

# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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## Celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

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### **NEWSLETTER      SEPTEMBER 2016**

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

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 22 September, 2016** commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### ***RED SPOTTERS CLUB***

Red Spotters for this month will be Ken Webster's 'My Culture for growing *Dendrobium 'speciosum'*'. As this is the time of year for these plants to be flowering, this is an opportunity to learn how to make them flower.

#### ***FEATURE ITEM***

Our Guest Speakers for this month will be Ken Webster and John Hutchinson. Their topic will be '**Kempsey 'speciosum' Spectacular 2016 And Associated Matters**'. Having heard some very positive comments on this show, this should be very informative.

***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, Michael Tervo  
**Scribes:** Volunteers required please.  
**Supper Steward:** Marion and Colin Samuels  
**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 6 October, 2016** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### ***Vale Roy Jope***

It was with great sadness that Members of EDOS Inc said farewell to another long term serving member. Roy James Jope passed away on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2016. Roy was a long time member of EDOS Inc, having joined our society on 24 July, 1986.

Roy was a quiet man, unassuming, but always there to help anyone who needed it. For many years he ran his own orchid nursery in Gumdale, registering a number of orchids, and also having quite a few awarded.

Our thoughts and condolences are with his wife Jeanne and the family. Roy will be sadly missed by everyone.

#### ***Urgent - Assistance Required!!***

We need a member who can cover for Potting Demonstrations at our Spring Show on Sunday. Our regular members are unavailable for this Show, so we need someone to help out. Please contact Ray or Barry if you are available on Sunday. Without someone to cover this area, we won't have the practical demonstrations available to assist prospective members in the correct way to repot their orchids.

## EDOS Inc Show Vouchers

For those Members who are lucky enough to win Prize Vouchers at any of our EDOS Inc Shows, please be assured that these vouchers CAN be used at the EDOS Inc Trade Table at any time before the expiry date shown.

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## Shopping Centre Displays

EDOS Inc has some Pre-Show Displays planned at the following Venues:

Capalaba Central Shopping Centre Saturday 17 September, 2016

Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre on Thursday 22 September, 2016 between 9 am and 2 pm.

Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 24 September 2016 between 9 am and 2 pm.

We will be looking for volunteers to help man these displays, and also to provide flowering orchids. You don't need to be there the whole time, we usually appreciate having a couple of extra helpers around lunchtime to enable others to have a bit of a break and have some lunch.

If you are able to help out, please let Secretary Milton or President Barry know ASAP.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY EDOS SPRING SHOW 1 and 2 October, 2016

**Don't forget that our Spring Show will be held on 1 and 2 October, 2016, with judging on Friday night 30 September, 2016.**

**Set-up will be at 3 pm, with Benching available after 4 pm.**

Let's make this the Best Show we have ever held in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Please do not judge your plants at home. Remember that the purpose of our Show is to showcase our Orchids to the public. The more plants we have on the Show bench, the more spectacular it looks to the public.

## SHOW ROSTER

If you are available to help out at the Spring Show and have not already put your name in the Roster book, please do so at the next meeting, or contact either Ray, John or Barry and let them know when you would be available to help out, and what job you be able to volunteer for.

**EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS, WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS, AND TO SHARE THE LOAD, SO PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ROSTER!**

It's also an opportunity to spend time getting to know other members – for our new members it is an excellent opportunity to learn from our more experienced growers.



**Catering** - Our Catering Convenor Marion would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Marion will also appreciate assistance in the kitchen, especially during the busy times of the day.



**Plant Sales** - Our Plant Sales Convenor Dick Dorham is looking for assistance in Plant Sales. If you are available to help out, please either see Dick or a Committee member, or put your name on the Roster.

**Plant Sales and Benching Tags** - The September Meeting will be the last chance to get your Plant Sale and Plant Benching Tags. Please speak to one of our Committee members. Benching tags are also available for printing from the EDOS website – [www.edos.org.au](http://www.edos.org.au).

Please ensure that you use **EDOS sale plant tags only**.



**Craft Tags** – Craft Tags will be available at the September EDOS meeting from Ann Kable. If you are unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Ann Kable.



