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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 24 July, 2014** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Starting at 7.30 pm, Ken Webster will be doing Part 2 of his presentation on 'How to Increase your Orchid Collection without Buying Orchids- Dividing a Vanda' and Ken will also be updating examples (divided plants) from last Red Spotters.

FEATURE ITEM

This Month's Presentation will be by Bob Bell, whose topic will be "Paphiopedilums and Orchid Culture"

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

Judges: Eric Locke, Les Vickers, Les Burow, John Rooks, Brent Nicoll

Observers: Student Judges Ken Haase, Sharyn Kann

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: Helen Vickers

Trade Table: In Recess

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 07 August, 2014** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Trade Table

For the month of July, the Trade Table will be by prior phone orders only. Michael and Nikki can be contacted on 3245 1383, so that Michael can then bring the items to the meeting.

48th EDOS SPRING SHOW

Don't forget that our Spring Show will be held on 27 and 28 September, 2014, with judging on Friday night 26 September 2014, so it is now a very good time to start to prepare any plants you may be planning on benching, or including on the Sales Tables.

The Show Schedule is attached to this Newsletter.

There have been some changes made to the Show Schedule - in particular in the Classes, so please be sure to have a read of the Schedule to ensure that you 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.

More information will appear in the August Newsletter.

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Plants Worth Noting

A quick look around the benches, and a couple of plants caught my eye. The first was *Cycnodes* (*Cycd.*) Jumbo Puff with two well displayed sprays, which was sitting on the bench next to *Cycd.* Wine Delight, making a spectacular display on the bench. *Cycd.* is a hybrid genus comprising of *Cycnoches* (Natural Genus) and *Mormodes* (Natural genus), *Cycd.* Jumbo Puff is a cross between *Cycnoches warscewiczii* and *Mormodes badia*. *Cycd.* is pronounced as sik-NOE-keez. *Cycd.* grow in the high temperature and humidity of the rain forest of Central and South America and are both easily cultivated, however these plants need a distinctive dry period over the winter months where they need no water until they start the new growth. Care should be taken not to allow water in the new growth until it is well established. *Cycnodes* and *Mormodes* is a very successful breeding combination producing multiple flowers and vigorous growth characteristics.

The second plant that caught my eye was *Bulbophyllum* (*Bulb.*) *burfordiense*. *Bulb.* is a species found in Papua New Guinea and the Eastern side of Indonesia up to 500m above sea level. A small sized, hot to cool growing epiphyte with ovoid to conical pseudo bulbs carrying a single, apical leaf and blooms in the spring on a basal, erect, 8" [20 cm] long, single flowered inflorescence requiring light shade, ample water and good air circulation, it is found in upper tree branches and produces slightly stinky flowers that attract flies as pollinators.

Happy Growing

Ray Girdlestone

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Using EDOS Inc Show Vouchers

For those Members who are lucky enough to win Prize Vouchers at any of our Shows, please be assured that these vouchers CAN be used at the EDOS Trade Table at any time before the following show.

Cultural Award for June 14

Sophronitis cernua

Described by Lindley in 1828 as the type for the species.

First examples of *cernua* were collected by William Harrison, a Brazilian merchant from Liverpool who sent them to his relative in Liverpool in 1826. He collected *cernua* from trees growing where the city of Rio de Janeiro is now located. The species is fairly wide spread in S.E. Brazil, found on trees and rock in coastal lowlands and inland savannah, at a latitude and location similar to Brisbane, making it an ideal addition to local collections.

I acquired my *Soph. cernua* from Easy Orchids on 2.3.12 as a mini plant mounted on a small piece of coarse black tree fern bark where it appeared happy enough. However I intended to transfer it in spring when first root growth commences to a slab of red fine fibered tree fern. Bill and Margaret Williams of Cleveland have a splendid plant growing on this material.

On 20th Sept.2012 as planned I added a slab of red tree fern to existing mount and it has turned into a vigorous plant. The only downside to the red tree fern mount is it is susceptible to Ph. problems causing fungal growth. I have countered this by heavily flushing with water and spraying with phosphoric acid 2 mls per litre water monthly.

