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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 22 April, 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 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 in as soon as you arrive at the Hall.

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.
- 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. Due to maintenance around the Hall there may be some changes on the meeting night. Please follow the signs.
- **Condition of Entry** - 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 code 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.

- Please be conscious of the 1.5 metre distancing Rule, and ensure that it is observed.
- 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.**
- **Committee has increased the number of plants to be benched to 6 (six) plants.** To be fair to all members, please adhere to this number.
- Plants will be displayed along one side of the hall, with Committee members monitoring movement of member numbers during this time, in order to keep everyone safe. **When doing your Popular Vote, please be conscious of Social Distancing requirements.**
- The area being used for Supper will be announced on the night due to maintenance works.
- 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 inside the hall

near the far-side doors (which lead out to the area usually used for 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.

GUEST SPEAKER

Guest Speaker for this month's meeting will be Brian Heath. At the time of printing we don't know what Brian's topic will be. Brian is President of Ipswich Orchid Society, who held their Show last weekend.



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

Judges: AOC Judges available on the night
Student Judges: Colin Barker and Greg Webb
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

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 9.30 am on **Thursday 6 May, 2021** at the Bayside Uniting Church Rooms, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

55th EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

By the time you all receive this Newsletter, the Show will only be around a week away!! How scary is that?

It will be held on 1 and 2 May, 2021 with judging on Friday night 30 April. The Show Schedule was sent out with the February Newsletter, however if you need a copy it is on the EDOS Inc Website or there will be copies at the front desk on Meeting night.

Set-up will commence at 3 pm – helpers required. Because this will be a new “arrangement”, members are asked to be patient, and listen to instructions of where to place tables etc.

Covid Rules will apply, so anyone attending for set-up will need to do their Covid registration, preferably via the QR code.

Once the Show Captain and Show Steward are satisfied that everything is in order, plants can be benched. This is usually after 4 pm. There will be tables provided for those who are assisting in set-up to place their plants if they don't want to leave them in a car.

In order to adhere to any Covid-19 Regulations which may still be in operation at that time, we have made some changes to the layout of the Show. The Show display area of the show will be in the main area of the range where we would normally have the Plant minding, Potting Demonstrations and the 2 Bears. Immediately as you walk out of the Clubroom area you will see the display. The Craft Table and Floral Art will also be in this area, which will be slightly larger than we usually use. The Plant Sales area will take up the entire Finals Hall to enable us to adhere to Social Distancing. This area will also contain the Plant minding, 2 Bears, and Information Table, and the Orchid Supplies Sales area.

It is a Government requirement that everyone either uses the QR code provided at the Entry (preferred) or if you don't have a smartphone, you will need to sign the register.

Entry to the Show will be via the usual door into the Club Rooms, however the Exit will be via one of the Exit side doors – behind the area where Orchidaceous would normally be set up - as per the Covid requirements. This setup will allow more room for people to move about safely.

BANK DETAILS - 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 meeting and at the Show for Members to fill out with their 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

By now, members should have their Bar Code Labels for the Autumn Show. If you haven't requested them now, you **will need to do it ASAP**.

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 April 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.



On mounted plants, the Barcode label needs to be put on the **back of the plant name tag or on a separate tag**.

If there are any queries please contact Ray, either on 3823 4277 or email 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 April Meeting.

Craft Sales Tags will be available at the April Meeting. 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.

Correct 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.

Show Attendance Register - – It is EDOS Inc. policy that ALL persons attending; exhibiting; benching or selling orchid plants at the Autumn Show sign the EDOS Inc Attendance Register, so please make sure you sign when you arrive at the Hall. **This is in addition to the Covid Sign-in.**

Fire Ant Register – Department of Agriculture and Fisheries requires that Members MUST sign the Fire Ant Register before Plants can be accepted for either showing or Sales. This Register MUST be signed regardless of where you live. Care needs to be taken when transporting plants.

Please remember that Plants SHOULD NOT be placed on the ground or floor at the Venue.



Kitchen - Catering Convenor Margaret would appreciate assistance in the kitchen, especially early in the day for preparation.



Cut Flowers and Greenery – The

Ladies from the Floral Arrangement section of our show are requesting contributions of any **orchid flowers**, bromeliad flowers and Anthuriums, and also greenery for their floral arrangements, especially on Saturday, as these Floral Arrangements are very popular, and supplies usually run low by lunchtime.

The leaves from the cordylines, flax, anthurium, camellia bush, magnolia, strap leaves and crotons are great for greenery, along with all the others you kindly bring. We would also be very grateful for containers (small or large) suitable for flower arrangements.

Many thanks in advance to all who help us out. If in doubt please ask Brent Nicoll.

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 as soon as possible, 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

Other General Information

- Members of other societies who are benching plants for judging are permitted to offer plants for sale (2 good quality plants required to be benched to do so), subject to the normal conditions of sale and volume.
- **All plants are the owners' responsibility, and need to be collected after completion of the show. The Committee is not responsible for any plants not collected. If you are not able to collect them yourself, please arrange for someone else to do so.**

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 meeting (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.

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.

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Vale: Aileen Jean Packman

EDOS Inc lost one of its members on 24 March, 2021. Aileen passed away after a short illness, aged 99 years and 4 months. Aileen joined EDOS Inc in 2012, and until Covid stepped in, had been attending meetings and enjoying looking around the Shows. Aileen had a sharp wit, and last year when she celebrated her 99th Birthday, made comment that she was looking forward to her letter from the Queen. Unfortunately, this was not to be. We offer our condolences to her family at this time.

URGENT!!

TRADE TABLE CONVENOR NEEDED

The April Meeting will be Greg Webb's last meeting as the Trade Table Convenor. Greg is no longer able to continue with the position, **so unless someone puts their hand up to take on the position, the Trade Table will be discontinued, which will be very disappointing.**

The Trade Table is there as a service to our members, to enable them to purchase pots, stakes, fertiliser, etc at a very reasonable cost.

Also, if the Trade Table is discontinued, the Vouchers which are currently available as an alternative prize choice on Meeting nights in lieu of a plant will also be unavailable.

It is not an onerous job, it is mainly on Meeting nights, and via pre-arranged phone orders.

If you need any further information, please contact Greg Webb on 0499 987 729, or President Kable on 0414 725 294.

EDOS Inc Facebook page

Don't forget members, that EDOS Inc has a Facebook page. 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

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Assistance at Wynnum Plaza

EDOS Inc will be holding a Promotional Event at the Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 24 April, 2021 to advertise the upcoming Autumn Show.

We are looking for a few of our members to assist the Committee members on the day. It's not hard work – just talking to the public, and handing out flyers to promote our Show.

We will be setting up around 8 am, finishing off around 3 pm. You don't need to be there all day – just a couple of hours would be great, especially around lunchtime, to allow other members to take a break and have some lunch.

If you are available, please let either Secretary Garth or President Kable know what time you can be there.

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

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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

What: Logan & District Orchid Society
Where: Springwood State School, Springwood Rd,
Springwood
When: 28 and 29 August, 2021

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.

AOCC Conference 2022

Due to Covid Restrictions the 22nd Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show has been postponed to 31 August to 4 September 2022.

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

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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