**Plant Labels** - It is very important when benching plants that labels are easy to read and correct. A clearly written label makes it much easier for everyone to read, and avoids the possibility of a plant being given an incorrect name on the Prize Cards and in Competition Results, or even placed in the incorrect category.

For any members who are unsure of, or would like to confirm that their plant labels are correct **before** benching, (either spelling or registration of crosses) EDOS will have available on Friday night prior to benching of plants, the Orchidwiz database for members to check their labels. Please see Ann Kable or Janelle Girdlestone. **Orchidwiz is available at every Monthly Meeting for checking labels.**

**Member Number** - Your Member Number is on the newsletter envelope following your name, or available from the Plant Registrar. This number needs to be used if you are benching and/or selling plants.

**Show Attendance Register** - It is EDOS Inc. policy that **ALL** persons attending; exhibiting; benching or selling orchid plants at the Spring Show sign the EDOS Inc. Attendance Register, so please make sure you sign when you arrive at the Hall.

**Attendance Book** – for Insurance Purposes it is necessary for Members to sign the Attendance Book when helping out at the Show



**Cut Flowers and Greenery** – The Ladies from the Floral Arrangement section of our show are requesting contributions of any orchid flowers, bromeliad flowers and Anthuriums, and also greenery for their floral arrangements, especially on Saturday, as these Floral Arrangements are very popular, and supplies usually run low by lunchtime.

The leaves from the cordylines, flax, anthurium, camellia bush, magnolia, strap leaves and crotons are great for greenery, along with all the others you kindly bring. We would also be very grateful for containers (small or large) suitable for flower arrangements. Many thanks in advance to all who help us out. If in doubt please ask Brent Nicoll.

**Condition of Sale Plants** – Please ensure that any plants you may present for sale are virus free, clean and NOT recently potted. Plants need to be stable in the pots and not show any insect damage, etc.

If it is not a plant in the condition you would consider purchasing yourself, then please do not put it up for sale!

As per our By-Laws, -refer in particular to EDOS Inc By-Laws 5.6 and 5.7 - plants which are deemed to be of an unsuitable standard will be removed from the Sales Tables.

## SHOW SCHEDULE

A copy of the Schedule for the 2016 Spring Show was attached to last month's Newsletter, and is also available through the EDOS Inc website.

There have been some changes made to the Show Schedule and General Conditions, so please have a read of these to ensure that you are aware of any changes that have been made. **One change in particular is the number of Champion categories.**

**A reminder also that Entries MUST be tabled and available for Judging by 7.30 pm**

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either the Show Captain Ray Girdlestone, Chief Steward Ken Haase, or the President Barry Kable.

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner



This year our 'Christmas in July' function has been replaced by our Special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, to be held on Saturday 8 October, 2016 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 September Meeting please.)

**Tickets will be available at the September General Meeting.** Cost will be \$10 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.

We will be holding our usual Cent Auction (with some special prizes), 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 will be a great night, another part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations (no official business will be done on the night), so keep this date free and come along and relax, enjoy a great meal, have lots of laughs, and enjoy yourselves with your fellow society members.

## ***Cultural Award August 16***

### ***Stenorrhynchos speciosum***

About the Orchid - medium sized cold growing terrestrial orchid found growing in South America from Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, and Columbia to Argentina. Grows in semi deciduous forests at elevations from 1200 to 3000 metres. Likes to grow in heavy shade and flowers from Mid Autumn to Winter

Owners Comment - Orchid is grown in a covered shade house with 60% shade on roof, including solar weave and 50% on sides. Four fans run during daylight hours to circulate hotter air that gathers in the gable roof. This orchid is a cool grower and requires low light at around 800 to 1000 foot candle. This orchid is potted in a terrestrial mix with a few chook pellets mixed in. As it is a cool grower in has been positioned in a tray just a couple of inches off the gravel floor and placed under a bench facing North where it gets more filtered sun in Winter. During summer the gravel is watered a few times a day and once per day in winter to keep the growing area cool. Even though it is under the bench the orchid still receives good air circulation due to fans circulating the air.

