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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 24 April, 2014** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

President Barry Kable will be doing a presentation on "Potting Mixes". Once again a very informative topic for both new and 'older' growers.

FEATURE ITEM

Wolfgang from Horticultural Solutions will be speaking on a couple of associated subjects - Fertiliser development, Getting the best out of potting mixes, Understanding fertiliser Analysis including the Misconception for rating N-P-K, and Orchid fertilisers in a nut shell

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke, John Rooks, Les Vickers, Helen Edwards, Brent Nicoll
Observers: Student Judges to be appointed on the night by Eric Locke
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: Greg Webb
Trade Table: Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 1 May, 2014** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Bus Trip to Ballina

EDOS Inc has organised a Bus Trip to Ballina on Saturday, 10 May for their Show, with a visit to Easy Orchids on the way home. Cost for the Trip will be \$30 per head for members, and \$55 for Non members (including entry to the Show and Lunch).

Payment will need to be made at the April Meeting.

Seats are filling fast, so if you are interested in going along, the April meeting will be the last chance to secure a seat, so please let the Hostesses know at the April meeting, or contact either John Rooks, Barry Kable or Ken Webster as soon as possible.

Easy Orchids is "worth a look", as Murray and Jean have an extremely large (around 150,000) and diverse variety of plants.

Annual Points Vouchers

Please note that the Vouchers won by EDOS Inc Annual Points Winners for 2013 will expire on 31 May, 2014.

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48th EDOS AUTUMN SHOW

Once again EDOS Members excelled themselves, with a wonderful display of Benched Plants, and an abundance of plants on the Sales Tables. This was a great achievement, considering the recent rather "trying" weather conditions. We had 2 visiting buses on Saturday which is great to see.

President Barry and the Committee would sincerely like to Thank the members who helped out over the weekend, in particular the new members who came along and helped out. It is always greatly appreciated, and helps to make the Show a success.

We would particularly like to say a Big Thanks to those members who stayed to help clear up on Sunday afternoon after Presentations. We were able to have everything packed up and stowed in vehicles before it started to rain.

Catering Convenor Marion would like to say a BIG Thanks to those who helped out over the weekend, either working in the Kitchen, or providing donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc.

Convenor Alan McKell would also like to say a BIG Thanks to those members who worked tirelessly in the Plant Sales Area. Once again it was a very successful weekend, with some great bargains.

Hostesses Dot and Margaret would also like to say Thanks to those members who helped out on the Door during the weekend, welcoming those who attended and selling Raffle Tickets. It was great to see some new faces helping out.

Increase in Postage

Australia Post is increasing the price of postage to 70 cents. In an effort to save EDOS Inc some costs, we would like our members to consider having their Newsletter sent electronically (via email).

If you are happy to receive your Newsletter via email, please let John Rooks know your email address.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Aspley Orchid Society Mothers Day Show
Where: Com Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Hts

When: 10 and 11 May, 2014

What: Pumicestone District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc Mothers Day Show

Where: Ningi Hall, Bribie Island Road, Ningi

When: 10 and 11 May, 2014

What: Southport & Districts Orchid Soc Qld Inc
Where: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Sunshine Bvd, Broadbeach

When: 31 May, 1 June, 2014

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

When: 28 and 29 June, 2014

What: John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

When: 26 and 27 July, 2014

What: ANOS Kabi Group Inc
Where: Bald Hills State School, 2156 Gympie Rd, Bald Hills

When: 23 and 24 August, 2014

What: North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

When: 23 and 24 August, 2014

What: Logan & District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Centre for Ageing, Cnr Jacaranda & Wembley Rd

When: 30 and 31 August, 2014

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Plants Worth Noting

One of the more "dainty" Orchids on the bench was *Kingidium deliciosum* 'orange' x sib, (now known as *Phal deliciosa*). This particular plant has creamy-yellow petals and sepals, with light magenta coloured spotting in the centre of the petals and sepals, and magenta colouring on the lip. The flowers are not much bigger than a thumbnail, and flower sequentially; this plant had 5 flowers on show. It grows from Sri Lanka through south-east Asia and into Java. Plants often grow on the trunks of planted teak trees at 150-1650 ft. (50-500 m).

Bulbophyllum echinolabium was also an "attention grabber" as it not only won the Species Sympodial section, but also won People's Choice for Species on the night. This is a warm grower from Sulawesi, I would describe it as brown-burgundy in colour, with long trailing sepals, and a waxy texture.

For a wonderful display of colour, it is hard to go past *Rlc Alma Kee* 'Timpalee'. It is an eye-catching display of golden yellow petals and sepals, with a velvety red-purple throat, veined in yellow. This is an "oldie but a goldie" first registered in 1975, but always puts on a great colour display on the bench. Obviously those at the meeting thought so as well, as it won Popular vote for *Cattleya* on the night.

See you all at the April meeting - Janelle

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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Date Claimers

- **49th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Inc Conference and Show** - to be held in **ATHERTON** on **June 6th to 8th 2014**

If you would like further information please contact Secretary Ken Webster.

- **Combined 20th AOC Conference and Show and 50th Tropical Orchid Council Regional Show**, to be held at the Mackay Entertainment Convention Centre, Mackay, Queensland on 16 to 23 September, 2015. The Theme will be "Orchids in Paradise" There will be more information available in the near future.

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