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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 27 March, 2014** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Reminder: April General Meeting will be Thursday 24 April, 2014

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Jim Stratford will be doing a presentation on "Potting Orchids". Jim has been doing the Potting Demonstrations at our Shows for many years, and we can all learn from his vast experience.

FEATURE ITEM

Guest Speaker for this month will be Graham Corbin. Graham is a well known speaker on native orchids. His talk covers a recent trip to Victoria where he photographed quite a few orchids in the wild and this talk will highlight a number of the more spectacular and interesting. It also includes some of the spectacular scenery and fauna of the Grampians as well as some of the more interesting activities of the Australasian Native Orchid Society Victoria group. This talk will cover a diverse range of topics and will have something of interest to everyone, orchid aficionado or not.

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

Judges: Eric Locke, John Rooks, Les Vickers, Les Burow, 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: Janelle Girdlestone

Trade Table: Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 1.00 pm on **Sunday 6 April, 2014** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

2014 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due – Family \$16, Single \$15. They can be paid at the March General Meeting, or a cheque can be mailed to the Secretary, PO Box 60, Wynnum Central Q 4178.

It is great to see that EDOS Inc Fees have not increased for many years, thanks to the hard work put in by our members at our Autumn and Spring Shows, and other fund-raising events.

Please take note that any members who have not paid their Subscriptions by the March Meeting will not receive the Newsletter, as they will be deemed to be

unfinancial at the end of February (as per our Constitution).

Please also remember that you need to be a financial member to be able to table plants or have plants in Plant Sales at the upcoming Autumn Show.

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).

Seats are filling fast, so if you are interested in going along, either let the Hostesses know at the next meeting, or contact either John Rooks, Barry Kable or Ken Webster as soon as possible.

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

MOTION TO BE TABLED AT MARCH GENERAL MEETING

BACKGROUND: Members of E.D.O.S Inc. are hereby advised of the intention by the Management Committee (E.D.O.S Inc.) to move the September General Meeting from 8.00 pm on Thursday 25th September 2014 to 1.00 pm on Sunday 28th September 2014.

The purpose of moving the general meeting is due to the scheduling of the E.D.O.S Inc. Spring Show which commences with the setting up at 4.00 pm on Friday 26th September and then for the Spring Show to be conducted over the weekend of Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September 2014.

The Management Committee believe that conducting the general meeting at the normal time – this would cause (i) – inconvenience to travel twice to the venue within 24 hours; (ii) additional work on members at the hall; and (iii) reduced number of orchids tabled as most growers would hold back their quality orchids for the Spring Show.

MOTION: "To move the September General Meeting from 8.00 pm on Thursday 25th September 2014 to Sunday 28th September 2014 at 1.00 pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall precincts, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West".

ACTION REQUIRED: Members will be asked to **Vote** – (1) **Yes** (If in favor of Proposal); or (2) **No**.

SIGNED: Secretary Ken Webster, E.D.O.S Inc.

Spring Show Vouchers

Please remember that any Prize Vouchers from our EDOS Spring Show 2013 will expire at the end of March.

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48th EDOS AUTUMN SHOW

Don't forget that our Autumn Show will be held on 5 and 6 April, 2014, with judging on Friday night 4 April 2014.

There have been some changes made to the Show Schedule (in particular the Classes where amongst other changes, a class for species *Bulbophyllum* has been added) and General Conditions, so it would be timely for ALL members, old and new, to have a read of these to ensure that they are aware of any changes that have been made.

A reminder also that Entries must be tabled and available for Judging by 7.30 pm

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

Assistance during the Show!!!

If you are available to help out at the Autumn Show please put your name in the Roster book at the next meeting, or contact either Barry, Ken, or John and let them know when you would be available to help out.

EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS, WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS!

We particularly need volunteers for the Front Door, and raffle sellers, and to set up on Friday afternoon around 3 pm, and clean up on Sunday afternoon.

Plant Tags will be available at the March Meeting from Roy Jope– If you need more Tags or are unable to attend the meeting to collect please contact John Rooks. **Please ensure that you use EDOS sale plant tags only.**

Craft Sales Tags will be available at the March Meeting from Pauline Webster.

Plant Labels - 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

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.

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.

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 - in the future such plants which are deemed to be of an unsuitable standard will be removed from the Sales Tables.

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.

Kitchen - Catering Convenor Marion would greatly appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc, along with any offers of assistance in the kitchen.

Plant sales – Convenor Alan McKell will require helpers in Plant Sales. Alan would also appreciate it if anyone can bring in small boxes and shopping bags.

Request to Members

Is there any member who would be willing to put an EDOS Inc Orchid Show sign on their front fence for a few days prior to the Shows?