I house my *cernua* along with all my plants in a modest 4 x 3 m shade house covered in winter and summer with 50 and 70% shade cloth respectively plus solar weave covering the roof and about 80% of the side area which gives good air flow as the enclosure is in a fairly exposed position. *Cernua*'s only special treatment is to be hung on the southern wall under a top shelf where it gets a little more shade and a bit less air flow.

I believe nutrition is very important in cultivating healthy orchids, and I feed *Soph. cernua* with the best I can obtain. I use a balanced fertilizer NPK 15:3:12 (including trace elements) that contains only nitrogen in its simplest form, nitrogen nitrate which is immediately available to the plants and formulations containing urea are avoided.

I water with tank water and fertilize all my *Cattleyas* 150 ppm N every 5 days in summer (On especially hot days I water daily) decreasing to 35ppm every 10 days in winter and increasing the duration in inclement weather. I also give a monthly feed of Sea Sol combined with the fertilizer. As my *Soph. cernua* is mounted, I water it every 2nd or 3rd day in summer and in winter treat like all my other Catts.

Happy growing-

Steve Stitz

New Sanders Update

Reminder - If any member is interested in purchasing a copy of the Royal Horticultural Society Sander's List of Orchid Hybrids 2011-2013 (cost around \$145-\$150) please contact Secretary Ken Webster ASAP.

Orchid Display during RNA Show 2014

The aim is to showcase orchids grown in SE Queensland in a display at the Brisbane Exhibition. This will consist of a joint display with as many societies participating as possible, hopefully creating some public interest in orchids and orchid growing with a view to increased member recruitment. A hand out sheet with contact details of all Orchid Societies in South East Queensland will be available.

We have been allocated a space of 4m x 4m in the Horticultural Pavilion at the RNA.

The display will consist of orchids grouped by genus with appropriate signage, in front of a large map of Queensland with flags to indicate approximate locations of Orchid Societies and a large TV monitor playing a continuous power-point presentation of orchid photos.

There will be two free raffles per day for the public, one draw for a free orchid plant and one for a free membership to a club of their choosing.

It is considered that around 200 orchids and suitable foliage plants will be needed for the display and a list (though incomplete) has been compiled.

Setup of the display will commence on Saturday 2nd August with a group starting the roughing out of setting up and moving the heavy gear into place.

Actual setup will take place on Thursday 7th with Margaret Tierney and two male "lifters" setting up the display ready for opening on Friday 8th.

To minimise congestion at the RNA grounds it has been decided to have two depots for the drop off of orchid plants. The plants can then be loaded into suitable vans and delivered to the RNA grounds.

On the Southside, the drop-off address will be 281 Redland Bay Road, Capalaba – the home of Barry and Ann Kable (3824 5931) and on the north side at Albert & Ann Gibbard's residence at 11 Barrabui Street, Bracken Ridge (3269 1631).

Plants to be delivered to these addresses by the **pm of Wednesday 6th August.**

Note: Each pot should contain a separate label with the name of the club and the grower's name; also each club should provide a list of plants supplied by that club to each of the depots.

Four people per day (2 morning and 2 afternoon) for the 10 days will be required to man the display. Shifts being 9am to 1pm and 1pm to around 6pm

If you would like to Volunteer please contact Barry possible please. Volunteers will need to have a broad knowledge of orchids and how to grow them. Also if you would be willing to do a 20 minute talk on the Garden Stage please contact Barry.

Details for retrieving plants will be finalised at the next meeting of the planning group which will be held 26th July.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| What: | John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc |
| Where: | Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha |
| When: | 26 and 27 July, 2014 |
| What: | Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc Annual Show |
| Where: | Millward Road Community Hall, Millwell Road East |
| When: | 9 and 10 August, 2014 |
| What: | Tweed District Orchid Society Inc Winter Show |
| Where: | Jessie McMillan Hall, Wollumbin St, Murwillumbah |
| When: | 14, 15 and 16 August, 2014 |
| What: | ANOS Kabi Group Inc |
| Where: | Bald Hills Primary School, 2131 Gympie Rd, Bald Hills (note Change of Venue) |
| When: | 23 and 24 August, 2014 |

