



Eastern District Orchid Society Inc



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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 27 August commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

FEATURE ITEM

Guest speaker will be Alvin Bryant. His presentation will be "A Life in Orchids".

RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30PM

Red Spotters will be hosted by Tony Harrison. His subject is "Preparation of plants and correct staking for the Spring Show".

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke; Les Vickers; Bill Williams; Arthur Cornell
- Scribes:** John Hutchinson and Linda Hall
- Observers:** Ian Want and Steve Stitz
- Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable;
- Supper Stewards:** Marian Samuels and Dot Rooks
- Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck and Dot Rooks
- Library:** Steve Stitz;
- Plants worth Noting:** Arthur Cornell

PLEASE NOTE:

Anyone requiring large orders from the Trade Table please contact Pauline Webster on 3286 4910 prior to the meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

To be held on **Thursday 3 September 2009** at the Administration Block, Wondall Heights State School, Wondall Road, Manly West at 7.30 pm

ORCHID DISPLAY WYNNUM PLAZA

EDOS will be holding an Orchid Display at Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 12 September. We will need both Plants and Helpers so if you can help out with either please let Ken, John or Barry know.

Remember: this is promoting both our Society and our Spring Show so let's make it a great presentation.

BUS TRIP

Wynnum-Manly District Orchid Society have organised a Bus Trip to the Byron Bay District Orchid Society Show in MullUimbimby on 11 September. The Bus will leave the RSL Hall, Melville Street Manly at 7.30 am, returning around 5 pm. Cost will be \$30. Anyone interested in going please phone Evelyn Jamieson on 3398 4047.

PLANTS WORTH NOTING

Dendrochilum cootesii – there were three plants on the bench of this species. One in particular was darker – however this could be because the flower was older. I know one had just started to flower. This one comes from the Philippines and grows as an epiphyte on moss-covered trees from 1200-2000 metres. Like most Dendrochilums they have a single leaf to each pseudobulb and the inflorescences are arched with

many flowers. The flowers of this one are bigger than most Dendrochilums.

Another genus we don't see often is Cochleanthes. *Cnths amezonica* (see photo by Wee Leprechaun) was a good example as there are only 15 species in the genus, which come from Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Brazil. A white flower with colour always looks good. They flower late autumn/winter and produce a single flower and are epiphytic at elevations of 500-1500 metres and don't like to be dried out – who doesn't!

Oncidium Twinkle 'Weston'. This is a primary hybrid between *Onc cheirophorum* and *Onc ornithorhynchum* – one yellow and the other pink. It certainly had a good spray of flowers. At the recent John Oxley Society's show there was a specimen plant there and it was covered in flowers. A good plant to grow.

Dendrobium Jonathan's Glory – a cross of *D Colonial Surprise* and *D Kingrose*. This stood out because of flower size, shape and colour. Lovely to see. Dens are picky growers and flowerers. Good to see hybridisation of Australian natives.

Redlands Beauty 'Super Nova' has to be a *Cattleya* when one looked at it. Good to see 3 shades of red and 2 of yellow.

Arthur Cornell

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Wot, When, Where?

What: A.N.O.S – Kabi Group Inc – Australian Native Orchid Show;
When: Sat 22 & Sun 23 August 2009;
Where: The Lion's Hall, Lawnton Showgrounds, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton

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What: North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc –
When: Sat 29 & Sun 30 August 2009;
Where: Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens

What: Logan & District Orchid Society Inc – Annual Orchid Show
When: 29 & 30 August 2009
Where: Logan Central Community Centre, Cnr Jacaranda Ave & Wembley Rd, Logan Central

What: Nambour Orchid Society Spring Show
When: Fri 4 & Sat 5 September 2009
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour

What: West Brisbane Orchid Society
When: Sat 5 to Sun 6 September 2009
Where: Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens Auditorium

What: Queensland Orchid Society Inc – Spring Orchid Spectacular
When: 11, 12 & 13 September 2009
Where: Mt Coot-ha Botanical Gardens

What: Woodburn Orchid Society Inc – Annual Spring Show
When: 18 – 20 September 2009
Where: Woodburn Memorial Hall

What: Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc – Spring Show
When: 18-23 September 2009
Where: St Pauls Lutheran Church Hall, Cnr Phillip & James St Toowoomba

What: Redland Orchid Society Inc
When: Sat 3 October 2009
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland

What: Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Inc
When: Sat 2 to Sun 3 October 2009
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Rd, Beerwah

What: Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc 'October Bonanza'
When: Sat 10 to Sun 11 October 2009
Where: Student Centre, Bribie Island SHS, First Ave, Bribie Island

What: El Dorado Orchids – Open Day
When: Saturday 17 October 2009 - 9.30 am to 4 pm
Where: 43 Davey Road, Uralba NSW 2477

What: Gold Coast-Tweed Orchid Fair 2009
When: Sat 31 October & Sun 1 November
Where: Tweed Civic Centre, Cnr Wharf & Brett Sts, Tweed Heads

At head height it would get a drift of the wind that blows and the South-easterlies can be gusty and strong. Potting mix is medium bark and perlite. One thing I do, I do not disturb the root system when potting on, which I like to do a little after flowering. I keep all my *Dendrochilum* hanging. I have a yellow form and there are other colours too. *Dcd wenzelii* grow as epiphytes in cloud forests at altitudes of 500-1800 metres.

