

# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018

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

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 28 June, 2018**, commencing at 8 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 presented by Colin Barker. Colin will go through the processes he and Hazel went through when they first started in Orchids, and some of the problems they came up against. Great information for our new members.

### ***FEATURE ITEM***

The Feature Item for this month will be presented by Dave Groffen from Orchid Species Society. Dave will go through the Pros and Cons of Species versus Hybrids, What is a species and how to identify it, and the correct way to label your species orchids.

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

**Judges:** Brent Nicoll, Les Vickers, Trevor Heitman, Jan Heitman, Eric Locke

**Associate Judges:** Ken Haase, Kev Hamment

**Scribes:** Volunteers required please.

**Supper Stewards:** Ian Want and Bill Sedgwick

**Hostesses:** Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck

**Library:** Helen Vickers

**Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable

**Plants Worth Noting:** Volunteer please.

**Trade Table:** Greg Webb

### ***NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING***

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 5 July, 2018**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

### ***New Innovation for EDOS Inc***

EDOS Inc now has an EFTPOS machine available for any payments our members wish to make for items such as Memberships, payment of social activities, Trade Table and also for use at our Plant Sales at our Shows.

Please feel free to use this service for the upcoming Xmas in July.

## ***Xmas in July 18***



Our Christmas in July function for 2018 will be held on 28 July, 2018 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

Doors will be open at 6 pm, with nibbles at 6.15 pm, and the main meal to be served at 6.45 pm. (If you

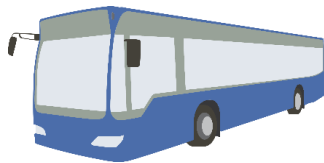
have any special dietary requirements let one of the Hostesses know at the June Meeting please.)

**Tickets will be available at the June General Meeting.** Cost will be \$20 per head for Members, and \$40 for Non-members. Soft drinks, beer and wine will be included, however anything else will be at your own cost. **(Please remember you can use the EFTPOS machine if you wish to.)**

We will be holding our usual Cent Auction, so if you are planning on coming along, please bring a prize (one per person attending) for the Cent Auction – preferably something “Orchid” (please bring something you would be happy to win yourself). Cent Auction tickets will be \$5 per sheet.

There will also be a Lucky Door prize.

It is a great social night, so keep this date free and come along and relax, enjoy a great meal, have lots of laughs, enjoy yourselves with your fellow society members, and if you are lucky you can win lots of prizes.



## *Bus Trip to Toowoomba*

Our Social Co-ordinator Alan McKell is organising another Bus Trip – this time to Toowoomba on Saturday, 22 September. This trip will take in the Toowoomba Spring Show, the Native Orchid Show, and a visit to the Japanese Gardens. Lunch will be at the Hockey Club.

This is an excellent show to visit as they have orchids on show which we usually don't see here in Brisbane.

Final details will be available soon. If you are interested please put your name down at the next Meeting.

## **EKKA 2018**

The Flower and Garden precinct has expanded every year since it moved up to the Old Museum at the Exhibition Grounds. Last year for the first time in many years a Potted Plants Competition was staged. There were 26 classes of Foliage and Orchids, with prize money for each class and \$100.00 for Champion Potted Plant of Show.



**More support is needed from the plant community to keep the competition running, so please think**

**about benching an orchid or foliage plant.** The full schedule is on the Ekka website [www.ekka.com.au](http://www.ekka.com.au).

Orchid Societies of South East Queensland have been offered a display site again this year. This is a collaborative effort between all Orchid Societies in SE Queensland. Your help will be needed by supplying orchids for the display. Four members a day will also be needed on the display to answer questions from the public about orchid growing.

Ekka 2018 starts on 10<sup>th</sup> August, and runs for 10 days till the 19<sup>th</sup> August.

More details will be available soon. See Barry or Ann Kable if you can help.

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## *Disposal of Library Books*

The EDOS Inc Committee have made a decision to dispose of the reference books in the library (excluding the Sanders books and the magazines). These books will be offered to our members for a gold coin donation, on a first in basis. If you are interested in any of these books, please see a Committee member at the next meeting.

## **Plants Worth Noting in the Future**

We have decided to re-introduce the “Volunteer List” for Plants Worth Noting in the Newsletter. Unfortunately, it seems that “Just asking for a volunteer” is not enough to get our members to take the opportunity to express their thoughts. So, what we are going to do from now on is create a list of volunteers, asking members to do just ONE MONTH ONLY (or more if you wish) with the following criteria:

**WHAT IS NOT NECESSARY v WHAT WE WOULD LIKE**

Any articles too technical      Just your own thoughts  
 Photos      Your own descriptions  
 Judging Experience      Your own impressions  
 Long articles      Can be 10-12 lines  
 If you do not have email, I am happy to have the article posted to me during the following week after the meeting.  
 If you wish to remain 'Anonymous' that is okay as well.

