

# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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## Celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

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### NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

#### ***NEXT GENERAL MEETING***

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Saturday 18 June, 2016** commencing at 1.30 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### ***FEATURE ITEM***

As this Meeting is celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Guest Speakers will be covering the history of EDOS Inc. Amongst these speakers will be Ken Webster, Ken Unsworth and Maurie Page. I am sure there will be other members who have some anecdote to entertain us with! Ken Unsworth will also be talking about the EDOS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary orchid which he has bred.

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

**Judges:** Eric Locke, John Rooks, Ken Webster, Brent Nicoll, Les Vickers  
**Associate Judges:** Michael Tervo, Helen Vickers  
**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 30 June, 2016** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

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#### ***June General Meeting***

Don't forget that our June General Meeting will be held on Saturday 18 June at 1.30 pm.

This will be a Special Celebration for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

***We will be having our usual Meeting, with the exception of the Red Spotters, so please bring along your plants for benching as usual. There will also be extra raffles on that day as part of our celebration.***

**We would like numbers for Catering purposes please, so if you haven't already put your name down on the list, and you will be at the Meeting on that day, can you please let either Treasurer John Rooks (3890 7914), Editor Janelle (0407 351 922) or any of the Committee Members know by phone or email. A plate of sweets (slices, cake etc) would be greatly appreciated for afternoon tea.**

If you have any photos or memorabilia that may be of interest on the day, or know of any former members we may have lost touch with, please bring it along on the day.

## Trade Table

If any of our members requires any specific items from the Trade Table at the June meeting, to ensure that Michael brings enough product, you can phone him on 0411816229 and he will bring extra stock.

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**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

### INVITATION

The President and Committee Members have pleasure in inviting all EDOS members to attend the June 2016 "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" General Meeting which will follow the **NORMAL MEETING PROCEDURE** (so bring all your orchids for judging).

A few short speeches by members PAST and PRESENT will be the "Guest Speaker Segment".

Plus, Ken Unsworth will talk about the EDOS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Orchid.

**Date** - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Place** - Bayside Uniting Church Hall,  
420 Wondall Road, Manly West

**Time** - 1.30pm - 4.30pm

**A Scrumptious Afternoon Tea  
And  
Good Fellowship to Follow!!**

## EDOS Inc Show Vouchers

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

## REMINDER

### EDOS Inc on Gardening Australia Programme

The Gardening Australia programme which will feature Barry Kable and the EDOS Inc Autumn Show will be going to air on Saturday 11 June at 6.30 pm with the segment filmed with Barry Kable, and 18 June at 6.30 pm with the segment filmed during the EDOS Inc Autumn Show. We will all have time to get home from the Meeting and watch it. If you happen to miss it, it will be on again on Sunday afternoon.

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## Plants Worth Noting - May

### *Bulbophyllum medusae*

When I saw this species at the May meeting, I chose it because it is a very elegant *Bulbophyllum* which always attracts attention when benched and because of its interesting name.

Also of interest, at our May meeting was *Bulb. Tiger Spider* (awarded Judges Choice) which has *Bulb. medusae* for one of the parents - the other parent being *Bulb. gracillimum*.

In Greek mythology, **Medusa** was a monster, a Gorgon, generally described as a winged human female with a hideous face and having venomous snakes in place of hair. This *Bulbophyllum* is named after Gorgon Medusa of Greek mythology because the long lateral sepals of its flowers are rather like the snakes that formed Medusa's hair.

This *Bulbophyllum* originates from a wide area of south-east Asia - peninsular Thailand, Malaya, Malaysia,

Borneo, the Indonesian islands of Sumatra and Bangka, and the Lesser Sunda Islands. It grows in lowland forests, sometimes high in trees under a closed canopy, and at other times lower on the trees in more open locations. Consequently it likes warm conditions with shaded to dappled light. In the wild it is epiphytic and lithophytic - a creeping orchid which can spread to cover the pot or slab it is growing on.

I am told by an avid 'Bulbo' grower that *Bulb. medusae* likes to be kept moist, not allowed to dry out in summer and should be kept a little on the dry side in winter. They are being grown well in shallow open baskets locally. The plant may have many clusters of flowers - with each cluster containing 30 to 100 tiny flowers, each with long slender sepals up to 150 mm long. The only *Bulb. medusae* awarded in Australia was *Bulbophyllum medusa* 'Lyn' in 1997 in the Northern Territory. From the picture above, it appears to have 15 clusters of flowers. Perhaps our climate is not quite as suitable as in the Northern Territory but wouldn't it be wonderful to see a plant like this here.

