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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 25 July, 2013** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Reg McIlwain will be doing our Red Spotters, commencing at 7.30 pm. At the time of printing, Reg's topic was not known.

FEATURE ITEM

Our Guest Speaker for July will be John Robertson from Robertson's Orchids at Woombye. John's topic will be "Buying the Right Orchid". John and his family have been 'In the business' for many years and have a wealth of knowledge, so this will be a very interesting presentation for everyone.

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

- Judges:** Les Vickers, Bill Williams, Nick Woolley and Eric Locke
- 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:** Les Vickers

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 1 August, 2013** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Trade Table

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the absence of Ken and Pauline Webster at our July Meeting, the Trade Table will be in recess. It will recommence at our August Meeting.

Get Well Wishes

We would all like to wish Alan McKell a "Speedy Recovery" after his recent knee replacement. Hopefully we will see Alan back on deck soon.

Christmas in July

Once again EDOS will be holding our 'Christmas in July' function on 27 July 2013 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, doors open at 6 pm, with nibbles at 6.15 pm, the main meal to be served at 6.45 pm.

If you haven't already put your name down and you would like to attend, please phone John Rooks **ASAP** (before Wednesday) and it may still be possible to add you to the list.

If you are planning on coming along, please bring along a prize (per person) for the Cent Auction. Please bring along something you would be happy to win yourself.

The Society will also be providing some Major prizes (including one of Daphne McKell's much-sought-after Plum Puddings!)

It will be a great night, (there will not be any official business discussed on the night), so come along and relax, enjoy a great meal, and enjoy yourselves with your fellow society members.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** 7th Australasian Native Orchid Conference and Show (hosted by ANOS Kabi Group)
Where: Strathpine Community Centre, cnr Gympie Rd and Mecklam St, Strathpine
When: 21 to 25 August, 2013
- What:** North Brisbane Orchid Society
Where: Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 24 and 25 August, 2013
- What:** Logan & District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Logan Central Community Centre, Cnr Jacaranda & Wembley Rds, Logan Central
When: 24 and 25 August, 2013
- What:** ANOS Beenleigh Group Inc
Where: Beenleigh Showground Pavilion, James St, Beenleigh
When: Saturday 31 August, 2013
- What:** Gold Coast District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Orchid and Bromeliad Spring Show
Albert Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Hooker Blvd & Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters
When: 31 August and 1 September, 2013

- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc 2013 Charity Orchid Spectacular
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 7 and 8 September, 2013
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 13 to 15 September, 2013
- What:** Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society Inc
Where: Canungra School of Arts Hall, 2 Pine St, Canungra
When: 14 and 15 September, 2013
- What:** Eastern Districts Orchid Society Spring Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Rd, Manly West
When: 21 and 22 September, 2013
- What:** Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Inc Annual Spring Show
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah
When: Friday 27 September and Saturday 28 September, 2013
- What:** Redlands Orchid Society Inc
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 5 October, 2013

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Grower Information

Neutrog Australia Pty Ltd have notified growers that '**Neutrog's Strike Back for Orchids**' is now available in a liquid concentrate

Cultural Notes

Den Royal Wings `Maria' HCC /AOC .

I currently grow my plant under 70% green shade cloth where it is fertilized with Horticultural Solutions Duett on a daily basis at a very reduced rate whenever the sun is shining . This is done as a very light foliar spray with a little heavier going down into the mix about once a week As you all know I like my food and so do my orchids .

The potting mix I use is one third super coarse perlite , one third granulated styrene , and one third coconut peat available from Fame Orchids. This mix drains well but with enough moisture retention to carry the plant on the overcast days when I don't water . I also like to add a topping of 10 mm gravel on top of the mix to hold the styrene in and also discourage any moss growth that you may get when using smaller gravel sizes.

With this particular plant I hang it quite high in the shade house and generally lower it down as the flowers start to develop as the plant told me on its first flowering when I cooked all its blooms . Insect and fungal damage does not seem to worry this plant because it is hanging so high where it gets good air movement but it will cop the occasional dose of Supracide and Phosjet when spraying the catts below .

The main advantage of growing this particular genus is the longevity of the blooms, anything up to 5 months, and after all isn't this why we grow orchids in the first place .

Happy Growing .

Eric Locke .

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PLANTS WORTH NOTING -

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There were numerous plants worth a mention however here are a few that took my fancy.

The first to catch my attention was Den Royal Wings Maria HCC/AOCQOS. This was a large well grown plant with numerous heads of blooms which impressed the judges as they awarded it the plant of the month.

Another eye catcher was Dtps Da-Chien Spider Beauty. I am not overly impressed with some of this type as the pattern can be so uneven on each bloom and it takes away the overall presentation, however this display was well presented and the spotted pattern was uniform on every flower.

I couldn't go past the Paph section, Paph (Mem Robert Ward x Singing Minstral) x (Canticle x Macabre) - with those parents you would expect something special and this plant did not disappoint. The plant was healthy, the flower stem was tall and straight and the flower presented itself perfectly, a credit to its owner's culture.

Lastly Ascda Ken Kone m/c, there were 3 plants tabled and my guess is they came from the same flask, the orange/yellow tonings are always popular and the shape and flower count put on an impressive display, a credit their owners.

Happy growing,

Tony Beck

Help Needed

EDOS has been invited to participate at the upcoming ANOS Beenleigh Group Inc Show on 31 August. with a Table Top Display.

If anyone can help out, either with setting up on Friday afternoon, or providing flowering plants please see either Barry Kable or John Rooks.

Change of Address

Please note that Peter's Glen has relocated to Brendale. New details are included in their advertisement in this Newsletter.

Great Holiday Information

EDOS has received an information package for a great 5 Night Foundation Getaway holiday - \$430 per person twin share, breakfast and dinner included - at the

Bayview Tower at Yeppoon, with transfers to and from Rockhampton Rail. It sounds like a great chance to relax and enjoy. The Secretary has further information available if anyone is interested.

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If you are able to assist EDOS on the day, either with flowering Plants to sell, or just to help out, please speak to one of our Committee Members. Once again this is a great opportunity to showcase our Society, and offer support to others at the same time.

Why Wail in Winter?

unFreeze with Fantastic Flora!

Orchids Galore 23-25th August

at the

ANOS Conference and Show
Strathpine Community Centre
Cnr Gympie Rd & Mecklem St
Strathpine



Carers Queensland Expo

EDOS has been invited to take part in a Carers Expo which is being put on by Carers Queensland on Wednesday 16 October. We have been invited to attend and provide a display table and offer some orchids for sale on the day.

The event will be held on the first floor of the Wynnum RSL, the time frame being 9.30am – 3pm.

More information will be available as the event gets closer, but at this stage they are planning on around 30 stallholders, with the main thrust being to show case service provision within the local area.

Some information on who Carers Queensland are - Carers Queensland is a not-for-profit service provider and peak body for family carers in Queensland.

WEBSITE

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 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

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