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The Committee of EDOS Inc would like to wish
everyone a

Merry

Christmas
and a



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 23 January, 2014** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Ken Webster will be presenting Red Spotters at 7.30 pm at the rear of the Hall, and will be introducing and distributing the updated EDOS Inc New Members Handbook.

FEATURE ITEM

Peter Mammon will be doing a presentation on "African and Madagascan Orchids". This should be very interesting as many of our orchids are found here.

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke plus others co-opted from members present
- Observers:** Please see Eric Locke if you are interested
- Scribes:** Volunteers required please.
- Supper Steward:** Marion and Colin Samuels
- Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck, Dot Rooks
- Library :** Helen Vickers
- Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable
- Plants Worth Noting:** Vacant (If you would like to volunteer please see Editor Janelle)
- Trade Table:** Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 3.00 pm on **Saturday 11 January, 2014** at the Kable Residence.

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EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2013 EDOS Christmas Party was held on 7th December 2013 at the Manly Bowls Club. Once again it was a great night, with lots of prizes from the rolling raffle

Our Patron Neil Symes entertained us with his calling of the numbers for part of our Rolling Raffle, along with his commentary.

The meal as usual was great, with plenty of food for all.

Congratulations to all those members who won prizes on the night, and throughout the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Aspley Orchid Society Inc
Where: Mt Coot-tha Auditorium
When: 15 and 16 February, 2014

What: Queensland International Orchid Fair
Where: Beenleigh Show Grounds, Beenleigh
When: 7 to 9 March, 2014

What: EDOS Inc Autumn Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 5 & 6 April, 2014

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CULTURAL NOTES FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

PHRAGMIPEDIUM GIGANTEUM

Phrag. Giganteum is one of the largest Phrags you are likely to see, not surprisingly with parents of Grande 4N x caudatum they have produced a classic flower with a huge dorsal, very large pouch and long petals. This plant is a relatively easy plant to grow and produces a stunning display every year, this year it has produced 3 inflorescences with a total of 7 flowers. The plant sits in a dome shaped greenhouse open to all weather in a mix of 1/3 bark, 1/3 perlite, 1/3 coconut chip, watered daily and fertilised weekly and sits in a saucer of water during the warmer months.

Sourcing these plants is always a challenge, you can buy flasks which are the most economical way but the down side is the time aspect or you can buy a division if you can find one and they can be rather expensive, but very rewarding as they always put on a fantastic display making the task worth the effort.

Happy growing,

Tony Beck

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 are interested in doing "Plants Worth Noting" it would only be required once a year, and we now have a Template to help volunteers write their articles, along

with some other information (where and when to send to Editor etc).

If you have a suggestion, or you are prepared to spend a small amount of time on any 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.

Remember, knowledge shared is knowledge gained.

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One for those who like a laugh –

A point of English usage

Those interested in the finer points of English usage may find the following note interesting.

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between **COMPLETE** and **FINISHED**.

However, in a recent linguistic conference held in London, England and attended by some of the best linguists in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese, was the clear winner. His final challenge was this:

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

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Some say there is no difference between **COMPLETE** and **FINISHED**. Please explain the difference between **COMPLETE** and **FINISHED** in a way that is easy to understand.

Here is his astute answer.

"When you marry the right woman, you are **COMPLETE**.

But, when you marry the wrong woman, you are **FINISHED**.

And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are **COMPLETELY FINISHED!**"

His answer was received with a standing ovation lasting over 5 minutes!!!!!!

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