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### FEBRUARY 2014

#### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 7 February, 2014** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### **RED SPOTTERS CLUB**

Ken Webster will be doing a talk on Bugs/Pests – a very topical subject for most of us!!!

#### **FEATURE ITEM**

This will start at 8 pm due to the distance the presenter has to travel. **Sam Cowie from Leaf and Limb Nursery** will be doing a presentation on Oncidiums. Sam has kindly provided handouts on his topic which will be available on the night. There will also be plants available for sale, so make sure you bring your wallet!! (Editor has a number of Sam's plants and they are really worth having in your collection)

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

**Judges:** Eric Locke, John Rooks, Les Vickers, Adrian Bergstrum, Brent Nicoll

**Observers:** Student Judges to be appointed on the night by Eric Locke

**Scribes:** Volunteers required please.

**Supper Steward:** Marian and Colin Samuels

**Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck, Dot Rooks

**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, 6 March, 2014** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

### **2014 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due – Family \$16, 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.**

It is great to see that EDOS Inc Fees have not increased for many years, thanks to the hard work put in by our members at our Autumn and Spring Shows, and other fund-raising events.

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 – Barbara Allen

Members of E.D.O.S Inc. were saddened to hear of the passing of Life Member Barbara Allen on Monday 20 January 2014.

Secretary Ken Webster paid tribute to Barbara at the commencement of the January General Meeting on Thursday 23 January 2014:-

*“Barbara and Clarke joined E.D.O.S Inc. in April 1993. Both were committee members and Barbara held the position of Secretary for 5 years – 2 years when he was the President. Barbara was always polite, competent and professional in her roles with the society. Members were asked to give whatever support to Clarke and his family members at this sad time”.*

E.D.O.S Inc. members would like to offer their condolences to Clarke and his family members.

*May You Rest in Peace*

## ***Bus Trip to Ballina***

EDOS Inc is in the process of organising a Bus Trip to Ballina on Saturday, 10 May for their Show, with a visit to Easy Orchids on the way home. Lunch location is yet to be determined, possibly a Barbeque lunch at Easy Orchids.

Easy Orchids is “worth a look”, as Murray has an extremely large (around 150,000) and diverse variety of plants.

**If you are interested, there is still time to put your name on the list. Please let either Barry, Ken, John or Allan McKell know as soon as possible, so that plans can be finalised.**

### **MOTION TO BE TABLED AT FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

**BACKGROUND:** Members of E.D.O.S Inc. are hereby advised of the intention by the Management Committee (E.D.O.S Inc.) to move the September General Meeting from 8.00 pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to 1.00 pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

The purpose of moving the general meeting is due to the scheduling of the E.D.O.S Inc. Spring Show which commences with the setting up at 4.00 pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September and then for the Spring Show to be conducted over the weekend of Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September 2014.

The Management Committee believe that conducting the general meeting at the normal time – this would cause (i) – inconvenience to travel twice to the venue within 24 hours; (ii) additional work on members at the hall; and (iii) reduced number of orchids tabled as most

growers would hold back their quality orchids for the Spring Show.

**MOTION:** *“To move the September General Meeting from 8.00 pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 1.00 pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall precincts, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West”.*

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Members will be asked to **Vote** – (1) **Yes** (If in favor of Proposal); or (2) **No**.

**SIGNED:** Secretary Ken Webster, E.D.O.S Inc.

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## ***Executive & Committee 2014***

Attached to this Newsletter is the final instalment of the “Rogues Gallery” of those members who weren’t in the last edition, and who have volunteered their services to EDOS Inc for 2014

Hopefully this will help our newer members identify those who are “Managing” the Society for 2014.

We congratulate these people on their elections and hope that all members offer as much assistance throughout the year as possible to keep the Society running as smoothly and successfully as it has in past years.

## ***Attention Recent New Members***

***Would any of our members who have joined EDOS in the past 6 months or so please make themselves known to our President Barry at the next meeting, in order to collect their name badges.***

## ***Spring Show Vouchers***

Please remember that any Prize Vouchers from our EDOS Spring Show 2013 will expire at the end of March.

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## ***EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - SHOW CAPTAIN VACANCY***

Show Captain Brent Nicoll is considering to retire from his commitments as the E.D.O.S Inc. Show Captain. He has been carrying out the duties as the Show Captain for a number of years and wants to "**slow down and take a back seat**". Brent is committed to performing his last duties as the 2014 Autumn Show Captain, however he would like to be able to train "**on the job**" any keen and enthusiastic member who may wish to continue with these duties as Show Captain for our Spring Show in September 2014.

Whilst Brent will provide guidance and support to the new Show Captain; a (VERY) short summary has been provided of the Show Captain's duties (**actual roles & responsibilities currently under review**):-

- Ability to communicate with The Secretary; Treasurer and Chief Steward in the preparation for either the Autumn or Spring Shows – for example – (i) assist with show schedules; (ii) organizing the potting demonstrations; (iii) floral art helpers; (iv) display signs (internal & external); and (v) raffle co-ordination;
- Assist in the co-ordination and setting up of the Bayside Uniting Church Hall on the Friday afternoon of each show, for example – assist with (i) table arrangements; (ii) external lighting (plants sale areas); and (iii) checking workers are rostered to perform various tasks within hall over the week-end;
- Assist Chief Steward to ensure (i) sufficient section class ribbons are available; (ii) sufficient stewards are available on judging night; and (iii) other support to judges on the night; and
- Any other duty which may need to be addressed during the course of any show.

