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### AUGUST 2012

#### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 23 August, 2012** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 6 September, 2012** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### **RED SPOTTERS CLUB**

Jim Stratford will be doing a demonstration on potting cattleyas.

#### ***Promotional Display***

EDOS Inc will be holding another Display at Wynnum Plaza on 22 September between 9 am and 2 pm, as a promotion for our upcoming Spring Show. This display will be held outside Australia Post.

#### **FEATURE ITEM**

Our Guest Speaker for August will be Dave Groffen. Dave will be doing a presentation on the World Orchid Conference 2011 and Singapore.

Please consider helping out, even if it is only for an hour or so. We held this display prior to the last show, and found that it was very beneficial in promoting our Show, but we are looking for more members to help reduce the workload on our hard-working Committee members. We will also be looking for plants to put on display.

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

**Judges:** Eric Locke, Bill Williams, Les Vickers, Arthur Cornell

**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

#### **Change to September General Meeting**

The September General Meeting will now be held at 2 pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September (prior to the Presentations at the Spring Show). This will be an abbreviated meeting, with the majority of business being held over to the next meeting where possible. Members are asked to be present and sign the attendance book.

# 46<sup>th</sup> Spring Orchid Show

## 29-30<sup>th</sup> September, 2012

### SHOW ROSTER

If you are available to help out at the Spring Show please put your name in the Roster book at the next meeting, or contact either Brent, John or Barry and let them know when you would be available to help out, and what job you be able to volunteer for.

**EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS, WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS, AND TO SHARE THE LOAD, SO PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ROSTER!**

It's also an opportunity to spend time getting to know other members – for our new members it is an excellent opportunity to learn from our more experienced growers.

**Catering** - Our Catering Convenor Marion would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Marion will also appreciate assistance in the kitchen.

**Plant Sales** – Our Plant Sales Convenor Alan McKell is looking for assistance in Plant Sales. If you are available to help out, please either see Alan or a Committee member, or put your name on the Roster.

**Plant Sales and Benching Tags** – Plant Sale and Plant Benching Tags will be available at the August EDOS meeting from **Roy Jope**. Tags are also available for printing from the EDOS website – [www.edos.org.au](http://www.edos.org.au).

**Please ensure that you use EDOS sale plant tags only.** If you are unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Treasurer John Rooks.

**Craft Tags** – Craft Tags will be available at the August EDOS meeting from Pauline. If you are unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Treasurer John Rooks.

**Plant Labels** - It is very important when benching plants that labels are easy to read. A clearly written label makes it much easier for everyone to read, and avoids the possibility of a plant being given an incorrect name on the Prize Cards and in Competition Results. 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 or Janelle Girdlestone.

**Member Number** - Your Member Number is on the newsletter envelope following your name, or available from the Plant Registrar. This number needs to be used if you are benching and/or selling plants.

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

**This Register MUST be signed regardless of where you live. The Hall is in a Fire Ant area so care needs to be taken when transporting plants. Please do not place your plants on the ground or floor either outside or inside of the hall.**

**Attendance Book** – for Insurance Purposes it is necessary for Members to sign the Attendance Book when helping out at the Show

**Cut Flowers and Greenery** – The Ladies from the Floral Arrangement section of our show are requesting contributions of any orchid flowers, bromeliad flowers and Anthuriums, and also greenery for their floral arrangements, especially on Saturday, as these Floral Arrangements are very popular, and supplies usually run low by lunchtime. The leaves from the cordylines, flax, anthurium, camellia bush, magnolia, strap leaves and crotons are great for greenery, along with all the others you kindly bring. We would also be very grateful for containers (small or large) suitable for flower arrangements. Many thanks in advance to all who help us out. If in doubt please ask Brent Nicoll.

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

It has been noted that some plants presented for Sale at recent EDOS Shows 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 - plants which are deemed to be of an unsuitable standard will be removed from the Sales Tables.

### SHOW SCHEDULE

A copy of the Schedule for the 2012 Spring Show was included in the July Newsletter.

There have been some changes made to the Show Schedule (in particular the Classes) and General

Conditions, so please have a read of these to ensure that you are aware of any changes that have been made.

**One change to note is that Entries must be tabled and available for Judging by 7.30 pm**

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either the Show Captain Brent Nicoll, Chief Steward Eric Locke, or the President Barry Kable.

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## **VOUCHERS AUTUMN SHOW - REMINDER**

For those who were lucky enough to win Prize Vouchers at our Autumn Show, these vouchers will expire soon, so be sure that you redeem them at any of the venues whose name appears on the voucher.

