



# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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### OCTOBER 2011

#### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 27 October, 2011** commencing at **8.00pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Secretary Ken Webster will be doing an Information Handbook Presentation for New Members. This will be particularly informative for anyone who has joined in the past year.

#### FEATURE ITEM

Our Guest Speaker will be Gordon Grant, who will do a presentation on his recent overseas trip. Those who were at Gordon's last presentation will remember how entertaining it was.

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke, Bill Williams, Arthur Cornell, Les Vickers
- Associate Judges:** John Rooks, Brent Nicoll, Adrian Bergstrum
- Observers:** Please see Eric if you are interested
- Scribes:** Volunteers required please.
- Supper Stewards:** Marian Samuels, Daphne McKell
- Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck, Dot Rooks
- Library:** Helen Vickers
- Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable
- Plants worth Noting:** Brent Nicoll
- Trade Table:** Pauline Webster

#### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2011** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

**Please note change of date!**

### **EDOS AGM 24 NOVEMBER 2011**

Time is running out to consider putting forward nominations for Positions at our AGM. Remember that for the Society to function successfully, all positions need to be filled.

Please consider putting yourself forward for one of these positions, or if you know of someone who might be interested in taking on a position, please approach them to see if they might be interested.

**It is always great to have new faces and ideas** – we are always looking for Committee members.

Nomination forms will be available from Secretary Ken Webster at the October Meeting.

If you have any questions about any of the positions please contact either Ken Webster (Secretary), Barry Kable (President) or John Rooks (Treasurer) for further information.



## EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2011 EDOS Christmas Party will be held on 3rd December 2011 at the Manly Bowls Club. **Doors will open at 6.30 pm for dinner at 7.00 pm.** Cost will be \$20 for Members and \$30 for Non Members. Partners of EDOS members who have joined as a Single membership will be \$25. Soft drinks will be included, any other drinks will be at the Member's cost.

**Tickets will need to be purchased at the next meeting, or soon after from John Rooks, so that we can finalise numbers.**

We will be having a Rolling Raffle, so on the night please remember to bring along a gift to include in the Raffle. There will also be a "Popular Vote" for those who wish to bring along a flowering orchid.

Once again this year will be having a "Silent Auction"

Our Judges will be finalising 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)

Our December Committee Meeting will be held at 5.30 pm prior to the function.

Please come along and enjoy a great evening and the company of your fellow EDOS members.

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## Monthly Meeting Raffle Draw

The first plant in our Monthly Meeting Draw for October will be the plant *Onc. Vagabond* x *Jerry Lemacks* which was donated by David Woolf recently. This one is worth winning as it is an advanced plant coming into flower

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**What:** Southport & Districts Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Tweed Civic Centre  
**When:** 5 and 6 November, 2011

**What:** Orchid Species Society Inc – Open Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 12 and 13 November, 2011

**What:** Pumicestone Dist Orchid & Foliage Soc Inc  
**Where:** Ningi Community Hall, Bribe Island Road, Ningi  
**When:** 12 and 13 November, 2011

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## Cultural Award

### *Laelia jongheana*

This species found in Brazil,,produces long racemes of upright & pointed flat 1 or 2 flowers in late Winter to Spring. It grows at elevations of 1300 - 1600 meters in small patch forests.

*Laelia jongheana* is a very uniform species with color varying in the intensity of the pink-magenta segments through to alba.

I grow my *L. jongheana* on a tree fern mount under 70% shade cloth where it is hung 2ft (60cm) from the roof facing east where it receives maximum light without damaging the foliage, and plenty of air movement.

My orchids are watered prior to the fertilising regime of half-strength organic or inorganic fertilizer alternately, not allowing the mount to dry out too long in between watering. Reduce watering during the winter months.

This is a rewarding species to grow.

**Bill Williams**

## Thanks to Show Helpers

Our Kitchen Convener Marian would like to say a big "THANKS" to those members who helped out at our recent Spring Show, and also to Thanks to those who brought in cakes, slices and other items.

Plant Sales Convener Alan McKell would also like to say a big "THANKS" to those who helped out in Plant Sales. Once again Sales were very successful.

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## Plants for Plant Sales

It has been noted that some plants presented for Sale at the last EDOS Show were below the standard and quality that this Society considers acceptable. If a plant is not of the standard that you yourself would purchase, then it should not be presented to Plant Sales

As per our By-Laws, -refer in particular to EDOS By-Laws 5.6 and 5.7 - in the future such plants which are deemed to be of an unsuitable standard will be removed from the Sales Tables.

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## Plants Worth Noting

Good blooms graced the benches on the Thursday meeting. The variety of blooms in size, shape, colour and texture is always a pleasure to observe. I have always had a soft spot for the small flowers. The Phalaenopsis flowers always look attractive and the Vandas are eye-catching, however I picked three out and I like species.

Dendrobium farmeri was worth noting. This one comes from India, Nepal, Thailand through to Malaysia and grows in forests with cool dry winters. Oh – how much and when to water??? Then there was the long name Dendrobium viz! goldschmidtianum. I like its synonym – D miyakei. This one comes from Taiwan and has a showy purple bloom.

Last was Laelia jongheana, which is a montane species from Brazil which at one time was in the Sophronitis genus. It is highly endangered in the wild – so cultivation is an essential part of orchid preservation. This flower shows itself – the three sepals stand out, complementing the two petals, while the lip sets the flower off – an excellent flower as opposed to the round and filled in idea of hybridisation. This proves the diversity of arrangement in orchid flowers is their strong point.

Good growing and hence flowering

**Arthur Cornell**

## **Unwanted Ribbons from EDOS Shows**

Show Captain Brent Nicoll is looking for unwanted EDOS Show Ribbons. If anyone has any at home that they don't particularly want, he would appreciate it if they could 'donate' them back to the Society for re-use (before he goes ahead to purchase more, as they are not cheap). If you have any it would be appreciated if you could bring them to a meeting, thanks.





## WHAT IS OUR FAVOURITE SOCIALITE UP TO NOW????

It seems like a great friendship may be developing between one of our older members (Lyla) and our youngest EDOS member (Michael). They were spotted enjoying themselves whilst helping out at our EDOS Spring Show last month.

## The English Language

Have you ever wondered why foreigners have trouble with the English Language??

Let's face it, English is a stupid language.  
 There is no egg in the eggplant  
 No ham in a hamburger  
 Neither pine nor apple in the pineapple  
 English muffins were not invented in England  
 French fries were not invented in France  
 Quicksand takes you down slowly  
 Boxing rings are square  
 And a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

**If anyone has any articles they would be interested in having included in the Newsletter 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 our email group. My email address is [editor@edos.org.au](mailto:editor@edos.org.au)

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## Red Spotters for November

Those of you who have plants from our previous Grower's Competitions (Dendrobiums which were given to New Members in 2009, and the Phalaenopsis plants which were given to those present at the September 2010 meeting) please bring them along to the November meeting to let us see how they are progressing.

## WEBSITE

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