

# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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## NEWSLETTER MAY 2017

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

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 25 May, 2017**, commencing at 8.00 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 is being covered by Ken Webster, whose topic will be "Why is Watering my Orchids a Problem?".

### ***FEATURE ITEM***

This month's Feature Item will be a presentation by David Woolfe, whose topic will be "The Life Cycle of an Orchid". David is an entertaining presenter, and his talk will go through the process from de-flasking, growing up, propagation and back to flasking.

***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:** Ray Girdlestone, Janelle Girdlestone

**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:** Kev Hamment

**Trade Table:** Greg Webb

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

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 1 June, 2017** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

### ***Xmas in July 17***



Our Christmas in July function for 2017 will be held on 29 July, 2017 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 May Meeting please.)

**Tickets will be available at the May and June General Meetings.** 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.

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 will be a great night, (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.

## ***Fred Clarke - Guest Speaker***

The Ipswich Orchid Society Inc has extended an invitation to members of our Society to attend their 7 June General Meeting to hear Guest Speaker Fred Clarke who is coming to Australia to lecture at the Tropical Queensland Orchid Conference and Show in Townsville.

This will be an exceptional opportunity for orchid growers to attend a presentation by one of the most innovative hybridisers in America. Fred has been heavily involved in the hybridisation of cattleyas, catasetums and other genera and an intergeneric hybrid (Fredclarkeara) has been named in his honour.

Fred will be bringing pre-ordered flasks to Australia, so if you are interested, pre-orders can be made directly to Fred. The link to Fred Clarke's 'Sunset Valley Orchids Inc' website is:

[http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com/htm/offerings\\_oz-flasks-1612.html](http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com/htm/offerings_oz-flasks-1612.html)

**WHEN:** Ipswich Orchid Society Inc General Meeting at 7:30pm on 7 June 2017

**WHERE:** Humanities Centre Auditorium, Cnr South & Nicholas Streets, Ipswich

(parking available in Council carpark behind the Humanities Centre and Council Chambers. Access via Roderick Street only)

**ENTRY:** Gold coin donation (The money received together with a donation from the Ipswich Orchid Society will be forwarded to the Australian Orchid Foundation to assist with research into matters relating to orchids)

**RSVP: 26 May 2017, Ron Elliott, Secretary, IOS, Ph 3201 8307**

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## **SEQ Orchid Display at RNA Show 2017**

Once again this year local Societies are involved with the Orchid display being put on at the Ekka.

The event last year was very successful, with the Orchid Display winning the "Mabel Burnett Award for Most Effective Display" and First in the Flower and Garden Display Internal Studio. The members helping out on the stand were kept very busy, answering many and varied questions from the general public, and handing out information sheets.

### ***An explanation for those new members –***

The aim of this display is to showcase orchids grown in SE Queensland in a display at the Brisbane Exhibition. This will consist of a joint display with as many societies participating as possible, hopefully creating some public interest in orchids and orchid growing with a view to increased member recruitment. A hand out sheet with contact details of all Orchid Societies in South East Queensland will be available to visitors.

We will also be looking for members to help out as stewards on this display, handing out Information sheets, and answering questions from the Public. You do not have to be there for the duration – there will be a Roster System, usually for a half-day. If you are available please let Barry or Ann Kable know.

We will also be looking for plants to include in the Display, so please contact Barry Kable if you have something that might be suitable.

## **Orchid Competition at the EKKA**

The 140th Royal Queensland Show is on from Friday 11 August to Sunday 20 August 2017 inclusive. There will be a **Potted Plants Competition** covering 26 classes, including the following **7 classes for orchids**:

- Cattleya Hybrid
- Dendrobium Hybrid
- Paphiopedilum including Phragmipedium Hybrids
- Vandaceous including Phalaenopsis Hybrids
- Australian Native Hybrid
- Any Other Genera Hybrid
- Species Any Genera

Prizes will be: First - \$15 and certificate; Second - \$7 and certificate; Third - \$5 and certificate. Overall champion will win \$100.

Entries are open now and will close at 5pm on 30 June 2017. Entry fee is \$15.00 (non-member of RNA), which will include an exhibitor pass. There is no limit on the number of entries other than a maximum of 3 entries per class.

For more information, go to the EKKA website: <https://www.ekka.com.au/competitions/categories/flower-and-garden> and download the Show Schedule.

## ***Shopping Centre Displays***

EDOS Inc has a Pre-Show Display planned for the Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 2 September 2017 between 9 am and 3 pm.

As most of our usual helpers will be unavailable, 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 Ray Girdlestone or Barry Kable know at the next meeting.

## ***Bar Coding Labels***

Included in this Newsletter is a Bar Code Labels Request Form which Members will need to use to order Plant Sales Bar code Labels for the Spring Show 2017.

Can members please fill out this attached form and return to Ray Girdlestone, either by email or at a meeting. **Please do NOT leave it to the last minute**, as these take time to print and return to you.

The contact details on the form are Important, so that Ray can contact the member if there is an issue, or to let the member know when they are ready for collection.

The most important information required is the number of labels required for each dollar value.

If there are any queries please contact Ray, either on 3823 4277 or email [taketwo@iprimus.com.au](mailto:taketwo@iprimus.com.au)

Remember, it will be a requirement to have these barcode labels on your pots. You can still put the "old style" information Tags on your plants with whatever information you wish but Plant Sales staff will be using the Barcoding System to complete sales.

