

# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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## **NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019**

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

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 28 February, 2019**, commencing at 8 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 will be presented by Ken Webster. Ken will be discussing Orchid Pests. A great topic as we all have them.

### ***FEATURE ITEM***

Our Guest Speaker for February will be Rob Kerr. Rob will be talking about looking after your orchids in the coming months, with regard to Fertilisers, watering and many other things.

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

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

**Reserve Judges:** Brent Nicoll, Eric Locke, Jan Heitman

**Scribes:** Volunteers required please.

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

**Hostesses:** Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck

**Library:** Helen Vickers

**Plant Registrar:** Janelle Girdlestone

**Plants Worth Noting:** Hazel Barker.

**Trade Table:** Greg Webb

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Student Judges will be taking over the role of Plants Worth Noting for 2019, along with anyone else who may wish to volunteer.*

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

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 7 March, 2019**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

## ***2019 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS***

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are due on 1 January, 2019 – both Family and Single \$15. They can be paid at the February General Meeting,

OR a cheque can be mailed to the Secretary, PO Box 60, Wynnum Central Q 4178.

### **OR**

**As we did last year, EDOS Inc payments can be made using Direct Transfer into their bank account. Bank details are as below:**

**Bank:** CBA  
**BSB:** 064 133  
**Account No.** 00902647

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU PUT YOUR NAME (SURNAME PREFERRED) AS THE REFERENCE, OTHERWISE OUR TREASURER WILL NOT BE**

## ABLE TO IDENTIFY WHO THE PAYMENT BELONGS TO.

Please take note that any members who have not paid their Subscriptions when the March Newsletter is due will not receive their copy, as they will be deemed to be unfinancial at the end of February (as per our Constitution).

Please also remember that you need to be a financial member to be able to bench plants or have plants in Plant Sales at the upcoming Autumn Show.

## Vale Clarke Allen

Sadly, we have farewelled another of our long-time and Life members of EDOS Inc. Clarke Allen passed away on 19 January, 2019. Clarke and his late wife Barbara joined EDOS Inc in April 1993. Although Clarke wasn't an orchid grower, he supported Barbara in her hobby, and took on many different positions during the time he was with EDOS Inc. One of the positions our older members would remember Clarke taking on was the photography for the Newsletter as the "Wee Leprechaun", and his signature.



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## 53rd EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

***I know it may seem a bit crazy, but our 2019 Autumn Show is only a matter of weeks away!! It will be held on 30 and 31 March 2019, with judging on Friday night 29 April 2109.***

**The Show Schedule is attached to this Newsletter** so that members can start planning and organising the plants they may want to bench or sell.

Once again, Treasurer Rooks will be making Plant Sales payments by EFT where-ever possible, to save a lot of cheque-writing. This ensures that everyone receives their payments quicker and there is no need to go to the bank to deposit your cheque. It also saves a considerable amount on postage. It is also safer and more convenient, as cheques can go missing or be forgotten to be cashed.

For those members who have not sold at EDOS Inc before, Treasurer Rooks will have forms available at the next few meetings and at the Show for Members to fill out with Bank Details. These forms, once filled out, are to be handed back to either John Rooks, or Dot Rooks who is one of the Hostesses on the door at Meeting nights. **Be assured that this information will remain confidential.**

## Bar Code Labels

Bar Coding Labels for the upcoming EDOS Inc Autumn Show will need to be ordered early to avoid a last minute rush.

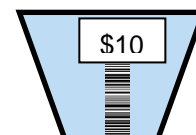
***Remember, any labels that you had left over from the Spring Show can be used again at the Autumn Show.***

The Bar Code Label Request Form is on the Website, and for those who need them, they will also be available at the next meeting.

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. **Any labels you do not use can be used at any EDOS Inc show in the future.**

To ensure that the Barcoding system works efficiently and quickly, we are requesting that **ALL** labels be put vertically on the pot (as below), instead of horizontally, to enable the reader to work more efficiently.



The Barcodes can also be put on a tag on mounted plants.

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 is a requirement to have these barcode labels on your pots, as this is the only method our Plant Sales Staff will be using to process the sale of your plants.**



You can still put the "old style" information Tags on your plants with any other information you want eg species, colour etc.

**REMEMBER – NO BAR CODE LABEL, NO PLANT SALES!**

**Bench Labels** are available on the Website. They will also be available at the February and March Meetings.



**Craft Sales Tags** will be available at the February and March Meetings.

**Member Number** – If you do not know what your Member Number is, it will be available from the Plant Registrar on the Friday night. This number needs to be used if you are benching, otherwise we can't identify the owner of the plant should it win.



**Plant Labels** - 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

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

**Fire Ant Register** – Department of Agriculture and Fisheries requires that Members **MUST** sign the Fire Ant Register before Plants can be accepted for either showing or Sales. This Register **MUST** be signed regardless of where you live. Care needs to be taken when transporting plants.

