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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 22 February, 2024**, 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 and leave a clear path.

RED SPOTTER PRESENTATION

Milton Ludlow will be doing a presentation on "Orchid Mounts". There are many ways of doing this, so you might find something to suit your requirements.

FEATURE ITEM

February's Feature Item will be a presentation by Brian Heath on Selected Cattleya Species. Brian's presentations are always entertaining as well as very informative.



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

Judges: G Webb, J Rooks, L Vickers, R Harrison, B Nicoll
Student Judges: Those present
Scribes: Volunteers required please.
Supper Stewards: Kay Ludlow and Malcolm Hay
Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck
Library: Helen Vickers
Plant Registrar: Ann Kable

Membership Renewal 2024

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are due on 1 January, 2024 – both Family and Single \$15.

Bank Details were in the January Newsletter.

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).

Remember also, if you are not a financial member, you will NOT be eligible for any Member Benefits that may come up (Show Vouchers, Bus trips, shirts, etc).

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held at 10.00 am on **Thursday 7 March 2024** at Wynnum Manly Leagues Club,

58th EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

The 58th Autumn Show will be held on 13 and 14 April, 2024.

The Show Schedule was attached to the January 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. The Committee have decided to make a change to the Champions table, and have added a Champion Australian Native (Species or Hybrid).

For those members who have not sold through EDOS Inc before, **EDOS Inc makes payments for Plant Sales via EFT ONLY.** 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 one of the Hostesses on the door at Meeting nights. Be assured that this information will remain confidential.

I KNOW THAT THIS SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF DETAILS, BUT THIS INFORMATION COULD SAVE YOU A LOT OF TIME, ISSUES AND ANGST ON THE FRIDAY OF SETUP, SO PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESSES REQUIRED – IT IS HERE TO ASSIST YOU.

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 February and March meetings.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!!

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.



For mounted plants, the Barcode label needs to be put on the **back of the plant name tag or on a separate tag which is attached to the plant/mount.**

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. This document is downloadable, and can be filled in electronically. (Much easier than filling them out by hand!) 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 to borrow 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. (It happens, believe me!!!)

These holders are also available to purchase from Brisbane Orchid Supplies.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PLANTS CANNOT BE PUT ON THE TABLES UNTIL THE CHIEF STEWARD IS HAPPY WITH THE SETUP, CLASS SIGNS HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE BENCHES AND HE SAYS IT IS OKAY – USUALLY AROUND 4 PM.

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 EDOS Inc 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.

If you have a plant which has had a name change recently, please make sure that you have the correct name on your label. This makes it easy for Show Stewards to ensure your plant is in the correct Class for judging.

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.

If you want to find out more information you can go to their website - www.daf.qld.gov.au

Please remember that Plants SHOULD NOT be placed on the ground or floor at the Venue or anywhere else.



Cut Flowers and Greenery –

The Lovely people 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 operating

our usual EDOS operated canteen with morning/afternoon teas and lunch by our Show Kitchen Convenor Margaret and her wonderful helpers.



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 learning how to use the NEW SQUARE REGISTERS during the Show, please contact Plant Sales Convenor, Dick at the next meeting, and he will organise some training. These registers are not difficult (easier than the ones we have been using!!)

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.

If you have a plant which is “top-heavy”, the best way to put it on the table is to stand it in a larger pot or on a hanger stand, otherwise it may be removed from the table if it looks like causing damage to other plants when falling over.

If a plant is found to be in an unsatisfactory condition, it will be removed from the Sales Table, 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.

It doesn't have to be all day, either a morning or afternoon would be a huge help to allow the organisers to give everyone a break for a cuppa.



