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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 June, 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 1 of his presentation on 'How to Increase your Orchid Collection without Buying Orchids'

FEATURE ITEM

This Month, Ann Sales' presentation is titled "The Way I Grow my Cattleyas". Having had a sneak peak of this presentation, it will be very informative for new growers, and also has something for the "more experienced" growers.

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke, Les Vickers, Les Burow, John Rooks, Brent Nicoll
- Observers:** Student Judges Helen Vickers and Janelle 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:** Ray Girdlestone
- Trade Table:** Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 03 July, 2014** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

EDOS Committee Positions

As the result of recent resignations, the Committee and Members would like to welcome the following members to the vacant positions.

Ray Girdlestone has accepted the position of EDOS Inc Show Captain, replacing Brent Nicoll who recently retired after many years in the position.

The recently vacated position of Senior Vice President will be filled by Ken Webster until the next Annual General Meeting.

Congratulations to both of these members for filling the vacant positions.

Xmas in July

This year our 'Christmas in July' function will be held on Saturday 26 July 2014 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

Doors will be open at 6 pm, with nibbles at 6.15 pm, and the main meal to be served at 6.45 pm. (If you have any special dietary requirements please let John Rooks know at the June Meeting please.)

Tickets will be available at our June and July General Meetings. 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 it would be great if you could put your name on the list at the June Meeting, however we will still take names up to the July General Meeting.

If you are planning on coming along, please bring along a prize (one per person) for the Cent Auction (please bring something you would be happy to win yourself) Cent Auction tickets will be \$5 per sheet.

There will also be a great Raffle prize (tickets will be on sale at our next meeting) and Lucky Door prize.

It will be a great night, (no official business will be done on the night), so keep this date free and come along and relax, enjoy a great meal, have lots of laughs, and enjoy yourselves with your fellow society members.

(One member is so keen to attend again this year he has paid his money months ago, so that he won't miss out!!!!)

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Plants Worth Noting

Sartylis (Srts.) Blue Knob, owned and benched by Ken Haase.

Srts. Blue Knob is a primary hybrid of *Sarco. hartmannii* and *Rhy. retusa*, initially made in 1973 by B Chick of Murwillumbah (OrchidWiz). The cross has produced two awarded plants. Blossoms are white with pink spots carried on an almost horizontal inflorescence.

Ken obtained his plant as a seedling about 4 or so years ago, and although he has had a few flowers on a

spike before, this is the first time a full spike of approximately 30 flowers has developed, perhaps, he thinks, because the plant has matured and is now able to support the flowering. In any case, it hasn't been an easy plant to grow and flower. It is potted in a mix of medium bark, perlite and charcoal, and grown under 50% shade cloth on both roof and walls, with solar weave providing an extra bit of shade on the roof.

Sharyn Kann

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Using 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 following show.

Cultural Award for May 14

Den. Royal Wings 'Maria' HCC /AOC .

I currently grow my plant under 70% green shade cloth where it is fertilized with Horticultural Solutions Duett on a daily basis at a very reduced rate whenever the sun is shining . This is done as a very light foliar spray with a little heavier going down into the mix about once a week As you all know I like my food and so do my orchids .

The potting mix I use is one third super coarse perlite , one third granulated styrene , and one third coconut peat available from Fame Orchids. This mix drains well but with enough moisture retention to carry the plant on

the overcast days when I don't water . I also like to add a topping of 10 mm gravel on top of the mix to hold the styrene in and also discourage any moss growth that you may get when using smaller gravel sizes.

With this particular plant I hang it quite high in the shade house and generally lower it down as the flowers start to develop as the plant told me on its first flowering when I cooked all its blooms . Insect and fungal damage does not seem to worry this plant because it is hanging so high where it gets good air movement but it will cop the occasional dose of Supracide and Phosjet when spraying the catts below .

The main advantage of growing this particular genus is the longevity of the blooms, anything up to 5 months, and after all isn't this why we grow orchids in the first place .

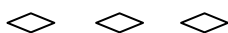
Happy Growing .

Eric Locke .



New Sanders Update

If any member is interested in purchasing a copy of the Royal Horticultural Society Sander's List of Orchid Hybrids 2011-2013 which will cost around \$145-\$150 please contact Secretary Ken Webster.



