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NEWSLETTER JULY 2018

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 July, 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 will be presented by Ken Unsworth. Ken will be covering a very relevant subject – “Looking After your Dendrobiums in Winter”. Ken has been growing Dens for many years and is a very experienced grower, so he really “Knows his stuff”

FEATURE ITEM

The Feature Item for this month will be presented by Brett Maloney. Brett’s topic will be the species *Habenaria* and some of its close relatives.

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

Judges: John Rooks, John Rees, Trevor Heitman, Eric Locke (Res Les Vickers, Brent Nicoll)

Associate Judges: Helen Vickers, 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 2 August, 2018**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

New Innovation for EDOS Inc

EDOS Inc now has an EFTPOS machine available for any payments our members wish to make for items such as Memberships, payment of social activities, Trade Table and also for use at our Plant Sales at our Shows.

Please feel free to use this service for the upcoming Xmas in July.

Xmas in July 18



Our Christmas in July function for 2018 will be held on 28 July, 2018 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a Rugby League game being played at the venue on the night of our function, commencing at 7 pm, so parking will be at a premium. We suggest that you plan on being early, or if possible, car pool to make it easier.

Doors will be open at 6 pm, with nibbles at 6.15 pm, and the main meal to be served at 6.45 pm. Soft drinks, beer

and wine will be included, however anything else will be at your own cost.

Don't forget to bring a prize (one per person attending) for the Cent Auction – preferably something "Orchid" (please bring something you would be happy to win yourself). Cent Auction tickets will be \$5 per sheet.

There will also be a Lucky Door prize.



Bus Trip to Toowoomba

Our Social Co-ordinator Alan McKell is organising another Bus Trip – this time to Toowoomba on Saturday, 22 September. This trip will take in the Toowoomba Spring Show, the Native Orchid Show, and a visit to the Japanese Gardens. Lunch will be at the Hockey Club.

This is an excellent show to visit as they have orchids on show which we usually don't see here in Brisbane.

The cost will be \$25 for members, and \$50 for non-members. If you are interested please put your name down at the next Meeting.



EKKA 2018

Ekka 2018 starts on 10th August, and runs for 10 days till the 19th August.

The Flower and Garden precinct has expanded every year since it moved up to the Old Museum at the Exhibition Grounds. Last year for the first time in many years a Potted Plants Competition was staged.

Potted Plant Competition - This year there are 26 classes of Foliage and Orchids, with prize money for each class and \$100.00 for Champion Potted Plant of Show.

More support is needed from the plant community to keep the competition running, so please think about benching an orchid or foliage plant. The full schedule is on the Ekka website www.ekka.com.au.

Orchid Display - Orchid Societies of South East Queensland have been offered a display site again this year. This is a collaborative effort between all Orchid Societies in SE Queensland. Your help will be needed by supplying orchids for the display. Please be assured that your plants will be well looked after during this time.

Four members a day will also be needed on the display to answer questions from the public about orchid growing. This will involve being on the display for either

a morning or an afternoon session. You don't need to be an Orchid Judge to take this on – you just need to be able to talk to people. An added bonus is that you get a free ticket into the Ekka. (*Editor's note – the first year we took this on, we had a great time talking to people, and showing off our hobby to others*)

If you are able to help out in any capacity, or are willing to provide plants, please Barry or Ann Kable if you can help.

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52nd EDO'S SPRING SHOW

15 & 16 September, 2018

A reminder that our Spring Show will be held 15 and 16 September, 2018, with judging on Friday night 14 September, 2018, so it is now a good time to start preparing your plants, and to consider how you may be able to help out.

DON'T FORGET THAT WE WILL BE AT OUR NEW VENUE – 1485 OLD CLEVELAND ROAD, BELMONT in the Brisbane International Shooting Centre building. There will be plenty of signs to direct everyone to the right place. We have an amazing amount of room, so there will be room for more plants and more Plant Sales area.

Please do not judge your plants at home. Remember that the purpose of our Show is to showcase our Orchids to the public. The more plants we have on the Show bench, the more spectacular it looks to the public.

Show Roster - If you are available to **help out** at the Spring Show please put your name in the **Show Roster book** at the next meeting, or contact either Ray, Milton or Barry and let them know when you would be available to help out, and what job you be able to volunteer for.

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 to share the load, so please put your name on the roster!

It's also an opportunity to spend time getting to know other members – for our new members it is an excellent opportunity to learn from our more experienced growers.



Catering - Our Show Catering Convenor Margaret would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Margaret will also appreciate assistance in the kitchen, especially during the busy times of the day.



Plant Sales – Our Plant Sales Convenor Dick Dorham is looking for assistance in Plant Sales. If you are available to help out, please either see Dick or a Committee member, or put your name on the Roster.

Benching Tags – will be available at the July and August meetings from Secretary Milton. They are also available for printing from the EDOS Inc Website – www.edos.org.au



Plant Sales Bar Code Labels – Please ensure that you have your Sales Plants labelled correctly with the EDOS Inc Bar Code Labels which need to be ordered from Ray Girdlestone in plenty of time prior to the Show. Labels on small pots need to be placed vertically so that the Bar code Label reader can work properly.



Craft Tags – Craft Tags will be available at the July and August EDOS meeting. If you are unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Secretary Milton.



