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## NEWSLETTER JULY 2023

### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

The next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 27 July, 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 the last few meetings, especially for those who are carrying in plants, so please be mindful of other members trying to get their plants inside.**

### **RED SPOTTER PRESENTATION**

Commencing at 7.30 pm on the side verandah of the Hall, July's Red Spotters will be done by Dennis Andison. Dennis's presentations are usually quite entertaining and interesting, especially for the newer growers.

### **FEATURE ITEM**

Brian Heath will be our presenter for July. His topic will be *Laelia anceps*. This will be a very informative presentation, with a lot of useful information.



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

**Judges:** R Reitano, B Nicoll, J Rooks, S Crosby, (K Haase 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 8 August, 2023** upstairs in the meeting room at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.



By the time you receive this Newsletter EDOS Inc's Christmas in July function will only be 29 July, 2023, at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. Doors will be open at 6.00 pm for Canapes at 6.15, with the Main meal being served at 7 pm, and Dessert at 7.45 pm.

Don't forget to bring an item for the Cent Auction (preferably something around \$10 to \$15, no wine please. Tickets for the Cent Auction will be \$5 per sheet.

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## ***Volunteers Needed #1***

EDOS Inc will again be holding a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Wynnnum Manly on 30 July, 2023. If you are able to offer a couple of hours to assist, please contact Greg Webb. Proceeds will again be donated to the Australian Orchid Foundation for their research into saving native and threatened Orchids.

## ***Volunteers Needed #2***

EDOS Inc will again be holding the Wynnnum 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.

## **57<sup>th</sup> EDOS Inc Spring Show**

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

Now is the time to start 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.

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 is attached to this Newsletter so that members can start planning and organising the plants they 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 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.***

The Bar Code Label Request Form is on the Website, and for those who need them, they will also be available at the next 3 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.**

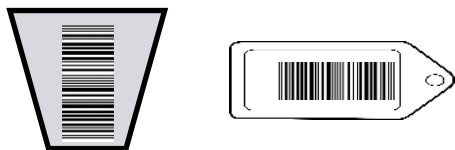
Remember, it is a requirement to have these barcode labels on your pots, as this is the only method our Plant Sales Staff will be using to process the sale of your plants.

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](mailto:taketwo@iprimus.com.au)


**Plant Benching Labels** - are available on the Website. They will also be available at the July and August 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, reducing the possibility of plants being damaged.**

**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.

 **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.

Please make sure that you labels are clean and easy to read, so that the scribes can get the names correct when your plant wins a place.

**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 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 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.

*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).

We also need volunteers 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:** John Oxley Orchid Society Winter Show

**When:** 29 and 30 July, 2023

**Where:** Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

**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 August, 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

## 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)
- 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.

## Show Sponsors 2023

EDOS Inc would like to Acknowledge and Thank our Sponsors for our 2023 Shows:

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## Cultural Plant June 2023

### *Pterostylis collina*

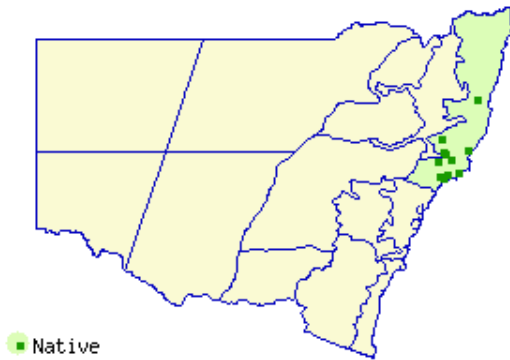
The plant grows in wet forest and on the edges of rainforest north of Newcastle in the mid north coast NSW. The specific epithet (*collina*) is a Latin word meaning "of a hill" or "hilly".



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I grow this Australian native terrestrial in equal parts of coarse sand, cacti and succulent mix, and native potting mix, the addition of some blood and bone can be helpful for the plants as well. This species likes a free draining yet moist retentive medium to grow in.

Like a number of Australian native plants, they do not like massive amounts of fertilizer and do not like phosphorus and any fertilizing needs to take this into account.

The plants are repotted once the old growth has withered after flowering over the cooler months, usually they are dry by late November. This terrestrial orchid is well suited to the Australian climate, and it has tubers under the leaf litter in the soil to protect it from the harsh summer heat.

Once repotted the pots are given a light watering and put under cover so I can control the watering as too much just after repotting can cause the tubers to rot in the pot. Once the leaves start to emerge, I will increase the watering for this species to match growth and vigour of new growth in the pot.

One thing to watch for is spider mite in the dry winter we can have in Brisbane, and I do spray for them, mixing what I use so the mites do not build up a resistance to whatever is being used. Snails love them as well so I do

spread a pet and wildlife friendly alternative to help reduce damage.

I found out possums also love the flowers, they must taste great, so I now only grow them in special cages I have for my native ground orchids, saves the plants from the possums and bush turkeys while allowing them to be in the elements with shade cloth reduced as the cooler weather takes hold.

I do fertilize lightly a few times in the growing cycle usually at ¼ to 1/8 strength. I will use fish based mixed with a microbe supporting additive. Only in the active growing phase and stop totally once flowers are up and open and, also start reducing the watering about the same time to mimic the natural growing cycle for this species.

I hope this helps someone trying to grow this species and others similar.

Thank you

*Harald Geppert*

## *Date Claimer*

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 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

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