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### **JUNE 2010**

#### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 24 June, 2010 commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### **FEATURE ITEM**

Guest speaker for June will be Ross Maidment. His topic is "Aspects of Current Orchid Growing" with illustrated examples.

#### **RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30 PM**

Our President Barry will be discussing "Looking after Orchids during Winter" Barry will be happy to answer any questions or queries you may have on this topic.

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

**Judges:** Bill Williams, Arthur Cornell  
**Associate Judges:** Brent Nicoll, John Rooks, Adrian Bergstrum  
**Observers:** Please let Brent know if you are interested (Eric will be on holidays)  
**Scribes:** Please see Brent if you are available  
**Supper Stewards:** Marian Samuels, Daphne McKell  
**Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck and Dot Rooks  
**Library:** Steve Stitz  
**Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable  
**Plants worth Noting:** Adrian Bergstrum  
**Trade Table:** As has become our practice at this time of year, stock from the Trade Table will only be available "On request" by phoning Pauline on 3286 4910 to place your order.

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 1 July, 2010**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

### **Christmas in July**

EDOS Inc will be holding a "Christmas in July" Dinner commencing at 6.00 pm on 24 July, 2010 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

It will be great night – come along and relax and enjoy a night out with your fellow members.

Cost will be \$20 for members, and \$30 for non-members. Drinks will be available from the bar at your own cost.

If you are planning on attending please contact Treasurer John Rooks no later than the next meeting. Payment will need to be made at the next Meeting at the latest.

We will also be holding a Mini Cent Auction, will some great prizes.

### **FIELD DAY**

The EDOS Field Day held on 30 May, 2010 was a great success. After visiting the McKell's, Ann McBurney's Bromelaid Gardens, and the Girdlestone's, we had 44 members and guests enjoy a relaxing bar-b-que lunch at the Kable residence.

It was great to see some of our new members taking part, and hopefully everyone who came along found an idea or two to try in their own orchid houses.

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## Plants Worth Noting

There were numerous plants that took my eye, 4 of which I'll make mention of.

**Ionopsis Utricularioides** is a petite species which ranges from USA to Brazil and is found growing at elevations from sea level up to 1600 metres, often found in citrus plantations. The branching inflorescence with its white flowers and mauve veining is particularly attractive and to my mind looks a little bit oriental.

**Sophronitis cernua.** This is a species native to Brazil and Bolivia and is normally seen as very small plants with a few flowers. This particular plant was huge with dozens of bright orange flowers which contrasted well with the dark leaves and darker tree fern slab on which it is growing. I'm not sure on the age of the plant but it is no surprise to see such a well grown specimen. Bill makes growing these difficult to grow species look easy. (For more information see Cultural Notes from Bill)

**Den chrysopterum.** This species from PNG has cane like pseudo bulbs with many leaves which are normally deciduous before flowering. The unusual and striking orange and yellow bell shaped flowers bloom along the nodes and put on quite a show and last for approx 3 weeks. These plants require bright light and a steady supply of water and fertilizer with a rest in winter after flowering. In nature the species grows on mossy rocks.

**Den Enobi** a smallish plant with 2 inflorescences of flowers that were well presented and were which with purple flaring on the edges of the petals and lip. This particular style of breeding is becoming very popular not only in Dendrobium but other genera as well and to my mind is more attractive than random stripes or spots. When growing into a large specimen this will be a real show stopper.

**Tony Beck**

## Cultural Notes

### Cycnoches Jumbo Puff

This genus contains approximately 12 species and is mainly found in South America. They have similar characteristics as Catasetums as far as the flowers are unisexual with the male & female flowers differing in appearance and the plants having a long dry rest in Winter.

This plant was purchased in a flask of about 20 plants in 2005. They were deflasked into a mix of peat and perlite with a little blood & bone and when large enough potted into separate tubes. Once mature these plants produce multiple flower spikes each year. This year this plant produced 6 inflorescences, 4 of which were in flower and 2 still in bud. They grow under 75% shade with lots of water and fertilizer in the growing season and the only problem I have had is with mites which need to be kept in check.

I'm happy with the progress of these plants and will always make space for them in my orchid house.

