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NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 28 August, 2025**, 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. Please be mindful of members who are trying to get their plants inside, and leave a clear path.

RED SPOTTER PRESENTATION

August's Red Spotter presentation will be done by Ken Haase. His topic will be "Securing your Plants for the Show". I would recommend attending this presentation, as our Show is coming up, and this is an **EXTREMELY** important subject.

FEATURE ITEM

August's Feature Item will be presented by Stephen Cox, whose presentation is on "Setting up a Shade House – Things to Consider". Stephen will cover some of the details that a lot of us don't consider when setting our shade houses up at the beginning.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held at 10.00 am on **Thursday 4th September, 2025** at Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

Member Roster August 2025

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

Judges: J Rooks, G Webb, E Locke, L Vickers
Associate Judges: P Smith, P Latimore, Jason
Scribes: **Volunteers required please.**
Supper Stewards: Malcolm Hay and Volunteers
Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck
Library: Helen Vickers
Plant Registrar: Ann Kable



EDOS **Bus**
Trip

The EDOS Committee has organised a Bus Trip to the Spring Orchid Spectacular, being hosted by the Nambour Orchid Society and being held at Bokarina on the Sunshine Coast on 6 September, 2025. There will include their usual Show, plus at least 12 vendors to visit, along with arts and crafts. Cost to members will be \$15 per head, non-members will be \$60. (Members are being subsidised as part of our Member Benefits). This will

include admission to the Show, lunch and a visit to Aranbeem on the way home. Morning Tea will be at your own expense.

The Bus is currently almost full, however you can put your name on the waiting list if you want to attend. Seats will be finalised at the August meeting.

If you haven't already chosen your meal, there will be a Menu available at the August Meeting, so that you can choose your lunch, as we will need to pre-order our meals. We will leave Kables on Redland Bay Road at 7.00 am and the Church Hall at 7.30 am, to be home by 5 pm.



Show Dates for 2025

What: **QOS Inc Spring Show**
When: 23 and 24 August, 2025
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont

What: **Logan & District Orchid Society Show**
When: 30 August, 2025
Where: Springwood Rd State School, 94-120 Springwood Rd, Springwood.

What: **Nambour Spring Orchid Expo**
When: 6 and 7 September, 2025
Where: Venue 114 Sportsman's Parade, Bokarina

What: **EDOS Inc Spring Show**
When: 13 and 14 September 2025
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont

What: **Toowoomba Orchid Society Spring Show**

When: 19-21 September, 2025
Where: St Pauls Church Hall, Phillip Street, Toowoomba

What: **Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Show**

When: 26 and 27 September, 2025
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah

What: **Ipswich Orchid Society Spring Show**

When: 27 and 28 September, 2025
Where: Silkstone State School, Prospect St, Silkstone

What: **North Brisbane Orchid Society Show**

When: 27 and 28 September, 2025
Where: Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall, 757 Gympie Road Lawnton

What: **Redlands Society Charity Show**

When: 11 October 2025
Where: Redlands Sports Centre, entry via Randall Road, Birkdale

What: **The Orchid Species Society Show**

When: 18 October, 2025
Where: Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton

What: **North Moreton Orchid Society Show**

When: 1 and 2 November, 2025
Where: Pine Rivers Showgrounds Hall, 757 Gympie Road Lawnton

What: **Nambour Species Show**

When: 8 November, 2025
Where: Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road, Buderim

What: **Brisbane Orchid Society Spring Show**

When: 15 November, 2025
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont

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BAR CODE LABELS

Bar Coding Labels for the upcoming EDOS Inc Spring Show **will need to be ordered IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS to avoid a last minute rush.**

DON'T LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST FEW DAYS.
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, or on a separate label.**

If there are any queries please contact Ray, either on 3823 4277 or email taketwo@primus.com.au

59th EDOS Inc Spring Show 2025

I know that it is hard to believe, but the 59th EDOS Spring Show is on 13 and 14 September, 2025 – **less than a month away!!**

This will be the last Newsletter before the Show, so PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE EVERYTHING ORGANISED.

You should have started looking at your plants. Keep an eye out for any new spikes and flowers, and consider whether they need to be staked up, or buds in clusters need to be spread.

The Show Schedule was attached to the July Newsletter.

Make sure that you have enough Barcode Labels, and your plants are clean and fit for sale – this includes being stable in the pots (not repotted recently), and having no diseases.




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

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

We would also like to see members who are benching plants use the label holders 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 -Oh yes it happens regularly, and then not put back in the correct pot!!!!.

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.

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. Printed and not running writing or all capitals is CERTAINLY the best.**

When you write out your Judged Plant Labels, also make sure that these are Clear and Easy to read, INCLUDING YOUR MEMBER NUMBER, as this is where the Scribes copy the information from to go into the members entering winners in the Database.

REMEMBER, THE PLANT NAME INCLUDES THE GENERA, OTHERWISE IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE SURE IT IS IN THE CORRECT CLASS.

If you do not have clear printing, think about getting yourself a label printer – they are very easy to use and solves the problem of unclear labels. Brother have a really good one, a lot of us use it.

Show Attendance Register – It is EDOS Inc. policy that ALL persons attending, exhibiting, benching or selling orchid plants at the Spring 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 members 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 also enables the Committee to identify anyone who may not have tags etc on their plants.