Come on Bulbo growers. You can do it.

**Helen Vickers**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**What:** North Moreton Orchid Council Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 25 and 26 June, 2016

**What:** Toowoomba Orchid Society  
**Where:** St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba  
**When:** 15 and 16 July, 2016 (TBC)

**What:** John Oxley Orchid Society  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 16 and 17 July, 2016

**What:** Caboolture Orchid Show  
**Where:** Morayfield Community Centre, Morayfield Rd, Morayfield  
**When:** 22, 23 and 24 July, 2016

**What:** Maroochydore Orchid Show  
**Where:** Community Hall, Millward Road East, Maroochydore  
**When:** 4 and 5 August, 2016

**What:** Logan & District Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Springwood Rd State School, 94-120 Springwood Road, Springwood  
**When:** 27 and 28 August, 2015

**What:** North Brisbane Orchid Society  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 27 and 28 August, 2016

**What:** ANOS KABI Group  
**Where:** Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Rd, Strathpine  
**When:** 27 and 28 August, 2016

**What:** Gold Coast Orchid Society  
**Where:** Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters  
**When:** 2 and 3 September, 2016

**What:** Nambour Orchid Show  
**Where:** Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Avenue, Nambour  
**When:** 2 and 3 September, 2016

**What:** Laidley Orchid Show  
**Where:** Laidley Cultural Centre, Laidley/Plainland Road, Laidley  
**When:** 8, 9 and 10 September, 2016

**What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 10 and 11 September, 2016

**What:** Beaudesert Orchid and Foliage Society  
**Where:** School of Arts Hall, 3-7 Pine Street, Canungra  
**When:** 10 and 11 September, 2016

**What:** Toowoomba Orchid Society  
**Where:** St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba  
**When:** 16 to 20 September, 2016

**What:** Glasshouse Country Orchid Show  
**Where:** Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah  
**When:** 23 and 24 September, 2016

**What:** EDOS Inc 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Show  
**Where:** Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.  
**When:** 1 and 2 October, 2016

**What:** Ipswich Orchid Society  
**Where:** Silkstone  
**When:** 1 and 2 October, 2016

**What:** QOS  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 8 and 9 October, 2016

**What:** Redlands Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland  
**When:** 15 October, 2016

**What:** Orchid Species Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 22 and 23 October, 2016

## Plant of Night April Meeting

### *Paphiopedilum henryanum*

This particular *Paph. henryanum* was purchased as a small seedling from Ivan Vescovi. For us, it has been an average grower and flowerer. The quality of *henryanum* flowers vary considerably with the top quality ones having much fuller and flatter dorsals than this clone.

*Paph. henryanum* is a species from southwest China where the plants grow at 2,000-3,000ft. (610-910m)

This *Paph.henryanum* is grown in a semi-closed-in environment with clear Alsynite roof and sides. The roof is covered with 50% shade cloth so the plant receives what might be described as high light for Paphs. Ventilation is enhanced by an overhead fan and a whirly bird and humidity is provided by a gravel floor, a shower tray of water underneath the benches and a humidifier set at 65% humidity. The temperature range is roughly 10 to 35 degrees, occasionally going up to 43 and down to 4 degrees centigrade.

This paphiopedilum is grown in a mix of 40% medium and small bark, 40% medium and small charcoal and 20% perlite. It was repotted in 2010 and again in 2014 which is perhaps longer than ideal.

Watering is done automatically three times per week in summer and once a week in winter. This is occasionally supplemented according to weather conditions. The plants are hand fertilized approximately fortnightly all

year around with some weeks missed in winter. Wolfgang's Paph mix has been the main fertilizer used with some applications of Aquasol. We have tried other fertilizers and additives over time but have not noticed any significant advantage.

A Mancozeb and Octave mix are used when needed for leaf fungal problems while Confidor, occasionally Rogor, Malathion and Crown have been used for mealy bugs when present.

When flower spikes appear, they are staked to ensure good presentation and once the flowers are developed they are brought into a well-lit location under the house for additional protection.

***Les and Helen Vickers***

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### **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

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