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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 27 August, 2015** commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Commencing at 7.30 pm, Editor Janelle Girdlestone will be covering "Nomenclature". This will explain the importance of having your orchids named and labelled correctly, and what your labels can tell you (and others) about a plant. This is especially important when benching your orchids, either on meeting nights or in a show.

FEATURE ITEM

Robert Reitano will be giving a Presentation on "Sarcophilus". Robert is very involved with ANOS (Australasian Native Orchid Society Qld – Kabi Group Inc) and has considerable knowledge about our Australian orchids.

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

Judges: Eric Locke, Les Vickers, Reg Illingworth, John Rooks, Brent Nicoll

Observers: Student Judges Ray Girdlestone and Michael Tervo

Scribes: Volunteers required please.

Supper Steward: Marion and Colin Samuels

Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Volunteer

Library : Helen Vickers

Plant Registrar: Ann Kable

Plants Worth Noting: Helen Vickers

Trade Table: Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 3 September, 2015** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

49th EDOS SPRING SHOW 3 and 4 October, 2015

Don't forget that our Spring Show will be held on 3 and 4 October, 2015, with judging on Friday night 2 October, 2015, 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, especially during the busy times of the day.

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 and correct. 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, or even placed in the incorrect category.

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 Spring 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!

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.

Floral Arrangement Helpers Required Urgently!!



Lyn Nicoll is urgently seeking helpers for the Floral Arrangement area for the Spring Show. If you have any experience in this area, or know someone who has some experience and would be prepared to help out, please contact one of your committee members. Even if you can only provide assistance for part of the time it would be greatly appreciated.

SHOW SCHEDULE

A copy of the Schedule for the 2015 Spring Show is attached to this Newsletter, and is also available through the EDOS website.

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

******* NOTE: One change in particular is the Opening Time on Sunday, which has been changed to 10 am.**

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 the Show Captain Ray Girdlestone, Chief Steward Eric Locke, or the President Barry Kable.

Volunteers Needed for Plaza Display

EDOS Inc will be holding their usual Pre-Show Display at Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 29 September 2015

We are seeking volunteers to help man this display, and also to provide flowering orchids, between 9 am and 2 pm. You don't need to be there the whole time, we usually appreciate having a couple of extra helpers around lunchtime to enable others to have a bit of a break and have some lunch.

If you are able to help out, please let Ray Girdlestone or Barry Kable know at the next meeting.

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Toowoomba Bus Trip

Once again we congratulate Alan McKell for organising a terrific day out to the 60th Anniversary Conference and Show in Toowoomba. EDOS Inc came in third in the Large Display (great for our first time), with fellow society Redlands Orchid Society coming second in the Small Display. Congratulations also to those individuals who also won prizes. There were many vendors there, with some members coming away with purchases (or raffle prizes). Following a visit to David Woolf's private collection, we had a great lunch at the Golf Club, followed by a visit to Murray Ferguson's private collection. Treasurer John even treated everyone to an ice-cream on the way home!

We all look forward to the next trip.

EDOS Inc Show Vouchers

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.

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Plant of the Month July 15

Pot. Dal's Emperor x (Bic. Mount Isa "Jean" x Pot. Burdekin Surprise) was bought from Aranbeem Orchids in 2013. What I like about Aranbeem Orchids is they give good details about the type, colour and flowering in their catalogue. It was in an A size pot. I then potted it into a bigger pot using 50/50 coconut husk and perlite. This mix was not very successful so changed to medium bark and perlite and the plants did much better in this mix. I water my orchids every seven days in Winter and every 3-4 days in Spring and Autumn, then in the Summer every other day. I use a 9 month slow release fertiliser in Spring and a foliage fertiliser every 2-3 weeks yearly. Higher nitrogen fertiliser in the warmer months and I use Seasol with all foliage fertilisers.

Glen Drewett

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Nambour Diamond Jubilee Spring Show
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour

When: 28 and 29 August, 2015

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

When: 29 and 30 August, 2015

What: Ballina & Dist Orchid Society Inc
Where: RSL Club, Ballina
When: 29 and 30 August, 2015

What: Gold Coast District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Albert Waterways Comm Ctr, Cnr Hooker & Sunshine Bvds, Broadbeach Waters
When: 4 and 5 September, 2015

What: QOS Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 12 and 13 September, 2015

What: Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society Inc
Where: Canungra School of Arts Hall, 37 Pine St, Canungra
When: 12 and 13 September, 2015

What: West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 19 and 20 September, 2015

What: Orchids in Paradise – 20th Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show
Where: Hosted by Mackay & District Orchid Society
When: 18 to 23 September, 2015

