

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 22 January, 2026** commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTER PRESENTATION

The first Red Spotters for the year will be presented by Bruce Prebble. Bruce will be doing a hands-on demonstration on making a solution for Controlling Ants.

FEATURE ITEM

January's Feature Item will be a Webinar presentation.

Member Roster January 2026

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

Judges: G Webb, K Haase, S Crosby, E Locke
Associate Judges: P Latimore, S Pandey
Scribes: Volunteers required please.
Supper Stewards: Kay Ludlow and Malcolm Hay
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 5 February, 2026** at Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

**Membership Renewal
2026**

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are due on 1 January, 2026 – both Family and Single \$15.

Payment can be made either by:

- Payment at the January General Meeting, cash or EFT;

- Or by Direct Transfer to the following;

Bank: Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633 000
Account No. 163067937 *(please include your name in reference, otherwise it cannot be identified as yours)*

Please also 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).

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.

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. Committee Report for 2025.

It seems if it was just yesterday that I was preparing the 2024 report - where has the last year gone. It has been another fantastic year for EDOS Inc, the Spring and Autumn shows were well attended and a financial success, thanks to all our members who helped. Without you these events would not happen.

Many of our members attended the Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show in Woolgoolga, where EDOS Inc set up a display to showcase our society, thank you to all who supplied plants for the display and helped get them there and displayed, and congratulations to our members who placed in the competition.

EDOS Inc is a very social society, again our Christmas party and Christmas in July were enjoyed by members. The bus trip was well supported.

There are many factors that make our society great, thank you to our sponsors for their continuing support, the committee for your efforts this year, and to our members for turning up and supporting all the events throughout the year.

Being in a great financial position we are able to continue giving many member benefits.

Looking forward to 2026, our society 60th year, planning is under way to celebrate this milestone.

Barry Kable
President

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Show Dates for 2026 (some TBC)

What: ***Aspley Orchid Society Inc***
When: 14 February, 2026
Where: Pine Rivers Showgrounds, 757 Gympie Rd, Lawnton

What: ***Beaudesert Orchid & Foliage Society***
When: 14 and 15 February, 2026
Where: School of Arts Hall, 3-7 Pine St, Canungra

What: ***QIOF Fair***
When: 20 and 21 February, 2026
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont

What: ***Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Autumn Show***
When: 7 and 8 March, 2026
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont

What: ***Eastern District Orchid
Society Inc Autumn Show***
When: 21 and 22 March, 2026
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont

What: ***West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc***
When: 28 and 29 March, 2026
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

What: *ANOS Kabi Den. bigibbum Show*
When: 11 and 12 April, 2026
Where: Silkstone State School Hall, Prospect St, Silkstone, Ipswich

What: *Ipswich Orchid Show*
When: 11 April, 2026
Where: Newman Room, Geebung RSL, 323 Newman Road, Geebung

What: *Brisbane Orchid Society Inc*
When: 2 May, 2026
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont

What: *Redlands Orchid Society Inc*
When: 16 May, 2026
Where: Birkdale Sports Club, Judy Holt Park, Randall & Bailey Roads, Birkdale

What: *Toowoomba Autumn Show*
When: 16 and 17 May, 2026
Where: St. Pauls Church Hall, Cnr Phillip and James St Toowoomba

What: *North Moreton Orchid Society Inc*
When: 20 June, 2026
Where: Pine Rivers Showgrounds, 757 Gympie Rd, Lawnton

EDOS INC 60TH AUTUMN SHOW

It is hard to believe but it is only a little over 2 months to our next Show!!!! The 60th Autumn Show will be held on 21 and 22 March, 2026.

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.

Please take the time to review the Show Schedule as there have been some changes made.

Bank Details: 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.

Plant Preparation for Show

Now is the time to start preparing your plants for both benching and selling. Show bench plants with long spikes need to be “trained” as soon as the buds start to appear, to make sure they grow in the desired formation (dendrobium and phalaenopsis in particular). Genera like Cattleya, which can have a cluster with three or four individual flowers, may need some assistance to make sure the flowers are arranged to their best advantage. This can be done by – very gently - putting something soft like a piece of foam between the stem of the individual flowers as the sheath starts to open, to discourage them from “bunching” up. Orchids that are not presented well will not get the attention of the judges.

If necessary, be prepared to stake and tie your “unwieldy” plants, for both the sales table and the Show bench. Make sure that they are firm in their pots – not recently potted -, and not likely to fall over and damage someone else’s plants. It becomes awkward if stewards and officials have to remove plants because they are either diseased or not potted properly (and it happens almost every show).

If you have any plants that have had a name change recently, please make sure that the labels are correct. If you are aware that a plant has been renamed PLEASE CORRECT your label.

If you are not sure of the name on a plant, please talk to someone – our Committee members are there to assist, as are our Cultural Advisers. We also have Orchidwiz available at every General Meeting to allow for checking of nomenclature.