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. **So long as you have neat printing it is not a difficult job.**



We always need **volunteers in Plant Sales** to assist members of the public, Another very important job is having **someone to “stand watch” at the entrance of the Show area** to make sure no purchases go into that area (this is a good job for those of us who

cannot stand for any great length of time – it is a “sit-down” job) We also need **volunteers for the Front Door and Plant Minding**, and to set up **on Friday afternoon from 2.00 pm, and especially for the pack-up on Sunday afternoon.**

NOTE: 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. Please make sure you know what plants you have put on the benches, to eliminate the issue of picking up the wrong plant, or leaving some behind. Unfortunately, we always have some left-overs.



Flyer Distribution

If there are any members (or family members) who would be prepared to do a letterbox drop of our Show Flyers in their area, please let the Editor know, and I can organise to either bring them to the next meeting, or deliver them to you. We use electronic media heavily to advertise our Shows, but not everyone is on Facebook for other media.

Vouchers for EDOS Shows

EDOS Inc Committee has once again decided to give each membership who attends the February or March Meeting a Voucher to be used at the Autumn Show. These vouchers will be distributed as follows:

- These vouchers will be handed out at the February and March 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 Autumn Show 2024** 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.

Assistance for Wynnum Plaza

As we always do, we will be holding a "Pre-Show Promotion" at Wynnum Plaza on 6 April, 2024, from around 8.30 am to 3 pm.

If you have a couple of hours free, we would love to see you there, just to talk to the public, and hand out flyers. Once again, if you can assist with even an hour or two, it makes it easier for others to take a break and have a cuppa or lunch. The only requirement is to wear your club shirt and have a smiley face!

We will also be looking for flowering plants to put on the display. We don't want you to bring your best plants that you are going to put in the Show, just some respectable orchids that will get the interest of the public. If you have any questions, please contact President Kable or Secretary Garth.

Cultural Notes January, 2024

Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi

This plant is widespread, growing from northeast India through Burma, Thailand, Malaya, Sumatra, Java, and Borneo.

This particular plant is grown in a glasshouse which is covered with white reflective shade cloth, with an evaporative air conditioning unit running most of the day. It sits on the western side, on the top shelf, which gives it high light. It is in a clear pot, with bark, perlite and a small amount of charcoal. It is fertilised weekly, weakly all year round. This plant is a progressive flowerer, so it continues to produce flowers on the same raceme for some considerable time. We purchased it in 2015 from Alice's Ochids.

We almost didn't bother to take it to the meeting, so it just shows that you shouldn't judge your plants at home, and just bring them to the meetings and shows for others to enjoy.

Happy Growing

Ray and Janelle

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Changes to EDOS Inc By-Laws

The Committee is in the process of making some minor changes to the current By-Laws. As per our EDOS Inc Constitution, refer By-Law 19.2 - once the document is finalised it will be available to members through the library on a "library return" basis.

These changes will also be reflected in the "New Members Handbook" which will be included on the website.

Show Dates for 2024

What: *West Brisbane OS Autumn Show*
When: 9 and 10 March, 2024
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

What: *Ipswich Orchid Society Show*
When: 6 and 7 April, 2024
Where: Silkstone State School, Silkstone

What: *EDOS Inc Autumn Show*
When: 13 and 14 April, 2024
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

What: *Pine Rivers Orchid Society Show*
When: 13 and 14 April, 2024
Where: Kallangur State School, 139 School St, Kallangur

What: *Redlands Orchid Society Show*
When: 20 April, 2024
Where: Redlands Multi Sports Club, Judy Holt Park Complex, Bailey and Randall Roads Birkdale

What: *Queensland Orchid Society Inc Show*
When: 27 and 28 April, 2024
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

What: *Brisbane Orchid Society Show*
When: 4 and 5 May, 2024
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

What: *Aspley OS Mothers Day Show*
When: 11 May, 2024
Where: Wavell Heights Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights

What: *Southport Orchid Show*
When: 18 May, 2024
Where: Country Paradise Parklands, 231 Beaudesert/Nerang Road, Nerang

What: *North Moreton Orchid Show*
When: 29 and 30 June, 2024
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha



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