Feeding - Orchid is fertilised using Horticultural Solutions HSO22 and HSO12 alternating fortnightly between both 12 months of the year. Rate is 1 gram per litre. On alternate fortnight orchids are foliar fed using HSO22 and HSO12 at same rate above but also adding Amino K, Cal Mag and Hy-san to the foliar feed.

Watering - In summer the orchid is watered 2 to 3 times per week and once per week in winter. However take note of the prevailing weather conditions and alter the

frequency depending on whether it is extremely hot summer days or cooler than normal conditions. The orchid house is also misted regularly especially on hot days.

Potting Medium - This orchid grows best in a terrestrial mix of good potting mix with a little perlite and small bark, charcoal and chook pellets added.

Any Other Cultural Notes - There are two varieties of leaves on *Stenorrhynchos speciosum* with the one shown at Species Society having green leaves and another variety with mottled green and white leaves.

***Ken Haase***

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| <b>What:</b>  | Toowoomba Orchid Society  |
| <b>Where:</b> | St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba         |
| <b>When:</b>  | 16 to 20 September, 2016  |
| <b>What:</b>  | Glasshouse Country Orchid Show                                    |
| <b>Where:</b> | Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah                  |
| <b>When:</b>  | 23 and 24 September, 2016   |
| <b>What:</b>  | <b>EDOS Inc 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Show</b>           |
| <b>Where:</b> | <b>Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.</b> |
| <b>When:</b>  | <b>1 and 2 October, 2016</b>                                      |
| <b>What:</b>  | Ipswich Orchid Society  |
| <b>Where:</b> | Silkstone State School, Silkstone                                 |
| <b>When:</b>  | 1 and 2 October, 2016   |
| <b>What:</b>  | QOS   |
| <b>Where:</b> | Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha                          |
| <b>When:</b>  | 8 and 9 October, 2016   |
| <b>What:</b>  | Redlands Orchid Society Inc                                       |
| <b>Where:</b> | Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland               |
| <b>When:</b>  | 15 October, 2016  |
| <b>What:</b>  | Bribie Island Orchid Society Spring Show                          |
| <b>Where:</b> | The Orchid House, 145A First Ave, Bribie Island                   |
| <b>When:</b>  | 15 and 16 October, 2016   |
| <b>What:</b>  | Boonah Orchid Show  |
| <b>Where:</b> | Boonah High School, Macquarie St, Boonah                          |
| <b>When:</b>  | 15 and 16 October, 2016   |
| <b>What:</b>  | Toowoomba Orchid Society  |
| <b>Where:</b> | St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba         |
| <b>When:</b>  | 22 October, 2016  |



**What:** Orchid Species Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 22 and 23 October, 2016

**What:** North Moreton Orchid Spring Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 29 and 30 October, 2016

**What:** Pumicestone District Orchid & Foliage Show  
**Where:** Caboolture Showgrounds, Beerburrum Road, Caboolture  
**When:** 5 and 6 November, 2016

## PLANTS WORTH NOTING

There was a rather varied range of plants on the bench at the August meeting. One of the plants which took my eye was *Angraecum sesquipedale*. There is something so clean and crisp in this flower that it takes one's attention. This orchid originates in Madagascar. It is found in the hot lowlands along almost the entire east coast of Malagasy Island. Plants grow on the trunks of trees in light shade or diffused light at the edge of woods, usually at less 100 m. They like plenty of air movement and are found most often on sloping tree trunks with roots creeping over the bark and then dangling in air, sometimes for several metres. The plants grow in coastal areas with heavy annual rainfall that is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year with no pronounced dry season. It seems to like our growing conditions here in SE Queensland.

Another plant which was benched at this meeting was *Angraecum Veitchii*. This plant is a cross between *Angraecum sesquipedale* (described above) and *Angraecum eburneum*. Both plants are warm to hot growers, and grow quite well in our conditions. One could assume that this plant, with a name spelt this way, would be a species, however it was registered as a hybrid in 1899, by J Veitch and Sons. In today's nomenclature this type of naming is not used for hybrids as it creates confusion between species and hybrids.

This hybrid has been awarded at least 33 times, although surprisingly only 1 award (CC/NSW) has been awarded in Australia. I guess that means that the owners are challenged to grow this plant to an award standard in the near future!

*Janelle Girdlestone*

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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**

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