What: Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Inc
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah
When: 25 and 26 September, 2015

What: **EDOS Spring Show**
Where: **Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West**
When: **3 and 4 October, 2015**

What: Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc
Where: The Orchid House, 15A First Ave, Bribie Island
When: 3 and 4 October, 2015

What: Ipswich Orchid Society Inc
Where: Silkstone State Primary School
When: 3 and 4 October, 2015

What: Redlands Orchid Society Inc
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 17 October, 2015

What: Boonah Charity Show
Where: Boonah State High School
When: 17 and 18 October, 2015

What: Tweed District Orchid Society Inc Annual Orchid Fair
Where: Tweed Civic Centre, Brett St, Tweed Heads
When: 31 October and 1 November, 2015

What: Orchid Species Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 14 and 15 November, 2015



EDOS Inc. - Club Shirts

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Secretary Ken Webster

Men's and Ladies

**Have your new shirt for the
EDOS Inc. Spring Show!**

Important Message from Burbank Orchid Nursery

I am writing to inform your members that Burbank Orchid Nursery is no longer trading from our Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road address. The Brisbane Council has bought our block of land to re-incorporate it into the koala reserve, so we are in the process of moving the nursery. Our new premises will be appointment only as we have moved to Bauple near Maryborough. The new address is 290 Talegalla Drive, Talegalla Weir, 4650 Phone :- 07 41939652. The move is going to take us until approximately December some time, so in this period we will be selling online only. We are in the process of getting our website :- www.burbankorchids.com.au up and running again, so keep an eye on this for any news and our list of plants we have for sale. We will still be interested in doing displays for any shows you put on, so please feel free to contact us about these in the future. We will also still be attending all the Orchid Fairs and shows (e.g. QIOF) that we have always done.

We would also like to thank all your members who visited us at our Burbank premises for their custom.

Regards,

**Wendy & Steve Swan,
Burbank Orchid Nursery.**

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KEMPSEY SPECIOSUM SPECTACULAR and NATIVE ORCHID SHOW 2015

The 14th annual Kempsey Speciosum Spectacular and native orchid show will be held over the weekend of 5th/6th September 2015.

Having accepted the challenge to host the 8th Australasian Native Orchid Conference and Show in Kempsey from 1st – 4th September 2016, at this years show we will be conducting an auction of some high quality speciosums and hybrids. A list of these Auction plants can be obtained from John Zietsch 02 6554 9733 or email jzi01935@bigpond.net.au.

The show schedule is available along with other information from Ted Walmsley 02 6562 7150 or John Zietsch 02 6554 9773

WEBSITE

www.edos.org.au. Our Webmaster Ray Girdlestone would like you to have a look at our EDOS website, and if you have any Cultural advice or articles relating to orchid growing 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

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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PLANTS WORTH NOTING

July General Meeting was not a good night out for orchids - only 56 plants tabled by 15 exhibitors. Strangely enough Maurie Page (Guest Speaker - Dendrochilums) and myself (Red Spotters Club - Rhynchostylis) had plenty of flowering orchids for members to view during the night.

If there was a talk not to be missed, this was the one provided by Maurie on growing Dendrochilums. His presentation was **'terrific'** and a great advertisement for this genera. Not only did he provide a physical environment with both flowering and non-flowering Dendrochilums, he was able to expertly talk about them **'in the flesh'**; he also backed up with a brilliant PowerPoint computer display.

Overall it was a great effort and a wonderful outcome. It is amazing how much talent is out there in the **'Orchid World'**. Often you hear the **'catch cry it is difficult to find guest speakers'** – well E.D.O.S Inc. is blessed to have many talented and knowledgeable orchid growers in our midst. Sometimes it is just asking someone to do a presentation – as seen here, a fascinating result.

As most members know, Maurie often talks about sending **'another orchid to heaven'**. His claim could be in doubt due to the two (2) displayed tables of well grown Dendrochilums he provided to support his presentation – these well grown orchid plants which ranged in varieties of sizes – from the small to the very large forms. Normally one does not get to be that successful unless **'killing orchids'** makes you a better grower of those that survive. I will need to ask Maurie that question the next time I talk to him.

I am really not a Dendrochilum grower however after that presentation, the four (4) I do have in one of my orchid houses (collected by Pauline – not me), I will definitely be looking for more now to add to **'our'** collection. This is what is good about quality presenters, they can influence you **'to go out and try to grow different genera'**. The only drawback to growing Dendrochilums in my view – they are like **'space invaders'** – want to take more territory than some of their fellow orchids.

