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## E.D.O.S. NEWSLETTER

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### FEBRUARY 2015

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

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 February, 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 7.30 pm on **Thursday 5 March, 2015** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

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

Commencing at 7.30 pm, President Barry Kable will be doing a presentation of Phalaenopsis Culture. Barry is very experienced and has a lot of knowledge of the subject.

#### ***2015 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.**

#### ***FEATURE ITEM***

Les Vickers will be giving a presentation on the "Johannesburg Conference and some Other Horticultural Tidbits from our Trip" which he and Helen took last year

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.

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

**Judges:** Les Loble, Eric Locke, Lynda Rapkins, John Rooks, Brent Nicoll

**Observers:** Student Judges Ray Girdlestone, Helen Vickers

**Scribes:** Volunteers required please.

**Supper Steward:** Marion and Colin Samuels

**Hostesses:** Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck

**Library :** Helen Vickers

**Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable

**Plants Worth Noting:** Michael Tervo

**Trade Table:** Michael and Nikki Tervo

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.

## **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 July General Meeting from 8.00 pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 to 8.00 pm on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015**.

The purpose of moving the general meeting is due to all the executive members namely The President; Secretary and Treasurer, as well as a number of other committee members and particularly AOC Judges, will be attending the Toowoomba Orchid Society 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference and Show which is occurring from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

The Management Committee believe that conducting the general meeting at the normal date – this would particularly require: - (i) finding suitable members who are prepared to perform these three major executive positions; (ii) the majority of committee positions would also need for replacements i.e. plant registrar; photographer; and insufficient qualified judges. It is believed this would impact on the normal practice and process which occurs at our monthly general meetings.

### **MOTION TO BE TABLED:**

**“To move the E.D.O.S Inc. July General Meeting from 8.00 pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 8.00 pm, Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West”.**

### **ACTION REQUIRED:**

Members will be asked to **VOTE** – (1) **Yes** (if in favour of Proposal); or (2) **No** (against the proposal).

### **SIGNED:**

**Secretary Ken Webster E.D.O.S Inc.**

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

***Don't forget that our Autumn Show will be held on 11 and 12 April, 2015, with judging on Friday night 10 April 2015.***

The Show Schedule is attached to this Newsletter for your perusal.

There have been some **changes** made to the Show Schedule, **in particular the Opening Time on Sunday (now 10 am) which unfortunately is beyond our control**, 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 Ray Girdlestone, 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 Ann Kable.

***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*** – 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 - 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 Marion would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Marion 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.

## Field Day to Members' Orchid Houses

Alan McKell has organised a Field Day to visit some of our EDOS members' Orchid houses on 14 March, 2015. A small bus will leave from Kables at 8.30 am, heading off to visit Ken Haase at 9.00 am. We plan on having Morning Tea before heading off again, this time to the Webbs, then back to the Kables for a Barbeque lunch.

Cost will be \$5 per head, to be paid at the February General Meeting, bring your own drinks. This \$5 will include a ticket in a Raffle, to be drawn on the day

## . Volunteers Needed

EDOS Inc will be holding their usual Pre-Show Display at Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 28 March 2015

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 like a couple of extra helpers around lunchtime to enable others to have lunch.

If you are able to help out, please let either John Rooks, Barry Kable or Ken Webster know at the next meeting.

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## Expressions of Interest for Toowoomba Bus Trip

EDOS Inc is planning a Bus Trip to the Toowoomba Orchid Show on Saturday 25 July, 2015. This is always a great show to visit. Alan is also checking out a visit to Woolf Orchid Culture.

More information will be available in the near future, including the cost.

**If you are interested can you please put your name on the list at the February Meeting, so that plans can be finalised.**

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## Cultural Award January 2015

*Encyclia* Mary Motes x *Encyclia* Bees' Knees

Plant was purchased about 3 Years ago from Fame Orchids as a small flowering plant. As I do with most purchases it was repotted into my own mix of small bark, jumbo perlite and small charcoal using a 100mm pot. In January 2013 the orchid was repotted into a larger 175 x120 squat pot using medium bark, perlite and charcoal. As this pot is much deeper the bottom of the pot was filled with 25 to 35mm of styrene for better drainage.

