

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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Patron

Joan Pease MP



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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2017

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 January, 2017**, commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Commencing at 7.30 pm, Red Spotters for this month will be done by Ken Webster, the topic will be "Using Sphagnum Moss – is it good or bad for Orchids"

FEATURE ITEM

This month's Feature Item will be a presentation by Gary Yong Gee on *Vanda* and *Phalaenopsis* species. Gary's knowledge is extremely extensive, so this will be a very informative presentation.

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: Helen Vickers, Ken Haase

Scribes: Volunteers required please.

Supper Steward: Ian Want, plus some assistance

Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck

Library : Helen Vickers

Plant Registrar: Ann Kable

Plants Worth Noting: Kev Hamment

Trade Table: Greg Webb

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 2 February, 2017** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

2017 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are due on 1 January, 2017 – Family \$16, Single \$15. They can be paid at the January General Meeting,

OR a cheque can be mailed to the Secretary, PO Box 60, Wynnum Central Q 4178.

OR

This year we have a new method of payment. EDOS Inc is now able to take payments using Direct Transfer into their bank account. Bank details are as below:

Bank: CBA
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Account No. 00902647

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU PUT YOUR NAME (SURNAME PREFERRED) AS THE REFERENCE, OTHERWISE OUR TREASURER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY WHO THE PAYMENT BELONGS TO.

Please take note that any members who have not paid their Subscriptions when the March Newsletter is due will not receive their copy, as they will be deemed to be unfinancial at the end of February (as per our Constitution).

Please also remember that you need to be a financial member to be able to table plants or have plants in Plant Sales at the upcoming Autumn Show.



Show Kitchen Convenor

for 2017



EDOS Inc is still looking for someone to take on the position of Kitchen Convenor for our 2 Orchid Shows for 2017. **This position involves the Overall Co-ordination of the Kitchen, which includes Ordering and Purchasing of the food for the weekend. There are plenty of members who will assist with the work in the kitchen. Don't forget that Marion will be available to offer assistance to whoever is interested in volunteering for the position.**

Another point to remember is that **ALL EXPENSES FOR THE SHOWS ARE COVERED BY EDOS Inc** – whoever takes the position on will NOT be “out of pocket”. If you have any concerns on this, please speak to Treasurer John Rooks.

Also, if it could be a problem for whoever should take the position on. there is always one of the Committee who would be available to “Slip out” to purchase anything extra that may be required over the weekend

EDOS INC. 2016 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy 50th Anniversary EDOS.

2016 is all but over, but the celebrations will be remembered for ever, starting with our June monthly night meeting being changed to a Special Saturday afternoon meeting on 18th June. It was wonderful to catch up with many members who can no longer get to night meetings. We marked that event with the presence of our Patron and our Federal and Local members who congratulated us on our milestone year. Members were given EDOS coasters as a memento. The generosity of Ken Unsworth to breed and supply our special EDOS 50 Years Dendrobium seedling was very much appreciated. Ken & Pauline Webster did an excellent job of planning the day and the researching and collating our history.

The 50th Anniversary Dinner held on the 8th October with 84 in attendance was a great night of fun and fellowship. The take home place mat was a special touch to the night.

This year saw the introduction of more Champion Classes at our shows, which we have decided to keep in place for future shows

Another landmark event for EDOS was the Gardening Australia team with Jerry Colby Williams doing an all day shoot of our Autumn Show, which was aired later with some of our members interviewed or in the background.

EDOS will be one of the first orchid societies to introduce Bar Coding to Plant Sales next year. We have been successful in gaining a grant to cover the cost of this.

The income for table hire has increased from \$2,450.00 last year to \$3,100.00 this year.

We have welcomed 9 new members this year, may your orchids thrive and grow to be winners, enjoy your hobby.

A special thank you to the hard working and energetic committee members, who have had a big year. They make my job a lot easier. Some members are stepping down from positions, Marion Samuels assisted by Colin have run the Kitchen for over 10 years, time to sit back and enjoy maybe travel more. Ken Webster is not taking on the role of Guest Speaker Coordinator again this year so thank you for jobs well done. Thank you to members that have already taken on new roles.

Thank you to our sponsors and Patron Joan Pease for supporting and promoting our society.

In closing special thanks to all members for your support, help and fellowship throughout the year.

I look forward to enjoying another year with you and your orchids next year.

Barry Kable

President

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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 Inc Trade Table at any time before the expiry date shown, or at the any of the Sponsors noted on the vouchers.

51st EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

Don't forget that our Autumn Show will be held on 8 and 9 April, 2017, with judging on Friday night 7 April 2017.

The Show Schedule will be available in the next Newsletter so that members can start planning and organising the plants they may want to bench or sell.

One change that has been made to the Schedule is that there will now only be two classes in Floral Art. Management has decided that, due to lack of entries, there will only be Open and Novice classes.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Aspley Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 11 and 12 February, 2017

What: Queensland International Orchid Fair
Where: Beenleigh Showground, James Street, Beenleigh
When: 3, 4 and 5 March, 2017

What: Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.
Where: School of Arts Hall, 3-7 Pine St, Canungra
When: 11 and 12 March, 2017

What: Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Mt Gravatt State School, 1263 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt
When: 1 and 2 April, 2017

What: EDOS Inc Autumn Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.
When: 8 and 9 April, 2017

What: Queensland Orchid Society Inc.
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 14 and 15 April, 2017

What: Redlands Charity Orchid Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 22 April, 2017

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Guest Speaker at Toowoomba OS Meeting

We have received information that President of OSCOV (Victoria) Michael Coker will be Guest Speaker at the Toowoomba Orchid Society's meeting on Friday 24th March. Our members have been invited to attend.

More information will be forthcoming in the near future. If you are interested in attending, EDOS Inc is considering organising a bus for the night so that our members can attend.

Please let one of the Committee members know at the next meeting if you are interested.

Cultural Award November 16

Encyclia Oakland

This plant was purchased about 4 Years ago from Fame Orchids as a small flowering plant. As I do with most purchases it was repotted into my own mix of small bark, jumbo perlite and small charcoal using a 100mm pot. In January 2013 the orchid was repotted into a larger 175 x120 squat pot using medium bark, perlite and charcoal. As this pot is much deeper the bottom of the pot was filled with 25 to 35mm of styrene for better drainage.

This cross is made up of 50% *E. cordigera*, 25% *E. orlata* and 25% *E. diuana*

This orchid is grown with all my Cattleyas on benches in a large shade house with solar weave and shade mesh on the roof at total 60% shade and shade mesh at 50% shade on the sides. The solar weave allows for watering to be controlled.

Generally this orchid is watered ever 3 days in summer and about once per week in winter. This depends on how hot or how cold the weather has been. I supplement this watering with misting, especially in hot weather and regularly water under the benches to help cool and increase humidity.

When watering or fertilising I make sure to water the top of each pot and water until water or fertiliser runs through the pot.

This orchid is fertilised all year round alternating between foliar feeding and deep water fertilising using Horticultural solutions HSO 12 and HSO 22. Deep water fertilising occurs every second week year round alternating between the High Nitrogen and Low Nitrogen fertilisers. With foliar feeding the same products are used adding Hy-san at 5ml per litre and Amino K at 1ml per litre. This is sprayed over the foliage on alternate fortnights to deep water fertilising.

The orchid house, due to solar weave on a gable roof, is generally 2 to 3 degrees warmer during the day than the ambient temperature. This is a great benefit during winter months. I use 4 small fans continually operating during daylight hours to circulate this heat and reduce the heat in the gable roof. This also gives great air circulation which is critical to good growth of orchids.

Ken Haase

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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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