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FEATURE ITEM

January's Feature Item will be a presentation by Robert Reitano on *Sarcochilus* species. Robert is very knowledgeable on Australian species orchids so this will be very interesting.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 January, 2023**, commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

In order to give members time to set up the tables, we ask that members **DON'T ARRIVE BEFORE 7 PM UNLESS YOU ARE COMING TO ASSIST WITH SETUP.**

Please give our Hostesses and other Volunteers time to get organised, and also there will not be any tables available to place plants on until this task is completed.

RED SPOTTER PRESENTATION

Brent Nicoll will be doing the January presentation on "How I Grow my Orchids". Brent is one of our top growers so it should be very interesting.

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

Judges: R Reitano, K Haase, B Nicoll, L Vickers
Associate Judges: S Crosby and H Barker
Scribes: Volunteers required please.
Supper Stewards: Malcolm Hay and Bill Sedgwick
Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck
Library: Helen Vickers
Plant Registrar: Janelle Girdlestone

Membership Renewal 2023

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are due on 1 January, 2023 – both Family and Single \$15.

Payment can be made either by:

- Payment at the January General Meeting, cash or EFT;
- A cheque can be mailed to the Secretary, PO Box 60, Wynnum Central Q 4178;
- Or by Direct Transfer to the following;

Bank: Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633 000
Account No. 163067937 (*please include your name in reference, otherwise it cannot be identified as yours*)

PLEASE NOTE: The CBA Bank Account has now been closed. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU USE THE BENDIGO BANK DETAILS.

Please take note that any members who have not paid their Subscriptions when the March Newsletter is due will not receive their copy, as they will be deemed to be unfinancial at the end of February (as per our Constitution).

Please also remember that you need to be a financial member to be able to table plants or have plants in Plant Sales at the upcoming Autumn Show.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held at 9.30 am on **Friday 3 February 2023** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

NEW CLASS - MINIATURES

Your committee has decided to introduce a **new class for our EDOS Inc Shows**. So, to get members used to benching their Miniatures, we are **also introducing the class to our Monthly Meeting nights** in order to get members used to the idea. The new class, being miniatures, is to encourage members to bring along those little flowers that they wouldn't normally bring because "they can't compete against the larger and more impressive flowers."

This class is open to all Open growers, and Novice growers will then transition into being able to enter the new class when they move up into Open.

The criteria for this new class of Miniatures is:

- The flower size must be under the size of 15 mm.
- It can be either a species or hybrid.
- The class is governed by the size of the flower and not the size of the plant it is growing on.

So, for all those growers who wouldn't normally bring their miniatures along, you are encouraged to do so, showing others that miniatures can also be interesting and worthwhile.

If your plant fits into several classes, it will be the grower's decision as to which class it is put into, eg, if it is a small Australian species (under 15mm) it could go

into either Australian species or Miniatures – growers choice.

Your committee will re-evaluate this class next year. If you have any thoughts/suggestions/comments please pass them on to your committee.

These guidelines relate to both Meeting nights and EDOS Inc Shows.

QIOF Orchid Fair

The QIOF Fair will be held on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 February, 2023 at the Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont.

There will be a large number of vendors from interstate as well as our Queensland vendors, with flask sales from overseas also to purchase from, so start saving up your "pennies" and think about what you would like to add to your collection.

57th EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

The 57th Autumn Show will be held on 1 and 2 April, 2023.

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

The Show Schedule is attached to this Newsletter so that members can start planning and organising the plants they may want to bench or sell.

Please take the time to review the Show Schedule as there have been a number of changes made. **These include some amendments to several classes, and the introduction of a class for Miniatures – Hybrid or Species, maximum bloom 15 mm. Please see further down in the Newsletter for a more expansive explanation.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT PLANTS CANNOT BE PUT ON THE TABLES UNTIL THE CHIEF STEWARD IS HAPPY WITH THE SETUP AND SAYS IT IS OKAY – USUALLY AROUND 4 PM.

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 Autumn Show **will need to be ordered early to avoid a last minute rush.**

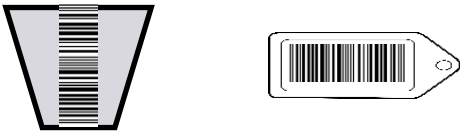
It may not be possible to print labels on Friday night.

The Bar Code Label Request Form is on the Website, and for those who need them, they will also be available at the January and February 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 on mounted plants.**

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.




**– NO BAR CODE LABEL,
NO PLANT SALES!**

Plant Benching Labels - are available on the Website. They will also be available at the February and March Meetings. **We would also like to see members who are benching plants use the label holders (available at registration) for their labels, rather than taping them to the pots. It is much easier for the scribes and the public to read the tag if it is above the plant. It also eliminates the possibility of having the public pulling out labels or moving the pots to read the name of the plant.**

Craft Sales Tags will be available at the February and March 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.

 **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. The database is also available at our General Meetings.

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.

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.



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.



Refreshments – We will be reverting back to our usual EDOS operated canteen with morning/afternoon teas and lunch by our Show Kitchen Convenor Margaret.



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.

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. It is embarrassing when members of the public bring these plants to our attention.

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).

We particularly need volunteers in Plant Sales to assist members of the public, some members to “stand watch” at the entrance of the Show area to make sure no purchases go into the area, and also for the Front Door and Plant Minding, and to set up **on Friday afternoon from 2.00 pm, and especially for the clean up on Sunday afternoon.**

Plants remaining after completion of the show are the responsibility of the owner. All care is taken to limit any discrepancies but prompt collection is advised on completion of the presentations.

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Show Dates for 2023

What: Aspley Orchid Society Summer Show
When: 11 and 12 February, 2023
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

What: *QIOF Sales Fair*
When: 24 and 25 February, 2023
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

What: *BDOFS Orchid & Foliage Show*
When: 11 and 12 March, 2023
Where: School of Arts Hall, 3-7 Pine St. Canungra

What: *West Brisbane OS Autumn Show*
When: 11 and 12 March, 2023
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

What: *EDOS Inc Autumn Show*
When: 1 and 2 April, 2023
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

What: *Pine Rivers Orchid Society Show*
When: 14 and 15 April, 2023
Where: Venue to be confirmed

What: *ANOS (Qld) – Kabi Group*
When: 15 April, 2023
Where: Venue to be confirmed

What: *Ipswich Orchid Society Show*
When: 15 and 16 April, 2023
Where: Silkstone State School, Silkstone

What: *Redlands Orchid Society Show*
When: 22 April, 2023
Where: Redlands Multi Sports Club, Judy Holt Park Complex, Bailey and Randall Roads Birkdale

What: *Brisbane Orchid Society Show*
When: 29 and 30 April, 2023
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

What: *Queensland Orchid Society Inc Show*
When: 6 and 7 May, 2023
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

What: *Aspley OS Mothers Day Show*
When: 13 May, 2023
Where: Wavell Heights Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights



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