



# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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### OCTOBER 2012

#### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 25 October, 2012** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### **RED SPOTTERS CLUB**

Reg McIlwain will be doing a presentation on "How to Water Correctly". As we are coming into Summer, this will be very informative for our new members (and some of our 'older' members as well).

#### **FEATURE ITEM**

Our feature for this meeting will be a joint effort between Ken Webster and Les Vickers. They will be doing a video presentation on the recent Australian Orchid Conference and Show which was held in Perth.

*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:** Tony Beck

**Trade Table:** Pauline Webster

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Friday 9 November, 2012** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

*Please note change of date!*

### **EDOS AGM 22 NOVEMBER 2012**

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.



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EDOS MEMBERS!!!!

Once again EDOS members have excelled themselves, and held a very successful Spring Show. We had a fantastic display of orchids on the benches, and Plant Sales went "through the roof".

We had some Very Positive comments from other Societies who visited, and also from the general public.

**Our Kitchen Convenor Marion** would like to say a BIG THANKS to everyone who helped in the Kitchen, especially those men who came in to give a hand. It's the old saying "Many Hands Make Light Work" Thanks also to those who donated cakes, slices etc.

**Plants Sales Convenor Alan** would also like to thank all those who helped out in Plant Sales over the weekend. Being able to provide advice about plants helps people choose plants to suit their needs.

The Committee would also like to **Thank the Ladies who looked after the "Front Door"** so ably. Cheerful, smiling faces always help to make an event.

Our Thanks also to **Dan and Jim** for their work doing the **Potting demonstrations**. This seemed to be a very popular area

**Thanks also to anyone else who helped out** with setting up on Friday, during the weekend, and cleaning up on Sunday. All efforts are greatly appreciated.

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## Beginning With Orchids

EDOS again hosted our "Beginning With Orchids" event as a follow-up to our Spring Show. This time it was held at Burbank Orchid Nursery. It was an overwhelming success with over 40 non-members attending on the day. There were plenty of questions from the audience, which Steve (with a little help from Barry) was able to answer. Our thanks to Steve and Wendy from Burbank Nursery.

## EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2012 EDOS Christmas Party will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 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 \$29 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.**

The main Raffle will contain one of Daphne McKell's famous Plum Puddings, so make sure you get your tickets!!

We will be having a Rolling Raffle, so on the night please remember to bring along a gift to include in the Raffle (something you would be happy to receive yourself).

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

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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## Aussie Colours rescue Queensland native Aussie giant orchids



**University of Queensland start-up company Aussie Colours has come to the rescue of two rare and endangered Australian native Phaius orchids.**

**Phaius orchids** are native to South-East Queensland and among the largest ground varieties in the world. flowering prolifically in winter. *P.bernaysii*. also known as Yellow Swamp Orchid, has sulphur-yellow flowers making it highly attractive and sought after by collectors. *P. australis*; also known as the Giant Swamp Orchid, has red-brown flowers. Both species are impressive plants capable of producing several flower spikes up to two metres tall, with more than 16 large blooms each about 10 cm in diameter flowering from August to November. *P.bernaysii* is almost extinct and *P. australis* is endangered, both as a result of development, recreation, and over-collection in the wild.

Aussie Colours Managing Director, Cameron Turner, said the native plant breeding company was working with UQ's Dr Dion Harrison to develop commercial tissue culture propagation of both varieties, utilising both seed and clonal production methods to help maintain the genetic diversity of these species as much as possible. "These rare orchids are sold in some nurseries specialising in Australian natives, but demand is greater than the supply of varieties propagated by enthusiasts" he said. Aussie Colours has named its range of Phaius orchids "Aussie Giant", because they are so large, and the flower spikes can be taller than the average Aussie. "We have already started commercial production, so thousands of these orchids will soon be available from

more nurseries for home gardeners and revegetation programs. "This means many more Queenslanders will be able to purchase the plants within the next two months and be enjoying these rare orchids in their gardens during Spring." Dr Harrison, from UQ's Centre for Native Floriculture, said the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999) listed *P. australis* and *P. bernaysii* as endangered, with *P. bernaysii* also listed as endangered under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Queensland). "*P. bernaysii* is currently known to occur in only one area on Stradbroke Island. This population was recorded in 1992 as just 20 flowering plants over an area of 60 m by 10m. History, however, records this species as also being collected from Peel Island, Bribie Island, and Noosa Heads," he said.

*Article taken in part from Orchid Species Bulletin.*

## Club Shirts for Sale

EDOS Inc has Club shirts for Sale:

If you are interested in purchase a Club shirt, please see Pauline Webster at the next meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Redcliffe District Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Redcliffe Municipal Library, Oxley Ave, Redcliffe  
**When:** 24 to 27 October, 2012
- What:** Nambour Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Uniting Church Hall, Nambour School of Arts Hall, Yandina  
**When:** 26 and 27 October, 2012
- What:** North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 27 and 28 October, 2012
- What:** Southport & Districts Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Gold Coast-Tweed Orchid Fair  
**Where:** Tweed Civic Centre, Cnr Wharf & Brett Sts, Tweed Heads  
**When:** 3 and 4 November, 2012
- What:** Orchid Species Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 3 and 4 November, 2012

## Dot's Recipe

**NOTE: To those who were looking for Dot's Recipe, it will be in the next issue.**

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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.

## **CALL FOR HELP - Red Spotters, Guest Speakers and Plants Worth Noting**

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.

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Ray can be contacted on email  
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## **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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