

# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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## NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023

### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

The next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 23 March, 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.

***As our President Barry and Plant Registrar Ann will be absent for this meeting, if you are able to assist the rest of the Committee, no matter how small the job may be, please speak to either Vice President Greg, Secretary Garth or Treasurer John to offer your assistance to make it easier for the rest of the volunteers.***

### **RED SPOTTER PRESENTATION**

Red Spotters for March will be presented by Rob Kerr. At the time of printing, Editor didn't know what Rob's topic will be, but with the experience that Rob has, it will be something that we can all learn from.

### **FEATURE ITEM**

Our Vice President Greg will be busy for this meeting, as he is also presenting the Feature Item for the night. Greg's topic will be on *Catasetinae*. We all know how well Greg grows this genera, so it will be very informative for those of us who don't have a lot of success.



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

**Judges:** R Reitano, J Rooks, K Haase plus volunteer  
**Associate Judges:** S Crosby and H Barker  
**Scribes:** Volunteers required please.  
**Supper Stewards:** Kay Ludlow plus volunteers  
**Hostesses:** Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck  
**Library:** Helen Vickers  
**Plant Registrar:** Janelle Girdlestone

**Membership Renewal 2023**

**Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions were 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**  
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**PLEASE NOTE: The CBA Bank Account has now been closed. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU USE THE BENDIGO BANK DETAILS.**

**If you have NOT paid your Subscription, you will no longer receive the Newsletter after this month, as you will be deemed to be unfinancial as 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 10.00 am on **Thursday 6 April, 2023** upstairs in the meeting room at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

## ***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.**

## ***Wynnum Plaza Display***

We are looking for volunteers to man the pre-show Display at the Wynnum Plaza on 25 March, 2023, where we hand out flyers for the show, and answer questions from the public. Most of the "regulars" are unavailable due to other commitments, so if you are available, please let Treasurer John know, as he is co-ordinating this. Setup up is at 8.30, usually finishing around 2.30-3 pm. You don't need to be there for the whole day – just a few hours would be great. We will also be looking for plants to put into the display.

## **57th EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW**

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

Please take the time to review the Show Schedule which was attached to January's Newsletter, 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 article on New Class – Miniatures in this Newsletter for a description.**

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 March 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 on mounted plants, or on a separate tag.**

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 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 March Meeting. **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 March Meeting. If you have any queries please contact Judy Walcot.

***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 members 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.



**Refreshments** – We will have 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 or a refresher for those who have worked on them before.**

**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.

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

**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 meeting (Roster will be at the front table)**, or contact either Show Captain Ray, Secretary Garth or a

Committee member 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.**

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.

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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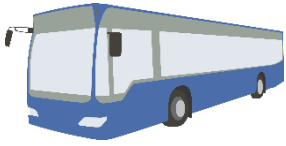
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## EDOS Coach Trip 20 May 2023

Our first coach trip since before Covid-19 arrived and disrupted our lives will be on 20 May 2023.

There will be 2 pick up points, Kable's at 281 Redland Bay Road, Capalaba at 7:15am and the Uniting Church at 420 Wondall Road at 7:45am for sign-on before boarding the coach. Bring your own bags or boxes clearly marked with your name for any orchids you purchase.

We will be stopping at the Woombye CWA park for morning tea and a comfort stop before going to Robertson's Orchid Nursery at West Woombye.

Lunch will be at the historic Palmwoods Hotel. You will have a choice of 4 menu options and you will need to choose these at the April meeting so they can be pre-ordered.

After lunch we will travel back down the M1 to Aranbeem Orchids at Deception Bay.

We will return to Manly West and Capalaba drop off points by around 5:15 to 5:30pm.

EDOS is subsidising this outing from accumulated funds so that the all inclusive cost for the day (excluding the cost of plants) will be \$10/person. There will be a booking form at the March general meeting with payment and details to be completed by the April general meeting. As numbers are limited to 38 be sure you put your name on the list at the March meeting.

*Pauline Semple*

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## Show Dates for 2023

**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:** Kallangur State School, Old Gympie Rd, Kallangur

**What:** *ANOS (Qld) – Kabi Group*  
**When:** 15 April, 2023  
**Where:** Newman Room, Geebung RSL, 323 Newman Rd, Geebung

**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

**What:** *Southport & District OS Mother's Day Show*  
**When:** 13 May, 2023  
**Where:** Country Paradise Parklands, 231 Beaudesert Nerang Rd, Nerang

**What:** *North Moreton Orchid Council Show*  
**When:** 24 and 25 June, 2023  
**Where:** Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

## CULTURAL PLANT FEBRUARY 2023

### *Bulbophyllum pecten-veneris*

ORIGIN/HABITAT: Laos, Vietnam, and China. In Vietnam, plants have been found in the Langbian region as well as several other locations, but no habitat details were reported. In China, plants have been found in the provinces of Hubei, Anhui, Fujian, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Hainan, and Guangxi. Plants grow on trees in forests or on the edge of forests at elevations below 3300 ft. (1000 m). -- Source: Charles Baker.

*Bulbophyllum pecten-veneris* prefers cool to warm growing conditions therefore this orchid is perfectly suited to Brisbane climate.

This orchid is grown in a covered shade house with 60% shade on roof, including solar weave and 50% on sides. Four fans run during daylight hours to circulate hotter air that gathers in the gable roof in summer months.

It is fertilised using Horticultural Solutions HSO22 and HSO12 alternating fortnightly between both 12 months of the year. That is two weeks using HSO 22 high nitrogen weekly and the two weeks using HSO 12 low nitrogen and high potassium weekly. Rate is .6 gram per litre.

In summer it is watered at least twice per week and sometimes more in excessive heat. Watering is less in winter at about once per week depending on the prevailing weather. However, *Bulbophyllum* like that extra bit of moisture and because of this the mount is misted most days of the year. To contain that extra moisture a thin layer of Sphagnum Moss is added on the mount and under the orchid.

This orchid is grown on a cork mount with a thin layer of Sphagnum Moss added on top of the mount. This Sphagnum Moss needs to be added to or replaced every 3 years or so. Recently the plant vigour reduced but after adding more new sphagnum moss the growth habit improved.

Orchid is hung high in shadehouse to maximise filtered light.

*Editor's Note: Most growers will have this plant in their collection labelled as *Bulbophyllum tingabarinum*, however Kew accepts *Bulb. pecten-veneris*.*

***Grown by Ken Haase***

## ***New Club Shirts***

For those members who have not yet ordered the new club shirt, there will be sizes at the March meeting to try on and place an order.



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