

# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019

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

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 25 April, 2019**, commencing at 8 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

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

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 2 May, 2019**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

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

Commencing at 7.30 pm, Red Spotters for this month will be presented by Ken Webster. Ken's topic will be "My Culture for Growing Vandaceous Orchids".

### ***FEATURE ITEM***

Our Guest Speaker for April will be Brendan Larkin from Botanic Ridge Orchids in Victoria. Brendan's topic is "The Future of Native Dendrobium Breeding". One of Brendan's specialities is Australian Natives, so this should be a very interesting topic.

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

**Judges:** John Rees, Ken Haase, Les Vickers, Trevor Heitman, John Rooks, Ray Girdlestone

**Reserve Judges:** Eric Locke, Brent Nicoll, Kev Hamment

**Scribes:** Volunteers required please.

**Supper Stewards:** Ian Want plus a couple of volunteers

**Hostesses:** Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck

**Library:** Helen Vickers

**Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable

**Plants Worth Noting:** Colin Barker

**Trade Table:** Greg Webb

### ***53rd EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW***

Well, we have just had another Fantastic Show!! President Barry Kable would like to congratulate EDOS Inc members on having once again excelled themselves, in putting on a very successful Autumn Show. The venue once again proved to be a great success, showing that the Spring Show wasn't just a "one-off". We had just over 900 attendees for the weekend.

We had 343 plants on the Show bench, exhibited by 42 growers. Of these exhibits, two plants owned by EDOS Inc members were given AOC Cultural Awards, and one was given an ANOS Award. Congratulations to those members.

With some minor changes to the Floor Plan from the previous Show, the flow in Plant Sales was better, giving everyone more room to enjoy it all, allowing for more plants to be sold than previously.



Plants Sales Convenor Dick would like to thank all those who helped out in Plant Sales over the weekend, especially those behind the counter, and those experienced growers who made themselves available to provide advice about the plants people were looking at purchasing.



Our Kitchen Convenor Margaret 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., it was a great response from the members.



Hostess Dot Rooks would also like to thank those who assisted on the Front Door, welcoming those who attended the Show, and selling Raffle tickets. Cheerful, smiling faces always help to make the public welcome.



The Craft Table and the Floral Art Ladies were also kept very busy all weekend. Many Thanks to those members who brought in flowers and foliage for the ladies to use.

Our Thanks also to our very busy Potting Demonstrators - Rob Kerr and Jim Stratford It proved to be a very popular area.

The Plant Minding Area has proved to be an excellent addition, and was very busy. Thanks to those who manned this 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

## Autumn Show Sponsors 2019

EDOS Inc would like to Acknowledge and Thank our Sponsors for our 2019 Autumn Show:

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## 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 any of the Sponsors noted on the vouchers.



# Christmas in July

EDOS Inc will again holding a Christmas in July function on 27 July, 2019, at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. Tickets will be available at the April, May and June meetings. Cost will be \$20 for members, and \$50 for non-members. Soft drinks, beer and wine will be included, however anything else will be at your own cost.

Doors will be open at 6 pm, with nibblies 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 June Meeting please.)

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 is a great social night, so keep this date free and come along and relax, enjoy a great meal, have lots of laughs, enjoy yourselves with your fellow society members, and if you are lucky you can win lots of prizes.

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## Plants Needed

EDOS has been asked to supply flowering orchids to go on the stage for the upcoming Australian National Budgerigar Council's Show being held here in Brisbane in 23 to 27 May, 19 (one of the organisers is our own Bill Sedgwick). If anyone has larger flowering plants they are happy to have in the display, the plants can be brought to the EDOS General Meeting on 23 May for Barry Kable to take into the Grand Chancellor Hotel. Barry will also collect these plants on Sunday afternoon for collection from his residence on the following Monday or Tuesday. If you wish, you can also deliver the plants to Barry's prior to Thursday night.

This is just another way we can showcase our "addiction" to the public.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**What:** Pine Rivers Autumn Orchid Show  
**Where:** Aspley Hypermarket, 59 Albany Creek Road, Aspley  
**When:** 2 and 3 May, 2019

**What:** Redlands Orchid Society Charity Show  
**Where:** Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland  
**When:** 4 May, 2019

**What:** Lockyer Valley OS Autumn Show  
**Where:** Anglican Church Hall, Cnr Railway & Spencer Sts, Gatton  
**When:** 10 and 11 May, 2019

**What:** Aspley Orchid Show  
**Where:** Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights  
**When:** 11 May, 2019

**What:** Toowoomba OS Autumn Show  
**Where:** St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba  
**When:** 11 and 12 May, 2019

**What:** Toowoomba OS Winter Show  
**Where:** St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba  
**When:** 13 and 14 July, 2019

**What:** John Oxley District OS Annual Winter Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 13 and 14 July, 2019

**What:** STOC Inc "Rocky Round Up Orchidfest 2019"  
[www.rockhamptonorchidsociety.com.au/conference.html](http://www.rockhamptonorchidsociety.com.au/conference.html) for more information  
**Where:** Parkhurst (15 min from Rockhampton)  
**When:** 14 and 15 September, 2019

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## Cultural Award March 19

### *Bryobium hyacinthoides*

It is a warm to cool grower found along the Malaysian peninsula and grows in abundance around the Cameron Highlands but can spread down to Sumatra and Java areas also.

This species is potted in a well-drained mix of large bark, perlite and charcoal and kept moist all year. A little more water is required during the summer months with frequent misting on very hot days.

The plant is fertilised once a week with half-strength HSO's formula and alternately with Powerfeed.

Anti-fungal spray is applied monthly and ant-rid baits are always at hand as ants are attracted to the leaf cover and the large bark potting mixture.

Shade cloth is about 70%. The *Byb.* is placed on a shelf beneath larger *Cattleyas* for extra shade and humidity.

Apart from its shade requirements, the short compact plant is easy to grow. The flowers are fast-developing but not long-lasting.

**Colin Barker**

## **Plants Worth Noting March 19**

As I was busy on the trade table on meeting night, I decided that since our Autumn Show was being judged the next day, I would pick a plant from our show that I found particularly attractive.

That plant was the Reserve Champion, *Bulb. makoyanum*. This plant had 3 flower spikes of which there was 2 open. They were very symmetrical and were two perfect wagon wheels without the rim. The flower colour is yellow with very fine red spotting from about the half up the flower and getting denser towards the top of the flower.

This species is endemic to Malaysia, Singapore, Borneo, and the Philippines

It dislikes any disturbance to the root ball so should only be repotted when the mix starts to break down.

**Greg Webb**

## **Visit to Ken Unsworth's Orchid houses**

EDOS Inc Members paid a visit on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> to Ken Unsworth's Orchid houses. We had around 30 members, who enjoyed the fantastic display of *Dendrobiums*, with almost everyone coming away with plants (even Eric). It was a great morning, and we Thank Ken for his hospitality. Many Thanks also to those who provided food for morning tea. It was great to see some of our newer members enjoying the morning, and buying some fantastic plants.

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