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The EDOS Inc Management Committee would like to wish our members a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

Keep Safe in these difficult times and look after each other.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on **Sunday 9 January, 2022** at the Brisbane International Shooting Centre, Belmont.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 27 January, 2022**, commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West. More information will be available in the January 2022 Newsletter

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are due on 1 January, 2022 – both Family and Single \$15. They can be paid at the January General Meeting, or a cheque can be mailed to the Secretary, PO Box 60, Wynnum Central Q 4178, or by Direct Transfer.

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CHANGES ON COMMITTEE FOR 2022

The Committee would like to Thank Milton and Kay Ludlow for their efforts whilst on Management during 2021.

We would also like to welcome Paul McCarthy on board.

Congratulations to Malcolm Hay, who has taken over from Ken Webster as Red Spotter Co-ordinator.

Malcolm has put out a call for Volunteers to assist with these presentations – it doesn't have to be long – around 20 minutes - or too technical. The idea of these Talks is to help our members, especially our new members, in all aspects of basic orchid growing, including housing our orchids, simple mistakes to avoid, and assist new growers with any issues that may occur.

If you have a topic you would like discussed, please let Malcolm or our Secretary know. This will also apply to the Guest Speaker – we are always looking for subjects that our members would like to have covered.

QOS Awards for 2021

This year the Committee decided to award 2 Medals for the QOS Award of Service for an EDOS member. Both recipients greatly deserved their Award, as they have both worked tirelessly during 2021 for the Society, often under trying conditions due to Covid.



Our Plant Sales Convenor, **Dick Dorham**, does an exemplary job during the year in our Plant Sales area at both Shows. He keeps everything "Ticking Over" without too much fuss, ensuring that everything runs as smoothly as possible. Dick also organises training for anyone who is prepared to work on the tills during the show.



The other recipient of the QOS Award of Service for 2021 is our Show Kitchen Co-ordinator **Margaret Rieck**. During the Shows, Margaret provides us all with wonderful food, coffee and tea. Most of this food is home-cooked by Margaret and her helpers, which makes it even better! You will also see Margaret on the door on our meeting nights, welcoming members and visitors, and "buzzing" around assisting others.

Show Dates for 2022

Aspley Orchid Society Valentine's Day Show

When: 12 and 13 February, 2022
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

Qld International Orchid Fair

When: 25 and 26 February, 2022
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

EDOS Inc Autumn Show

When: 26 and 27 March, 2022
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

Redlands Orchid Society

When: 23 April, 2022
Where: Redlands Multi Sports Club, Judy Holt Park Complex, Bailey and Randall Roads Birkdale

Brisbane Orchid Society

When: 7 and 8 May, 2022
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

Aspley Orchid Society Mothers Day Show (to be confirmed)

When: 14 May, 2022

Where: Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd,
Wavell Heights

Queensland Orchid Society

When: 28 and 29 May, 2022

Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland
Road, Belmont

AOCC Conference 2022

31 August to 4 September 2022. *For the latest
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We would 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 Inc during 2021.

Show Sponsors 2021

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

Aranbeem Orchid Nursery (Spring Show)

Bendigo Community Bank (Spring and Autumn Shows)

Brisbane Orchid Supplies (Spring and Autumn Shows)

D Dorham (Spring and Autumn Shows)

David Maidment (Spring Show)

Fame Orchids Nursery (Spring and Autumn Shows)
G & M Botting (Spring and Autumn Shows)
Robertson Orchids (Autumn Show)

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

56th EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

The 56th Autumn Show will be held on 26 and 27 March, 2022.

More information will be available in future Newsletters.

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

Now is the time to start planning and organising the plants you may want to bench or especially those you plan to sell. It would be advisable to get in early to get your Bar Code Labels, so there is no rush in the week prior to the Show.

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Cultural Award October 2021

Paph. Mary Franz Smith

This Paph had ten very large strong flowers that have been flowering for more than eight weeks. The cross being the species of *Paph. glaucophyllum* and Paph. Saint Swithin.

This orchid was awarded an Award of Merit and went through to win Orchid of the Year 2013 by the owner Reg McIlwain. I obtained a piece of this plant about 5 years ago and I struggled like Reg to bring it to flower.

I will now let you know it is not really a secret, the idea has been around for longer than me. All I did was sprinkle a little dolomite and blood and bone mixed on top of each pot. This can be done in the spring and again in the autumn. You only need about 10 grams otherwise you could clog up the potting mix. With all the wildlife on our roof I stopped using my water tank and have gone back to town water. This ages for as long as I can to help evaporate the chlorine. This is done in one of those big blue drums to which I add Peters 20-20-20 fertiliser at 100 grams every time I water.

When to water has always been a big decision, I overcame this by growing most of my plants in those small clear drink containers which I make small holes in them. This works well by looking to see the dampness in the pot. The only problem with that is little Greta Thunberg has had them banned.

Sometimes I think we lose our way with all the sprays etc for our plants when there is another old remedy that works. I have not used a fungicide in years. I spray with pool algacide at one ml per litre. I apply this with one of those click on spray containers you can buy at Bunnings - the ones that have premix like seasol in them. In one litre of water I add 20 ml of the algacide this makes 20 litres, so I spray the plants, the roof, the walls, everything. The Paphs especially can get a lot of brown spots, this in time will be eradicated. Once a month is fine, it takes about five minutes.

Brent Nicoll

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Benefits Australian Orchid Foundation

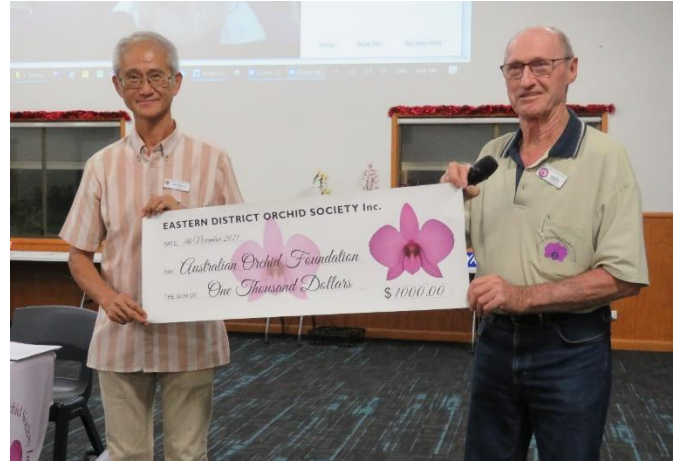
In October, the EDOS Inc Committee decided to hold a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Manly West, and donate the proceeds to the Australian Orchid Foundation.

At our November Meeting, AOF Co-Chair John Varigos gave a Zoom presentation to EDOS Inc members, giving

our members an insight into the work of the AOF and the benefits obtained for orchid growers from projects supported by AOF Funding.

To those who helped out on the day, Many Thanks for your hard work.

Gary Yong Gee accepted the cheque for \$1000 on behalf of AOF from EDOS President Barry Kable.



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Rlc. Betty's Dream 'Michael'.

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