



# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 22 October, 2015** commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

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

Secretary Ken Webster will be covering the topic of "Growing *Oncidium sphacelatum*. This is a rewarding orchid to grow, and I am sure Ken can pass on some information that we could all use to improve our plants.

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

This month's Guest Speaker is Wolfgang Strube from Horticultural Solutions. Wolfgang has been developing and supplying fertilising solutions etc to orchid growers for a long time, and with much success. At the time of going to press, not sure what Wolfgang's topic will be for this meeting.

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

**Judges:** Eric Locke, Maree Illingworth, Les Vickers, John Rooks, Brent Nicoll

**Observers:** Student Judges Janelle 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:** Ray Girdlestone

**Trade Table:** Michael and Nikki Tervo

#### ***NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING***

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 5 November, 2015** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** **NOTICE**

#### **NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:**

The **Annual General Meeting** of Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. (E.D.O.S Inc.) will be held on **Thursday 26 November 2015** at the Bayside Uniting Church, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West at 8.00 pm.

All members are invited to attend. The election will follow the procedures as stated in The Constitution of the society.

All positions are declared vacant and nominations / appointments are invited from interested members for the various positions of the society.

**Nominations Forms** will be available from The Secretary at the October General Meeting which is to be held on Thursday 22 October 2015. A list of the vacant positions will also be available to members if interested.

Members are reminded that the nominations need to be in writing and signed by the nominated member and his / her proposer and seconder, and **be lodged with The Secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting** at which the election is to take place. In this case, by **Friday 13 November 2015**. A List of the nominated persons for each position together with the details of his/her proposer and

seconded will appear in the E.D.O.S Inc. 2015 November Newsletter before the AGM. Nominations will only be taken from the floor at the Annual General Meeting if The Secretary has received no previous nomination for that particular position. All members need to be financial to be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting in November 2015.

**K J Webster Secretary E.D.O.S Inc.**

## **49<sup>th</sup> EDOS SPRING SHOW 3 and 4 October, 2015**

Another Fantastic Show!! President Barry Kable would like to congratulate EDOS Inc members on having once again excelled themselves, in putting on a very successful Spring Show. We had another amazing display of orchids on the benches.

Plant Sales were great. We even had to chase up more plants to sell.

Treasurer John Rooks' statistics showed that we had even more people through the door than last year. We must be doing something right!!!

**Our Kitchen Convenor Marion** would like to say a BIG THANKS to everyone who helped in the Kitchen, it makes it so much easier when there are willing volunteers, especially when they were very busy. Thanks also to those who donated cakes, slices etc.

**Plants Sales Convenor Alan** would also like to thank all those who helped out in Plant Sales over the weekend. Having experienced growers available to provide advice about the plants helps people choose plants to suit their needs.

**Hostess Dot Rooks** would also like to thank those who assisted on the Front Door, welcoming those who attended the Show, and selling Raffle tickets. Cheerful, smiling faces always help to make the public welcome. Thanks to Margaret Rieck for putting the major raffle together – it proved to be very popular.

The Craft Table and the Floral Art Ladies were also kept very busy all weekend.

Our Thanks also to **Dan and Jim** for their work doing the **Potting demonstrations**. This is always a very popular area

**Thanks also to anyone else who helped out** with setting up on Friday, during the weekend, and cleaning up on Sunday. All efforts are greatly appreciated.

**NOTE: Plant Sales butts from the Spring Show 2015 will be available at the October Meeting. If you wish to collect your butts please see one of the Hostesses at the October meeting.**

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## **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.

## **Plants Worth Noting**

There was such a variety on the Benches at the September meeting that it was hard to choose.

There was everything from the "Tried and True" *Cattleya* Lynn Spencer 'Cha' to novelty of the very small *Bulbo. bracteatum*.

C. Lynn Spencer 'Cha' was registered in 1964, a cross between C. Bob Betts and C. White Blossom. C. Lyn Spencer 'Cha' was awarded an AM in 1985, and is still seen around the benches regularly. It still ticks all the boxes as a benchworthy plant.

