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*The Committee Members of EDOS
Inc would like to Wish Everyone*

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 3.00 pm on
Saturday 16 January, 2016 at the Kable Residence.



Presidents Report 2015

Wow this has been a very busy year. I knew at the January committee meeting when Secretary Ken, tabled some event date's that clashed with other events through the year we were in for a bigger then normal year.

EDOS is a strong society with a growing membership. With first rate shows and a healthy bank balance, and a good focus on growing orchids, also great fellowship. Our meeting nights have been well supported with benched plants and attendances keep this up and there will be great times ahead.

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Things that we have achieved this year:

- 6m x 6m Shed with shelving at Belmont Rifle Range.
- Purchased a new PA system, after restricted frequency changes by government.
- Field day visit to Ken & Sharon Haase, Greg & Fiona Webb with a BBQ to finish off at the Kable's.
- Sponsorship – Display and bus trip to Toowoomba for their 60th Anniversary Show.
- Sponsorship for AOC Conference and Show Mackay.
- EDOS was part of and helped with Orchid Societies of South East Queensland display at this year's Ekka.
- Sub-committee formed for our 50th Anniversary next year.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 28 January, 2016** commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

- Purchased 3 teardrop signs to advertise our shows.
- Christmas in July, a great night was had by all.
- Autumn Show
- Spring Show
- Beginning with Orchids has been on hold, will start again in 2016.
- Another table hire customer BOS.

This has been a great year, lots of behind the scenes work by the committee, a big thanks to them, a great effort from you the members for helping, with our shows and taking part in all activities, this is what makes a society come together and enjoy good fellowship, let's keep it going into and beyond our 50th year.

Tonight I would like to say a special thanks to our retiring Secretary Ken, and Chief Steward Eric and Plant Sales Coordinator Alan, These people have done these jobs over many years with commitment and dedication, and I hope the 3 of you will continue to enjoy life at EDOS at a slower pace.

In closing a special thanks to our sponsors, our Patron Joan Pease and other members of Parliament and Councillors, EDOS really values your contributions.

What an awesome society we are. Thanks everyone.

Barry Kable

President



EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2015 EDOS Inc Christmas Party was held on 5th December 2015 at the Manly Bowls Club.

Those who attended enjoyed themselves, with plenty of good food, and lots of prizes in the Rolling Raffle. Congratulations to all those members who won prizes on the night (Michael was "Over the Moon" as he won one of Daphne's puddings), and also Congratulations to those who won prizes in the Annual Points. The Results will be in the January Newsletter.

Results of the Popular Vote held at the Christmas Breakup:

- 1st: *Paphiopedilum* Lady Isabel 'Isabella' owned by L & H Vickers
- 2nd: *Rhynchostylis retusa* owned by B & L Nicoll
- 3rd: *Bulbophyllum bicolor* owned by B & A Kable

Jack Feige Memorial Trophy for 2015

Congratulations to Tony and Lyn Beck on their win with their plant of *Paphiopedilum villosum* 'Linda'



QOS Inc. Service Award and Medallion

Congratulations to Michael Tervo who was awarded the QOS Inc Service Award and Medallion for 2015 for his tireless efforts for EDOS Inc. during the year.



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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Plants Worth Noting November 2015

***Cattleya purpurata* [Syn. *Laelia purpurata*]**

As part of the recent student judges training we were given the task of choosing three species out of thirteen flowering species that were brought to a training night. We had to assess these plants for their suitability for an award and research them. One that I chose was *Cattleya purpurata*.

Consequently, I was really excited to see a whole table of them at our November EDOS meeting night and to be reminded by Morrie Page that this flower is the national emblem of Brazil and that in Brazil whole shows and societies are devoted to it

This species originates from the southern coastal parts of Brazil around Rio de Janeiro where it grows as an epiphyte in the tall canopy of trees. The specific epithet, *purpurata* comes from the Latin word *purpuratus* meaning dressed in purple which is often the dominant colour of the lip. There are however more than one hundred colour variations of the labellums and tepals (petals and sepals) from white through salmon, pink, red purple, blue and amethyst.

Despite being variable in colour, it is consistent in shape. *Cattleya [Laelia] purpurata* has been the most used of all the Laelias in hybridising. The hybridizers prized the beautifully coloured trumpet shaped labellum, but unfortunately its open shape is most often transmitted.

Helen Vickers

Cultural Notes November 15

Den. eximium

Common name The Extraordinary Dendrobium.

Found in New Guinea at elevations up to 650 metres. Normally found growing as an epiphyte on moss covered trees, with an almost constant humidity of 80% year round, and a temp range between 13 to 33 degrees. It has produced over 2 dozen offspring many of which have been awarded.

This plant has steadily grown for the last 10 years in a mix of bark & perlite and a sprinkling of Organic extra through the top third of the pot. It has been split up several times, and I have kept this one piece as I find my conditions are suitable for its culture.

I bought this plant at Stockers Nursery after seeing a photo in one of Geoff's many books, a small plant in a 60mm pot for \$10.00.

I've found most Dens prefer to be under potted so it only requires attention every 2-3 years.

The plant requires constant moisture for most of the year and is fertilised once a week with whatever I have on hand.

It has flowered every year with this year being the best display with well over 100 individual blooms.

The plant is grown in a north facing greenhouse with 75% cloth on the roof and sides and an extra layer of shade cloth on the western wall and western half of the roof, also plastic on the western wall to protect it from the cold winds.

The long lasting flowers and compact nature of this plant make it an ideal specimen to grow in a confined area and if you can grow it on a high bench or hang it from the roof you will appreciate the flowers more.

I'm sure most growers could have success in the Brisbane area with this plant.

Happy growing

Tony Beck.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Aspley Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 13 and 14 February, 2016
- What:** Queensland International Orchid Fair
Where: Beenleigh Showground, James Street, Beenleigh
When: 4, 5 and 6 March, 2016
- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 19 and 20 March, 2016
- What:** Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc.
Where: The Orchid House, & Indoor Bowls Clubhouse
When: 25 and 26 March, 2016
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc.
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 25, 26 and 27 March, 2016
- What:** EDOS Inc 50th Anniversary Autumn Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.
When: 9 and 10 April, 2016
- What:** Nambour Orchid Society Diamond Festival of Orchids
Where: Lake Kawana Community Centre, 114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina
When: 11 and 12 June, 2016

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