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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 28 August, 2014** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Starting at 7.30 pm, Ken Webster will be doing Part 3 of his presentation on 'How to Increase your Orchid Collection without Buying Orchids- Dividing a Dendrobiums and Oncidiums'.

FEATURE ITEM

This Month's Presentation will be by Ryan Filce, whose topic is "Growing Orchids Semi-hydroponically". This should be very interesting – an alternative to what most of us are doing.

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke, Les Vickers, John Rooks, Brent Nicoll
- Observers:** Student Judges Michael Tervo and Ray Girdlestone
- Scribes:** Volunteers required please.
- Supper Steward:** Marion and Colin Samuels
- Hostesses:** Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck
- Library :** Helen Vickers
- Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable
- Plants Worth Noting:** Ken Haase
- Trade Table:** Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 04 September, 2014** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Vale – Betty Evans

Unfortunately, in the past couple of weeks EDOS Inc has lost another of our Life Members in Betty Evans. Betty and husband Clyde joined EDOS Inc in February, 1990 and worked tirelessly for many years. Betty's funeral was held on Thursday 14 August.

We offer our Condolences to her husband Clyde and all the family.



48th EDOS SPRING SHOW **27 and 28 September, 2014**

Don't forget that our Spring Show will be held on 27 and 28 September, 2014, with judging on Friday night 26 September 2014, so it is now a very good time to consider how you may be able to help out.

SHOW ROSTER

If you are available to help out at the Spring Show please put your name in the Roster book at the next meeting, or contact either Ray, John or Barry and let

them know when you would be available to help out, and what job you be able to volunteer for.

EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS, WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS, AND TO SHARE THE LOAD, SO PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ROSTER!

It's also an opportunity to spend time getting to know other members – for our new members it is an excellent opportunity to learn from our more experienced growers.

Catering - Our Catering Convenor Marion would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Marion will also appreciate assistance in the kitchen.

Plant Sales – Our Plant Sales Convenor Alan McKell is looking for assistance in Plant Sales. If you are available to help out, please either see Alan or a Committee member, or put your name on the Roster.

Plant Sales and Benching Tags –Plant Sale and Plant Benching Tags will be available at the August EDOS meeting from **Roy Jope**. Benching tags are also available for printing from the EDOS website – www.edos.org.au.

Please ensure that you use EDOS sale plant tags only. If you are unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Plant Sales Convenor Alan McKell.

Craft Tags – Craft Tags will be available at the August EDOS meeting from Ann Kable. If you are unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Treasurer John Rooks.

Plant Labels - It is very important when benching plants that labels are easy to read. A clearly written label makes it much easier for everyone to read, and avoids the possibility of a plant being given an incorrect name on the Prize Cards and in Competition Results. For any members who are unsure of, or would like to confirm that their plant labels are correct **before** benching, (either spelling or registration of crosses) EDOS will have available on Friday night prior to benching of plants, the Orchidwiz database for members to check their labels. Please see Ann Kable or Janelle Girdlestone.

Member Number - Your Member Number is on the newsletter envelope following your name, or available from the Plant Registrar. This number needs to be used if you are benching and/or selling plants.

Show Attendance Register - – It is E.D.O.S Inc. policy that **ALL** persons attending; exhibiting; benching or selling orchid plants at the Autumn Show sign the E.D.O.S Inc. Attendance Register, so please make sure you sign when you arrive at the Hall.

Attendance Book – for Insurance Purposes it is necessary for Members to sign the Attendance Book when helping out at the Show

Cut Flowers and Greenery – The Ladies from the Floral Arrangement section of our show are requesting contributions of any orchid flowers, bromeliad flowers and Anthuriums, and also greenery for their floral arrangements, especially on Saturday, as these Floral Arrangements are very popular, and supplies usually run low by lunchtime.

The leaves from the cordylines, flax, anthurium, camellia bush, magnolia, strap leaves and crotons are great for greenery, along with all the others you kindly bring. We would also be very grateful for containers (small or large) suitable for flower arrangements.

Many thanks in advance to all who help us out. If in doubt please ask Brent Nicoll.

Condition of Sale Plants – Please ensure that any plants you may present for sale are virus free, clean and NOT recently potted. Plants need to be stable in the pots and not show any insect damage, etc. If it is not a plant in the condition you would consider purchasing yourself, then please do not put it up for sale!

It has been noted that some plants presented for Sale at recent EDOS Shows were below the standard and quality that this Society considers acceptable. If a plant is not of the standard that you yourself would purchase, then it should not be presented to Plant Sales

As per our By-Laws, -refer in particular to EDOS By-Laws 5.6 and 5.7 - plants which are deemed to be of an unsuitable standard will be removed from the Sales Tables.

SHOW SCHEDULE

A copy of the Schedule for the 2014 Spring Show was included in the July Newsletter, and is also available through the EDOS website.

There have been some changes made to the Show Schedule (in particular the Classes) and General Conditions, so please have a read of these to ensure that you are aware of any changes that have been made.

One change to note is that Entries must be tabled by 7.30 pm, for Judging to commence at 8.00 pm.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either the Show Captain Ray Girdlestone, Chief Steward Eric Locke, or the President Barry Kable.

Promoted to Open Class

Congratulations to Mark Loft, who has now moved up to Open Class for Benching.

