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Next general meeting

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 28 May 2009 commencing at 8.00pm at the Assembly Hall, Wondall Heights State School, Wondall Road, Manly West.

FEATURE ITEM GUEST SPEAKER

Les Vickers will be doing a PowerPoint Presentation on 'Overseas Judging'

RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30PM

Tony Harrison will give advice on "What Plants to Put Under Cover During Winter"

The following members are requested to make themselves available:-

Judges: Eric Locke; Brian Lovell; Bill Williams; Arthur Cornell
Scribes: Janelle Girdlestone and Barbara Allen
Observers: Patricia Collins and Elda Gastaldon
Plant Registrar: Ann Kable;
Supper Stewards: Brent Nichol and Nancy Aitkin;
Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck
Library: Steve Stitz;

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the current developments regarding the Hall, and the difficulty negotiating the terrain around the Hall, for this meeting the Trade Table will operate "By Prior Request" only. If you need any items please phone Pauline on 3286 4910 and place your order before the meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

To be held on **Thursday 5 June 2009** at 7.30 pm at a venue to be decided. Committee Members will be notified in a timely manner.

WONDALL HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS

E.D.O.S Management Committee is closely monitoring the developments occurring with regards to the Hall. It is highly unlikely any more committee or general meetings will be held at this venue for 2009.

An alternative venue is being sought and is expected to be available for the June General Meeting on 25 June 2009.

Members will be kept informed of any developments.

AUTUMN SHOW HAMPER – UNCLAIMED

At the E.D.O.S Autumn Show the Show Hamper winner was recorded in the name of "Adele". Unfortunately despite numerous attempts by the Treasurer and Secretary "Adele" has not been able to be identified and the prize has not been claimed.

At the recent Committee Meeting, the committee decided to draw a member's number "from the hat" and the lucky member will be able to claim the Hamper at the May General Meeting.

Wouldn't it be great if that member was present on the night (this would reduce the need for the Treasurer to take it home!!).

E.D.O.S AUTUMN SHOW VOUCHERS

Members are reminded that any Autumn Show Vouchers are to be used within 6 months of the show (by the end of September 2009). These vouchers can be used at any of the identified sponsors which are recorded on the vouchers themselves. They are NOT able to be used as the E.D.O.S Trade Table.

E.D.O.S FIELD DAY PROPOSAL

The Secretary has been negotiating with the President, Bayside Creeks Catchment Area Group in relation to conducting a 'Field Day ECO-Tour of the Lota Catchment Area' in a Saturday morning in June, date yet to be decided. This will be a great opportunity for our members to mix with the BCCG members at their Native Refuge area and view native orchids in situ. Members who are interested are to contact the Secretary at the May General Meeting for further details.

Members are reminded that interaction with the Bayside Creek Catchment Group clearly falls within the terms of the E.D.O.S Constitution in that (1) ***"to promote the knowledge and advancement of all that pertains to orchids including their natural history, propagation and cultivation"***; and (2) ***"to encourage and support the culture and conservation of orchids, generally, in horticulture, and in their native habitat"***.

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VALE – Ronald Charles Crouch – **10.05.09**

Members will be saddened to hear of the death of Life Member Ron Crouch who passed away on 10th May 2009 at the age of 83 years.

Ron joined Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. on 28 June 1979. Ron was always an active member within the society and will be best remembered for his input particularly his contributions to (i) Plants Worthing Noting; (ii) technical computer skills; and (iii) spending

his Sunday's at our Autumn and Spring Shows with his long time friend 'Janet'. A number of E.D.O.S members attended Ron's funeral which was held on Thursday 14 May 2009.

It has been difficult to find detail information on Ron however I have located Ron's last article in Plants Worth Noting in our May 2007 E.D.O.S Newsletter. I remember the article because Ron had sent me an e-mail after doing the article and politely advised me ***'it was his last one'***.

To highlight some of Ron's humour and wit, I have taken portions of his article to remind E.D.O.S members we have lost a true loving orchid friend.