*Bulbo. bracteatum* is a small epiphyte found in SE Qld/NE NSW. It was originally registered in 1891. This very small brown and yellow flower has at this stage not been awarded, but with the popularity of these Australian natives growing, one would assume that it will only be a matter of time.

Another species on the bench at the September meeting was *Den. linguiforme*. This plant comes from NSW/QLD/New Caledonia, and has over the years been awarded 35 times. It is really spectacular when grown mounted, and allowed to grow into a specimen. One of these plants won Specimen of the Show at the recent EDOS Inc. Spring Show. This plant has had many names over the years, including *Dockrillia linguiforme*, *Dockrillia nigentii*, *Den. nugentii*, *Callista linguiformis*, and its current name *Den. linguiforme*. How confusing can this be?



## EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2015 EDOS Inc Christmas Party will be held on 5th December 2015 at the Manly Bowls Club. **Doors will open at 6.30 pm for dinner at 7.00 pm.** Cost will be \$20 for Members and \$35 for Non Members. Partners of EDOS Inc members who have joined as a Single membership will be \$25. Soft drinks will be included, any other drinks will be at the Member's cost.

**Tickets will be available at the October meeting.**

The main Raffle will contain one of Daphne McKell's famous Plum Puddings, so make sure you get your tickets!!

We will also be having a Rolling Raffle, so on the night please remember to bring along a gift to include on the table (one per person please, and something you would be happy to receive yourself).

There will also be a "Popular Vote" for those who wish to bring along a flowering orchid.

The Judges will be finalising the Jack Fiege Memorial Trophy for the Plant of the Year which is judged from photographs of the plants chosen as Plant of the Night at each monthly meeting by our judges.

Our December Committee Meeting will be held at 5.30 pm prior to the function.

*Please come along and enjoy a great evening and the company of your fellow EDOS Inc members.*

## Ideas for 2016

Do any of our members have any ideas for Red Spotters, Guest Speakers, Bus or field trips for 2016? If there is a particular subject you would like covered either in Red Spotters or as a Guest Speaker, please feel free to discuss your ideas with any of our Committee Members. We are always looking for "Something different" and I am sure that there are members out there with some great ideas.

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## **Cultural Notes September 15**

### ***Gastrophaius (Gp.) Microburst***

Cross is *Gastrorchis pulchra* x *Phaius tankervilleae*

This terrestrial family of orchids are very easy to grow, but a little extra care and attention to their needs will increase their beauty. They need bright light but avoid direct sunlight, they need lots of water but not wet feet. When the flowers fade you need to give the plant special treatment as the new growths emerge and you remove the dying flower stalks, you need to also remove all the old leaves. Wait until the new growths are about six inches high and cut off all the old growth even if the leaves are in perfect condition. The old growths will rarely flower again as the flowers will come from the new growths. A multi growth plant can easily be divided or you can cut the flower stems into pieces with a viable node on each cutting and place them partly covered on a bed of sand or sphagnum and you will produce new plants from about 25% of the cuttings.

I grow this plant under 75% shade cloth and fertilise once a week. To my mind this is a beautiful flower when viewed in natural daylight. It has just a hint of mauve and green tonings to compliment the overall ivory colouration.

Happy growing,

***Tony Beck***

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- What:** Aspley Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 13 and 14 February, 2016
- What:** EDOS Inc 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Autumn Show  
**Where:** Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.  
**When:** 9 and 10 April, 2016

## **BURBANK ORCHID NURSERY**

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## 2015 orchid species show

EDOS Inc (along with other societies) is invited to set up a display at the 2015 Orchid Species Show, and for your members to bench plants. This is an open show, with plants in all displays being eligible for judging along with benched plants. Cash prizes will be awarded for Champion Species Orchid, Reserve Champion Species Orchid and Champion Specimen Species Orchid.

Growers benching plants may lodge plants for sale, with the society charging a 10% commission for all plants sold.

For more information, including a copy of the programme, please contact our Secretary.

### WEBSITE

[www.edos.org.au](http://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](mailto:webmaster@edos.org.au) or phone 3823 4277

### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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