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NEWSLETTER JULY 2021



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 22 July, 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 we are operating under the Uniting Church's Covid Plan, please be aware of some of the Instructions which will be enforced. These Rules may change, depending on Government changes being passed on by the Church.

- 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.
- **Condition of Entry** - The Queensland Government have changed the Requirements for compulsory signing in at events, and **it is now compulsory, 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 for use by those with suitable phones. 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.

RED SPOTTER PRESENTATION

Commencing at 7.30 pm on the side verandah of the Hall, Bill Sedgwick will be demonstrating how to make Wire Hangers for your Orchids and other Plants.

FEATURE ITEM

The Feature Item for the July meeting will be a presentation from Warren Wilcox. The topic will be "Applied Science, Plant Biology and Orchid Nutrition".



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 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

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 9.30 am on **Thursday 5 August, 2021** at the Bayside Uniting Church Rooms, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

55th EDOS Inc SPRING SHOW

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

The Show Schedule is attached to this Newsletter, and is also available on the Website.

We will be using the same layout as our very successful Autumn Show which covers the COVID19 Rules.

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

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 July and August meetings.

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@primus.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 July and August Meetings. ***Suggestion: If you can, fill them out on line before you print them off – this makes it very easy for the Scribes on the night of the Show.***

Craft Sales Tags will be available at the July and August 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.



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.

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.

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 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, just speak to Ken Haase before the meeting starts).

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.

Autumn Show Sponsors 2021

EDOS Inc would like to Acknowledge and Thank our Sponsors for our 2021 Shows:

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Shows for 2021



What: John Oxley Autumn Show

Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

When: 24 and 25 July, 2021

What: ANOS KABI Group Show

Where: Albany Creek Community Centre, 15 Ernie St, Albany Creek

When: 21 and 22 August, 2021

What: Logan & District Orchid Society

Where: Springwood State School, Springwood Rd, Springwood

When: 28 and 29 August, 2021

What: North Brisbane Orchid Society

Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

When: 28 and 29 August, 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: 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: Queensland Orchid Society
Where: BISC Building, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont
When: 9 and 10 October, 2021

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



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Cultural Award June Meeting

Dendrochilum javieri

This vivid golden yellow *Dendrochilum* is endemic to the Philippines where it grows in its natural habitat above 1000 metres. Under my conditions *Ddc. javieri* is grown under 70% shadecloth in bark and perlite (2 parts bark – 1 part perlite) where it receives good air flow and high humidity. During the summer months it is watered regularly not allowing the medium to totally dry out. In my opinion this helps to reduce leaf tip die back. Watering in winter is minimal. Fertilising is done with ½ strength organic or inorganic fertiliser weekly. This is truly a beautiful orchid and deserves to be in everyone's collection.

Editor's Note: this orchid is now known as Ddc. javieriense

Happy growing

Bill and Margaret Williams

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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.

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

EKKA 2021

Ekka 2021 – 7th to 15th August 2021

Yes, the Ekka is happening, after being cancelled for 2020, currently planning is well underway for the 2021 Ekka. This year it will run for 9 days instead of 10, starting on Saturday 7th and finishing on Sunday 15th August.

Orchid Societies of SE Queensland have been invited to mount a display again this year. Due to COVID19 the Old Museum Precinct has been closed by the Queensland Government. The Flower & Garden will move back down the hill to under the Convention Centre,

near where we were a few years ago near the Fruit & Vegetables.

A few people have put their hands up to design and setup the display. They hope to source plants without members of all societies being asked to supply them, but if any members wish to contribute, please contact Ann Kable, details below.

Members will be needed to help on the display to answer questions etc. while the Ekka is on. There will be 2 shifts of 2 people a day, 9am to 1pm and 1pm to 5pm, from Saturday 7th to Sunday 15th August. You will receive a free entry ticket for the day you come in to help.

Societies are welcome to supply A5 flyers or information to promote coming events, an ideal opportunity with any societies having shows in coming months. Flyers etc would need to be received by Ann or Barry Kable before the start of the Ekka.

Contact Ann Kable 0414 738 110 or email kableab3@bigpond.com if you want to put your name down.

Guest Society for QOS Inc Meeting August 2021

EDOS Inc has been invited to attend the QOS Inc General Meeting on Monday, 9 August 2021, commencing 10.30 am (this is a day meeting) at the Belmont Shooting Complex. There will be a special table for visiting societies, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners receiving prizes.

This is a great opportunity to promote our Society and upcoming Show, and meet other growers.

For more information please contact Secretary Garth.

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, or me (Robyn) on mobile 0427 138 168 or email 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

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