## **Beginning With Orchids**

EDOS will once again be hosting a "Beginning With Orchids" after our Spring Show. The proposed date will be 7 October. The location is still to be confirmed.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**What:** ANOS (Qld) Kabi Group Inc Aussie Native Orchid Show  
**Where:** The Lion's Hall, Lawnton Showgrounds, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton  
**When:** 25 and 26 August, 2012

**What:** Logan & District Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Logan Central Community Centre, Cnr Jacaranda & Wembley Rds, Logan Central  
**When:** 25 and 26 August, 2012

**What:** North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 25 and 26 August, 2012

**What:** Nambour Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Uniting Church hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour  
**When:** 31 August and 1 September, 2012

**What:** Gold Coast District Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Albert Waterways Com Centre, Hooker & Sunshine Bvds, Broadbeach  
**When:** 31 August to 2 September, 2012

**What:** ANOS Beenleigh Group  
**Where:** Showgrounds Pavilion, Cnr, James & Milne Sts. Beenleigh  
**When:** 1 September, 2012

**What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 1 and 2 September, 2012

**What:** AOC Conference and Show. (For more information refer to web site [http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th\\_AOC\\_Conference.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm))  
**Where:** Perth WA  
**When:** 11 – 16 September, 2012

**What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 21 to 23 September, 2012

**What:** Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society  
**Where:** Canungra Com Hall, 2 Pine St, Canungra  
**When:** 22 and 23 September, 2012

**What:** Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Centenary Heights School Hall, Cnr Ramsay & South Sts, Toowoomba  
**When:** 21 to 26 September, 2012

**What:** Native Orchid Society of Toowoomba Inc  
**Where:** St John's Lutheran Church Hall, Cnr 431 Bridge St (West) and Beryl St, Wilsonton  
**When:** 21 to 25 September, 2012

**What:** **EDOS Spring Show**  
**Where:** **Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West**  
**When:** **29 and 30 September, 2012**

**What:** Redlands Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland  
**When:** 6 October, 2012

**What:** Boonah Orchid Show and Qld Sarcocochilus Festival  
**Where:** Boonah High School Assembly Hall, Macquarie St, Boonah  
**When:** 20 and 21 October, 2012

## Another Missing Library Book

We would appreciate it if members could check their bookshelves for another one of EDOS Library's books. The missing book is "**Exotic Orchids of Australia**" by **David Jones**. If you find that you have it please contact our Librarian Helen Vickers.

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## CALL FOR HELP – RED SPOTTER AND GUEST SPEAKERS

We are looking for some ideas and people to help out with the above on Meeting nights.

If you have a suggestion, or you are prepared to spend a small amount of time on either of these sessions at our meetings, please speak to one of our Committee members.

Red Spotters is generally a more informal presentation, to a smaller audience, most of whom are our newer growers.

If we can't fill the spots, these informative sessions may need to be discontinued due to lack of support. It is unfair to those few members who are doing it month after month.

Remember, knowledge shared is knowledge gained.

## Proposed Changes to Newsletter Distribution

Due to recent increases in Postage and Printing costs, EDOS Committee is looking at making some changes to the distribution of the Newsletter.

We are asking members to consider receiving the Newsletter electronically instead of via Australia Post.

It would be great if we could reduce the number of Newsletters to be posted, thereby reducing both the

costs to produce and mail it, and the time to get it ready for posting.

If you are happy to have your Newsletter emailed, please let either John Rooks or Janelle Girdlestone know your email address and you will go on the list for emailing.

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## Plants Worth Noting

(from June Meeting)

I enjoy the EDOS meetings as there is always a great variety of orchids on show. Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June was no exception.

*Phrag.* Barbara Le-Ann was the first plant to catch my eye with its delicate rose-pink flowers held well above the foliage.

Next was *Den.* John's Charm 'Bruno' in the Australian Native Hybrid Section. The glossy brown and yellow flowers with twisted sepals and petals made this plant hard to miss.

Happily growing on a tree fern mount was the largest plant of *Soph. cernua* I have ever seen. Large (in relation to the plant) bright orange-red flowers makes this a must have plant for any collection - if you can keep it alive!

I think it's a shame we don't see more of the purple form of *C. walkeriana* on the show bench or at meetings. However, a fine example of the alba form in *C. walkeriana* forma alba 'Heritage' was presented in all its glory.

Thank you to all Members who bring plants along to bench as it would be a very dull meeting without them.

**Allan Nalder**

## Nursing Home Visit

Marion and Janelle spent Tuesday morning last week at the Pleasantville Nursing Home in Wynnum West, where EDOS put on an orchid display as part of a "Morning at the Ekka" for the residents and their carers. Bill Sedgwick was also there with his woodturning equipment (and was his usual cheeky self)

## Have a Bit of a Laugh!

If my body was a car I would be trading it in for a newer model.  
I've got bumps, dents, scratches and my headlights are out of focus.  
My gearbox is seizing up and it takes me hours to reach maximum speed.  
I overheat for no reason and every time I sneeze, cough or laugh either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

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For those who may be interested, the following are some statistics relating to our EDOS Website since it started.

2010 – we had a total of 637 unique visitors, with 13,772 hits

2011 – we had a total of 1808 unique visitors with 27,391 hits

2012 – to date we have had a total of 1438 unique visitors, with 31,113 hits.

The website identifies a visitor by its ISP address, and is able to identify which country it is from. We have had visitors from countries such as USA, Japan, Greece, Germany, Netherlands, Vietnam and even countries like Ukraine and Trinidad and Tobago!

So if anyone has an article or Cultural advice you might like to share with others, please forward it to Ray so that it can be included on the website.

## WEBSITE

[www.edos.org.au](http://www.edos.org.au). Our Webmaster Ray Girdlestone would like you to have a look at our EDOS website and make comment – remember it is still a work in progress and any suggestions will be appreciated. If you have any Cultural advice you think may be useful to others please pass it on to Ray for inclusion on the website.

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

## 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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