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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 23 October, 2014** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Starting at 7.30 pm, one of our very experienced growers, Jim Stratford, will be doing a spot on Growing Cattleya Orchids. Jim has many years of growing Catts and has a wealth of knowledge to pass on to members.

FEATURE ITEM

Our Guest Speaker will be Alison Ralph from DAFF/Biosecurity Qld. Alison will be doing a very relevant presentation on the subject of Fire Ants, which impacts on every one of us in some way. This will be very informative for all members.

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

Judges: Eric Locke, Les Vickers, John Rooks, Brent Nicoll

Observers: Student Judges Ken Haase, Helen Vickers

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: Michael Tervo

Trade Table: Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 06 November, 2014** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

EDOS AGM

27 November 2014

The Time has once again come around to consider putting forward nominations for Positions at our AGM. Remember that for the Society to function successfully, all positions need to be filled.

Please think about putting yourself forward for one of these positions, or if you know of someone who might be interested in taking on a position, please approach them to see if they might be interested.

It is always great to have new faces and ideas –
we are always looking for new Committee members.

Nomination forms will be available from President Barry Kable or Treasurer John Rooks at the October Meeting.

If you have any questions about any of the positions please contact either Ken Webster (Secretary), Barry Kable (President) or John Rooks (Treasurer) for further information.

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attended the Show, and selling Raffle tickets. Cheerful, smiling faces always help to make the public welcome. Thanks to Margaret Rieck for putting the major raffle together – it proved to be very popular.

The Craft Table and the Floral Art Ladies were also kept very busy all weekend.

Our Thanks also to **Dan and Jim** for their work doing the **Potting demonstrations**. This is always a very popular area

Thanks also to anyone else who helped out with setting up on Friday, during the weekend, and cleaning up on Sunday. All efforts are greatly appreciated.

NOTE: Plant Sales butts from the Spring Show 2014 will be available at the October Meeting. If you wish to collect your butts please see one of the Hostesses at the October meeting.

48th EDOS SPRING SHOW

Once again President Barry Kable would like to congratulate EDOS members on having excelled themselves, and being part of a very successful Spring Show. We had an exceptional display of orchids on the benches, and for the first time since we have been using this venue it was necessary to add an extra couple of display tables to accommodate the plants. It was also great to see that many more of our members are now benching plants.

Plant Sales were once again great.

We even had a visit from Jerry Coleby-Williams from Gardening Australia, who was so impressed on Saturday that he gave us a "plug" on his radio show, and then came back again on Sunday for another look!!

Treasurer John Rooks' statistics showed that we had the highest number of people through the door for several years. We must be doing something right!!!

Our Kitchen Convenor Marion would like to say a BIG THANKS to everyone who helped in the Kitchen, it makes it so much easier when there are willing volunteers, especially when they were very busy. Thanks also to those who donated cakes, slices etc.

Plants Sales Convenor Alan would also like to thank all those who helped out in Plant Sales over the weekend. Having experienced growers available to provide advice about the plants helps people choose plants to suit their needs.

Hostess Dot Rooks would also like to thank those who assisted on the Front Door, welcoming those who

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 Trade Table at any time before the expiry date shown.

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Ideas for 2015

If any of our members have any ideas for Red Spotters, Guest Speakers, Bus or field trips for 2015 please feel free to discuss them with any of our Committee Members. We are always looking for "Something different" and I am sure that there are members out there with some of these ideas.



EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2014 EDOS Christmas Party will be held on 6th December 2014 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 \$35 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.

Tickets will be available at the October 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 on the table (one per person please, and something you would be happy to receive yourself).

There will also be a "Popular Vote" for those who wish to bring along a flowering orchid.

The Judges will be finalising the Jack Fiege Memorial Trophy for the Plant of the Year which is judged from photographs of the plants chosen as Plant of the Night at each monthly meeting by our judges.

Our December Committee Meeting will be held at 5.30 pm prior to the function.

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

Phalaenopsis Mini-symposium

The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra are sponsoring this event at the CSSA Hall, Nutley Street, Caloundra on Saturday 25 October from 9.15 am.

Guest speakers will be Fred Lenz, Barry Kable, Gina McMonagle, Mel Wheeler, and Dr Graham McKay.

There will be a charge of \$10 to cover morning tea and a light lunch. Lunch will be followed by shadehouse visits to Fred & Margaret Lenz and Gina & Charlie McMonagle.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Nambour Orchid Society Inc Species Show & Trade Fair
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 31 October and 1 November, 2014
- What:** North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 1 and 2 November, 2014

Ipswich Orchid Society Inc Orchid Workshop

To be held on Saturday 15 November 2014 at Booval Swifts Sports Club, Cnr Green and Brisbane Sts, Booval from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Cost \$25 includes morning tea and lunch. Guest speakers will include Col Andrews (Dens), John Hughes (Cattleyas), Gary Yong Gee (Oncidiums), Graham Corben (Natives)

For Information & Bookings phone Nick Woolley 3201 6414 or Ron Greinke 3281 9393

Beginning With Orchids

Steve and Wendy Swan from Burbank Orchid Nursery hosted our post-Spring Show "Beginning With Orchids" on Saturday 11 October.

We had around 18 interested participants, who after a delicious morning tea, were given a very informative presentation by Steve, ably assisted by President Barry, before visiting the nursery for a chance to purchase more orchids.

Our Thanks to Steve and Wendy for their assistance.

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*If we are not meant to  
have midnight snacks,  
why is there a light in  
the fridge?*

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Ray can be contacted on email webmaster@edos.org.au or phone 3823 4277

PHOTOS FROM WYNNUM PLAZA PROMOTIONAL DISPLAY

Photos and Captions courtesy of our own cheeky John Hutchinson



Yes, that looks good.



Who is having fun?



Did anyone see us having fun?



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"Orchids in Paradise" is a combined 20th Australian Orchid Council and 50th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council conference and show. The AOC conference provides an opportunity for orchid lovers from all parts of Australia to meet and enjoy spectacular orchid displays and learn from world-leaders in orchid breeding and culture.

The AOC conference is a triennial event, held in a different state of Australia every three years. It will be the first time that the AOC conference has been held in Mackay and only the second time that a conference has been held in tropical Queensland. The 2015 event will also be the first time that the AOC conference has been combined with a major regional Orchid Conference. Additionally, foliage and allied plants will be included in the show schedule for the first time.

The Orchid Conference will be held at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (MECC) on Friday the 18th September to Wednesday 23rd September 2015.

Mackay is the ideal holiday destination with its close proximity to the Great Barrier Reef and home to some of the world's most prized rainforests. Come and discover the unspoilt natural wonders throughout the region. For more information visit '[About Mackay](#)'

Registration Forms, Accommodation Listing and Map of Mackay City Centre are available on the website by going to <http://orchidsinparadise.com.au/> We are working to have registrations able to be done online as well.

(Editor's Note: There is a very good article in the October 2014 edition of Orchids Australia, written by Noel Grundon FAOC about the upcoming conference and show)

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### **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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