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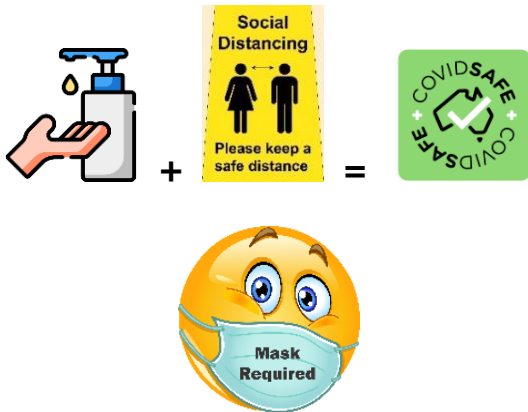
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## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021



**Cr Lisa Atwood**  
Councillor for Doboy Ward



- **Condition of Entry** - It is now **Mandatory**, where possible, to use the "Check in Qld" Code, so please make sure that you have your mobile phone with you. This code will be inside on the Reception Table, as well as several other places.
- For those members who do not have a suitable phone, there will be an alternative Register to complete.
- It will now also be back to our usual system of **signing the regular Attendance Book** as well.
- Please observe the 1.5 metre distancing Rule.
- Hand Sanitising and Cleaning Wipes will be available at designated stations for members' use.
- **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.
- The correct money or use of EFTPOS would be appreciated for Raffle tickets.

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

The next General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 26 August, 2021**, commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

In order for the Committee to have Signs, Registers, Sanitisation Stations, etc in place for Covid requirements, we ask that members **DON'T** arrive before 7 pm unless you are coming to assist with setup.

**As per current Government Rules, face masks are mandatory, so please make sure that you have your mask on when at the meeting, except for during Supper.**

- Firstly, and most importantly, if you are not feeling well, or show any of the flu-like symptoms, please do not attend the meeting.

### ***RED SPOTTER PRESENTATION***

Commencing at 7.30 pm on the side verandah of the Hall, Ken Webster will be talking about "My Experiences Growing *Dendrobium speciosum*."

## **FEATURE ITEM**

The Feature Item for the August meeting will be a presentation by Ken Haase on "Preparation of your Plants for the upcoming Show." Ken will cover a number of areas such as Staking, labelling, cleanliness of your plants, and, a very important one – stability of your plants in their pots and whether they are stable on the bench. This is a very important topic, especially for those who are new to benching plants at Shows, and a timely reminder for our other members.



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

**Judges:** AOC Judges available on the night  
**Associate Judges:** Colin Barker and Hazel Barker  
**Scribes:** Volunteers required please.  
**Supper Stewards:** Kay Ludlow plus volunteers  
**Hostesses:** Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck  
**Library:** Helen Vickers  
**Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable

## **Meeting Changes**

Your Committee has made a decision to increase the number of Raffle Plants on Meeting Nights to 12 prizes per night. The First Prize Voucher will be increased to \$50.

A new innovation will be a Lucky Door Draw for a \$30 Voucher, drawn using the Line number against your signature in the Sign-In Book. This will be drawn before the Supper Break, and will be open to Members only.

This Voucher can be redeemed at any of the following: Fame Orchids Nursery, Brisbane Orchid Supplies, Aranbeem Orchids or Robertson Orchids.

## **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 9.30 am on **Thursday 2 September, 2021** at the Bayside Uniting Church Rooms, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.



## **Vale: Kath Wanka**

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of EDOS Inc member Kath Wanka. Kath passed away on 15 August, surrounded by husband Doug and her family.

Many of our members will remember Kath and Doug hosting Bus trips to their home. Doug and Kath joined EDOS Inc in April, 2013, but would be remembered by many much earlier, as they were members of a number of Societies in and around Brisbane.

Our Condolences to Doug and the family.

## **55th EDOS Inc SPRING SHOW**

The Committee is moving ahead with plans for the 55<sup>th</sup> Spring Show on 11 and 12 September, 2021.

We will be using the same layout as our very successful Autumn Show which allows us to fulfill all the requirements in relation to the COVID19 Rules, with plenty of room to move around.

**Set-up** – will be on Friday afternoon from 2.00 pm. **Please follow the instructions given by designated Committee members in order to make things flow smoothly, as there have been a few changes to the set-up.**

**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 Venue. **This is in addition to the Covid Sign-in.**

**There will be a "Member's Draw" done on Sunday Afternoon from those who have signed the Attendance Register over the weekend.**

**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.

**Plant Sale Payments** - 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 Spring 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 Spring Show.**

The Bar Code Label Request Form is on the Website, and for those who need them, they will also be available at the August 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 or a separate 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 e.g. species, colour etc.



## NO BAR CODE LABEL, NO PLANT SALES!

**Plant Benching Labels** - are available on the Website. They will also be available at the August Meeting.

**Suggestion: If you are able to, fill them out on line before you print them off – this makes it very easy for the Scribes to copy on the night of the Show.**

**Craft Sales Tags** will be available at the August 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.



**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.

## **Other General Information**

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

Members of other societies who are benching plants for judging are permitted to offer plants for sale provided that they have at least 2 good quality plants on the Show bench. These sales plants are 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.**

**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. This is even more important now, as we will be operating 3 tills for our Shows in future. One of these will be Cash Only.***

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 Spring Show please put your name on **the Roster which will be at the front table at the next meeting**, 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, just speak to Ken Haase before the meeting starts).

