



Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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Patron Joan Pease MP



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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 25 June, 2015** commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Commencing at 7.30 pm, Tony Beck will be covering Red Spotters this month. We all know how successful Tony is at growing Paphs and Phrags in particular, so this will be very informative session.

FEATURE ITEM

Graeme Symonds from Orchid Den will be the guest speaker this month. His topic will be "Probiotic Fertilisers". This will be a very interesting topic, giving some of us an insight into more natural products. (More information at the end of this Newsletter.)

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

- Judges:** Les Vickers, Nick Woolley, Brent Nicoll, Arthur Cornell, Bill Williams
- Observers:** Student Judges Ray Girdlestone and Ken Haase
- Scribes:** Volunteers required please.
- Supper Steward:** Marion and Colin Samuels
- Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck
- Library :** Helen Vickers
- Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable
- Plants Worth Noting:** Janelle Girdlestone
- Trade Table:** In recess until August.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 2 July, 2015** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Trade Table

The Trade Table will be **in recess** for the June and July Meetings. However, if you require any items, please contact Michael or Nikki on 3245 1383 to organise delivery or collection.

Xmas in July

This year our 'Christmas in July' function will be held on **Saturday 18 July 2015** at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

Doors will be open at 6 pm, with nibblies at 6.15 pm, and the main meal to be served at 6.45 pm. (If you have any special dietary requirements let Margaret Rieck know at the June Meeting please.)

The June General Meeting will be the last chance to purchase tickets. Cost will be \$20 per head for Members, and \$35 for Non-members. Soft drinks will be included, however any alcoholic drinks will be at your own cost.

If you are planning on coming along, please 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 great Raffle prize (this will include one of Daphne McKell's famous Puddings) Tickets will be on sale at our next meeting. There will also be a Lucky Door prize.

It will be a great night, (no official business will be done on the night), so keep this date free and come along and relax, enjoy a great meal, have lots of laughs, and enjoy yourselves with your fellow society members.



VALE

Una Lydia Holzapfel

28th July 1926 – 05th June 2015

Members of Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. (E.D.O.S Inc.) recently lost another long term serving member on Friday 05th June 2015. Una was a long time member of E.D.O.S Inc. and joined our society on 26th May 1977.

Una was an active member of E.D.O.S Inc. as well as the Redlands Orchid Society Inc. and the recent closed Wynnum Manly Orchid Society. Una was always recognized for growing many varieties of orchids and was never a stranger to the winners circle. Not only that, Una travelled to various Australian and international orchid conferences and shows during her life.

Una was always a *“happy”* and *“supporting”* person and her legacy towards orchid growing will continue to be remembered through the oncoming years by our society members.

To Una's brother Dan, all E.D.O.S Inc. members express their deepest sympathy at this sad time and share his loss with the recent passing of a *“wonderful and great lady”* who contributed so much to our society that we know and share today.

Provided On behalf of All E.D.O.S Inc. Members

Secretary Ken Webster

New Patron

EDOS Inc would like to welcome the Member for Lytton, Joan Pease MP as our new Patron. Please make Joan very welcome when she attends any of our functions.

We also thank Joan's office for printing our Newsletter Bi-monthly.

Assistance Required

Toowoomba Orchid Society Conference and Show

EDOS will be participating in the upcoming Toowoomba Conference and Show on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 July by putting on a Tabletop display.

As most of the Committee members will be involved with judging and other aspects of the Show and are unavailable on this occasion, we are looking for some of our members who would be able to assist with setting the display up, manning the display, and assist in dismantling at the end. Setup will be between 10 am and 4 pm on Thursday, to allow for judging on Thursday night. **Even if you can't be there for the whole time, please consider helping out, as this is another opportunity to showcase our Society (and help them celebrate their 60th Anniversary. As an added incentive the Prize money is excellent for this show.)**

We will also be looking for plants for the display. If you are able to identify any plants you think may be in flower during this time, we will need to know at least a week prior to the show, as the TOS organisers have requested a list of the names in order to print labels. (It doesn't matter if in the end, that plant doesn't make the show - as long as TOS has the name on their list for labelling, it can be taken off at the last minute) If you are able to assist in any way, or would like more information, please contact President Barry Kable. Plants will need to be delivered to Barry Kable's place by Wednesday 22nd July in order to organise transport to Toowoomba.

PLEASE HELP OUT IF YOU CAN!!



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Toowoomba Bus Trip

EDOS Inc has organised a Bus Trip to the Toowoomba Orchid Show on Saturday 25 July, 2015. This is always a great show to visit, and this year will be even better as it is their 60th Anniversary. Alan is also organising a visit to a couple of local growers on the day, as well as an enjoyable lunch.

The cost is \$25 for members, \$50 for non-members, including lunch. **In order to finalise seat numbers, if you haven't already put your name on the list, please do so at the June meeting. Payment will also need to be made at this meeting.**

Come along and enjoy a great day out. You will see quite a few varieties of orchids which we do not see very often (or in large numbers) on our benches here in Brisbane as they are cooler growing varieties.

