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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 24 August, 2023**, commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

In order to give our Hostesses and volunteers time to set up the tables, organise Sign-in Registers and Plant registration, we ask that members DON'T ARRIVE BEFORE 7 PM UNLESS YOU ARE COMING TO ASSIST WITH SETUP, otherwise it gets very congested around the front door. This has been a bit of a problem at recent meetings, especially for those who are carrying in plants, so please be mindful of other members who are trying to get their plants inside.

RED SPOTTER PRESENTATION

Commencing at 7.30 pm on the side verandah of the Hall, August's Red Spotter will be done by Malcolm Hay. Malcolm will be talking about his "Bulbo. Adventures".

FEATURE ITEM

Callyn Farrell from Down Under Native Orchids will be doing a presentation on a very interesting topic – Growing Plants for Specimens. This is something we all try to do, more often than not unsuccessfully, so Callyn's information will be very helpful to many of us.



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

Judges: L Vickers, H Vickers, J Rooks, S Crosby, G Webb (reserve)
Associate Judges: H Barker and C 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 10.00 am on **Thursday 7 September, 2023** upstairs in the meeting room at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

Vale Ken Webster

It is with much regret that we announce the passing of EDOS Inc Life Member Ken Webster on 31 July 2023. Ken and wife Pauline joined EDOS in November 1998, and became very involved with the running of the Society. Amongst other positions, Ken was President from 2004 to 2007, Secretary from 2007 to 2015, and was a Life Member. He was instrumental, along with other members, in setting up Red Spotters, which still operates today. Ken was also heavily involved with the Southern Area Judging Panel, amongst other things,

being a qualified judge and then Training Officer. His orchid knowledge was immense.

Our condolences go out to Pauline and the family.

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Vice President Greg Webb would like to thank the members who assisted at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 30 July, 2023. Treasurer Rooks will discuss the funds raised at the next General Meeting.

Volunteers Needed

EDOS Inc will again be holding the Wynnum Plaza promotional display on 9 September for the upcoming Spring Show which is on 16 and 17 September. If you have just a couple of hours to spare to help promote the Show and our Society, handing out flyers and answering questions, please contact President Barry Kable. It is not an onerous job, but if we can get enough members to assist, it makes it easier for everyone to have regular breaks.

We will also need some plants to put in the display. We want you to bring the ones you intend to have on the Show Bench, but we would appreciate some showy plants and to advertise the Society.

57th EDOS Inc Spring Show

The 57th EDOS Inc Spring Show will be held on 16 and 17 September, 2023.

By now you should have started preparing plants for both the Show bench and the Sales tables. Make sure that you have enough Barcode Labels, your plants are clean and fit for sale – this includes being stable in the pots (not repotted recently), and having no diseases. This includes checking whether you are in a Fire-ant area, and if you are, check that your plants are “clean”.

If you have a plant that needs to be staked up for the best presentation of the flowers – eg Phalaenopsis or Dendrobiums – don’t leave it to the last few days before the show to do it, and have the flowers all pointing in the wrong direction. Judges are very disappointed when the flowers are upside down and every which way, when a little bit of attention earlier could make that plant a winner!

The Show Schedule was in the last Newsletter so that you can start planning and organising the plants you may want to bench or sell.



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 meeting 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.

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

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, photos, colour etc.



DON'T FORGET – NO BAR CODE LABEL, NO PLANT SALES!

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

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

The Editor is going to have a bit of a "Rant".


On behalf of the Scribes, and as one of those who has the often difficult job of deciphering the plant labels, I would ask members to consider making everyone's job a little easier and do the following:

- When benching plants use the label holders (available at registration) for your 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, reducing the possibility of plants being damaged.
- Make sure that you print the name of the plant CLEARLY and correctly on the Benching Label.

Remember, the Scribes have to keep up with the Judges, and having to spend unnecessary time trying to decipher a label only gets everyone frustrated and leads to more mistakes.

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.

 **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.

Whether it is at a Show or on a Meeting night, please make sure that your labels are clean and easy to read, so that the scribes can get the names correct when your plant wins a place. This includes having ONLY the plant name printed on the front of the label, with any extra information you may want to include on the other side of the label.

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. There will be a Lucky Draw done at the conclusion of the Show for those who have signed the book.

Fire Ant and Benching and Selling 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. Recently, some Societies have been visited by DAF to check on their registers, so EDOS would like to continue to be compliant.**

Signing these registers enables the Committee to identify anyone who may not have tags etc on their plants. It is also a requirement if you are NOT an EDOS Inc member to make sure that you obtain an Exhibitors number from Ann Kable (or whoever is sitting at the table), otherwise you will not be in the database, and

therefore we will not be able to record any places you may obtain on the Show Bench.



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. In if doubt please ask Brent Nicoll.