If you are please contact either Barry, John or Brent. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Attention Recent New Members

Would any of our members who have joined EDOS in the past 6 months or so please make themselves known to our President Barry at the next meeting, in order to collect their name badges and their copy of New Member Handbook.

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Can Anyone Help???

Towards the end of November 2013 EDOS had a Plastic crate of books donated to the Society. For this we say Thanks.

However, we don't know who the Donor was – if there is any member who can help with the identification of the donor, it would be appreciated, as we would like to thank them officially. If you have any information please speak to either Barry, Ken or John.

Assistance Requested

EDOS Inc will be presenting an Orchid Show Promotion Display at Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 29 March. If anyone has an hour or two to spare between 9.30 am and 2 pm your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



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Cultural Award February 2014

Den Enobi Stripe 'Purple Splash'

This plant was purchased app 4 years ago from Burbank Orchid Nursery after I had seen it on display at Q.I.O.F. Bray Park about 2 years prior and my name was then placed on a waiting list. Burbank nursery had a number of these plants and had to wait for them to bloom to see if they had the splash effect, as a lot of these plants were just plain lavender in colour. When Wendy rang me to say she had a plant available for me and it was the last one, it was just as good as winning the lottery. It is grown in a shade house with 75% green shade cloth on the roof and 50% on the walls. The roof is lined with clear solar weave, the western side with white solar weave, and the southern wall with clear solar weave. Windows have been cut into western and southern walls to allow extra air flow. This plant hangs from the roof which is about 8 feet high and as high as possible to gain as much air movement as possible and is towards the northern end of the shade house. The plant is potted in a mix of 1 part Tref, 1 part styrene and one part super coarse perlite with a topping of coarse gravel and a sprinkling of Plantacoat - Plus on top. It is watered once per week [with MAGAMP] during summer and once per fortnight during winter. Seasol is applied twice per week and HSO 12 once per week at the recommended rate. This plant has been very rewarding for me and with its many sprays of coloured blooms it receives pride of place in my shade house. Good Growing

Leonore Price

UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Redlands Orchid Society Autumn Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland
When: Saturday 29 March, 2014
- What:** EDOS Inc Autumn Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 5 & 6 April, 2014
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 11, 12 & 13 April, 2014
- What:** Brisbane Orchid Society Inc Show
Where: Mt Gravatt State School, 1263 Logan Rd Mt Gravatt
When: 12 and 13 April, 2014
- What:** EDOS Beginning With Orchids
Where: Gordon's Oz Orchids
When: Saturday, 12 April, 2014
- What:** Aspley Orchid Society Mothers Day Show
Where: Com Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Hts
When: 10 and 11 May, 2014
- What:** Southport & Districts Orchid Soc Qld Inc
Where: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Sunshine Blvd, 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

Increase in Postage

In the very near future Australia Post will be 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 this way, please let John Rooks know your email address.

Plants Worth Noting

Hey Everyone,
Well another meeting has been, as per usual the benches were filled with a wide assortment of incredible plants. Because of the trade table I only had a short time to run round and look at the plants but it was well worth it. I just wanted to say thank you to Greg Webb for helping me out with some photos of the plants on the night as I lost mine due to some technical difficulties, anyways, onto the plants.

Admittedly I have become a bit of a species nut recently, my favourites from the night were from the monopodial and sympodial species section.

We saw an impeccable example of *Cycnoches barthiorum* 'Pink Dove', a native of Southern Colombia. I have never seen such a floriferous *Cycnoches* before and the plant on the night just took my breath away, I would one day love to grow a plant with such a display. The flowers were yellowy-brown in colour with darker red spots around the petals and sepals.

Next in my list was the famous *Neofinetia falcata*, which has recently been moved over to *Vanda*, due to recent genetic discoveries in the botanical world. This plant, commonly known as the Samurai Orchid, derived from it's history as being grown by the Japanese Samurai as a symbol of bravery, nobility and wealth. There are many different varieties of this plant available in Japan, however few seem to have made it to Australia as of yet. This plant was grown beautifully and was simply a cloud of wonderfully scented white flowers which pleasantly perfumed it's section of benches.

Last but not least were the Brazilian *Cattleya forbesii*, and the *Paphiopedilum helenae*. I am always attracted to *Catt. forbesii* as it isn't all puffs and frills. The plant on the night had 3 flowers arising from the one lead growth, and I just fell in love with the flower. Finally, I don't believe I will ever get over my fascination with this species from Northern Vietnam and Southern China, it's novelty of the size of the plant, with a comparatively huge flower to plant size will always bring a smile to my face, and I can just never get enough of this wondrous plant.

I look forward to all the future meetings, to meet new friends, and catch up with old ones, both in the human and plant world.

Happy Growing,

Michael

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

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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