Just to show I did learn something from Maurie – I have pencilled down a couple of points which I believed he was attempting to highlight during his talk – (i) large genus (over 200); (ii) sympodial botanicals which produce a single leaf per pseudobulb; (iii) most are epiphytes; (iv) related to Coelogyne; (v) found in Philippines, Borneo, Sumatra and Indonesia; (vi) flower once a year; (vii) some have very small but many beautiful flowers; (ix) **'easy to grow'** (as quoted by Maurie); (x) keep cool and shaded in summer; (xi) on the moist side; and (xii) quick growers if left in clumps.

Now for some orchids benched that night. Again being occupied by my duties in the Red Spotter's Club; together with my Secretary duties – I also need to thank Pauline for **'dropping in'** to help sell nine (9) of the new order of club shirts (a great result) - I did not have sufficient time to **"go around all the orchid classes"**. Fortunately enough, like Maurie, I had my own supply of orchids that night.

Within the **Species Monopodial Section**, whilst I admit I am somewhat biased, there were a number of well grown **Rhynchostylis giganteas** on display. I was fortunate enough to have seven (7) flowering **Rhy. gigantea** for those people who visited me in my **'popular corner'** and then five (5) other flowering plants for this section. Furthermore, I was even more fortunate that the judges were taken by two of them and gave them first and second placings. As normal, they – **'the judges are always right'** – I am happy with the result.

First placing went to **Rhy. gigantea** 'Splash' by **Rhy. gigantea** 'Spots'. This the second flowering for that plant and whilst it only had 14 flowers, the size of the flowers were much larger than the other plants which I benched that night. Very clean flowers which were waxy and had heavy splashes and spots of red and purple on white. Very noticeable with these strong contrasting

colours and lingering fragrance. Only wish - I could get another 20 or so flowers on that spray. Well that is another wish for another time – will have to wait and see what occurs next time it decides to flower.

There was one particular *Dendrobium* hybrid which drew the attention of the Judges and even those members who were involved in the Popular Vote. In the **Australian Native Hybrid Section**, there was a large plant of *Dendrobium* Johulatum. Being the owner of this plant, I can provide some more details than normal particularly in the manner to have this plant to flower so successfully with five inflorescences ranging with 100 plus flowers on a stem of 4.5 feet. The other inflorescences were either half out or coming out. Since the meeting, the whole five sprays have opened – it is a sight.

In January 2014, I decided I would do some research on *Dendrobium* John's Charm 'Bruno'. I learnt my lesson from that research – **'do not go too deep'** – last time it was two pages to end the article for the February 2014 Newsletter. For those interested, *Dendrobium* Johulatum was registered in 1983 by Mrs. Mimi Korsman and the parents were registered as ***Den. discolor*** and ***Den. johannis***. If you remember my article on *Dendrobium* John's Charm 'Bruno', the parents were initially registered as ***Den. undulatum*** x ***Den. semifuscum***. Well from reading my past article you all now know that ***Den. undulatum*** was renamed as ***Den. discolor*** in 1963. So now you know ***Den. discolor*** has again excelled in this particular orchid.

What then do we know of ***Den. johannis*** – a species orchid and known as the '*brown antelope orchid*'? From research, ***Den. johannis*** is classified as a small to medium size epiphyte from the northeast of Australia, the islands in Torres Strait and southern New Guinea. It is known to grow in lowland areas with a pronounced dry season however it is also found in moist, open forests, on the margins of rain forests and along streams. The pseudobulb can grow up to 3 foot high (30cm) and can have as little as two (2) but can flower up to 20 at the one time. Expectancy of flowering can be during Autumn and last approximately 3 weeks. The one major aspect of this species is that it is a '**Hot**' growing orchid – in South East Queensland growing this particular species can be challenging particularly during the colder months of the year.

As demonstrated by the benched plant, the whole plant was in a very good condition (if I say so myself) and the only explanation I can give is that the bush house that it is situated in, this must be ideal for its growing needs. From my previous research, I learnt that the growing of *Dendrobium* John's Charm 'Bruno' that ***Den. discolor*** enjoys being: - (i) grown in an intermediate to warm area of the orchid house; (ii) kept out of cool winds; (iii) kept dry at night; (iv) grown in a well-drained pot or slab; and (v) ensure there is a drier resting period during winter. Guess what, ***Den. johannis*** enjoys similar conditions.

Now that I am now acquainted with these two species which makes the hybrid *Dendrobium* Johulatum, together with by past knowledge of *Dendrobium* John's Charm 'Bruno', I can recommend the following growing culture for this orchid - **"keep it warm; water in summer but keep it dry during winter – this is the rest period"**.

See you all at the next General Meeting –

Secretary Ken.