Refreshments – We will be having 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.

PLEASE NOTE

: 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, please replace the label with the correct value.

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.

Plants also need to stand upright on both the Sales and Show benches, if necessary put them inside a larger-based pot.

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 Spring 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 President Barry and let them know when and where you would be available to help 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.



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).

Volunteers are also needed in Plant Sales to assist members of the public, and also for Plant Minding, and to set up **on Friday afternoon from 2.00 pm, and especially for the clean up on Sunday afternoon.** The more helpers we have the quicker it all gets done!

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.

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.

Show Dates for 2023

What: Logan & District Orchid Society Show
When: 26 and 27 August, 2023
Where: Springwood State School Hall, 94-120 Springwood Rd, Springwood

- What:** *West Brisbane Orchid Show*
When: 2 and 3 September, 2023
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha
- What:** *Beaudesert Orchid & Foliage Show*
When: 9 and 10 September, 2023
Where: Canungra School of Arts, Pine St, Canungra
- What:** *Toowoomba Spring Show*
When: 15 to 17 September, 2023
Where: Cnr James & Phillips St, Toowoomba
- What:** *EDOS Inc Spring Show*
When: 16 and 17 September, 2023
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont
- What:** *Ipswich Spring Show*
When: 23 and 24 September, 2023
Where: Silkstone State School, Prospect St, Silkstone
- What:** *Redlands Orchid Society*
When: 7 October, 2023
Where: Redlands Multi Sports Club, Judy Holt Park, Randall Rd, Birkdale
- What:** *Queensland Orchid Society Inc Show*
When: 14 and 15 October, 2023
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont
- What:** *Southport Orchid Society*
When: 14 and 15 October, 2023
Where: Country Paradise Parklands, 231 Beaudesert/Nerang Road, Nerang
- What:** *Orchid Species Show*
When: 4 and 5 November, 2023
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha
- What:** *Brisbane Orchid Society Mini Show*
When: 11 November, 2023 (1 day only)
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

One area many growers make a mistake with is using capital letters at the start of the name of a species (and even printing the whole name in capitals).

Another problem is when crossing plants and then trying to register them with RHS. Parentage is very important when doing this.

Another area is using "Running" writing – it is very easily misinterpreted, leading to errors.

If you have trouble printing your labels neatly by hand, I would recommend that you get a Tape Printing machine (these are great especially if you are breaking up plants and need to do a number of the same labels).

If any members would like more information on Nomenclature of Orchids and the Correct Writing of Labels please let me know and I can give you the details.



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Vouchers for EDOS Shows

EDOS Inc Committee has decided to give each membership who attends the July or August Meeting a Voucher to be used at the Spring Show. These vouchers will be distributed as follows:

- These vouchers will be handed out at the July and August meetings. NB Even if you attend both meetings you will only receive 1 voucher.
- 1 (One) only per membership (if you have a family membership you will receive 1 voucher only)

Explanation for Emphasis on Correct Labels

I know it seems like I am "Banging on" about the correct printing of our Orchid Labels, but there are a few reasons for that. Over the years, many labels have been transcribed incorrectly, or poorly written, resulting in the correct names of plants being lost. This can become a major problem on a number of fronts.

- The voucher **MUST** be used at the EDOS Spring Show 2023 only, at either Plant Sales or at Brisbane Orchid Supplies only, **before the close of business on Sunday**. Once the Show is finished the voucher will become null and void. These vouchers will be dated.
- Voucher must be used in full. ie **no change will be given**. You can use the voucher as part of a purchase, adding cash or card to finalise your purchase. They cannot be traded for cash.

If you have any questions, please ask a Committee member for clarification.

Cultural Plant July 2023

Dendrochilum tenellum

Now renamed *Coelogyne tenellum*, it is a common and widely distributed orchid that grows throughout the Philippines islands on mountainous areas from 1000m to 1500m, in bright dappled sunlight, and in a cool to warm conditions, with constant rainfall.

Culture: This plant is grown under 50-60% shade cloth, potted in a mixture of large bark, charcoal and perlite. Fertilised once a week and watered every second day in summer, and every third day in winter. Plants must never be allowed to dry out or become soggy.

Repotting must be completed when in flower. For large specimens a small pot is placed upside down, in the large container to create a void and stop die back in the centre of the plant. Roots should be disturbed as little as

possible when re potting. It only needs an abundance of water year-round to achieve a well flowering plant.

Brisbane weather is ideally suited to *Coel. tenellum*.

Colin Barker

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The Hervey Bay Orchid Society Inc is hosting the STOCQ Triennial Conference and Show 2023, with setup on Thursday 21st September, 2023 and the Show and Conference on Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th.

Further information on registration, vendors and speakers, including Registration forms and schedule, is available at <https://wwwherveybayorchidsociety.com>

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