

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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Celebrating our 50th Anniversary Year

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NEWSLETTER MAY 2016

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 May, 2016** commencing at 8.00 am, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Commencing at 7.30 pm at the end of the Hall, Ken Webster will be doing a presentation on "My Culture for growing Angraecum Orchids."

FEATURE ITEM

This month Ken Webster will be doing a presentation on the 40th Anniversary celebrations, This will be a great opportunity to see how things have changed since then within the Society

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: Ray Girdlestone, Ken Haase

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: Helen Vickers

Trade Table: Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 2 June, 2016** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

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 50th Anniversary.

We will be having our usual Meeting, with the exception of the Red Spotters.

If you will be at the Meeting on that day, can you please let the Hostesses know at the May meeting, or you can contact Secretary Milton or any of the Committee Members by phone or email. We would like numbers for Catering purposes please. 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 contact Ken Webster, as he would be very interested in adding to what we already have.

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50th Anniversary

INVITATION

The President and Committee Members have pleasure in inviting all EDOS members to attend the June 2016 "50th 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 50th Anniversary Orchid.

Date - Saturday 18th 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!!**

Lost and Found

An amount of money was found in the hall during the last general meeting. If anyone can make claim to the money, then please approach the President or Treasurer.

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.

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Bus Trip to Nambour's Diamond Festival of Orchids



On Saturday 11th June 2016, Redlands Orchid Society Inc is taking a bus to the Diamond Festival of Orchids hosted by the Nambour Orchid Society at the Lake Kawana Community Centre. There will be over 15 vendors, along with a large orchid display. Their website nambourorchidsociety.com and click Diamond Festival tab has more information and links to nurseries.

On the way home the bus will be visiting Charlie & Gina McMonagle and Doug & Kath Wanka. The cost is \$20.00, which includes entry to festival. You will need to purchase your own morning tea at the venue, and lunch at the RSL Caloundra - you should be able to get a meal for around \$10.00.

Pickups will be 7am at Ugo's 65 Bay Street Cleveland and 7.30am at the Kable's 281 Redland Bay Road Capalaba

If any EDOS Inc members are interested in going along, please contact Ann Kable 38245931 or redlandsorchidsociety@bigpond.com.

EDOS Inc on Gardening Australia Programme

The Gardening Australia programme which will feature Barry Kable and the EDOS Inc Autumn Show should be going to air on Saturday 18 June at 6.30 pm. 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 - April

***Gomesa forbesii* (Syn. *Oncidium forbesii*)**

Another plant that I had not seen benched before and I later found that it belonged to Maurie Page. From his critique given towards the end of the night one he has found hard to grow. As a coincidence I had recently purchased a *Gomesa forbesii* only a month or so earlier from Orchid Species Plus

This orchid is native to Brazil and is fairly wide spread, growing in regions such as Rio de Janeiro southward to the state of Santa Catarina. These orchids are thickly spread throughout the upper levels of primary forest from below 2600 ft. (800 m) up to about 5250 ft. (1600 m). Hence why this orchid prefers to grow in cool to warm conditions.

This orchid also prefers high light level at between 2000 foot candles to 3500 foot candles. As Maurie stated he has only had success in growing and flowering this species since he has hung it high in his shadehouse to give it more light.

Orchid Wiz states that plant prefers to grow in shallow well drained containers or mounted on tree fern. If mounted on tree fern it requires high humidity and needs to be watered 2 to 3 times per day particularly in hot dry weather conditions. Orchid can be grown in shallow pots but must be in a well drained mix including medium bark and charcoal with a little bit of chopped sphagnum moss. Plants do not grow well in stale mixes and need to be repotted every 1 to 3 years. More frequently if sphagnum moss is used.

In nature there appears to be two main varieties with one flowering in summer to early autumn and the other

flowering in Spring. I note Maurie's flowered in early autumn.

Gomesa forbesii prefers to be grown in a small pot and slightly pot bound. At this stage mine grows in a small pot hung high in the greenhouse with 60% shade. This should equate to 2000fc to 3000fc. Now to make the decision as to whether it stays in this pot for the next year or do I mount it on tree fern.

Ken Haase

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Nambour Orchid Society Diamond Festival of Orchids

Where: Lake Kawana Community Centre, 114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina

When: 11 and 12 June, 2016

What: Southport & Districts Orchid Society Inc

Where: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters

When: 11 and 12 June, 2016

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 50th 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

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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