Please remember that **Plants SHOULD NOT be placed on the ground or floor at the Venue.**

**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.

It has been noted that some plants presented for Sale at recent EDOS Shows were below the standard and quality that this Society considers acceptable. If a plant is not of the standard that you yourself would purchase, then it should not be presented to Plant Sales

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



**Kitchen** - Catering Convenor Margaret would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Margaret would also appreciate assistance in the kitchen, especially early in the day for preparation.

**Plant sales** – Convenor Dick Dorham will require helpers in Plant Sales. Dick would also appreciate it if anyone can bring in small boxes.



**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.

## *Assistance During The Show*

**If you are available to help out at the Autumn Show please put your name on the Roster at the next meeting (Roster will be at the front table),** or contact either Show Captain Ray, Secretary Milton or President Barry and let them know when you would be available to help out.

We particularly need volunteers for the Front Door, and raffle sellers, and to set up on Friday afternoon around 3 pm, and clean up on Sunday afternoon.

**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 GIVE ALL OF OUR WORKERS A BREAK AND A CHANCE TO HAVE A BROWSE AROUND THE SHOW!**

## **Working Bee**

The EDOS Inc Committee need some helpers to assist with the cleaning and maintenance of our tables, to be done at the Kable residence on Monday 4 March at 9 am. If you are able to assist please let a Committee member know.

The more helpers there are, the quicker the job will be done!

## **Date Claimer**

EDOS Inc will be holding its display at Wynnum Plaza again this year. It will be held on 23 March, from 9 am to 3 pm. It is not necessary to stay all day – even if you have just an hour or so free, it would be appreciated. That way, everyone can have a break for a coffee or lunch. If you are available, or can supply some flowering orchids, please let Milton know.

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## **Plant of the Month**

### ***Rodriguezia venusta***

This is a small species from Brazil. It requires humid conditions with moderate shade. The pseudobulbs are small and often flattened, with one or two leaves at the apex. The inflorescences are produced from the axils at the base of the recently matured pseudobulbs. The arching inflorescence is up to 8in (20cm) long with strongly scented crystalline white flowers each about 1 1/4in (3cm) across. This orchid is best mounted on a tree fern slab to accommodate the extensive and wiry root system. The slab needs to be kept moist all year round.

*Rodriguezia venusta* is hung high in the orchid house under opaque alsonite and is fertilised with organic or inorganic fertiliser at half strength once a week. Misting of the roots morning and night is beneficial in the summer months.

***Bille Williams***



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**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:** 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 19

## **Cultural Award January 19**

### ***Brassavola nodosa***

This epiphytic orchid species is found in a fairly wide spread area including Mexico, Caribbean Islands, Central America, Columbia and Venezuela, growing at elevations of about 500m. It is a warm to hot grower and requires good air circulation, frequent watering and high humidity. Light requirements are fairly high at 2500 to 3500fc. Mine is grown on benches with other Cattleya Orchids.

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. Shade house is

## **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**What:** Queensland International Orchid Fair  
**Where:** Beenleigh Showgrounds, Beenleigh  
**When:** 1 and 2 March, 2019 (Friday, Saturday only)

**What:** Redlands District Orchid & Foliage Show

### **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

If anyone has any articles they would be interested in having included in the Newsletter please let me know. For anyone who is interested in receiving their Newsletter electronically, please let me know your email address and I will include you in our email group. My email address is [editor@edos.org.au](mailto:editor@edos.org.au)

**When:** Old Cleveland Road, Belmont  
16 and 17 March, 2019  
**What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society Show  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 23 and 24 March, 2019

**What:** EDOS Inc Autumn Show  
**Where:** Belmont Shooting Centre, Brisbane International Shooting Centre Building, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont  
**When:** 30 and 31 March, 2019

**What:** Brisbane Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Mt. Gravatt State School Hall 1283 Logan Rd Mt. Gravatt  
**When:** 6 and 7 April, 2019

**What:** Ipswich Orchid Society Show  
**Where:** Silkstone State Primary School Prospect St. Silkstone  
**When:** 13 and 14 April, 2019

year. That is two weeks of HSO 22 and then two weeks of HSO11 at a rate is 0.7 gram per litre.

Watering - Orchid is watered weekly in winter to 2 to 3 times per week in summer and varied depending on the prevailing climate. Cultural note will say they require a dry period during cooler months but I only reduce water to about once per week in winter. Medium bark mix and shallow pot allows pot to dry out between watering  
Potting Medium - Orchid is grown in a mixture of medium bark and charcoal at a 4 to 1 ratio in a 300mm shallow pot to accommodate the spreading habit of this orchid.

This Orchid is used in a lot of hybridising and their hybrids produce many attractive and very floriferous hybrids with spots on the lips. *Brassavola nodosa* is recessive with colour and will take on the colour of the other parent in the hybrid

***Ken Haase***

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