Guest Speaker's Presentation From May Meeting

If any member would like a copy of Ken Webster's presentation from the last meeting – "My Culture For Growing Vandaceous Orchids", printed copies will be available at the June Meeting from the Hostesses, and it will also be available on the website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 28 and 29 June, 2014

What: Caboolture Orchid Society Inc
Where: Morayfield Community Complex,
Morayfield Rd, Morayfield
When: 4, 5 and 6 July, 2014

What: John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 26 and 27 July, 2014

What: Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc Annual Show
Where: Millward Road Community Hall, Millwell Road East
When: 9 and 10 August, 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: 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 Bvd, Broadbeach
When: 30 and 31 August, 2014

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

What: Redlands Orchid Society Inc
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: 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

AOC President's Newsletter

When I took over as AOC President, it was my aim to cut expenses as much as possible without impacting on orchid clubs if at all possible. For at least the last 4 years the income of the AOC has decreased considerably; personal memberships/subscriptions to 'Orchids Australia' in Australia have decreased by 15% between 2010/11 and 2012/13 (the year 2013/14 is not complete, so cannot be compared), magazine advertising income is down by 36%, and bank interest by 27%. Thankfully the number of AOC Group Members has been fairly static at around 140 clubs, although there are quite a large number of orchid clubs in Australia which are not Group Members. Unfortunately over the past few years nobody has been prepared to address this situation apart from pulling more out of the reserve funds. Over \$10,000 has been taken out of reserve funds in the last 5 years, and all of this has been used. If this continues, it will draw this fund down to an untenable position. The AOC is not bankrupt by any means, but now is the time when I believe we have to take stock and take some drastic measures.

'Orchids Australia' should be paying for itself, but unfortunately this has not been the case for some time, so the Council cannot keep propping this up. Currently the AOC is losing over \$14 per subscription annually. Increased postage and printing costs have been two of the major components that are causing concerns. The question may be asked: "Should the AOC continue to print 'Orchids Australia'?", but we must bear in mind that the AOC publication not only has subscribers in Australia but overseas as well, and is classed as one of the better orchid publications worldwide. It is also a major means of communication between the AOC, personal and AOC Group Members. We are looking for cheaper ways of producing the magazine, but it is not easy. It would help if you encouraged your club members to subscribe to 'Orchids Australia', as printing

charges per magazine are reduced as the number of magazines printed are increased.

Some costs have been cut dramatically – non-magazine postage has been cut considerably with most communication from me by email at no cost to the AOC, and the AGM costs have also been cut by using a cheaper venue. One big expense that has to be looked at is travelling costs to AOC meetings (both AGM and Judges' & Awards Standing Committee meetings). If they don't already do it, Delegates should try to get the cheapest airfare possible by booking as soon as they know the date of the meeting. The 2014 AGM, all being well, will cost almost nothing, as we plan to use Skype for which costs will be absolutely minimal.

Some suggestions for improving finances are:

1) The AROs discuss with their member clubs the proposition to help fund the expenses for their Delegates to attend meetings.

2) A number of clubs have already had fundraising events for the AOC eg sausage sizzle at Bunnings, or just a straight donation and these are not large clubs (mostly country clubs)

As you are the owners of the Australian Orchid Council I am asking all clubs to discuss these and other ideas to pass on to your ARO and State Delegate.

You are reminded that nomination for AOC Officers for 2015 and any motions that you wish to be discussed at the 2014 AGM or Board of Management Meeting need to be in the hands of the AOC Secretary, Thea Shaughnessy, by June 30th 2014. These may be sent in the post to 88 Wehl St North, Mt Gambier, SA 5290, or by email to jtshaughnessy1@bigpond.com

It is with sadness that I notify you of the sudden passing of Miss Pam Bartlett, a former AOC President, Vice President and Secretary, on May 6th.

Also Colin Jennings, Registrar General and Publications Director, has been seriously ill and it may be some time before he can fulfil all his duties promptly. I ask for your patience if you are waiting for him to do anything for you.

Yours in orchids,

Jim Shaughnessy
AOC President

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).

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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.

WEBSITE

www.edos.org.au. Our Webmaster Ray Girdlestone would like you to have a look at our EDOS website and make comment – remember it is still a work in progress and any suggestions will be appreciated. If you have any Cultural advice you think may be useful to others please pass it on to Ray for inclusion on the website.

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

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