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## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!



#### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 27 January, 2011 commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 6 January, 2011** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

### **POSITIONS VACANT**

Attached to this Newsletter you will find the Results of the Elections held at the AGM in November. You will notice that there are still some vacancies. **PLEASE CONSIDER EITHER NOMINATING YOURSELF OR SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED FOR THESE POSITIONS!** Remember that EDOS belongs to all members!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**What:** Aspley Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 12-13 February 2011

**What:** Queensland International Orchid Fair  
**Where:** Pine Rivers PCYC, Baker Street, Bray Park  
**When:** 4,5 and 6 March, 2011

**What:** **EDOS Autumn Show**  
**Where:** **Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West**  
**When:** **16 & 17 April 2010**

**What:** 46<sup>th</sup> Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and Show 2011 (Registration Form available on EDOS website)  
**Where:** Bowen Showgrounds, Mt Nutt Road, Bowen  
**When:** 10,11,12 June 2011

### **GIVE AWAY!!**

Is there any member who is looking for extra shelving or even a workbench? EDOS Inc has available to give away the old Trestle tables and legs for anyone who may be interested. If you are interested please contact either Barry, Ken or John.

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## Cultural Notes

### Bulbophyllum. Wilmar Candy Stripe

This plant is special to me because it is a cross of Bulb. *facetum* x Bulb. Wilmar Galaxy Star, made by one of our members Bill Williams, and it was given to me about 4 years ago. Bulbophyllum are shallow rooted and are of rambling habit so I grow them in shallow saucer pots or in this case a yabbies sieve. They love to be watered often in the hot weather and do best if misted twice daily, once in the morning and again in the afternoon (not in the winter). In its growing season I fertilize with Horticulture solutions HOS 22 every 2<sup>nd</sup> day after watering, alternating every 2<sup>nd</sup> time to foliar feeding. I grow this plant in a 4m high dome shade house with 70% cloth on roof and 50% on walls, on a weldmesh bench about 800cm high, with under bench sprinklers to create high humidity. These plants are easy to grow into specimens and look great.

Bulbophyllums are from one of the largest genera in the orchid family, it has a widespread distribution mostly in the Tropics, America, Africa, Madagascar, Southern Asia, Papua New Guinea, Eastern Australia and Western Pacific Islands.

Happy growing

*Barry Kable*

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## Plants Worth Noting

These are the plants that I liked on the night of the November meeting:

What a night to pick plants from. The first one to take my eye was *Grammangis ellisii*, this plant had two spikes each with twenty flowers. The flowers were brown with yellow bands on the petals, the throat was cream with a red lip. The back of the flowers are yellow with brown tips. There are three new spikes yet to open. It will make a nice display when all the new spikes open.

*Miltonia flavescens*: This plant had thirteen spikes of cream coloured blooms, each spike had thirteen flowers on it. An old favourite but always puts on a good show.

*Bulbophyllum Wilmar Candy Stripes*. The plant is growing in a flat tray and looks good. The plant had thirteen pale yellow flowers with maroon spots.

*Alicea Sweetheart Jonel x Miltonia Ebony Beauty* had four spikes with fourteen yellow / green flowers with brown stripes on the petals and green spots on the lip.

*Colmanara Wildcat Mutation* had two spikes of dark maroon coloured flowers, the back of each flower was lemon. This plant is growing in a coconut shell and seems to like it. Maybe we should all think outside the square and try something different.

It was nice to see so many plants in the new grower section. The one plant that took my eye was a lemon *Phalaenopsis* with a purple lip, the name of the plant was unknown. Keep up the good work new growers.

*Marion Samuels.*

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## ***Plant of the Night for November***

### **GRAMMANGIS ELLISII**

This large epiphytic orchid is a species from Madagascar and is one of my all-time favourites. I grow this plant high in the orchid house where it can receive as much sun, wind and rain as possible. Watering is at least twice a week and fertilize once a week. You can tell by looking at the plant if your culture is up to speed or not, under watering gives you thin pseudobulbs; over watering and you can pump them up to the stage they will split which will ultimately ruin your chances of getting good healthy inflorescences. In winter I reduce the watering and keep this plant under cover as it does not mind being cold OR wet, BUT cold and wet at the same time and you stand a good chance of losing it totally. The mix is a coarse mix of bark and perlite to allow for good drainage.

Any orchid that gives you this many long lasting flowers deserves the space in any orchid house.

Happy growing

***Tony Beck***

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