Ron wrote the Plant's Worth Noting for the E.D.O.S 27 April 2007 General Meeting. His introduction was brilliant – ***"Once upon a time: but this is no Fairy story. Once upon a time, I used to grow orchids. Now I just write about them, occasionally, very occasionally. At the April 2007 meeting there were 79 to write about, but brevity is the catchword, so I might mention just 1 or 2, possibly more. Seriously"***.

Ron then added – ***"At the very start of the species bench there appeared to be a pot of compost with a label. On close inspection with the magnifying glass kindly supplied I could detect some plant life, green globular bulbs 3mm in diameter if you're lucky with one leaf each, and that in proportion. I managed to find 3 small flowers which even the pollinating agent would have difficulty finding. The plant was *bulbophyllum nanopetalum*"***.

Further in the article Ron gave this kindly advice in staking our orchids – ***"I thought that the white Den in the Novice Section would have displayed better had it not been staked so erect. Remember, however, that these are not the words of a judge but merely the comments of an observer who has a bit of cheek I suppose, telling growers how to display their plants"***.

What impressed me most on this article was the ending Ron provided to his Plant's Worth Noting – ***"Whatever happened to the catchword "brevity"?"*** Personally, this comment itself summed up Ron Crouch – he was not a man for long conversations – his conciseness said it all.

In conclusion, Ron will be sadly missed at E.D.O.S particularly his input over our future show weekends with his friend Janet who would always accompany Ron on most Sundays where both of them would work tirelessly throughout the day.

All the members of E.D.O.S extend their deepest sympathy to Janet and Ron's family members at this time of their sorrows

Rest in peace Ron.

Secretary Ken Webster

WOTSON????

What: Southport & District Orchid Show;
When: Sat 23 & Sun 24 May 2009;
Where: 'The Oasis' Shopping Centre, Gold Coast

What: Boyne-Tannun Orchid & Foliage Society Show;

When: Sat 23 & Sun 24 May 2009;
Where: Tannun Sands High School

What: North Moreton Orchid Council Orchid Show;

When: Sat 27 & Sun 28 June 2009;
Where: Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens

What: Caboolture Orchid Society Inc – 40th Anniversary Annual Winter Show;

When: Fri 10 – Sat 11 - Sun 12.07.09;
Where: Memorial Hall King Street Caboolture

What: Townsville Orchid Society Inc – Winter Show;

When: Fri. 17 – Sat 18 - Sun 19.07.09;
Where: TOS Inc Hall, Joe Kirwan Park Charles Street, Kirwan

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

What: North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc – Annual Spring Show;

When: Sat 29 & Sun 30 August 2009;
Where: Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens

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E.D.O.S MEMBERS HANDBOOK

Final Draft Version 2009;

The Secretary advised the E.D.O.S Management Committee that he has completed the draft of the **'E.D.O.S New Member's Handbook – Version 2009'**

This draft is currently undergoing a number of minor modifications before completion.

A copy of the **'E.D.O.S New Member's Handbook Version 2009'** will be available for distribution at the June General Meeting to New Members only (i.e. those members who have joined since January 2007). If any further details are required, please contact the Secretary.

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Bob Moore

From an old Chinese Proverb – “**A Picture’s Meaning Can Express Ten Thousand Words**” to the other saying “**A Picture is worth a thousand words**” has greatly assisted me in putting this article together for Bob Moore.

At our recent Autumn Show on Saturday 21 March 2009, Bob was caught out in his “**old position**” which he previously worked from during the previous 6 plus years.

As members know, Bob resigned from the position of Trade Table Convenor in October 2008. At that time, Bob was managing to bring all the “**orchid pots and accessories**” into the hall however due to his knees, he needed to have an operation.

Bob being Bob – there was going to be no “**half measures**”. He did not have only one operation on one of his knees; he had both his knees operated on. It is not known whether it was cheaper to have “**two**” for the price of “**one**” but Bob successfully managed the inconvenience in his normal manner.

