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EDOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

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

"All Positions will become Vacant at that time"

Please consider nominating for a position. If you are interested in taking on a position please see the Secretary prior to the meeting.

The continued success of EDOS is not dependent upon the current management committee members but depends upon the support "You" the members are prepared to give to the Society.

For anyone who may be interested, the Auditor's Report will be available at the Front Table on the night of the AGM.

Ken Webster
Secretary
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Starting at 7.30 pm, Ken Haase will be doing a presentation on "His Program - Insecticides, Fungicides and Fertilisers the way he uses them". It's always good to hear how other growers do things. Ken has been very successful with this programme, so maybe we can all learn something new.

FEATURE ITEM

Secretary Ken Webster will be doing a presentation on "The Too Hard Basket". I guess we will all have to wait and see what is in the basket!

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

Judges: Les Vickers, Les Burrow, Eric Locke, John Rooks, Brent Nicoll
Observers: Student Judges Ray Girdlestone and Janelle Girdlestone
Scribes: Volunteers required please.
Supper Steward: Daphne McKell and Margaret Rieck
Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck
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 5.30 pm on **Saturday 6 December, 2014** prior to the Christmas Function, at Manly Bowls Club.



EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2014 EDOS Christmas Party will be held on 6th December 2014 at the Manly Bowls Club. **Doors will open at 6.30 pm for dinner at 7.00 pm.** Cost will be \$20 for Members and \$35 for Non Members. Partners of EDOS members who have joined as a Single membership will be \$25. Soft drinks will be included, any other drinks will be at the Member's cost.

The main Raffle will contain one of Daphne McKell's famous Plum Puddings, so make sure you get your tickets!! **Tickets for the Raffle will also be available at the November meeting.**

We will be having a Rolling Raffle, so on the night please remember to bring along a gift to include on the table (one per person please, and something you would be happy to receive yourself).

There will also be a "Popular Vote" for those who wish to bring along a flowering orchid.

The Judges will be finalising the Jack Feige Memorial Trophy for the Plant of the Year which is judged from photographs of the plants chosen as Plant of the Night at each monthly meeting by our judges.

Our December Committee Meeting will be held at 5.30 pm prior to the function.

Please come along and enjoy a great evening and the company of your fellow EDOS members



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

Plants Worth Noting

At last month's meeting I had the pleasure of doing the plants worth noting which has been a pleasant way to procrastinate having to study for exams. My particular favourites at the last meeting were *Angraecum compactum*, *Coelogyne chloroptera*, *Dendrobium eximium*, and *Rhynchostylis retusa*. I guess I'll prattle on about the plants in the order to which they were described.

Therefore first up is *Rhyn. retusa*, a plant native to China and tropical Asia, first described in 1825. The plant on the night caught my attention due to its exceptionally long raceme, which for me was the longest raceme I have ever seen on the species and it took my breath away. The plant had a second spike coming so hopefully we'll get to see it again at this month's meeting.

Second cab off the rank is *Coel. chloroptera* a native of the Philippines, first described in 1883. Apart from the plant's exquisite small flowers, the reason why this plant made it to my list is because I have never seen this species before, and being a lover of the weird and wonderful it is always a pleasure to come to the meetings in hope of seeing something new, and this plant was no disappointment, it was covered in numerous spikes and the first thing that caught your attention was the brown-red lip on the mostly green

flower (I must admit, from a distance I couldn't see any flowers on it... oops).

The last two plants are *Dendrobium eximium* and *Angraecum compactum* discovered in 1905 and 1916 respectively. *Angcm. compactum* is an old favourite of mine as I've been in love with the genus for several years now, and is always a pleasure to come across one of the species. This time was particularly memorable due to the flower count on the plant which had at my count 10 or more flowers and buds on the plant. As for *Den. eximium* this species made my list for two reasons, firstly being it was the first time I've ever come across the species, and secondly, the furry sepals.

