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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 27 June, 2013** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Ken Webster will be doing a demonstration on 'Orchids and Mounts' A good subject for new and old members alike.

FEATURE ITEM

Ann Sales will be presenting this month's Feature Item. Unfortunately at the time of publication, Editor had not had confirmation of the subject. Ann's presentations are always interesting, so just sit back and enjoy.

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

- Judges:** Les Loblely, Adrian Bergstrum, Bill Williams, Les Vickers, Eric Locke
- Observers:** Please see Eric if you are interested
- Scribes:** Volunteers required please.
- Supper Steward:** Marion Samuels, Daphne McKell
- Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck, Dot Rooks
- Library :** Helen Vickers
- Plant Registrar:** Janelle Girdlestone
- Plants Worth Noting:** Tony Beck

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 4 July, 2013** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Trade Table

PLEASE NOTE: The Trade Table has "Gone into Recess" for May and June. If you require anything during this period please phone Pauline prior to the meeting to arrange to have the goods brought to the meeting.

Vale Eric Rodney Pendlebury

We were all shocked and saddened to hear of Rodney's sudden passing on 5 June, 2013 at the young age of 66 years.

EDOS members would like to offer their condolences to Rodney's wife Anita, and children Margaret, and David and family.

Although he didn't attend many meetings due to work commitments, Rodney and Anita have been members of EDOS for around 25 years, and were often seen at Orchid Shows. Many members will remember the family's "Winning Streaks" at our Christmas functions.

May You Rest in Peace.

Bus Trip – 8 June

A busload of EDOS members (and a few others) travelled to Gympie on 8 June to the Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular and to visit one of the local growers. This was followed by a very nice lunch at the Gympie RSL afterwards.

Although it was a long day, it was a very enjoyable one, with some members "adding to their collections" with purchases from vendors we only see occasionally.

Member John Hutchinson played photographer on the day, and some of his photos are attached to this newsletter.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc
Where: Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 29 and 30 June, 2013

What: John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 20 to 22 July, 2013

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: Gold Coast District Orchid Society Inc
Orchid and Bromeliad Spring Show
Where: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Hooker Blvd & Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters
When: 31 August and 1 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

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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.

Tickets will be available at our next General Meeting. Cost will be \$20 per head for Members, and \$35 for Non-members. Soft drinks will be included, however any alcoholic drinks will be at your own cost.

For catering purposes this will be the last Meeting prior to the function, so make sure that you put your name on the list at this meeting!

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

It will be a great night, (there will not be any official business discussed on the night), so keep this date free

and come along and relax, enjoy a great meal, and enjoy yourselves with your fellow society members.

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AOC President's Newsletter April 2013

Hi to all members of orchid clubs,

My, how the year is flying! We are already more than a quarter of the way through 2013. I hope all is going well with your society, and hope that your shows so far have been successful. To those members who suffered losses in the fires and floods, I hope that you are now starting to get back to some sort of normality.

The AOC officers have been working extremely hard on your behalf on numerous activities. Coralie Hills and Colin Jennings have, as usual, been very busy preparing 'Orchids Australia'; the April issue contains some very interesting articles. I attended part of the State Registrars meeting in Adelaide recently, and had a very successful meeting with Colin Jennings and the Registrars where many judging matters were discussed. As a result there will be some suggested changes to the Judging Handbook and Student Judges' Course to be brought as a motion to the Board of Management meeting in October. Whilst in Adelaide recently Thea and I attended the Finance Committee meeting to consider how the AOC finances are going. 'Orchids Australia' is one of the main sources of income of the AOC; if we had an extra 100 subscriptions, our finances would be much more secure, so I urge all members to consider subscribing to this world-class magazine. Alan Stephenson, Ian Chalmers and others are working on issues pertaining to biodiversity and conservation in a number of states. While talking to Alan on the phone the other day, he mentioned that he has discovered what he thinks is a new Australian species, which he has sent off to see if it can be identified.

I congratulate Proserpine Orchid & Foliage Plant Society on reaching the milestone of their 50th year of continuous activities. I am sure that there are other clubs that are also coming up to achieving milestones, and I would certainly like to hear from them. I acknowledge those members also who are achieving milestones in service to their clubs, such as Roy Brown from the Western Australia Regional Judging Panel who has served as Judge since 1960 – see April 'Orchids Australia' for more information.

Thank you to all club secretaries who have sent back their Contact Forms. I really appreciate this, as it makes it a lot easier to contact clubs throughout Australia. Also I thank clubs who are sending me their newsletters; I have found many interesting snippets in those, which really keeps me in closer touch with what is happening. I would welcome other clubs' newsletters too, whether by post or email.

Last of all, but not least, the time is coming for nominations for officers of the Australian Orchid Council. Please don't leave this, hoping that others might nominate, because quite often it doesn't happen. Nominations, and any motions or other agenda items need to be received by the Secretary by 30th June 2013. You will find a current list of office bearers at the front of each issue of 'Orchids Australia'. Some of the officers have an enormous workload, for example, Coralie Hills is Treasurer and Editor, and Colin Jennings is Publications Director and holds the appointment of Registrar General as well. If you know of anybody who might be interested in learning about and assisting with any of these positions, please contact the Secretary, or any of the officers concerned.

Until next time
Jim Shaughnessy
AOC President

Upgrade to Open Section

Congratulations to Doug and Mary Brewer who are now in the Open Section for Judging.

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Orchids in our Bush

(Article and photos kindly provided by Sharyn Kann)

A small group of friends including my husband Len, Brett Moloney and myself, headed off into the bush recently to see what we could find. As one does! This particular "bush" was a Brisbane bushland reserve looking very dry at the time, and I am sure, still is. The leader of our little group was quite fond on this particular reserve and was familiar with many of the plants and wildlife it sheltered. He had enticed us with stories of different ground orchids he had seen there, so we were quite keen to see what could be found on that warm mid-Spring afternoon.



He had seen Green Hoods (not sure which particular ones) and Shepherd's Crooks or Pink Nodding Orchids (I've found them being called either *Geodorum terrestre* or *Gdm neocaledonicum/densiflorum*) but both of these were out of blooming season, of course. The orchid we did manage to find was a few stems of *Dipodium variegatum*, only one of

which was in flower. I would have walked right past the brownish, bare stems if someone had not pointed them out to me. The only one in flower was down the ridge a little, but could be seen from the track if you knew what to look for.

The pretty pink flowers of the Variegated Hyacinth Orchid were quite small with deeper coloured spots on both the front and back of the sepals and petals (photo

on the left). The photo above right is of Brett taking a photo of the same plant and gives some idea of its size (the whole plant was not much more than a foot high). It is quite particular about where it grows, and is dependant on a fungus to support its growth, so collecting it from the wild, even if it were permitted, would not be an easy option.

I would be interested to hear of any orchids, especially the terrestrials, you might have found on your nature walks in the Brisbane area. Locations won't be mentioned to ensure that they continue to survive in the wilds of Brisbane.

THE CONFERENCE IS NEAR!



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7th Australasian Native Orchid Society Conference & Show.

Held at Strathpine (Queensland, Australia).

August will be here before you know it, and registration date is the end of June.

If you wish to come, and have not yet registered, see all the details on

<http://www.ourshopfront.com/kabi/html/conference.php>

WEBSITE

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Ray can be contacted on email webmaster@edos.org.au or phone 3823 4277

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