Plant Labels - It is very important when benching plants that labels are easy to read and correct. A clearly written label makes it much easier for everyone to read, and avoids the possibility of a plant being given an incorrect name on the Prize Cards and in Competition Results, or even placed in the incorrect category. 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.

Member Number – If you are unsure of your Member Number, please speak to either Ann Kable or Janelle Girdlestone. This number needs to be used if you are benching and/or selling plants.

Show Attendance Register - – It is EDOS Inc. policy that **ALL** persons attending; exhibiting; benching or selling orchid plants at the Spring Show sign the EDOS

Inc. Attendance Register, so please make sure you sign when you arrive at the Hall.

Attendance Book – for Insurance Purposes it is necessary for Members to sign the Attendance Book EACH DAY when helping out at the Show



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.

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. If it is not a plant in the condition you would consider purchasing yourself, then please do not put it up for sale!

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

Show Schedule - A copy of the Schedule for the 2018 Spring Show is attached to this Newsletter, and is also available through the EDOS Inc website.

PLEASE NOTE: There have been some changes made to the Show Schedule and General Conditions, so please have a read of these to ensure that you are aware of any changes that have been made. **One change in particular is the number of Champion categories. We have now included a Champion Novice category, and have removed the Floral Art Categories.**

Another change in the programme is that JUDGING WILL NOW TAKE PLACE AT 7.30 PM, so Entries MUST be tabled and available for Judging by 7.00 pm

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either the Show Captain Ray Girdlestone, Chief Steward Ken Haase, or the President Barry Kable.

BAR CODING LABELS FOR PLANT SALES

The Bar Code Labels Request Form which Members will need to use to order Plant Sales Bar code Labels for the

Spring Show 2018 will be available at the Entry table at the next few meetings, or are available from the website.

Don't forget, you can still use any labels you may have left over from the last show.

Remember, it will be 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.

WE ASK THAT MEMBERS PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AS SOON AS IS PRACTICABLE, AND RETURN TO RAY GIRDLESTONE, EITHER BY EMAIL OR AT A MEETING. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE, AS THESE TAKE TIME TO PRINT AND RETURN TO YOU.

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 for the Spring Show 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

Disposal of Library Books

The EDOS Inc Committee have made a decision to dispose of the reference books in the library (excluding the Sanders books and the magazines). These books will be offered to our members for a gold coin donation, on a first in basis. If you are interested in any of these books, please see a Committee member at the next meeting.

Plants Worth Noting

The orchid that caught my eye at the June meeting was *Dendrobium* Fire Wings. It was a nice size flower with interesting colour of purple labellum and purple and white striped alternating petals. Interestingly I found out that this orchid is 3/4 *Latouria*-type *Dendrobium* and 1/4 *Dendrobium bigibbum*. It was this orchid's first flowering.

Cheers

Daphne.

PLEASE NOTE: We have decided to re-introduce the "Volunteer List" for Plants Worth Noting in the Newsletter. Unfortunately, it seems that "Just asking for a volunteer" is not enough to get our members to take the opportunity to express their thoughts. So, what we are going to do from now on is create a list of volunteers,

asking members to do just ONE MONTH ONLY (or more if you wish) with the following criteria:

WHAT IS NOT NECESSARY v WHAT WE WOULD LIKE

Any articles too technical	Just your own thoughts
Photos	Your own descriptions
Judging Experience	Your own impressions
Long articles	Can be 10-12 lines

If you do not have email, I am happy to have the article posted to me during the following week after the meeting. If you wish to remain 'Anonymous' that is okay as well.

I will be taking names for the list at the next meeting, so if you are interested, please come and see me (Janelle).

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UPCOMING SHOWS

- What:** John Oxley District Orchid Society Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 28 and 29 July, 2018
- What:** Maroochydore Orchid Show
Where: Community Hall, Millward Road East, Maroochydore
When: 10 and 11 August, 2018
- What:** ANOS KABI Show
Where: Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Rd, Strathpine
When: 18 and 19 August, 2018
- What:** North Brisbane Orchid Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 25 and 26 August, 2018
- What:** Logan & District Orchid Show
Where: Springwood State School, Springwood Road, Springwood
When: 25 and 26 August, 2018

What: Nambour Orchid Show
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Avenue, Nambour
When: 31 August and 1 September, 2018

What: Redlands Orchid Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 1 September, 2018

What: West Brisbane Orchid Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 8 and 9 September, 2018

What: **Eastern District Orchid Society Show**
Where: **Belmont Shooting Centre, Brisbane International Shooting Centre Building, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont**
When: **15 and 16 September, 2018**

What: Glasshouse Country Orchid Show
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah
When: 21 and 22 September, 2018

Cultural Notes

Dendrobium Banana Royal

This orchid was purchased at the Chandler Markets on 5 April 2015. It is housed in a weld mesh shade house with 50% green shade cloth on both roof and walls. It has clear solar weave on the roof and white solar weave on the western wall. This orchid hangs from the roof and is potted in a tref mix of equal amounts tref, styrene and perlite.

It is watered once per week in summer and as the weather cools watering is tapered out to once every two weeks. Fertilising is done once per week year round and foliar with HSO12 and other fertilisers (whatever is on hand). Misting is done when the weather warrants it.

This plant is very attractive with six racemes which are each 50cm to 60cm long. The lemon coloured flowers have a purple patch in the throat of the labellum.

The longevity of the blooms makes growing

that dendrobiums grow so tall that they are a problem to transport.

Thanks

Leonore Price.

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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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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