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## ***Cultural Award April 17***

### ***Bulbophyllum Wilmar Galaxy Star***

This orchid was won at a Christmas party in December 2013, by a then, novice grower with little or no knowledge above Catts, but with advice from Bill Williams of Redland Bay, and some twinkling of my own, the plant survived. It is potted in a shallow dish with large bark (very large bark), perlite and charcoal. In summer it is watered about every second day and on very hot days misted twice daily as well. Fertilizer is hso-22 and hso-12 alternate on a weekly basis, with a little organic fertilizer added to the watering also once a week. As the weather cools, watering is reduced to twice a week. In mid-winter once a week or perhaps once every two weeks.

It is grown under 50% shade cloth, and on a bench which is in partial shade from some Catts on a higher bench. It has travelled around the different shade houses and does not like heavy shade. A mixture of baking soda-sugar-water placed in a lidded cap to keep ants and cockroaches at bay is also provided year round, with an anti-fungal spray once a month or so depending on weather conditions.

The plant is a vigorous grower and needs constant attention to keep it in the tray as it will try and grow into any other tray nearby.

***Colin and Hazel Barker***

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## **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**What:** Southport & District Orchid Society  
**Where:** Albert Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Hooker & Sunshine Blvds, Broadbeach  
**When:** 3 and 4 June, 2017

**What:** North Moreton Orchid Council Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 24 and 25 June, 2017

**What:** Caboolture Orchid Show  
**Where:** Morayfield Community Centre, Morayfield Road, Morayfield  
**When:** 7-9 July, 2017

**What:** John Oxley Orchid Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 15 and 16 July, 2017

**What:** Logan And District Orchid Society  
**Where:** Springwood State School  
**When:** 27 and 27 August, 2017

**What:** ANOS (Qld) Kabi Group Inc  
**Where:** Strathpine Community Centre, 119 Gympie Road, Strathpine  
**When:** 26 and 27 August, 2017

**What:** North Brisbane Orchid Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 26 and 27 August, 2017

**What:** Nambour Orchid Show  
**Where:** Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour  
**When:** 1 and 2 Sept, 2017

**What:** Redlands Orchid Show  
**Where:** Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland  
**When:** 2 September, 2017

**What:** Lockyer Valley Orchid Society Orchid & Flower Show  
**Where:** Laidley Cultural Centre, Laidley-Plainland Road, Laidley  
**When:** 7-9 September, 2017

**What:** West Brisbane Orchid Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 9 and 10 September, 2017

**What:** **EDOS Inc Spring Show**  
**Where:** **Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.**  
**When:** **16 and 17 September, 2017**

**What:** Glasshouse Country Orchid Show  
**Where:** Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Rd, Beerwah  
**When:** 22 and 23 September, 2017

**What:** Bribie Island Orchid Show  
**Where:** The Orchid House, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Bribie Island  
**When:** 30 September and 1 October, 2017

**What:** Queensland Orchid Society  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 21 and 22 October, 2017

**What:** Nambour Orchid Species Show & Trade Fair  
**Where:** Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour  
**When:** 27 and 28 October, 2017

**What:** North Moreton Orchid Council Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 28 and 29 October, 2017

**What:** Orchid Species Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 11 and 12 November, 2017

## **Dates to Remember**

Redfest 2017 is on again this year – 8 to 10 September. EDOS Inc, in conjunction with Redlands Orchid Society Inc will be putting on a display. We will need volunteers and plants to put on display, so please keep this date free in your calendar.



Once again, you will not be expected to be there the whole time, but if you can spare a few hours it will be a big help.

More information will be available in the next Newsletter

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

## Plants Worth Noting

There seems to be a lot of different and intriguing *Bulbophyllums* turning up on the benches at shows and meetings in recent times. One of the plants which caught my eye at the April meeting was *Bulbophyllum makoyanum*. One of its common names is the Daisy Orchid, and when you look at it, this is just what it looks like. This orchid originates from Philippine Islands, Borneo, Malaya, and Singapore. In the Philippines, plants grow on trees at low elevations on Mindanao Island in Agusan Province, on Busuanga Island, on Luzon Island in the Provinces of Ifugao, Rizal, and Zambales, on Palawan Island, and the Polillo Islands off the east coast of Luzon. In Borneo, plants grow in lowland forests in Kalimantan at 100–200 m. Like most Bulbos it likes warm to hot conditions, diffused light, and is best potted in shallow trays, with open, well-drained mix. Interestingly, this particular *Bulbophyllum* has not been awarded in Australia at this stage.

Another of the *Bulbophyllum* genus which was on the bench was *Bulbophyllum fascinator f. semialbum*. Like a large number of *Bulbophyllums* it was formerly known as *Cirrhopetalum*. This species is native to Vietnam,

Laos, Thailand and peninsular Myanmar. There is not a lot of cultural information available on this particular orchid, however it seems to be fairly widely grown in SE Qld. This particular *semialbum* form has a crisp, clean contrast in its colours, and is very “eyecatching”. *Bulbophyllum fascinator* has been used considerably in breeding – at least 30 offspring registered – the most well-known being *Bulb. Fascination*.

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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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