



# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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### NOVEMBER 2009

#### EDOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West on Thursday 26 November 2009 at 8.00 pm

***"All Positions will become Vacant at that time"***

***Please consider nominating for a position. If you are interested in taking on a position please see the Secretary prior to the meeting.***

The continued success of EDOS is not dependent upon the current management committee members but depends upon the support "You" the members are prepared to give to the Society.

**Ken Webster**  
Secretary  
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

#### **RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30PM**

Hosted by Ken Webster – Ken's subject will be "Pots – types and their uses"

#### **FEATURE ITEM**

Our feature for this meeting will be a Forum style 'Question and Answer' session.

If you have any questions you would like answered we would like to hear from you. Please write them down

and hand them to our Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke; Les Vickers; Bill Williams; Arthur Cornell
- Student Judges:** Brent Nicoll; Adrian Bergstrum; John Rooks
- Scribes:** Volunteers on the night
- Observers:** Alan McKell and Glen Drewitt
- Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable;
- Supper Stewards:** Marian Samuels and Daphne McKell
- 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**

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 5.45 pm on 5 December, 2009, at the Manly Bowls Club, prior to the Christmas Breakup

#### **NEW GROWERS REPORT**

At the last meeting some of our new growers brought their 'gift' plants back for "inspection". Barry reported that although there was no increase in bulb size, all plants had new shoots, which was great to see. There will be another "inspection" at the March meeting

# DATE CLAIMER

EDOS Autumn Show for 2010 will be held on 10 & 11 April at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

## FUTURE EVENTS

- What:** ANOS (Qld) Kabi Group Inc Australia Day Barbeque  
**Where:** Dayboro Showgrounds, off Mount Nebo Road, Dayboro  
**When:** Tuesday 26 January 2010 at 11.00 am
- What:** Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and Show 2010  
**Where:** Kirwan (Townsville)  
**When:** Friday 11 – Sunday 13 June 2010  
More information available from Secretary

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## XMAS BREAKUP REMINDER

This year the EDOS Christmas Function will be held on **5 December at the Manly Bowls Club**. Cost for Adults will be \$20, children will be \$10. Soft drink will be provided, alcoholic beverages will be 'Buy-your-own'

**For Catering purposes, Tickets must be prepaid.** The next meeting on 26 November will be the last opportunity to purchase your tickets. Please see our Hostesses at this meeting, or if you will not be at the meeting please contact Ken Webster prior to 26 November.

If you have any children who would like to see Santa please let us know as soon as you can. We will be holding our usual Rolling Raffle, so please bring along a "present" for the table.

There will be a Mini plant competition so bring along a plant or 2.

We will also be holding a Christmas Raffle (Christmas cake, pudding and other Xmas goodies). Tickets will be on sale at the next meeting as well as on the night.

Another item on the programme will be a 'Silent Auction'. Rules will be available soon.



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## Cultural Notes

### Den Adastra

I have been rather lax at getting the cultural notes to our editor on time. I knew that when Janelle looked me in the eye and gave a little smile, but I knew that self preservation for me was to get motivated and fast!

I must thank Craig from Neutrog Fertilizers for kindly donating two containers of his organic fertilizer that I am now trying.

Thanks also to Eric who was just so quick to nominate me instead of himself with his C intermedia – he didn't know at the time about the donated Neutrog fertilizer!

Den Adastra - the parents being Den aphyllum crossed with anosum, more commonly you could say it is Den periardii x Den Superbum.

Den perriardii normally flowers well in Brisbane. Den superbum is a little harder for me as the flowers do not go the full length of the pseudobulb, it probably needs a more cooler and dryer winter. Den Adastra flowers the full length of the cane and stays in flower for a long time.

Since being at the meeting Den Adastra has been re-potted. I would hate to think how many years since the last repotting!!

I did, this time combine another of the same plant into a long thin pot so I have fifteen new growths growing in a

mix of perlite, a little bark, and charcoal. I have noticed that the orchids are growing better with less fertilizer.

### **Brassia gireoudiana**

Brassia gireoudiana is one of the parents of the very popular Brassia Rex. Brassia gireoudiana is quite easily identified by the solid dark brown colour in the lower parts of the petals. Brassia Rex has brown blotches on the petals. I have had this plant for a very long time. It was champion species at the EDOS show in 1999

It was growing in bark and charcoal and then for some strange reason went into a sudden decline. I repotted into a mix of perlite and sphagnum moss and the growth dramatically improved. The most important thing with all orchids is the growing conditions. They will thrive in a moist buoyant environment.