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 January and February 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.**

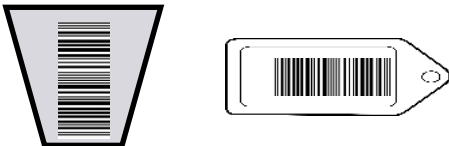
If there are any queries please contact Ray, either on 3823 4277 or email taketwo@iprimus.com.au

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!**

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 attached to the plant.**

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 January and February Meetings.

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 January and February 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.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF A NAME CHANGE ON ANY PLANT, **PLEASE CHANGE YOUR LABEL.** 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 capitals is the correct way to write your labels.***

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 Autumn Show MUST sign the EDOS Inc Attendance Register, so please make sure you sign when you arrive at the venue. There will be a Lucky Draw done at the conclusion of the Show for those who have signed the book and assisted in the running of the Show.

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 "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 have an outside caterer 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. It is not a difficult job, and even if you only assist for a few hours, it allows other members to have a break.

VERY IMPORTANT - 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.

This also applies to plants on the Show Bench

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 Shows across South East Queensland (and other areas) were below the standard and quality that this Society and others consider 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 or it is “plastered” all over the electronic media that plants in poor condition are purchased from any of our Shows.

It also endangers other plants that are placed in the same area as “undesirable” plants, risking the spread of infection and disease.

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 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).

We also need volunteers in Plant Sales to assist members of the public with any questions they may have, and also for Plant Minding, and 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!

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Vouchers for EDOS Autumn Show 2026

As part of our Member Benefits, EDOS Inc Committee are again giving each membership who attends the January or February Meetings a Voucher to be used at the Autumn Show. These vouchers will be distributed as follows:

- **You will need to be a Financial Member of EDOS Inc for 2026**
- These vouchers will be handed out at the January and February 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 2026 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.

EDOS INC MEMBER BENEFITS

EDOS Inc has over the past year or so, initiated a number of **Member Benefit bonuses** for our financial members to take part in.

These include subsidising Bus Trips, Field Days, Xmas in July, and the Christmas breakup. Another benefit is providing Club Shirts to members. Also available is the Show voucher (redeemable at the Show only) given to those members who attend either of the 2 meetings prior to the EDOS Shows.

In return for these Benefits, we would appreciate if members could assist wherever possible to “share the

load” when Shows, meetings and other events are held. Remember, it is everyone’s Society, and it would be great to “Share the Load” and let everyone enjoy these events.

Another benefit is being able to purchase plants from Plant Sales on the Friday night prior to our Show, however this one comes with some “strings attached”.

This Benefit is open to financial members who either:
Assist in setting up and dismantling the venue, or
Bench plants at the show, or
Bench and sell plants at the show, or
Volunteer their time at the show.

If a member doesn't regularly do any of the above then it is not fair that they be given the advantage of the benefit, as they are “not doing anything to assist the Society”, and may be declined when attempting to gain the advantage of being able to purchase any plants before everyone else.

(PS the Show Roster will be available at the 2 meetings prior to the Shows, to enable members to address some of the above)

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EDOS Inc 60th

Anniversary Celebrations

2026 EDOS Inc marks the 60th Anniversary of Eastern District Orchid Society Inc.

The Committee is planning a Luncheon on 13 June 2026 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. All members will be presented with a commemorative plant on the day to help us celebrate.

If anyone has any memorabilia or any ideas they would like to share, please contact one of our Committee members.

Cultural Notes November 2025

Bulbophyllum lobbii

This species occurs in Thailand, Malay Peninsula and islands of Sumatra, Java and Borneo at elevations between 1000 and 1800 mt, warm to intermediate conditions.

I have grown mine in a shallow saucer and kept repotting into larger sizes, finally into a rectangle seedling tray 35cm x 27cm. To form a nice specimen plant, it needs lots of water and fertiliser in the growing season and back off during Winter. Mine has been growing in a shadehouse with 50% shade cloth all over, on a weldmesh bench about waist height.

Barry Kable

QIOF Orchid Fair 2026

The QIOF Fair will be held on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 February, 2026 at the Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont.

There will be a large number of vendors from interstate and Flask Sales from overseas, as well as Queensland vendors, so start saving up your "pennies" and think about what you would like to add to your collection.

There will be food available at the venue, and plenty of parking.

Sad News

For those members who have been involved with EDOS Inc during the last few years, you would remember the Two Bears Pottery Stall at our Shows. Sadly, one of the Bears, Ray passed away just before Christmas after a short illness. EDOS Inc Committee have sent our Condolences to his business partner and husband Eddie and his son Nick at this sad time.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

For anyone who is interested in receiving their Newsletter and any other information from EDOS electronically, please let me know your email address and I will include you in our email group. You will receive your Newsletter in a much faster timeframe, and not miss out on anything else that is often sent out in between Newsletters. My email address is editor@edos.org.au

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