Other areas that we particularly need volunteers in are the Plant Sales area, Plant Minding, Car Parking (especially first thing in the morning) Door Entry and Exits, and to assist in monitoring visitors' Social Distancing.

**We particularly need assistance 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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## Acknowledgement of BCC Support

We would also like to acknowledge the Support of the Lord Mayor's Community Fund and Councillors Ryan Murphy (Chandler Ward) and Lisa Atwood (Doboy Ward) for their assistance in Supporting EDOS.

## Shows for 2021



**What:** EDOS Inc Orchid Society  
**Where:** BISC Building, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont  
**When:** 11 and 12 September, 2021

**What:** Toowoomba Spring Show  
**Where:** Church Hall, Cnr James and Phillip Sts, Toowoomba  
**When:** 17 to 20 September, 2021

**What:** West Brisbane Orchid Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 18 and 19 September, 2021

**What:** Glasshouse Orchid Show  
**Where:** Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah  
**When:** 24 and 25 September, 2021

**What:** Ipswich Orchid Society Show  
**Where:** Silkstone State School, Prospect St, Silkstone  
**When:** 25 and 26 September, 2021

**What:** Redlands Orchid Society Charity Show  
**Where:** Redlands Multi Sports Club, Judy Holt Park Complex, entry via roundabout corner Bailey and Randall Roads Birkdale  
**When:** 2 October, 2021

**What:** North Brisbane Orchid Society  
**Where:** Genesis College Sports Hall, Young's Crossing Road, Bray Park.  
**When:** 2 and 3 October, 2021

**What:** Queensland Orchid Society  
**Where:** BISC Building, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont  
**When:** 9 and 10 October, 2021

**What:** Nambour Species Show  
**Where:** Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Rd, Buderim  
**When:** 23 October, 2021 8 am – 4 pm

**What:** Orchid Species Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 6 and 7 November, 2021

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## Cultural Award July Meeting

### *Dendrochilum wenzelii*

This species is endemic to the Philippines and grows as an epiphyte in forests at altitudes of 500 to 1800 mts.

I find they grow well in pot culture with small to medium bark, perlite and charcoal. These plants like to be repotted while in their active growth cycle, when sending up flower spikes, as they flower from the new growths. My plant is grown under 70% shade cloth on the roof and 50% on walls, watering every 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> day in Summer, once every 5 to 7 days in Winter. I fertilise every 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> watering. It is important to have good air movement around these plants.

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*Barry Kable*

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## Volunteers Needed

EDOS Inc will be operating a "Sausage Sizzle" at Bunnings, Wondall Road on Sunday 3 October, 2022. We will be looking for Volunteers to work on the day. You will only need to cover one shift – either 8 am to 12, or 12 to 4 pm. Please let Greg Webb know if you will be able to assist on the day.

Bunnings, Wondall Road have been very generous with their assistance to EDOS Inc, so please try to find a few hours to assist your Society.

## Volunteers for Wynnum Plaza

EDOS Inc will be holding their usual Show Information Display at the Wynnum Plaza on **4 September, 2021** to advertise the upcoming Show. If you are available, please let either President Barry or Secretary Garth know.

You don't need to be there all day – just a couple of hours would be a great help. We will also need some plants to put on display.

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## 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

## Projector For Sale

Now that EDOS Inc has obtained a new Projector through our recent successful Grant application, the "old" Projector is now for Sale. If you are interested, please contact our Secretary Garth, or Treasurer John for more information.

# *AOCC Conference 2022*

**31 August to 4 September 2022.**

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

## *Request for Assistance*

**Letter of Request from Robyn Brown,  
Secretary AOCC2022**

As you are all very aware, the world has changed since we began our Conference planning, and quite early on we had secured what was then a great prize, travel vouchers. But due to the uncertainty within the travel industry, we are no longer able to secure these vouchers. Also, we considered that it may not be a suitable prize in the present climate.

Along with this situation, the person who had volunteered to organize the raffle has had to resign for personal reasons.

We are hoping that someone in one of your societies would be interested in supporting the conference and show by taking on the role of **Raffle Organiser**. They may like to work alone or form a small working group to firstly secure prizes, and then to arrange for the printing of tickets and generally make sure things run smoothly. Originally we were going to have 3 prizes totaling approximately \$5000, as we want prizes worth winning, which would then be an incentive for people to purchase tickets.

If you are the person willing to take on this role, or you know someone who would be perfect, please contact Ken Haase on mobile 0439 397 338 or email

[khaase@iinet.net.au](mailto:khaase@iinet.net.au), or me (Robyn) on mobile 0427 138 168 or email [robynbrown8@bigpond.com](mailto:robynbrown8@bigpond.com) as soon as possible. We know there are many of you who are very talented in this area, and hope to hear from you soon.

Regards

*Robyn Brown*

## *Never Toss It Out!*

We bought this *Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'* in May 2006 -yes 2006. It has been all around the Orchid Houses, and the yard, even next to the wheelie bin! Ray hung it out on the fence late last year, and IT HAS FINALLY FLOWERED!! Moral to the story – Sometimes it pays not to toss it in the bin.



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