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## **PLANTS WORTH NOTING**

As one viewed the benches the species stood out again – good to see! *Den lindleyi* was interesting in colour as it did not have the deeper hues usually seen – could be the genes or age. It is synonym with *D aggregatum*. The species come from India through to China, with it being common in Thailand. It is a small growing orchid, with one thing they need being a dry spell and water and fertiliser in the growing season.

*Bulbophyllum graveolens* had two plants – good to see. One made interesting reading in E S Siegerist's book 'Bulbophyllum'.

*Bulb graveolens* is *Cirrhopetalum robustum* in Rolfe 1893 with synonym *Bulb graveolens* in Bailey/J J Smith 1912. *Cirr graveolens* Bailey 1896 not *Bulb robustum*. It comes from low elevations in Papua New Guinea – excellent flowers which are long lasting.

Another interesting lower was a *Grammotophyllum*, which was named as a primary hybrid, which should not have been in the species section. A name is a name and should be correctly written. *G fallax* x *G ellisii* is a primary hybrid. I could not find either in my many books. Someone said the names were a synonym. In the past 150 years many synonyms have appeared, but a specie is known by one name – a genus and specie name with sometimes a variety or clone. This genus comes from S E Asia to PNG growing in hot humid coastal environs – well, we have coastal but not the other two – consistently anyway.

*Rhynchostylis retusa* was nice to see. The arching spike was loaded with scented waxy flowers and nicknamed Foxtail Orchid. It is related to the *Vanda* and comes from India to Malaya

*Phalaenopsis mannii* comes from Nepal, NE India to Vietnam and grows in low to moderate altitudes and it suits it here if it gets a dry season – how picky when you have different genera needing a 'dry' at different times. Here all orchids are in a dry season with the humidity down to 15%. It is a good orchid to grow as the colours are variable which makes growing interesting.

Australian native *Den lichenastrum* was notable. It was first given to the Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh in 1836. It was collected near Townsville in 1869. Like many orchids the specie has a variable colour and is coastal, growing in open forests but needs good light and humidity. Interestingly native bees pollinate it.

In the hybrids *Beallara Diana* Dunn stood out in colour but the flower shape is too variable – disappointing. *Epi Charlie Brown* had a good arrangement of flowers on 7 spikes.

Good flowering and growing till next time.

Arthur Cornell



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## ONE-OFF RELEASE OF QUALITY PLANTS BY SILENT AUCTION

A number of quality flasks and community pots in good condition have been donated to raise funds for the Australian Orchid Council, thus assisting in keeping member costs lower.

These flasks and compots are being offered to readers of *Orchids Australia* within Australia by Silent Auction. You are invited to submit a bid for one or more flasks or compots to the AOC Program Director, Jim Shaughnessy. Each flask or community pot has a reserve price placed on it, as shown below, and will be sent to the highest bidder. Freight is extra and each successful bidder will be informed of the amount when notified of the successful bid. Payments must be received before the plants are sent. The auction closes on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010** and bids received after this date will not be considered. Successful bidders will be advised by Jim Shaughnessy by 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Please forward your bid(s) by post to:

Mr J. Shaughnessy,  
88 Wehl St North, Mt Gambier SA 5290

or by email to [bush@icisp.net.au](mailto:bush@icisp.net.au)

or by phone to (08) 8725 9051 – a message may be left on the answering machine.

You need to include your name, postal address, email address or phone number with your bid.