**Please contact either Barry, Ken or Brent if you are interested.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- What:** Queensland International Orchid Fair  
**Where:** Beenleigh Show Grounds, Beenleigh  
**When:** 7 to 9 March, 2014
- What:** Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society Inc  
**Where:** Canungra School of Arts Hall, Canungra  
**When:** 15 & 16 March, 2014
- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 22 & 23 March, 2014
- What:** Redlands Orchid Society Autumn Show  
**Where:** Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland  
**When:** Saturday 29 March, 2014
- What:** **EDOS Inc Autumn Show**  
**Where:** **Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West**  
**When:** **5 & 6 April, 2014**
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 11, 12 & 13 April, 2014
- What:** Brisbane Orchid Society Inc Show  
**Where:** Mt Gravatt State School, 1263 Logan Rd Mt Gravatt  
**When:** 12 and 13 April, 2014
- What:** EDOS Beginning With Orchids  
**Where:** Gordon's Oz Orchids  
**When:** Saturday, 12 April, 2014

### **Woodburn Orchid Society Workshop**

The above Society will be holding a Workshop on 26 and 27 April at Woodburn Memorial Hall, with guest speakers Ray Clements from Tinonee Orchids and Bill Miles from Orchid Species Plus. Cost is \$30 for the weekend. If any EDOS Inc members are interested please contact Secretary Ken for further information.

### ***Cultural Award January 2014***

#### **Dendrobium *bracteosum***

This epiphyte originates from the lowland forests of Papua New Guinea. This tells me that *bracteosum* likes to grow in warm moist conditions. The plants are quite compact with pseudobulbs up to five hundred millimetres in length. *Den bracteosum* flowers on the mature canes from the previous year. The best part of orchid growing is the anticipation of what is to happen in the future, with regular fertilizer every few days.[Horticulture Solutions] Duett we have already doubled the length of the new growths. Like all dendrobiums they like good air movement - my plant is quite close to the ground and about three meters in

front of the evaporative cooler, this runs for most of the daylight hours. We don't get the southeasterly breeze you people talk about as we live on a hill at Holland Park facing the west. I swear that the breeze we get is straight off the Simpson Desert, not very conducive to orchid growing. After a lot of thought I sealed off the western wall and of course blocked off my main ventilation source, I then installed a ceiling fan which runs in reverse for twenty four hours a day, with under bench misting running for two minutes every hour. Seems like a lot of work for one little plant but I do have a couple of others.

## **Brent**



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## **48<sup>th</sup> EDOS AUTUMN SHOW**

**Don't forget that our Autumn Show will be held on 5 and 6 April, 2014, with judging on Friday night 4 April 2014.**

There have been some changes made to the Show Schedule (in particular the Classes where amongst other changes, a class for species *Bulbophyllum* has been added) and General Conditions, so it would be timely for ALL members, old and new, to have a read of these to ensure that they are aware of any changes that have been made.

A reminder also that Entries must be tabled and available for Judging by 7.30 pm

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either Show Captain Brent Nicoll, Chief Steward Eric Locke, or the President Barry Kable.

**Plant Tags** will be available at the February and March Meetings from Roy Jope— If you need more Tags or are unable to attend the meeting to collect please contact John Rooks. **Please ensure that you use EDOS sale plant tags only.**

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

**Member Number** - Your EDOS Member Number is on the newsletter envelope following your name, or available from the Plant Registrar. This number needs to be used if you are benching and/or selling plants.

**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** – Legislation requires that Members **MUST** sign the Fire Ant Register before Plants can be accepted into the Hall for either showing or Sales.

**This Register MUST be signed regardless of where you live. The Hall is in a Fire Ant area so 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 - in the future such plants which are deemed to be of an unsuitable standard will be removed from the Sales Tables.

**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 at the Show!!!***

***If you are available to help out at the Autumn Show please put your name in the Roster book at the next***

**meeting**, or contact either Ken, John or Barry and let them know when you would be available to help out.

**EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS, WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS!**

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.

**Kitchen** - Catering Convenor Marian would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Marian will also appreciate assistance in the kitchen.

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

## Request to Members

Is there any member who would be willing to put an EDOS Inc Orchid Show sign on their front fence for a few days prior to the Shows?

If you are please contact either Barry, John or Brent. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

## Date Claimer

49<sup>th</sup> TROPICAL QUEENSLAND ORCHID COUNCIL INC CONFERENCE & SHOW to be held in ATHERTON on June 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2014

If you would like further information please contact Secretary Ken Webster.

## Plant of the Month January 2014

### PHRAGMIPEDIUM SORCERERS APPRENTICE

This plant is one of the largest Phrags I grow, due to the size I only ever keep one division on the bench.

The parents are longifolium x sargentianum and they have produced a plant with such vigour it is unbelievable. At the moment it has 3 spikes in flower with more spikes developing. Transporting this size plant which is 120cm wide and 135cm height and

increasing daily is a challenge, as invariably it suffers some leaf damage on each trip.

The mix is the same I use for all my plants, 1/3 bark, 1/3 jumbo perlite, 1/3 small coconut chip, watered with only tank water thoroughly each day and with a saucer of water under the pot except in the winter months. Fertilizing is done once a week with whatever I have on hand and I never spray with any preventative fungicides or any other chemicals unless there is a problem. Cinnamon is one of the better problem solvers to have handy and can be used on all plants regardless of size. This plant lives in a dome roofed shade house with 75% green knitted shade cloth.

Happy growing,

*Tony Beck*

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Ray can be contacted on email [webmaster@edos.org.au](mailto:webmaster@edos.org.au) or phone 3823 4277

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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