As illustrated from the below photograph, it could be said “**old habits die hard**” however it was good to see Bob “**back on deck**” and looking happy to be back at E.D.O.S



Welcome back Bob.
From E.D.O.S Members

A PLANT WORTH NOTING

Barbara & Clarke Allan’s Stenoglottis longifolia shown at our April Meeting.

Stenoglottis species are mostly terrestrial orchids (very occasionally epiphytic) and natives of Southern Africa.

Stenoglottis longifolia comes from Natal a north east coastal province of South Africa, latitude 27-30 degrees South - a similar latitude and location to South East Queensland.

Stenoglottis longifolia’s flowers are white to pale-pink with darker pink spots and they open gradually over a period of months on long flower spikes, produced from

a rosette of soft undulate leaves attached to fleshy tuberous roots. Once the flowers have died, the above

ground rosette will die back. It is then provided a brief semi-dry rest until new leaf growth is visible.

Repotting/dividing is carried out during its resting period. *Stenoglottis longifolia* is best grown in pots containing a mix of potting soil with extra ingredients to loosen it up (bark chips, perlite, etc.). Alternatively a mix of bark and sphagnum moss, the moss retaining moisture which the plant requires. Pots can be stood in water during the vegetative phase however when flowering is complete moisture is reduced. Fertilize with weak solution regularly when growth commences.

Temp: Intermediate – warm Light: Medium-bright
Mature size: 5” (foliage only) Humidity: 55-75%

These plants are considered not difficult to grow and would make a great addition to anyone’s orchid collection.

Steve Stitz 27/4/09

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NEW! GIFT VOUCHERS
Proprietors: Steve & Wendy Swan

NEW GROWERS PLANT COMPETITION

New Grower’s Plant Competition – June ‘Red Spotter’s Club’ (General Meeting);

There will be a New Grower’s Plant Competition launched at the E.D.O.S June 2009 General Meeting. New Members who have joined the Society since January 2007 will be eligible to be involved in this competition.

If you are not certain of your joining date, these particulars can be obtained from the Secretary.

A New Grower’s Plant Competition will be conducted with each new member being given a ‘**free**’ orchid

seedling plant (same genera and size) and then asked to grow (hopefully) the orchid seedling until it flowers.

The orchid seedlings will be distributed at the Red Spotters Club at 7.30pm on Thursday 25 June 2009.

Regular inspections will be conducted during the growing period to determine who the successful winner will be – ‘*on-going*’ rewards will be given at these inspection nights to the tallest orchid seedling in growth at that time.

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Guest speakers / red spotters

If you know of any person or persons who may be able to assist in the provision of ‘*Guest Speaker*’ or ‘*Red Spotter*’ at our monthly meetings, please bring this information to the attention of either Barry or Ken who are coordinating these two important functions.

The Management Committee is mindful of time at our monthly meetings however will attempt to provide informative and quality feature items for you. To assist the committee, your assistance is required in terms of what you are seeking on any particular orchid genera including the type of presentation – slide show; ‘*talk and tell*’ show; or any other type of presentation.

Both the President and Secretary intend to provide quality speakers at both functions however need to be aware of your requirements. So if you do know of any speakers or any particular topic of interest to you, please bring this to their attention.

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NEW MEMBERS

New members are advised that their name badges are expected to be available and be presented by the President at the May General Meeting.

THANKS

The Management Committee would like to thank member Stan Rawlings for the Donation to E.D.O.S of a considerable number of Orchid seedlings. These plants will no doubt be put to good use, and I am sure will find a good home.

Stan and Thelma have been growers for many years, and we wish them all the best in their move to their “new home”.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to my first Newsletter as E.D.O.S Editor. If anyone has any tips, hints or articles for inclusion in future Newsletters, please let me know.

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

The next Newsletter will include an article on the new and ever changing names of Orchid Genera. It will include the makeup of some of the new genera we are now seeing, and the abbreviations and pronunciations, which we hope will help the newer (and also the older) growers.