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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 22 February, 2018**, 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 is being presented by Jim Stratford. Not sure what Jim's subject will be, but knowing Jim's passion for Cattleyas, I am guessing that is what it will be about.

FEATURE ITEM

The Feature Item for this month will be presented by Tony Beck. Tony's subject will be the Basics of Growing Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums. Tony is an expert grower in these fields, so this presentation should be very informative.

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

Judges: Brent Nicoll, Eric Locke, Jan Heitman, John Rooks, Trevor Heitman
Associate Judges: Ray and 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: Volunteer please.
Trade Table: Greg Webb

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 1 March, 2018**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

2018 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are due on 1 January, 2018 – 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 table plants or have plants in Plant Sales at the upcoming Autumn Show.



Vale Lyla Feige

Unfortunately, since the last Newsletter, we have lost another of our Life Members.

Lyla Feige passed away on 2nd February 2018, just short of her 90th Birthday. In more recent years Lyla lived in Macksville NSW near her only daughter, Helen. Many of our members will remember Lyla “buzzing” around out meetings and shows, always on the go, and always with a cheeky comment or two. She was a real “pocket rocket”.

Jack and Lyla joined EDOS Inc in August 1975, and after many years with Jack being either President, or in another position on the Committee, they were made Life Members. Lyla wasn't a qualified Orchid Judge, but always accompanied her (late) husband Jack to Shows and Conferences, both overseas and in Australia. Lyla was a good grower, and had quite a collection of Phalaenopsis, which she was very proud of.

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52nd EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

Don't forget that our Autumn Show will be held on 7 and 8 April, 2018, with judging on Friday night 6 April 2018.

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.



Another change for this Show will be that 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.

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.**

Bench Labels are on the Website. They will also be available at the March Meeting.

Craft Sales Tags will be available at the March Meeting.

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

Fire Ant Register – Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 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. Although the Hall is no longer in a Fire Ant area care needs to be taken when transporting plants.

Please remember that Plants MUST NOT be placed on the ground or floor at the Hall.

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 Ian would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Ian will also appreciate assistance in the kitchen.

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

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!



BAR CODING LABELS

Bar Coding Labels for the upcoming EDOS Inc Autumn Show will need to be ordered early, as Ray will NOT be available to print them in the days leading up to the Show, or on the Friday night or during the Show, due to his commitments with the Commonwealth Games.

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 attached to this Newsletter, and is also on the Website, and for those who need them, they will also be available at the next 2 meetings.



Due to a problem Dick and his team had with Bar code labels on **small pots and tubes**, for this show we are requesting that the labels be put vertically on the pot if possible, instead of horizontally, to enable the reader to work better.



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 whatever information you want eg species, colour etc.

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.

If there are any queries please contact Ray, either on 3823 4277 or email taketwo@iprimus.com.au



REMEMBER – NO BAR CODE LABEL, NO PLANT SALES!

Volunteers Needed for Plaza Display 24 March 2018

EDOS Inc will be holding their usual Pre-Show Display at Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 4.

We are seeking volunteers to help man this display, between 9 am and 2 pm. 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 Show Captain Ray Girdlestone or Secretary Milton Ludlow know at the next meeting.

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.

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UPCOMING SHOWS

- What:** QIOF Trade Show
Where: Beenleigh Showgrounds
When: 2 and 3 March, 2018 (Friday, Sat only)
- What:** Beaudesert Orchid & Foliage Society Show
Where: School of Arts Hall, 3-7 Pine St, Canungra
When: 10 and 11 March, 2018
- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 24 and 25 March, 2018
- What:** QOS Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 30 and 31 March, 2018
- What:** **EDOS Inc Autumn Show**
Where: **Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.**
When: **7 and 8 April, 2018**
- What:** Ipswich Orchid Society Show
Where: Silkstone State Primary School Prospect St. Silkstone
When: 14 and 15 April, 2018
- What:** Brisbane Orchid Society Show
Where: Mt Gravatt State School, 1263 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt
When: 21 and 22 April, 2018
- What:** Redlands Orchid Society Charity Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 28 April, 2018
- What:** Pine Rivers Show
Where: Aspley Hypermarket, 59 Albany Creek Rd, Aspley
When: 3 and 4 May, 2018
- What:** Southport & Districts Annual Show
Where: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Sunshine Bvd, Broadbeach
When: 5 and 6 May, 2018
- What:** Toowoomba Autumn Show
Where: St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba
When: 12 and 13 May, 2018

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Most Phrags benefit from re potting which ideally is done every 12 months. The tube size and compots, I prefer to do every 6 months.

Happy growing,

Tony Beck

Cultural Notes

***Phragmipedium* Kelly Nash**

The parents are *Phrag. Eric Young x fischeri*. *Phrag. fischeri* is a small growing species with intense colouration. *Phrag. Eric Young's* parents are *besseae*, again small with good colour x *longifolium* which is a vigorous species; this is where the robust growth habit comes from.

When buying any orchid it always helps to know the parents to make sure it is suitable for your growing conditions.

This plant is grown under 75% shade cloth in an open domed shaped house. In this weather it is misted by hand daily, watered twice weekly and stands in a shallow saucer of water. It is never treated with anything. It is fertilised once a week. The mix is 1/3 perlite, 1/3 Kiwi bark, 1/3 coconut chip.

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

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

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