I will be taking names for the list at the next meeting, so if you are interested, please see Janelle on the night.

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## UPCOMING SHOWS

- What:** North Moreton Orchid Council Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 30 June and 1 July, 2018
- What:** Toowoomba Winter Show  
**Where:** St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba  
**When:** 14 and 15 July, 2018
- What:** Caboolture Orchid Show  
**Where:** Morayfield Community Centre, Morayfield Road, Morayfield  
**When:** 20, 21 and 22 July, 2018
- What:** John Oxley District Orchid Society Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 28 and 29 July, 2018
- What:** Maroochydore Orchid Show  
**Where:** Community Hall, Millward Road East, Maroochydore  
**When:** 10 and 11 August, 2018

- What:** ANOS KABI Show  
**Where:** Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Rd, Strathpine  
**When:** 18 and 19 August, 2018
- What:** North Brisbane Orchid Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 25 and 26 August, 2018

- What:** Logan & District Orchid Show  
**Where:** Springwood State School, Springwood Road, Springwood  
**When:** 25 and 26 August, 2018

- What:** Nambour Orchid Show  
**Where:** Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Avenue, Nambour  
**When:** 31 August and 1 September, 2018

- What:** Redlands Orchid Show  
**Where:** Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland  
**When:** 1 September, 2018

- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 8 and 9 September, 2018

- What:** Eastern District Orchid Society Show  
**Where:** Belmont Shooting Centre, Brisbane International Shooting Centre Building, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont  
**When:** 15 and 16 September, 2018

- What:** Glasshouse Country Orchid Show  
**Where:** Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah  
**When:** 21 and 22 September, 2018

## Cultural Notes

### *Cattleya cernua*

Described by Lindley in 1828 as the type for the species.

First examples of *C. cernua* were collected by William Harrison a Brazilian merchant from Liverpool who sent them to his relative in Liverpool in 1826. He collected *C. cernua* from trees growing where the city of Rio de Janeiro is located at a latitude and location similar to Brisbane, making *C. cernua* a splendid addition to local collections, they are also quite easy to grow unlike the other members of the genus which are quite demanding with their cultural requirements.

The species is fairly wide spread in SE Brazil. The main habitat is the coastal region both north and south of Rio de Janeiro extending to the Organ mountains and western slopes of Serra da Mantiqueira and Sao Paulo State (almost to the border with Bolivia and Paraguay). Found growing on trees and rocks in coastal lowlands and inland savannah.

Happy growing

**Steve**

## **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 any of the Sponsors noted on the vouchers.

I acquired my *C. cernua* from Easy Orchids on 2.3.12 as a mini plant mounted on a small piece of coarse black tree fern bark where it appeared happy enough. I transferred it in spring to a slab of red fine fibred tree fern when first root growth commenced.

In May 2017 it has produced seventeen new growths with an average of 6 flowers per inflorescence This year 2018 it produced 21 new growths, most producing inflorescences, sadly not all flowering at once.

I previously housed my *C.cernua* along with all my plants in a modest 4 x 3 m shade house covered in winter and summer with 50 and 70% shade cloth respectively. Plus solar weave covering the roof and about 80% of the side area which gives good air flow as the enclosure is in a fairly exposed position. It was moved in Feb. 2016 & now resides in a polycarbonate green house with overhead fans.

This green house is considerably warmer all year than the open shade house with minimums of 10 & maximums of 38 degrees, proving this little gem is a very tolerant plant now relishing the warmer temperatures. *C. cernua's* only special treatment is to be hung on the southern wall facing north where they get moderate light and air flow , bright light will cause leaf damage.

As my *C. cernua's* are mounted, I water two to three times weekly in summer and about once or twice a week in winter providing conditions are suitable with tank water, as I do for most of my mounted plants.

I fertilize all my Cattleyas with a fertilizer (including trace elements) that contains only nitrogen in its simplest form, nitrogen nitrate which is immediately available to the plants and formulations containing urea are avoided. The nutrient solution has a PH of 6.5 and EC of 250-300 ppm in summer and the EC is reduce to minimal amounts in stages approaching winter & increased when the weather warms in spring.

I also have a very different form of *C. cernua* with very compact growth, ovoid bulbs, more oval leaf structure & initiate new growths simultaneously in early autumn only, that produce inflorescences with tightly clustered rosettes, unlike the pictured plant which has a rambling habit, elongated bulbs & produce new growth in late spring as well as in early autumn. Which make me curious whether one is a different type.

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Ray can be contacted on email [webmaster@edos.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:editor@edos.org.au)**

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