Christmas in July ❄️

Once again EDOS Inc held our 'Christmas in July' function on 26 July 2014 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

As has been the case in the past, it was a Great night, enjoyed by all who attended, with a beautiful meal, great company and heaps of great prizes in the Cent Auction.



Our Patron Neil Symes and President Barry Kable made a surprise presentation to Lyla Feige during the evening of an engraved replica of the trophy which is given to the Annual winner of the Perpetual Annual Jack Feige Memorial Trophy.

EDOS Inc Show Vouchers

For those Members who are lucky enough to win Prize Vouchers at any of our Shows, please be assured that these vouchers CAN be used at the EDOS Trade Table at any time before the Spring show.

NOTE: For those who were lucky enough to win Prize Vouchers at our last Autumn Show, these vouchers will expire at the end of September, so be sure that you redeem them at any of the venues whose name appears on the voucher.

Cultural Award for July 14

Oncidium Gold Dust

This plant was a gift from a friend in July 2013. It was then in flower and its bright yellow blooms with a gold centre was absolutely stunning. The plant was repotted in September 2013 into a mix of 1/3 Tref, 1/3 perlite and 1/3 coolite and has since come along in leaps and bounds.

Fertilizing regime has been HSO12 and Seasol once per week. Water was once per week in summer and in

the cooler months only every second or third week. It is housed with all my other orchids under 75% green shade cloth with solarweave, on a waist high bench on the northern end of the shadehouse.

Happy Growing

Leonore Price

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Fire Ants

The Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Biosecurity Qld have published an updated on Fire Ants in South-East Queensland, effective from 31 May 14.

Quite a few changes have been made to the areas affected, so now would be a good time to check out whether you are in an affected area.

Inspectors will be conducting spot audits over the coming months, so it would be a good idea to check it out.

You can find the information at www.daff.qld.gov.au/fireants or phone 13 25 23.

Promotional Display

EDOS Inc will be holding another Display at Wynnum Plaza on 20 September between 9 am and 2 pm, as a promotion for our upcoming Spring Show.

Please consider helping out, even if it is only for an hour or so. We have been holding this display prior to the last few shows, and have found that it is very beneficial in promoting our Show, but we are looking for more members to help reduce the workload on our hard-working Committee members. We will also be looking for plants to put on display.

Please speak to either Barry, Ken or John if you are available on the day.

Club Shirts

If any member is interested in purchasing an EDOS Inc Club Shirt, please speak to either John, Barry or Ken, so that your name can be placed on the Order list.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Logan & District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Logan Central Community Centre, Cnr Jacaranda & Wembley Rd, Logan Central
When: 30 and 31 August, 2014

What: Gold Coast District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Sunshine Blvd, Broadbeach
When: 30 and 31 August, 2014

What: West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc Charity Orchid Spectacular
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 30 and 31 August, 2014

What: Redlands Orchid Society Inc Charity Spring Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 6 September, 2014

What: Nambour Orchid Society Inc Spring Show
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 5 and 6 September, 2014

What: Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Club Inc
Where: Canungra School of Arts Hall, 3/7 Pine St Canungra
When: 13 and 14 September, 2014

What: Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc Spring Show
Where: Centenary Hts School Hall, Ramsay St, Toowoomba
When: 19 to 23 September, 2014

What: Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Inc
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Rd, Beerwah
When: 26 and 27 September, 2014

What: Eastern District Orchid Society Inc Spring Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Rd, Manly West
When: 27 and 28 September, 2014

What: Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 19, 20 and 21 September, 2014

What: Ipswich Orchid Society Inc
Where: Silkstone State Primary School
When: 4 and 5 October, 2014

What: Orchid Species Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 18 and 19 October, 2014

What: Boonah Orchid Show (inc 8th Qld Sarcophilus Festival)
Where: Boonah State High School Assembly Hall, Macquarie St, Boonah
When: 18 and 19 October, 2014

What: Nambour Orchid Society Inc Species Show & Trade Fair
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 31 October and 1 November, 2014

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 1 and 2 November, 2014

Plant of the Month for July 14

Phragmipedium Green Hornet (longifolium x pearcei)

This is a great little plant with similar appearance to '*pearcei*' and loves water as you would expect. *pearcei* which grows on river banks and is completely submerged in times of flood even clinging to rocks in the middle of the river, one theory is it has developed the very narrow leaves to reduce the effect of the water flowing over it in times of flood.

This plant grows under 2 layers of green shade cloth on the roof and 1 layer on the side. It is watered daily in summer and twice a week in winter, during the warmer months it also sits in a shallow saucer of water.

The mix is 1/3 small bark, 1/3 jumbo perlite, 1/3 small coconut chips. Fertilising is once a week.

This cross is a rapid grower and quickly develops into a specimen size plant with numerous flower spikes and being a sequential flowerer it is in bloom for months at a time.

Happy Growing,

Tony Beck.

For Sale

Anita Pendlebury has a dismantled shade house for Sale, consisting of piping, connectors, shelving etc .If anyone is interested you can phone Anita on 0401147877



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Combined 20th AOC Conference and Show and 50th Tropical Orchid Council Regional Show,

The event is aptly named "Orchids in Paradise" and will be held in Mackay, North Queensland from Friday 18th September to Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre.

If you would like more information, or the "Expression of Interest" Form please contact our Secretary Ken Webster, who will be able to help provide this information to you.

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

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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