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The Committee Members of EDOS Inc would like to Wish Everyone a



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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 22 January, 2015 commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 3.00 pm on Sunday 10 January 2015 at the Kable residence.

President's Report 2014

Once again time slips by with another successful year for EDOS.

Your committee has been working hard in planning and achieving the events of the year. A big thank you to them, and also to you the members for supporting these events. The meetings have been well attended, and the benching of plants at both monthly meetings and the Autumn & Springs shows has been impressive, keep it up in the new year.

Our achievements for the past year have included 2 displays at Wynnum Plaza Shopping Centre to promote our Autumn and Spring Shows. We have had a good mix of speakers on meeting nights. (We are looking for help or suggestions from you all for next year.) Secretary Ken completed The New Members Handbook. Treasure John's grant application for 6m x 6m shed to be built at Belmont Rifle Range, to store our trailer and tables and all our other equipment, was approved. Christmas in July was a great night, those of you who were not there we missed you, please come next year. The bus trip to Ballina was a long day with a bit of adventure at the last stop; a great day was had by

We were also involved in helping with the Orchid Societies of South East Queensland display at the Ekka, to showcase all orchid societies to a larger and wider community, over a 10day period. This was a great success, thanks to all who helped.

The hiring of our tables to other societies gave us a good return on our investment.

Thank you to our sponsors for supporting us once again, we really do appreciate your help. Thanks to our Patron, Neil Symes for supporting and promoting our society. Thanks also to our local Councillor for printing the newsletter each month.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for turning up, you are a great group of people. I would welcome comments on moving forward and upward for next year.

Barry Kable

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EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The EDOS Christmas Party was held on 6th December 2014 at the Manly Bowls Club. As in previous years those who attended enjoyed themselves, with plenty of good food, and lots of prizes in the Rolling Raffle. Congratulations to all those members who won prizes on the night, and also Congratulations to those who won prizes in the Annual Points. The Results are attached to this Newsletter.

Results of the Popular Vote held at the Christmas Breakup:

1st - Neofinetia falcata 'Pale Pink' owned by M & R Page

2nd - Rhyncholaeliocattleya Island Charm 'Yellow Flare' owned by J & B Stratford

3rd - Bulbophyllum bicolor owned by B & A Kable

Jack Feige Memorial Trophy for 2014

Congratulations to the winner for 2014. Brent and Lyn Nicoll's *Aerangis* Elro was a well deserved winner.



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Plants Worth Noting for November 14 Meeting

It was very hard to decide on which plants to choose for this item, as there were quite a lot of interesting and different plants on the bench. I finally settled on the following plants.

Bulb. bicolor 'Red Flare' - this was a well-flowered plant with at least 6 inflorescences, with good clean foliage. The colours in the flowers were very clean, crisp and fresh looking. These "earthy" colours make an effective display, especially when there are so many flowers. This orchid is a native of South central and southeast China, Thailand and Vietnam.

Paph. wenshanense x sib – this plant had 4 mottled leaves, with the flower on a short stem, as is the growth pattern of these *Brachypetalum* type paphs. It was a deep cream/pale yellow colour with chocolate spots on both the dorsal sepal and petals, and some small spotting on the pouch. This orchid comes from South central China. It is also cited as a synonym of *Paphiopedilum bellatulum*

Aerangis Elro – this is a cross between Aergs. ellisii and Aergs. modesta. This particular plant has inherited the better shape of Aergs. modesta, with a more even display of petals and sepals, which was very pleasing to the eye. It had 2 well displayed inflorescences with around 16-18 flowers on each. The pale yellow spurs were also well displayed, hanging evenly from the flower. The colour was a clean white, with a pale yellow on the lip. The parent plants are both native to Madagascar. There were a number of comments from experienced growers and judges as to why this plant wasn't put forward for an award. This plant went on to win the Plant of the Month for November, and then the Jack Feige Memorial Trophy (photo previous page).

Happy growing

Janelle

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 Inc Show Vouchers

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Cultural Award for November 14

Bulbophyllum Wilbur Chang

The parents of this plant *Bulb. echinolabium* x *Bulb. carunculatum* have produced a spectacular offspring, when grown into a sizeable plant with multiple tall inflorescences and sequential blooms that last for many weeks it puts on a stunning display. The sepals and petals are golden yellow with red veining and a very waxy texture and exceptional substance and has achieved numerous awards over the years. This is an easy plant to grow as it will tolerate most conditions as long as it is given enough water. My aim is to get as many spikes as possible with flowers open at the same time. This is where a degree of luck comes into it to get 5 spikes with flowers open on any given day of a meeting or show is always going to be a long shot.

This plant grows under 75% shade cloth and is open to the elements, is watered every second day, fertilized once a week and the mix is one third perlite one third small bark one third coconut chip. This is a very rewarding plant to grow and would make a great addition to any orchid collection.

Happy growing

Tony Beck

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Aspley Orchid Society "Celebrating

Valentines Day"

Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

When: 14 and 15 February, 2015

What: Queensland International Orchid Fair Where: Beenleigh Show Grounds, Beenleigh

When: 6 to 8 March, 2014

What: Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc Easter

Orchid & Foliage Show

Where: The Orchid House, & Indoor Bowls

Clubhouse

When: 3 to 5 April, 2014

What: Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

Where: Bayside Uniting Church, 420 Wondall

Road, Manly West

When: 11 and 12 April, 2015

What: Redlands Orchid Society Inc

Where: Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland

When: 2 May, 2015

What: Orchids in Paradise – 20th Australian

Orchid Council Conference & Show

Where: Hosted by Mackay & District Orchid

Society

When: 18 to 23 September, 2015

Plants Worth Noting for 2015

The Editor would like to find some Volunteers to cover Plants Worth Noting in 2015. 2014 has been covered by the Student Judges, but as there are only 5 members involved, and they also cover the Judging on the night, it gets a bit "hectic".

We would like to open this up to ALL the members. You would only have to write one article for the year, and if you need assistance, the Secretary and Editor would be only too pleased to help.

It is not necessary to go into a lot of "Technical Detail", even if you only describe the plants you choose in your own words, we would like to hear your opinions.

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