

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 27 June, 2019**, 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 Rob Kerr. Rob's topic will be Potting. As most will be aware, Rob is very popular at our Shows with his Potting demonstrations.

FEATURE ITEM

Our Guest Speaker for May will be Gary Yong Gee. Gary will be doing a presentation on the 22nd World Orchid Conference held in Guayaquil, Ecuador in November 2017.

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

Judges: Brent Nicoll, John Rees, Eric Locke, Trevor Heitman, John Rooks, Kev Hamment

Student Judges: Greg Webb and Colin Barker

Reserve Judges: Jan Heitman, Ray Girdlestone, Ken Haase

Scribes: Volunteers required please.

Supper Stewards: Ian Want plus a couple of volunteers

Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck

Library: Colin Barker

Plant Registrar: Ann Kable

Plants Worth Noting: Hazel Barker

Trade Table: Greg Webb

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 4 July, 2019**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.



Christmas in July

EDOS Inc will again holding a Christmas in July function on 27 July, 2019, at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. Tickets will be available at the June meeting. Cost will be \$20 for members, and \$50 for non-members. Soft drinks, beer and wine will be included, however anything else will be at your own cost.

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.)

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.

THINKING CAP TIME!!



EDOS Inc will need a new Secretary and an assistant Treasurer when the Annual General Meeting comes around in November 2019. Please give some consideration to who you think might be an asset to the Society in either of these positions. For more information please contact either Barry, Milton or John, and I am sure they will be able to help you.

Change of Date



Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for the Christmas Party has been changed to 14 December, 2019. It will be held at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, and there will be more information at a later date.

So, put this date in your calendar for a very enjoyable evening.

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Plant of the Month - May 19

***Cycnoches warscewiczii* 'Fiona'**

Hailing from South America this beautiful orchid always gives an eye catching show when flowering.

Housing: It is grown under 50% shade cloth on the sides and roof, it also has Solarweave plastic on the roof so I can keep it dry in winter. There is a 40cm fan which runs 24/7 to help with air circulation

Potting Media: Is a small layer of bark in the base of the pot, then sphagnum moss to the top of the pot.

Watering: In summer I water every 2nd day and in winter not at all. Spring watering does not commence until the new shoot is well up and the new leaves are opened up. If you water before this it will rot the new shoot as water will sit in the whorl. In autumn watering is reduced as the leaves start to brown off.

Fertiliser: When repotting *Catasetinae* I put a dose of Plantacote fertiliser half way up the pot, then another dose at the top with a little bit of sphagnum moss over it to stop the Plantacote washing out. Fertilising is also done every week using Duet for 3 weeks then on the fourth week I use a mix of 50% Seasol and 50% Powerfeed. In winter they are not fertilised at all.

Pests: They are prone to spider mite attack and scale. They are sprayed in summer every month with Eco-oil. This I find controls any pest problems.

Catasetinae are very rewarding as they are very fast growing and always spectacular when flowering. Also, you get a break in winter where they require no work at all except picking up the dead leaves as they fall. I replot in winter as the new shoot in spring is very easily knocked off when repotting.

Greg

Another New Innovation

EDOS Inc is introducing the option of selecting what you prefer for our Monthly Raffles. You will now have the choice of either a plant as usual, or a Voucher for \$7 which can be redeemed at our Trade Table on Club Nights. They can be used either with other vouchers or additional cash.

Autumn Show Sponsors 2019

EDOS Inc would like to Acknowledge and Thank our Sponsors for our 2019 Autumn Show:

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Ekka 2019

The 142nd ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW - aka The EKKA is here again – from 9 to 18 August, 2019.

The Flower and Garden precinct has expanded every year since it moved up to the Old Museum at the Exhibition Grounds. This will be the third year since the Potted Plants Competition was reintroduced, so we need it to be even bigger and better than last year.

More support is needed from the plant community to keep the Plant Competition running, so please think about benching an orchid or foliage plant.

The full schedule, along with the Entry Form, is on the Ekka website www.ekka.com.au/competitions/flower-garden/potted-plants, along with the Rules and Conditions.

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 (from across all Societies, not just EDOS Inc) will also be needed to assist on the display to answer questions from the public about orchid growing.

Just in case anyone is unsure of having their plants on display for this length of time, be aware that amongst those who will be looking after this area for the duration of the Ekka will be Steward Anne Kable, Workforce member Ray Girdlestone and anyone else who volunteers to assist. This will all be over-seen by our own President and Honorary Council Steward Barry Kable.

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

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.

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UPCOMING SHOWS

- What:** John Oxley District OS Annual Winter Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 13 and 14 July, 2019
- What:** Toowoomba OS Winter Show
Where: St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba
When: 20 and 21 July, 2019
- What:** Caboolture Orchid Show
Where: Morayfield Community Centre, Morayfield Road, Morayfield
When: 26, 27 and 28 July, 2019
- What:** North Brisbane Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 17 and 18 August, 2019
- What:** ANOS Show and Conference
Where: Strathpine Community Centre, 119 Gympie Rd, Strathpine
When: 23 to 25 August, 2019
- What:** Logan & District Orchid Show
Where: Springwood State School, Springwood Rd, Springwood
When: 24 and 25 August, 2019

What: Redlands Charity Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 31 August, 2019
What: Nambour Orchid Show
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 6 and 7 September, 2019

What: Beaudesert Orchid Show
Where: School of Arts Hall, 3-7 Pine St, Canungra
When: 7 and 8 September, 2019

What: West Brisbane Orchid Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 14 and 15 September, 2019

What: STOC Inc "Rocky Round Up Orchidfest 2019"
www.rockhamptonorchidsociety.com.au/conference.html for more information
Where: Parkhurst (15 min from Rockhampton)
When: 14 and 15 September, 2019

What: Eastern District Orchid Society 53rd Spring Show
Where: Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont
When: 21 and 22 September, 2019

What: Glasshouse Country Orchid Show
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Rd, Beerwah
When: 27 and 28 September, 2019

What: Ipswich Orchid Society Spring Show
Where: Silkstone State Primary School, Prospect St, Silkstone
When: 28 and 29 September, 2019

What: Bribie Island Orchid Show
Where: The Orchid House, 1st Avenue, Bribie Island
When: 11 and 12 October, 2019

What: Queensland Orchid Society Show
Where: Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont
When: 12 and 13 October, 2019

What: Nambour Orchid Species Show & Trade Fair

Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour

When: 1 and 2 November, 2019

What: North Moreton Orchid Council Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 2 and 3 November, 2019

What: Orchid Species Society Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 23 and 24 November, 2019

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