Happy growing,

**Tony Beck**

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## Cultural Notes

### **Sophronitis cernua** (Commonly known as The Nodding Sophronitis)

*Sophronitis cernua* is the smallest of the genus *Sophronitis* and was named by John Lindley in 1828. It can be found in south eastern Brazil near the sea, often within distance of wind borne spray, growing on small to medium trees or on rocks. It can be found as far inland as Paraguay.

The pseudobulbs are short and small, up to ½" or 12 mm and glossy dark green. The single leaf is rigid, ovate, up to 1 ¼" (3 cm) long, and usually grey green coloured with some purple tinge underneath. It grows best on cork or tree fern slabs but can also be grown in pots in a very well drained medium. The flowers are approximately 1" to 1 ¼" (2.2 to 2.7cm) across and can have up to 10 flowers per inflorescence.

I grow my *S. cernua* on a tree fern slab under 70% shade cloth where it is hung 2 ft (60 cm) from the roof against the metal side of the shed wall facing East.

When watering, it is important to allow this plant to dry out between waterings, as the plant has fleshy leaves that require somewhat drier conditions. When buds emerge, keep the plant a lot wetter at the roots than normal.

Fertilise with organic and inorganic fertilizer at half strength weekly.

**Bill Williams**

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## **Vale Celia Thurlow**

Recently we received advice that Celia Thurlow (Pottinger) who was appointed an Honorary Member approximately 2 years ago, passed away in her sleep on Thursday 27 May 2010.

Celia joined EDOS Inc on 19 March 1993 and served on the committee for a number of years.

Celia will be remembered by many of our members as 'that lady' wandering around at our shows. We were not fortunate to see Celia at our last show however she will be missed for her sincerity and politeness.

# Labelling of Plants

It is very important that when benching plants, either at a Monthly Meeting or at a Show, that labels are easy to read. A clearly written label makes it much easier for everyone to read, and avoids the possibility of a plant being given an incorrect name in Competition Results. If you are unsure of the correctness of any of your labels, EDOS has Orchidwiz available at Monthly Meetings and Shows for any member to check the names of plants.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| <b>What:</b>  | North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc<br>Charity Orchid Show   |
| <b>Where:</b> | Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha<br>Contact David Board 3353 4851                                   |
| <b>When:</b>  | 26-27 June, 2010  |
| <b>What:</b>  | Caboolture Orchid Society Inc   |
| <b>Where:</b> | Shire Memorial Hall, King St, Caboolture  |
| <b>When:</b>  | 9-11 July, 2010   |
| <b>What:</b>  | John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc  |
| <b>Where:</b> | Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  |
| <b>When:</b>  | 17-18 July, 2010  |
| <b>What:</b>  | Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc   |
| <b>Where:</b> | Community Hall, Millward Rd,<br>Maroochydore  |
| <b>When:</b>  | 7-8 August, 2010 Open Show  |
| <b>What:</b>  | ANOS (Qld) Kabi Group   |
| <b>Where:</b> | Lions Hall, Lawnton Showgrounds, Gympie<br>Rd, Lawnton<br>Ph 3289 1953 or 3285 2047 for more<br>information |
| <b>When:</b>  | 21-22 August, 2010  |
| <b>What:</b>  | Pine Rivers Orchid Society Inc  |
| <b>Where:</b> | Deception Bay Shopping Centre   |
| <b>When:</b>  | 26-28 August, 2010  |

**What:** Logan & District Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Logan Central Community Centre  
**When:** 28-29 August, 2010

**What:** North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 28-29 August, 2010

**What:** Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society  
**Where:** Canungra Com Hall, 2 Pine St, Canungra  
**When:** 11-12 September, 2010

**What:** EDOS Inc  
**Where:** Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West  
**When:** 18-19 September, 2010

**What:** Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Beerwah Community Hall, Beerwah  
**When:** 25-26 September, 2010

**What:** Ipswich Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Ipswich SHS, 1 Hunter St, Brassall  
**When:** 25-26 September, 2010

### ***Senior Moment!!!!***

An elderly lady did her shopping and upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and pulled out a pistol, screaming at the top of her lungs "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!!"

The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping into the back of the car, and then got into the driver's seat.

She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition.

She tried and tried, and then realised why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football and a carton of beer in the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces further down.

She loaded her bags into her own car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing.

He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair and carrying a gun.

No charges were filed.

Moral of the story – *If you are going to have a senior moment – make it memorable!!!*

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Ray can be contacted on email

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### ***NOTES FROM THE EDITOR***

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