Cut Flowers and Greenery – The “artists” 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 – The canteen will be available, we will once again have the friendly volunteers from the Lions Club coming in to supply our lunches and morning teas.

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.

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.

In recent months, there have been quite a few virused plants turning up at different Societies around the area. If you have a plant that may be suspect, please do not bring it to either Society meetings or shows, but have someone experienced have a look at it. Unfortunately, some viruses do not show up until the plant flowers (eg colour break), so if you have a plant like this in your collection, isolate it immediately, as these viruses can be spread very easily, by touch or even insects through your whole collection.

If you want to make sure whether it is virused or not, you can purchase a test kit from some of the nurseries to make sure – Barrita Orchids is one of these. You can also send a piece of the plant away to a Laboratory to have it tested at a reasonable fee.

There is more information in the Orchids Australia Magazine.

There is also a good article on Fame Orchids website about viruses in Orchids and how to prevent it.

If you find yourself with one of these plants, put it in a plastic bag, in the sun, and then in the general bin, **not** the greenwaste bin.

CAUTION IS THE BEST THING – DON'T TAKE CHANCES.

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't stand for long, we can find you a "gentle job" where you can sit down and still be part of the Show.

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 coffee or 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). So long as you have clear writing we would appreciate the assistance.

We also need volunteers in Plant Sales to assist members of the public with any questions they may have. You don't need to be an "expert", a lot of the questions are very easily answered, or can be referred to someone who may specialise in a particular genera. The ever-busy Plant Minding also needs volunteers, especially during the busy times, in particular early to mid-morning. We also need assistance to set up **on Friday afternoon from 2.00 pm, and especially for the pack up on Sunday afternoon.** The more helpers we have the quicker it all gets done!

Vouchers for EDOS Spring Show 2025

As part of our Member Benefits, EDOS Inc Committee are again giving 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 2025 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.

One of our members will have the member list and the Vouchers at the next meeting, so please listen to President Kable to announce who will have this list.

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

EXTRA SHOW FUNDING

Members will be pleased to note that Bendigo Bank have extended their funding to our EDOS Inc Shows, and will now be sponsoring First Place for each of the 3 Novice Sections at our Shows.

So, come on EDOS Novices – this is a fantastic incentive to bench your plants at our future Shows!

This is fantastic news and we Thank them for their generosity, especially JJ Cowley for his confidence in our Society.



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Plant of the Month July 25

***Coelogyne uncata* 'Fretzei'**

(formerly known as Dendrochilum uncatum)

This plant originates from The Philippines and Taiwan. In the Philippines, this orchid grows as an epiphyte on

Luzon Island where it is found in the provinces of Albay, Aurora, Batan, Benguet, Cagayan, Ifugao, Laguna, Nueva Vizcaya, Pampanga, Quezon, Rizal, Sorsogon, and Zambales at 3300-7550 ft. (1000-2300 m). On Taiwan, plants have been reported from the south end of the island on the Haengchun Peninsula as well as from Lanyu Island (Botel Tobago) where it grows in thickets at 1650-2600 ft. (500-800 m).

It's preferred temperature is cool to warm, so it suits Brisbane climate.

Light level should be around 2000 fc to 3000 fc. This orchid is mainly grown on the bench with high light requirements.

This orchid is grown in a shade house with 70% shade on roof and 50% on sides. It is grown on the benches and in a large 200mm squat pot. This orchid likes plenty of water and it is watered every day all year. I may reduce watering slightly during winter if it is a particularly cold period.

Orchid is fertilised using Peters Exel Cal/Mag finisher about every 3 days during summer and once per week during winter. With this amount of fertiliser it is important that you flush the plant thoroughly and regularly with fresh town water to flush out extra salts. Orchid is fertilised twice and on the third occasion is thoroughly flushed with town water.

The watering is very important and my culture of this plant only improved when I increased the watering.

This plant is grown in a mixture of small bark, Perlite, Scoria and Charcoal in a ratio of 4 to 1 to 1 to 1 respectively. Repot every 3 year to five years or pot on into a larger pot during this time.

Best time to repot or pot on this orchid is when it is in flower. When it is flowering it is in active growth developing new roots.

Ken Haase

DATE CLAIMER 2026 EDOS Inc 60th Anniversary Celebrations

I know that it might seem a long way away, but in 2026 EDOS Inc will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary.

The Committee is planning on having a Luncheon in June 2026, as well as a commemorative plant for all members.

Once we have a firm date, we will let everyone know as early as possible so that it can be included in everyone's calendar.

ORCHIDWIZ 20A

For those members who have Orchidwiz, there is an update – 20A - available for download (no charge). There is also a new version coming out in early 2026, so keep your eyes open. As soon as I find out any information, I will put it in the Newsletter.

AOC Conference and Show 2025

Don't forget about this Conference in October. EDOS will be putting on a Table Top Display, and we will be looking for assistance with the supply of flowering plants for this display. Any plants included in this display will be eligible to be included in the main section of the Show for Judging in their relevant classes. We will be arranging transport for anyone who would like to "loan" their plants if they are not going down themselves. Rest assured these plants will be looked after.

If you are going down and are happy to assist in some way with our setup, can you please let President Kable or Secretary Dale know in the near future, so that we can start our planning.

For more information check the website:
www.aoc2025.org.au



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