1. *Cym.* Mary Green 'Nifty Guy' = *Cym.* (Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' x *devonianum*). Light pink flowers about the size of *Cym.* Sarah Jean or slightly larger with bold purple lip. Racemes around 50cm with many well-spaced flowers. May flower twice a year. Community pot of about 20 plants; longest leaves 110mm. **Reserve \$40.**
2. *Cym.* My Sweet Amy. Quality shape, pendulous pure pink inter-mini. Community pot of about 20 plants; longest leaves 120mm. **Reserve \$40.**
3. *Cym.* Memoria Amelia Earhart '105' clones. Flask of about 20 plants, longest leaves 80-90mm. **Reserve \$45.** Attractive large mini to small intermediate flowers, tan-fawn with velvety red lip typical of *Cym. devonianum*, producing a good show from an arching raceme.
4. *Den.* (Tosca 'Magic Glow' x Keldon 'White Glory'). Flask of at least 30 plants, longest leaves 40mm. **Reserve \$35.**
5. *Den.* (Hamilton 'Vicki' A.M. x King Wong 'Wow') Flask of at least 30 plants, longest leaves 80mm. **Reserve \$50.** Big shape, white upright crossed with a rich flush-pink with more intense pink edging to petals and sepals; excellent shape.
6. *Den.* [(Rutherford Pink Moon x Zip) x *speciosum* var. *speciosum* 'Pacific #5']. Flask of about 20 plants; longest leaves 70mm. **Reserve \$45.** This should produce good-sized, multi-coloured flowers. *Den. speciosum* var. *speciosum* 'Pacific #5' has bold upright spikes of very nicely arranged flowers. *Den.* (Rutherford Pink Moon x Zip) has a full shape, deep purple lip and petals fringed with an intense purple-red.
7. *Den. speciosum* var. *grandiflorum* ('Bunya' x 'Golden Cascades'). Community pot of about 10 plants; longest leaves 50-80mm. **Reserve \$35.** This should be very much like *Den.* Mt Larcombe Gold with floriferous, intense yellows.
8. *Den.* (Brinawa Charm x *speciosum* var. *speciosum* '\$1.50') Community pot of about 12 plants, longest leaves 50-65mm. **Reserve \$35.** 12½% *Den. bigibbum*, large shapely flowers in lavender to purple; rather like *Den.* Anne's Rainbow 'Surprise'
9. *Den.* (*speciosum* 'Buranga Gold' x 'Matt'). Community pot of about 10 plants, longest leaves 50-80mm. **Reserve \$35.** Deep yellows, rather like the best Kroombit golds and yellows.
10. *Dockrillia (rigidum x teretifolium)*. Flask of about 20 plants, longest leaves 50-80mm. **Reserve \$45.** Compact plant growth; numerous flowers per raceme; typical dockrillias.
11. *Sarco.* Cherie ('Pink Flare' x 'Cleo') oryzalin treated. Flask of at least 20 plants, longest leaves 20-35mm. **Reserve \$50.** Oryzalin treatment for tetraploid versions of this popular hybrid sarcochilus.
12. *Dtps.* (Chain Xen Pearl 'Dendi' AM/AOC x Joy Angel Voice 'Selene AM/RHS). A line-bred cross using two awarded spotted harlequins with very fine shape. This should yield excellent progeny. 2 Flasks of about 8 plants each, longest leaves 30-35mm. **Reserve for each \$30.**
13. *Phal.* (Mount Lip 'Fong Ping' x *Aphrodite* var. *formosana* 'Friendly') **3 flasks.** A cross which flowers very quickly after de-flasking. The *Phal. aphrodite* is a very round, overlapped high production flower. The Mount Lip is a superior clone with extremely dark lip and blushing of dark pink in the centre of the flower. Well-filled in mid-sized pinks are expected. Some have

already flowered a year from deflasking. 3 Flasks: (A) about 8 plants, longest leaves 40-55mm. **Reserve \$40.** (B) About 8 plants, longest leaves 40-70mm. **Reserve \$40.** (C) About 6 plants, longest leaves 25mm. **Reserve \$30.**

14. *Phal.* Deventeriana remake. **2 Flasks.** (A) About 8 plants, longest leaves 30-35mm. **Reserve \$35.** (B) About 8 plants, longest leaves 25-30mm. **Reserve \$35.** This is a remake of the famous cross using superior line-bred and award quality parents. Should produce sprays of medium-sized, filled in flowers in yellows with varying amounts of brown markings.

Items #1-10 were obtained by Jim Shaughnessy from Kevin Western's Laboratory, South Australia at a very reasonable price. Items #11 – 14 were donated by Ken Siew, New South Wales. We are grateful to these people for making the flasks and community pots available. Jim has been looking after them since their arrival.

If necessary, plants will be de-flasked before sending to the successful bidder, to keep them in prime condition.

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Information is available on the official website [www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th\\_AOC\\_Conference.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm)

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Ray can be contacted on email [webmaster@edos.org.au](mailto:webmaster@edos.org.au) or phone 3823 4277

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