This cross is not registered as yet but is made up of 50% *E. alata*, 25% *E. plicata* and 25% *E. diuana*

This orchid is grown with all my *Cattleyas* on benches in a large shade house with solar weave and shade mesh on the roof at total 60% shade and shade mesh at 50% shade on the sides. The solar weave allows for watering to be controlled.

Generally this orchid is watered ever 3 days in summer and about once per week in winter. This depends on how hot or how cold the weather has been. I supplement this watering with misting, especially in hot weather and regularly water under the benches to help cool and increase humidity.

When watering or fertilising I make sure to water the top of each pot and water until water or fertiliser runs through the pot.

This orchid is fertilised all year round alternating between foliar feeding and deep water fertilising using Horticultural solutions HSO 12 and HSO 22. Deep water fertilising occurs every second week year round alternating between the High Nitrogen and Low Nitrogen fertilisers. With foliar feeding the same products are used adding Hy-san at 5ml per litre and Amino K at 1ml per litre. This is sprayed over the foliage on alternate fortnights to deep water fertilising.

The orchid house, due to solar weave on a gable roof, is generally 2 to 3 degrees warmer during the day. This is a great benefit during winter months. To circulate this heat there are 4 small fans continually operating during daylight hours.

*Ken Haase*

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## Queensland International Orchid Fair

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& 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

Open Friday & Saturday 8 am-4 pm,  
Sunday 8am-3pm.

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Venue: Beenleigh Showground, James Street,  
Beenleigh 4207

Free Admission

## Plants Worth Noting January Meeting

A quick look around the benches, and a couple of plants caught my eye. The first was *Bulb. frostii* with two clog like flowers on the end of a short inflorescence, flowers were a spotted burgundy and cream in colour. A number of our members commented on how the flowers looked like a pair of boots. *Bulb. frostii* is endemic to Vietnam and can be found in Thailand, and the Malay Peninsula. A small, rather creeping epiphyte with growths to about 5 cm tall that may be somewhat clustered or spaced up to 2.5 cm apart along a fairly thick rhizome. The lateral inflorescence is produced from the base of the pseudobulb and extends outward in a more or less horizontal or slightly descending position. Flowers are carried in a cluster at the apex of the spike with 1-3 per inflorescence. *Bulb. frostii* grows in shaded to dappled light in cool to warm conditions

The second plant that caught my eye was *Catasetum [Ctsm.]* (Blood Stone x Kay Lowe) x *Ctsm. (cristatum* x Penang). This plant looked like a young plant with one inflorescence and three yellow/green flowers on the end, *Catasetums* generally flower from the base of the pseudobulb. They can be a little difficult to grow as they need a definite dry period when the leaves turn brown and drop off. Don't water for about 5 Months, and when the new pseudobulbs start to appear is the time to start watering ensuring that no water is left in the top of the new growth.

Good Growing

***Ray Girdlestone***

## 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 Trade Table at any time before the expiry date shown.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Queensland International Orchid Fair  
**Where:** Beenleigh Show Grounds, Beenleigh  
**When:** 6 to 8 March, 2014
- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 28 and 29 March, 2015
- What:** Beaudesert District Orchid & Foliage Society  
**Where:** Canungra School of Arts Hall, 3/7 Pine St. Canungra  
**When:** 15 and 16 March, 2015
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 3 to 5 April, 2015
- 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:** Brisbane Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Mt Gravatt State School, 1263 Logan Rd, Mt Gravatt  
**When:** 18 and 19 April, 2015
- What:** Redlands Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland

- When:** 2 May, 2015
- What:** Aspley Orchid Society Mother's Day Show  
**Where:** Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights  
**When:** 8 and 9 May, 2015
- What:** North Moreton Qld Orchid Council  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 27 and 28 June, 2015
- What:** Orchids in Paradise – 20<sup>th</sup> Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show  
**Where:** Hosted by Mackay & District Orchid Society  
**When:** 18 to 23 September, 2015

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### **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

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