I love seeing the weird and wonderful and taking photos of them to prove to my University friends that orchids aren't just your run of the mill "pink fluffy flowers". They are varied and diverse and a constant source of wonder, inspiration and admiration for me and I thank you all for continuing to make the meetings endlessly interesting by bringing your plants along.

Happy Growing,

Michael Tervo

Ideas for 2015

If any of our members have any ideas for Red Spotters, Guest Speakers, Bus or field trips for 2015 please feel free to discuss them with any of our Committee Members. We are always looking for "Something different" and I am sure that there are members out there with some of these ideas.

Request for Information

I am Amy Hinsley, a UK PhD student, conducting research regarding orchid growing around the world. My PhD thesis subject is on the interactions between the international orchid industry, orchid growers, and conservation. I have decided to focus on looking for the best ways that trade and conservation can work together to protect orchid species.

I have designed a short set of questions aimed at orchid growers. I hope to get an online survey out to as many growers as possible. The survey has been designed specifically to gather information on the orchid growing community's experiences and opinions on trade, conservation and CITES. The survey takes about 5-7 minutes to complete and uses a type of 'indirect questioning,' a method designed to ensure anonymity when asking questions about subjects that may be sensitive. Responders may complete the survey in the knowledge that individual answers cannot be identified. The Survey link is:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1619973/orchidsurvey2>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Aspley Orchid Society "Celebrating Valentines Day"
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 14 and 15 February, 2015
- What:** Queensland International Orchid Fair
Where: Beenleigh Show Grounds, Beenleigh
When: 6 to 8 March, 2014
- What:** Eastern District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Bayside Uniting Church, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 11 and 12 April, 2015
- What:** Redlands Orchid Society Inc
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland
When: 2 May, 2015
- What:** Orchids in Paradise – 20th Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show
Where: Hosted by Mackay & District Orchid Society
When: 18 to 23 September, 2015

Plants Worth Noting for 2015

The Editor would like to find some Volunteers to cover Plants Worth Noting in 2015. 2014 has been covered by the Student Judges, but as there are only 5 members involved, and they also cover the Judging on the night, we would like to open this up to ALL the members. You would only have to write one article for the year, and if you need assistance, the Secretary and Editor would be only too pleased to help.

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DO NOT WASH YOUR HAIR IN THE SHOWER!

It's so good to finally get a health warning that is actually useful.

It involves your shampoo, when you shower with it. This is a warning to us all!!! I don't know why I didn't figure this out sooner!

I've been using shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body. Printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, "FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME." No wonder I have been gaining weight!

Well, I got rid of the shampoo and I am now showering with Dawn dishwashing detergent. Its label reads, "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE."

Problem solved!

If I don't answer the phone, I'll be in the shower!

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

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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"Orchids in Paradise" is a combined 20th Australian Orchid Council and 50th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council conference and show. The AOC conference provides an opportunity for orchid lovers from all parts of Australia to meet and enjoy spectacular orchid displays and learn from world-leaders in orchid breeding and culture.

The AOC conference is a triennial event, held in a different state of Australia every three years. It will be the first time that the AOC conference has been held in Mackay and only the second time that a conference has been held in tropical Queensland. The 2015 event will also be the first time that the AOC conference has been combined with a major regional Orchid Conference. Additionally, foliage and allied plants will be included in the show schedule for the first time.

The Orchid Conference will be held at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (MECC) on Friday the 18th September to Wednesday 23rd September 2015.

Mackay is the ideal holiday destination with its close proximity to the Great Barrier Reef and home to some of the world's most prized rainforests. Come and discover the unspoilt natural wonders throughout the region. For more information visit '[About Mackay](#)'

Registration Forms, Accommodation Listing and Map of Mackay City Centre are available on the website by going to <http://orchidsinparadise.com.au/> We are working to have registrations able to be done online as well.

(Editor's Note: There is a very good article in the October 2014 edition of Orchids Australia, written by Noel Grundon FAOC about the upcoming conference and show)