



# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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### NOVEMBER 2010

#### **EDOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010**

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 25 November 2010 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 7.30 PM**

Eric Locke will be doing a segment on Equitants (Tolumnias, Oncidiums etc). Eric will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

#### **FEATURE ITEM**

Maurie Page will give one of his highly entertaining and informative "Presentations"

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke, Bill Williams, Arthur Cornell
- Associate Judges:** Brent Nicoll, John Rooks, Adrian Bergstrum
- Observers:** Please let Eric know if you are interested
- Scribes:** Please see Eric if you are available
- Supper Stewards:** Marian Samuels, Daphne McKell
- Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck and Dot Rooks
- Library:** Steve Stitz
- Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable
- Plants worth Noting:** Marian Samuels
- Trade Table:** Pauline Webster

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on **Saturday 11 December, 2010**, at the Manly Bowls Club, prior to the Christmas function.



## EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2010 EDOS Christmas Party will be held on 11 December 2010 at the Manly Bowls Club, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm sit down. Cost will be \$20 for Members and \$25 Non Members, children under 14 will be free. **Tickets must be purchased no later than the next meeting. If you require tickets but won't be at the**

next meeting please contact Treasurer John Rooks on 3890 7914

We will be having a Rolling Raffle (tickets will be \$5 per strip), so on the night please remember to bring along a gift to include in the Rolling Raffle.

The main Raffle will include a delicious (just ask John Hutchinson or Brent Nicholl!!) Christmas Pudding made by member Daphne McKell - \$1 per ticket.

There will also be a "Popular Vote" for those who wish to bring along a flowering orchid.

Our Judges will finalise the Jack Fiege Memorial Trophy for the Plant of the Year (judged from the plants which have been chosen each month by our judges and ably photographed by our Wee Leprechaun)

Please come along and have an enjoyable evening with fellow Society Members.

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## Cultural Notes

*Gongora. histrionic*

Subfamily Epidendroideae - Tribe Maxillarieae - Subtribe Stanhopeinae.

Almost 70 species in Mexico, Central South America and Trinidad. I swapped a *Catasetum* for this orchid about 7 years ago. I have taken some divisions when repotting, but have tried to keep it as a specimen plant. Because of their long pendent inflorescences it is best grown in a hanging pot or basket. I have grown this plant in 60% bark and 40% perlite mix, hanging about head height in a 4.5m high shade house, with 70% shade cloth with high humidity. Regular watering in the growing season, with alternate misting. They respond well to plenty of water and fertilizer every 2<sup>nd</sup> watering. Spell in winter with only water enough to stop pseudobulbs from shrivelling up.

Happy growing.

**Barry Kable**

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Is there any member who is looking for extra shelving or even a workbench? EDOS Inc has available to give away the old Trestle tables and legs for anyone who may be interested. If you are interested please contact either Barry, Ken or John.

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## Plants Worth Noting

I was pleased to see more than twenty *Phalaenopsis* on the bench. Graham McKay has been promoting the Phaly section for some time now with generous donations of plants and advice. There is now a small group of dedicated enthusiasts at EDOS, so we can expect to see only greater results in the future.

The *Angraecum sesquipedale* from Madagascar in the species section grows well in Brisbane. The good book on the culture of Angrecoid orchids says to grow it in warm to intermediate conditions to get a result of three to four flower spikes with up to seven flowers. I can only ever manage one flower at a time so I can only go on living in hope!

There was a plant of *Lycaste aromatica* in the new growers section, *Lycaste* can be rewarding to grow and

likes to be grown in damp conditions and never allowed to dry out. The older leaves when they have fallen often leave sharp spines, so great care should be taken when handling this orchid. A good article is in the Orchid Australia Review Feb-March 2010, it covers all the growing conditions and describes how to achieve 60mm blooms with up to a dozen off the bulb. It goes on to say you will only prick your finger the once on that spine. This magazine is in our library.

**Brent Nicoll**

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**What:** 46<sup>th</sup> Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and Show 2011 (Registration Form available on EDOS website)  
**Where:** Bowen Showgrounds, Mt Nutt Road, Bowen  
**When:** 10,11,12 June 2011

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**What:** Aspley Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 12-13 February 2011

**What:** Queensland International Orchid Fair  
**Where:** Pine Rivers PCYC, Baker Street, Bray Park  
**When:** 4,5 and 6 March, 2011

**What:** EDOS Autumn Show  
**Where:** Bayside Uniting Church Hall,420 Wondall Road, Manly West  
**When:** 16 & 17 April 2010

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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