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### NOVEMBER 2012

#### **EDOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012**

Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West on Thursday 22 November 2012 at 8.00 pm

***"All Positions will become Vacant at that time"***

***Please consider nominating for a position. If you are interested in taking on a position please see the Secretary prior to the meeting.***

***The continued success of EDOS is not dependent upon the current management committee members but depends upon the support "You" the members are prepared to give to the Society.***

***For anyone who is interested, the Auditor's Report will be available at the Front Table on the night of the AGM.***

**Ken Webster  
Secretary  
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc**

#### **RED SPOTTERS CLUB**

Ken Unsworth's subject for this month will cover "Coming Out of Winter Hibernation for Dendrobiums". This will be very informative for those who are interested in growing Dens.

#### **FEATURE ITEM**

Our feature item will be a joint effort between Ken Webster and Barry Kable. Their topic will be ***"The importance of orchid root development"*** Barry and Ken will each cover the genera they grow, then there will be an opportunity for members to ask questions, so if you have any questions you may like to ask please have them ready.

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

**Judges:** Eric Locke, Bill Williams, Les Vickers, Arthur Cornell, John Rooks, Brent Nicoll, Adrian Bergstrum  
**Observers:** Please see Eric if you are interested  
**Scribes:** Volunteers required please.  
**Supper Stewards:** Marian Samuels, Daphne McKell  
**Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck, Dot Rooks  
**Library :** Helen Vickers  
**Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable  
**Plants worth Noting:** Any Volunteers????  
**Trade Table:** By prior arrangement only

***Please Note: The Trade Table will NOT be in operation for November, due to Pauline's unavailability. If you require anything please phone Ken PRIOR to the meeting, to arrange to have the items brought to the meeting.***

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 5.30 pm on **Saturday 01 December, 2012** prior to the EDOS Christmas Function at the Manly Bowls Club.

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## EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2012 EDOS Christmas Party will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 at the Manly Bowls Club. **Doors will open at 6.30 pm for dinner at 7.00 pm.** Cost will be \$20 for Members and \$29 for Non Members. Partners of EDOS members who have joined as a Single membership will be \$25. Soft drinks will be included, any other drinks will be at the Member's cost.

**Treasurer John Rooks will need to have final numbers by the November meeting, so if you have not yet purchased your tickets, please contact John prior to the November meeting.**

The main Raffle will contain one of Daphne McKell's famous Plum Puddings, so make sure you get your tickets!!

We will be having a Rolling Raffle, so on the night please remember to bring along a gift to include in the Raffle (something you would be happy to receive yourself).

There will also be a "Popular Vote", so please bring your flowering orchids for our Members to vote on.

Our Judges will be finalising the Jack Fiege Memorial Trophy for the Plant of the Year (judged from the plants which have been chosen each month by our judges and ably photographed by our Wee Leprechaun)

**Please come along and enjoy a great evening, great food, and the company of your fellow EDOS members.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**What:** Aspley Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Mt Coot-tha Auditorium  
**When:** 16 and 17 February, 2013

**What:** EDOS Inc Autumn Show  
**Where:** Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West  
**When:** 6 & 7 April, 2013

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### Plants Worth Noting

The October meeting was very well supported with in excess of 100 plants benched which made selecting a few plants to note in this column a real challenge.

*Brassavola perrinii* x sibling

This was a superbly presented plant with 5 sprays. This has a common name of 'Lady of the Night' so named for its delightful fragrance when the sun goes down, the fragrance develops to fill your orchid house, what more could you ask for, a great addition to any collection.

*Cattleya schilleriana*

This species always gets my attention, this plant had 2 flowers with good petal span and a reasonably flat lip, the magenta colouration is reason enough to try and grow one. These can be a challenge to grow and many are lost when growers try to grow in standard cattleya mix, slab culture whether it be cork, timber, tree fern etc seems to be the most suitable for this species.

*Rhy retusa*

This is a classic robust species and everyone should try to have at least one in their collection, it produces long inflorescences up to 60cm with over 100 flowers in colours ranging from pink to amethyst. This particular plant was in pristine condition and is a credit to its owner. This species also comes in an 'albino' form which is pure white, I've never seen it 'in the flesh' but I'm sure with the added interest in this area in all genera it will turn up on the bench one day.

Phal *amabilis* x Timothy Christopher x Cassandra

This was a real eye catcher with 8 chocolate coloured well presented blooms, although small in size in its own class the judges did give it second place. With these parents it is hard to see where the intense colour comes from until you look a little further and discover that the parents of Cassandra are made up of *gigantea*, *lueddemanniana*, *ambionensis* all of which have the necessary dark pigmentation.

Vasco Crown Fox Magic

This plant had 13 gorgeous crystalline white well presented flowers with contrasting blue/violet lips, absolutely stunning is the best way I can describe this.

Happy growing,

*Tony Beck*

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2 tablespoons of golden syrup

60 grams of butter

### **Method:**

Melt all above ingredients (low heat) in a saucepan, stirring all the time, till slightly thick. Then pour over base.

### **Chocolate Topping Ingredients:**

$\frac{3}{4}$  of 375 gram block of dark cooking chocolate

60 grams copha

### **Method:**

Melt chocolate with copha in a saucepan. Pour evenly over the base. Let cool in the fridge.

**P S** Try this recipe with gluten free plain flour. Works well.

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## **Dot's Recipe by Request**

### **Dots Caramel Slice**

#### **Base Ingredients:**

1 cup plain flour

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup brown sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup desiccated coconut

125 grams butter or margarine

#### **Method:**

Beat sugar and butter (margarine) to cream, then stir in coconut and flour, mix well. Press into a swiss roll tin lined with baking paper. Cook in oven until golden colour.

While this is cooking (the base) get the topping ready.

#### **Topping Ingredients:**

1 tin of condensed milk

## **WEBSITE**

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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**

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