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### NOVEMBER 2013

#### **EDOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013**

Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West on Thursday 28 November 2013 at 8.00 pm.

***"All Positions will become Vacant at that time"***

***Please consider nominating for a position. If you are interested in taking on a position please see the Secretary prior to the meeting.***

*The continued success of EDOS is not dependent upon the current management committee members but depends upon the support "You" the members are prepared to give to the Society.*

*For anyone who is interested, the Auditor's Report will be available at the Front Table on the night of the AGM.*

**Ken Webster**  
**Secretary**  
**Eastern District Orchid Society Inc**

#### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 28 November, 2013** commencing immediately after the AGM, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### **RED SPOTTERS CLUB**

Ken Webster will be doing our Red Spotters this meeting, commencing at 7.30 pm. Ken's subject will be "Growing Epidendrums"

#### **FEATURE ITEM**

Barry Kable and Ken Webster will be combining to do a presentation on "The Importance of Leaf Development in Orchids".

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

- Judges:** Bill Williams, Les Vickers, plus others co-opted by 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:** Vacant (If you would like to volunteer please see Editor Janelle)
- Trade Table:** Not available for this meeting

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 5.30 pm on **Saturday 7th December, 2013** at the Manly Bowls Club, prior to the Christmas Function.

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## EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2013 EDOS Christmas Party will be held on 7th December 2013 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 \$30 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.

**Last chance to get Tickets will be at the November meeting.**

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 (per person) 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)

**Please come along and enjoy a great evening and the company of your fellow EDOS members.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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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## *Seaweed Tonic.*

*Courtesy of the Sunday Mail, and brought to our attention by one of our more Experienced Growers, Ken Unsworth*

There is still plenty of confusion amongst gardeners and orchid growers about whether to use seaweed products.

Seaweed extract is available in liquid and powder forms and often finds its way into liquid and pelleted fertilizer products.

However, seaweed itself should not be considered a fertilizer, as it does not contain the major nutrients of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium that all plants need.

Seaweed contains cytokinins and auxins and is known to build the disease resistance and heat-frost tolerance of plants by thickening the plant cell walls.

It is also known to stimulate root development.

It has a natural chelating effect that help unlock nutrients already within the soil / potting media making them more available to plant roots. Use of seaweed also supports good soil organisms such as fungi and bacteria.

All these benefits justify the regular use of seaweed in all gardens and orchid houses.

Cheers and Happy growing.

**Ken**

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### *Plants Worth Noting*

What a beautiful display of Orchids and such a wide variety of genre. There were too many plants worthy of note to mention them all. So I decided to follow up on the plant commentary and talk about the Indian species Dendrobiums as they are one of the orchids that inspired me to start growing orchids 30 plus years ago.

Den. lindleyi, Den. cretaceum and Den chrysotoxum were on display and also there was a Den Mousmee X Den. thrysiflorum. These had the typical pendulant clusters of flowers which make these orchids so spectacular. They are any easy orchid to grow and seem to like the climate conditions in Brisbane.

These epiphytes native range is in tropical parts of India where they are found growing on trees. Their native climate is monsoonal tropical, so plenty of water and fertilizer are required in spring and summer. Keep them on the drier side during winter.

If there is a drawback to these orchids it is that they grow too well and soon grow into large specimens. If let go they become root bound and make repotting a nightmare, I know as I let mine get away from me when I was young and ended up dividing them up with an axe. They did recover but it took a few years to get them back to their best. The amazing thing was, that even though the plant was 3 times the size of the pot it was in, it still produced masses of flowers. So if you have the room they are always worth a spot in the orchid house. Whether you are beginner or an experienced grower, the Indian species will give a spectacular show for your efforts and it's great to see them making a return to the benches and shows.

### **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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Another plant that caught my eye was Renanthera monachica. What a beautiful display of flowers. This plant's native range is the lowlands in the Philippines, mainly the island of Luzon. The bright orange with fine red spots make this a bright and beautiful flower even though they are only small. I have a soft spot for this genre, but unfortunately not the talent to grow them well. They like to grow with plenty of air movement around their roots and lots of humidity and warmth. This is a smaller member of the Renanthera family so it is well suited to those that are space restricted in the orchid house.

That's all for now.

Happy orchid growing.

**Greg Webb**

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