.30 am on **Thursday 4 February, 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](mailto: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

### IT'S ON!!!!!!

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 will need to look 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 so that it can be acknowledged in the Schedule.

The Show Schedule will be available in the next 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.

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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.

## PHOBIC OR PHILIC THAT IS THE QUESTION

This is a question that may puzzle many a new member as it did myself.

At a monthly meeting a while ago, a member mentioned that they had watered their orchids with a light watering once and then came back straight away for a second light watering mimicking not one but two passing showers of rain.

I listened and took this information on board but I must admit I did not pursue this method of watering.

A few months later upon reading an article in an orchid magazine I had one of those light bulb moments.

The author was writing about a totally unrelated matter from the above [stay with me I will get to the point soon] To cut a long story short, the author's orchids were incapable of transferring the correct amount of minerals from their roots to the plant because they were HYDROPHOBIC. Definition is having to do with a substance that does not absorb water.

Now if I may digress for a moment I have noticed out in my garden when the soil is extra dry any water that I give runs off the surface in rivulets because the soil is hydrophobic the same applies to my orchids stuck in their pots full of dry bark chips. Now then we are finally getting to the point of this story.

The velamen, which is the soft sponge like substance surrounding the root, is normally a whitish colour with a green tip. In this state in my opinion it is hydrophobic. Amazingly even in this condition the velamen is still capable of accepting moisture just from the atmosphere alone. But by giving your orchids this one first quick watering and by the way this also opens up the stroma on the surface of your orchid leaves [stroma are like the pores on your skin] the leaves as well as the roots are now ready to accept even more moisture. After this first quick watering, wait a while, may be go inside your house make a cup of tea and have a piece of cake. Upon returning to your orchids you will find that the roots are turning a greenish colour therefore becoming HYDROPHILLIC. Definition is that can readily absorb water. At this point the second light watering is applied

and as the orchids are HYDROPHILLIC they are much more able to accept the minerals from the water/fertilizer that you are applying.

Try it, it works for me, the cake is tasty as well.

**Malcolm Hay**

## Articles for the Newsletter

If anyone has an article of interest for our members on an orchid-related subject (like the article above), 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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## 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:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** BISC Building, Belmont Shooting Complex,  
1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont  
**When:** 17 and 18 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:** Brisbane Orchid Society  
**Where:** BISC Building, Belmont Shooting Complex,  
1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont  
**When:** 22 and 23 May, 2021

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## AOC Awards to EDOS Inc Members in 2020

Even though there weren't any Shows in the area during 2020, a number of our EDOS Inc members had their orchids awarded during the year at convened judgings.



*Catasetum fimbriatum* 'Katie'  
AM/AOC 2020 (QLD)  
82.20 31.Dec.2020 owner: **G Webb** - event: Convened judging



*Den.* Riverside Secondary School 'Kathleen'  
HCC/AOC 2020 (QLD)  
78.30 12.Dec.2020 owner: **D & K Wanka** - event: Convened judging



*Cym.* Black Stump 'Howzat'  
ACE/AOC 2020 (QLD)  
85.60 14.Oct.2020 owner: **D & K Wanka** - event: Convened panel



*Cym.* Black Stump 'Howzat'  
FCC/AOC 2020 (QLD)  
85.80 14.Oct.2020 owner: **D & K Wanka** - event: Convened panel

*Rhynchostylis retusa* 'Nico One'  
AM/AOC 2020 (QLD)  
82.10 14.Feb.2020 owner: **B Nicoll** - event: Aspley OS summer show

## AOCC Conference 2021

Keep in touch with the latest information on the upcoming AOCC Conference via the Website below.



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

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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