Arthur Cornell

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REMINDER!

Members are reminded that Prize Vouchers from the Autumn Show need to be used at any of the advertised Sponsors by the end of September 2009.

CULTURAL AWARD FOR JULY 2009

Dendrochilum wenzelii (see photo by Wee Leprechaun) was voted a Cultural Award. Flora Orchids say there are over 200 Sympodial species, while Orchids of Java say there are around 160 species. They are distributed from Thailand/Burma through Malaysia, Indonesia and Philippines to a few in Papua New Guinea. Interestingly, Sumatra has 61 species, Borneo 68 and Philippines 93 species. *Dcd wenzelii* is interesting as the pseudobulbs are close and as the plant grows and spread, they keep flowering every year from the centre out. I have had this plant since 1997 – so it has spread in 12 years.

It is hung head-high in an 8 foot high shade house, with 70% shade cloth, with a 50% cloth on top of that. I fertilise once a week in summer if lucky and less in winter. I water 2-3 times a week depending on prevailing winds. If windy, then I turn the misters on for a burst. The fertiliser I use is Growth and Flower of Wolfgangs with a different one occasionally.

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**EDOS SPRING SHOW
19-20 SEPTEMBER 2009**

HELP HELP HELP

ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!

If you are available to help out at the Spring Show PLEASE put your name on the Show Roster at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are available to help out at the Show, please contact either Ken, John or Barry and let them know when 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!

REMEMBER: MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!

The Show Schedule is attached to this Newsletter.

Member Number - Your Member Number is on the newsletter envelope following your name, and this number should be used if you are benching and/or selling plants.

Plant Sales and Craft Sale Tags – these will be available at the August Meeting. Please ensure that you use EDOS sale plant tags only.

Fire Ant Register – Legislation requires that Members sign the Fire Ant Register before Plants can be accepted for either showing or Sales. This Register

MUST be signed before Plants can be accepted into the Hall.

THERE MAY BE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR SOME MEMBERS WITH REGARD TO THE FIRE ANT REGULATIONS. There is further information on the regulations on the Fire Ant Register later in the Newsletter.

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 it is not a plant in the condition you would consider purchasing yourself, then please do not put it up for sale!

Cut Flowers and Greenery – the Floral Art ladies would appreciate any cut flowers and greenery you may have to offer.

SERVICE TO MEMBERS

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 available on Friday night prior to benching of plants, the Orchidwiz database for members to check their labels. Please see Ann Kable

Show Kitchen Assistance

As the "Catering convenor" Marion is asking for assistance for the Spring Show. Marion would appreciate any donations of slices and cookies etc for the show. She would also appreciate any offers of help in the kitchen during the show, even if you only have an hour or two to spare.

Due to the fact that the Church Hall does not have crockery available as we have been used to in the past, it will be necessary to use disposable crockery. For any members who wish to bring their own mugs/cups for coffee/tea they will be more than welcome, as long as they are clearly labelled.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

We have been asked to provide some flowering orchids to be displayed in the church on Sunday morning. If anyone has any flowering plants which they do not wish to show but are suitable for this purpose on the day please bring them along on Sunday morning and let Barry, Ken or John know.

FIRE ANT COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

As advised by the Inspector from Program Compliance Risk Management, Fire Ant Control, **Points to note are:**

1. Our new meeting place at the Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West, is now in a **RESTRICTED AREA**.
2. All members who are in an Unrestricted Area are able to bring their plants for competition at general meetings and Shows, but must comply with the requirement that on no account must their plants be put down and come into contact with the ground (even in a box) at any time during their visit and remain elevated at all times until their return home.
3. Members from Restricted Areas continue as normal with their potted plants having a plastic tag with ARMP 438, their EDOS Mbr No (not Site Inspection No) and the meeting date inscribed on it and placed in each pot.

It may also be required for these members to dress their potting media for general meetings. **(This is still to be confirmed – more information in the next Newsletter).**

4. The suggested insecticide would possibly be Baythroid, Lorsban, Chlorpyrifos or Pidgeon (which contains Chlorpyrifos). Some members may already have some stocks of Chlorpyrifos which they can use. Cost of the Pidgeon brand at a Produce Merchant was \$44.10 for 1 L and approx \$157.00 for 5 L container. The Inspector suggested a rate of 40 ml/100 L.
5. With regard to sale of plants at our Shows: All members from Restricted Areas must complete and produce a Fire Ant Declaration (FAD) if they wish to sell plants; and also each plant will have the appropriate completed tag as mentioned above in No.3.

Sale plants potting media will also be required to be drenched with the appropriate insecticide. (to be confirmed) These plants are to be kept separate from other plants in the sales area but are allowed to be sold in the same way.

INVITATION

At the Queensland Orchid Society General meeting on Monday 7 September 2009, Guest Speaker from USA, Mr. Eric Hunt, will give a presentation on "Orchids of Peru". The meeting will commence at 8pm, at the Greenslopes Bowls Club, 131 Ridge Street, Greenslopes.

Eric Hunt is a world renowned photographer of orchids and plants in general. His articles appear in numerous magazines in America and Europe. More information can be seen on Eric's Website: <http://www.orchidphotos.org/australia2009.html>

This is a "not to be missed" event and EDOS Members are invited to attend.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

For anyone who is interested in receiving their Newsletter electronically, please let me know your email address and I will include you in an email group. My email address is editor@edos.org.au

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