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Cultural Award May 15

Sophronitis cernua (photo on back page)

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 a splendid addition to local collections.

I acquired my *Soph. cernua* in June 2011 from Easy Orchids mounted on a small piece of coarse tree fern where it appeared happy enough. In September 2012 I mounted the plant and small mount onto a large piece of red tree fern where it remains.

This year it has produced thirteen healthy new growths sequentially over a period of 2 months with on average 5 flowers per inflorescence which was a pleasant improvement on last year's four growths with nine flowers and a resounding testament to more attention being paid to the providing of nutrients in a form that allows the roots to absorb them and endeavouring to maintain a media that is PH neutral.

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. *Soph. 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 NPK 15:3:12 fertilizer (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.

As my *Soph. cernua* is mounted, I water it every day in summer and every 2nd or 3rd day in winter, as I do for most of my mounted plants.

I water with tank water and fertilize all my Cattleyas with a nutrient solution of PH of 6.5 and an EC of 250ppm every 7 days in summer decreasing to 10 days in winter and increasing the duration in inclement weather both winter and summer. I also give a monthly feed of SeaSol combined with the fertilizer. On especially hot days I water daily.

Steve Stitz

Annual Points Competition Vouchers

Anyone who was lucky enough to win vouchers in EDOS' Annual points competition please note that these vouchers **expire on 30/06/2015** and therefore must be redeemed **before** then.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 27 and 28 June, 2015

What: John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 18 and 19 July, 2015

What: Toowoomba Orchid Soc Inc Conference and Show
Where: USQ Toowoomba Berghofer Recreation Centre
When: 24 and 25 July, 2015

What: ANOS (Qld) KABI Group Inc
Where: Bald Hills State School, 2156 Gympie Rd, Bald Hills
When: 22 and 23 August, 2015

What: North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 22 and 23 August, 2015

What: Nambour Diamond Jubilee Spring Show
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 28 and 29 August, 2015

What: Logan & District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Centre for Aging, Cnr Jacaranda & Wembley Rd, Woodridge
When: 29 and 30 August, 2015

What: Ballina & Dist Orchid Society Inc
Where: RSL Club, Ballina
When: 29 and 30 August, 2015

What: Gold Coast District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Albert Waterways Comm Ctr, Cnr Hooker & Sunshine Bvds, Broadbeach Waters
When: 4 and 5 September, 2015

What: QOS Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 12 and 13 September, 2015

What: Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society Inc
Where: Canungra School of Arts Hall, 37 Pine St, Canungra
When: 12 and 13 September, 2015

What: West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 19 and 20 September, 2015

What: Orchids in Paradise – 20th Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show
Where: Hosted by Mackay & District Orchid Society
When: 18 to 23 September, 2015

What: Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Inc
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah
When: 25 and 26 September, 2015

What: EDOS Spring Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 3 and 4 October, 2015

What: Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc
Where: The Orchid House, 15A First Ave, Bribie Island
When: 3 and 4 October, 2015

What: Ipswich Orchid Society Inc
Where: Silkstone State Primary School
When: 3 and 4 October, 2015

What: Redlands Orchid Society Inc
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 17 October, 2015

What: Boonah Charity Show
Where: Boonah State High School
When: 17 and 18 October, 2015

What: Tweed District Orchid Society Inc Annual Orchid Fair
Where: Tweed Civic Centre, Brett St, Tweed Heads
When: 31 October and 1 November, 2015

What: Orchid Species Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 14 and 15 November, 2015

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.

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Orchid Display during RNA Show 2015

Once again this year EDOS Inc is inviting members to be involved with the display being put on at the Ekka

The event last year was very successful, with those helping out on the stand being kept very busy, answering many and varied questions from the general public, and handing out information sheets

An explanation for those new members –

The aim of this display 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.

If you would like to Volunteer please contact Barry Kable. Volunteers will need to have a broad knowledge of orchids and how to grow them.

More information will be available closer to the Ekka.

KEMPSEY SPECIOSUM SPECTACULAR and NATIVE ORCHID SHOW 2015

The 14th annual Kempsey Speciosum Spectacular and native orchid show will be held over the weekend of 5th/6th September 2015.

Because of the growth of the show over time, it has become necessary to move the venue of the show to the Kempsey Dirt Bike Club track (Greenhill, via Kempsey) which adjoins the previous venue. This will allow an increased area for show plants and visitor area, as well as easier parking for cars and buses.

The new venue also provides the option for visitors to camp in tents or caravans on the site of the show. Should you be interested in this please contact us for further details.

Having accepted the challenge to host the 8th Australasian Native Orchid Conference and Show in Kempsey from 1st – 4th September 2016, at this years show we will be conducting an auction of some high quality speciosums and hybrids. Plants have been promised by some top native growers and funds raised will be put towards the staging of the Conference.

The show schedule is available along with other information from Ted Walmsley 02 6562 7150 or John Zietsch 02 6554 9773

Please contact us should you require details of available accommodation or other information.

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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