What: North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc 50th Anniversary Spring Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 23 and 24 August, 2014

What: Logan & District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Logan Central Community Centre, Cnr Jacaranda & Wembley Rd, Logan Central
When: 30 and 31 August, 2014

What: Gold Coast District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Sunshine Blvd, Broadbeach
When: 30 and 31 August, 2014

What: West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc Charity Orchid Spectacular
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 30 and 31 August, 2014

What: Redlands Orchid Society Inc Charity Spring Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 6 September, 2014

What: Nambour Orchid Society Inc Spring Show
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 5 and 6 September, 2014

What: Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Club Inc
Where: Canungra School of Arts Hall, 3/7 Pine St Canungra
When: 13 and 14 September, 2014

What: Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc Spring Show
Where: Centenary Hts School Hall, Ramsay St, Toowoomba
When: 19 to 23 September, 2014

What: Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Inc
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Rd, Beerwah
When: 26 and 27 September, 2014

What: Eastern District Orchid Society Inc Spring Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Rd, Manly West
When: 27 and 28 September, 2014

What: Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 19, 20 and 21 September, 2014

What: Ipswich Orchid Society Inc
Where: Silkstone State Primary School
When: 4 and 5 October, 2014

What: Orchid Species Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 18 and 19 October, 2014

What: Boonah Orchid Show (inc 8th Qld Sarcophilus Festival)
Where: Boonah State High School Assembly Hall, Macquarie St, Boonah
When: 18 and 19 October, 2014

What: Nambour Orchid Society Inc Species Show & Trade Fair
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 31 October and 1 November, 2014

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 1 and 2 November, 2014



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Invitation From Ipswich Orchid Society Inc

The Ipswich Orchid Society Inc proudly Presents **An Evening with Sam Tsui – noted hybridiser and grower of Paphiopedilum & Phragmipedium.**

Where: Humanities Centre, Cnr Nicholas & South Sts, Ipswich

When: Wednesday 20 August, 2014

Time: 7.30 pm

All Welcome – gold Coin Admission, Supper Provided.

For Further Information contact Ron Greinke 3281 9393 or email: ronaldgreinke@bigpond.com



Invitation From Toowoomba Orchid Society To Hear Sam Tsui

Toowoomba Orchid Society cordially invite members and guests to attend their meeting on 22 August, 2014, to listen to a presentation by world renowned orchid grower and hybridist Sam Tsui of the Orchid Inn USA on growing and hybridising Brachypetalum Paphiopedilums.

He will also circulate a list of flasks shortly that can be ordered prior and picked up on the night.

A copy of this list will be passed on to you for distribution as soon as it becomes available.

This meeting will be held at St. Pauls Church Hall, Cnr James and Phillip Sts. Toowoomba starting at 7.30pm. Attendance numbers would be appreciated beforehand to assist with the provision of supper.

RSVP By 20th August 2014

Queries to: tanbark_toowoomba@hotmail.com

Or Phone 0439542240

Combined 20th AOC Conference and Show and 50th Tropical Orchid Council Regional Show,

The event is aptly named "Orchids in Paradise" and will be held in Mackay, North Queensland from Friday 18th September to Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre.

If you would like more information, or the "Expression of Interest" Form please contact our Secretary Ken Webster, who will be able to help provide this information to you.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

If anyone has any articles they would be interested in having included in the Newsletter please let me know
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Toowoomba Orchid Society is having their 60th anniversary in 2015, including a conference to celebrate this event from 23rd – 26th July 2015, with both National and International Guest Speakers, to be held at the USQ Berghofer Recreation Centre.

Other orchid societies are invited to provide a display at this conference of which there is an incentive for those who commit early along with the following incentives to join in, such as \$1500 for grand champion and another \$1500 for champion display and a \$100 for the first 12 societies.

WEBSITE

www.edos.org.au. Our Webmaster Ray Girdlestone would like you to have a look at our EDOS website, and if you have any Cultural advice or articles relating to orchid growing you think may be useful to others please pass it on to Ray for inclusion on the website.

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

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