



# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc



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### SEPTEMBER 2013

#### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 September, 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 our Red Spotters this meeting, commencing at 7.30 pm. Ken will be discussing the "New Member's Handbook" which has been updated and is due to be distributed in the near future.

#### **FEATURE ITEM**

Our Guest Speaker for September will be Graham Mackay. Graham's presentation will be on the development of Big Lip Phallies.

**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:** Reg McIlwain
- Trade Table:** Not available

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 03 October, 2013** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### **Trade Table**

Due to the closeness of the September meeting to the Spring Show, the Trade Table will not be operating at the meeting.

### **Thanks**

The EDOS Committee members would like to Thank Ken and Pauline Webster for their tireless efforts in operating the Trade Table for EDOS for the past few years.

We would like to welcome the new convenors and wish them well for the future.

#### **Reminder to Members**

**It is imperative that plants are NOT placed on the ground either inside or outside the Hall during Meetings or Shows. The Hall is in a Fire Ant area, and in order to assist in the prevention of the spread of these pests this Government requirement needs to be followed.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**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

**What:** Toowoomba Summer Show  
**Where:** St Pauls Hall, James & Phillips St, Toowoomba  
**When:** 26 October, 2013

**What:** Nambour Orchid Society Inc Species Show and Trade Fair  
**Where:** Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour  
**When:** 1 and 2 November, 2013



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## Cultural Notes

### *Dendrochilum glumaceum*

This species occurs in Borneo & the Philippines where it grows as an epiphyte up to a 2,300m altitude. These plants grow into specimen size in a few short years. The single leaf of each pseudobulb can be up to 40cm long. The flowers are scented.

I grow my plant hanging in a 4.5m high shade house at about 2.4m from the ground.

The potting is medium bark, perlite and charcoal, repotted every 2 to 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years.

Watering depends on the weather.

Fertilising - with Horticultural Solutions Duett every 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> watering. These plants like plenty of air movement.

Happy Growing

**Barry Kable**

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## *Plants Worth Noting*

Firstly a big thank you to E.D.O.S. committee for giving me the opportunity to jot down a few notes in the newsletter. As most of our loyal members attended on the night, there is not much point telling you all what a great display there was on the night as you have already seen it. What I would like to do is try and give a little information on a few plants which I found of interest.

In the Species Monopodial section there was a beautiful *Rhynchostylis gigantea* with 2 long sprays of pure white blooms. This species originates in Thailand through Indochina and comes in many colour forms, from white to spotted to solid red, with a few new colours being developed such as apricot, yellow and even blue. As it is a lowland grower it prefers warmth and high humidity all year and if given these requirements I have seen good sized plants blooming in less than 2 years from flask.

Moving on in the Paph hybrid section there was a Tony Semple with two tall influences which held their heads above all others on the night. This is a primary cross between Paph. haynaldianum and Paph lowii which are similar in appearance but coming from different regions. Paph haynaldianum comes from the Philippines, while lowii is found growing in the Malay peninsula through to the Celebes. Both species can be found over a large range of elevations which can be warm monsoonal through to almost freezing winters, also both species can be found growing as epiphytes or as lithophytes

with their roots down in the leaf litter. Because of their similarities it would be an obvious cross to be made by our early hybridisers and what a great job they have done.

Now for those who don't grow intermediate dens you are certainly missing out as there was a very desirable plant of Den Jimmy Concert which had 3 tall well arranged sprays of deeply coloured blooms. The only problem I had here was the R.H.S. says there is no such animal so I could not find any information to pass on, or how to grow this robust genus. I did find a reference to a Jimmy Concert that had been mericloned some years back in an old orchid catalogue but perhaps the name never made it to registration.

The next plant to catch my eye was a beautifully grown plant of Dendrochilum glumaceum which had grown into a lovely specimen. This large group of orchids are easy to grow and this particular clone comes from the Philippines where it receives equatorial type conditions, always moist from constant drifting cloud with near year round constant temperatures. Here in Brisbane we need to protect this genus from hot drying winds in summer and chilly nights in winter. If you are able to provide these conditions in your house please leave a space for me to move my bed in.

Cheers For now.

**Eric Locke**

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## **Date Claimer - 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, between 9.30 am and 2 pm, to be held on the first floor of the Wynnum RSL.

We have been invited to attend and provide a display table and offer some orchids for sale on the day.

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.

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Ray can be contacted on email [webmaster@edos.org.au](mailto:webmaster@edos.org.au) or phone 3823 4277

## **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

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