

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 October, 2017**, commencing at 8.00 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 is being presented by Ken Webster. Ken's topic will be "Encyclia"

FEATURE ITEM

This month's presentation will be by Maurie Page, who's topic will be Dendrochilums. This should be a very informative and entertaining presentation. Maurie has a wealth of knowledge on the subject, and is more than happy to pass it on.

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

Judges: Eric Locke, Brent Nicoll, Les Vickers, Trevor Heitman, Jan Heitman, Ken Webster

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 November, 2017** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS **2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The **Annual General Meeting** of Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. (EDOS Inc) will be held on **Thursday 23 November 2017** 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 will be 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 on Thursday 26 October 2017. 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 (**ie by Wednesday 8 November 2017**).

Nominations will only be taken from the floor at the Annual General Meeting if The Secretary has not

received any previous nomination for that particular position.

All members need to be financial to be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting in November 2017.

M Ludlow, Secretary EDOS Inc



Are you enjoying your time with EDOS?? Do you have any interesting ideas to share with other members? Do you think you could make the Society better???

As always, the Committee will be looking for new enthusiastic faces to fill positions on the Committee.

Some of our current Committee have been there a long time, and would like a break.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Management, please feel free to talk to any of our Committee members for further information.



EDOS Inc Christmas Party 2017

The 2017 EDOS Inc Christmas Party will be held on 2nd December 2017 at the Club Manly (formerly the Manly Bowls Club). **Doors will open at 6.30 pm for dinner at 7.00 pm.** Cost will be \$25 for Members and \$40 for Non Members. Soft drinks will be included, any other drinks will be at the Member's cost.

Tickets will be available at the October and November meetings. (For catering purposes, management would prefer members to notify of attendance at October meeting)

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 Jack Feige 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 will be finalised by our Judges on the night.

Our December Committee Meeting will be held at 5.00 pm prior to the function.

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

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51st EDOS SPRING SHOW

16 & 17 September, 2017

We did it again!!! 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 a fantastic display of orchids on the benches (total of 343 plants), with even more growers benching than previous years (47 exhibitors).

Plant Sales were also fantastic, with record sales. It's great to see more of our growers putting plants in Sales. Thanks to Ray Girdlestone's mammoth efforts in implementing the Bar Coding System, Dick and his team handled the system extremely well, making their job (and Treasurer John's) so much easier.

Plants Sales Convenor Dick would like to thank all those who helped out in Plant Sales over the weekend, especially those behind the counter, and those experienced growers who made themselves available to provide advice about the plants people were looking at purchasing.

Our Kitchen Convenors Ian and Margaret 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., it was a great response from the members. A Big Thanks also to Bill, for his barbeque expertise.

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 **Jim and Dan** for their work doing the **Potting Demonstrations**. The Committee decided to bring the Potting Demonstrations inside for this Show, and it proved to be 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.

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Cultural Notes September 17

Bulbophyllum fletcherianum

I water this orchid every day other than on the coldest days of winter when I know the day will not warm up. I add a little fertilizer to just about every watering.

If I miss a few days of watering I will water it a few times in one day to get the pseudo-bulbs full again. When I do this, I don't add fertilizer to the water. I don't let the pseudo-bulbs shrink any more than a crinkle in the skin. I bring it into the house at night during the coldest days of winter. If you can't warm your growing area and can't bring it inside either cover your shade house with clear plastic in winter or cover this orchid with a sheet of clear or pearl polycarbonate roofing. Without going into too much detail I was informed not to use polycarbonate roofing as it blocks out UV light so I rang a company and got specs and it only blocks out one type of UV light - A or B I can't remember which.

If you want a great specimen never ever let this orchid get cold winter rain on it when it has a new flower or leaf growth emerging as it is highly likely it will rot off.

I have had this orchid in different light conditions and it seems to be happiest in a bright indirect light. That is not a deep shade but a light level that doesn't cast a shadow or at the most a very light shadow. During summer in the shade house I cover this orchid with an extra piece of 70% shade cloth which covers the top and north side of the orchid. This helps keep the orchid hydrated through the hottest days without having to water it two or three times.

I hope this helps anyone wanting to grow this species and if you have any questions ask away.

Regards,

Marco

UPCOMING SHOWS

What: Nambour Orchid Species Show & Trade Fair

Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour

When: 27 and 28 October, 2017

What: North Moreton Orchid Council Show

Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

When: 28 and 29 October, 2017

What: Orchid Species Show

Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

When: 11 and 12 November, 2017

Thanks to Members

The Committee would also like to say a Big Thanks to those members who have helped out at other EDOS Inc promotional events in recent months – Redfest, Wynnum Plaza, Joan Pease's office and Beginning With Orchids. These events are a great way to promote the Society. Please consider giving a hand when one of these events comes up. It only takes a couple of hours of your time, and shares the load between Society members.

We would also like to Thank Todd from Fame for his hospitality and generosity is allowing EDOS to hold the Beginning With Orchids at his Nursery. We had 10 very interested people, who asked many questions and kept Todd talking a little longer than was planned!!

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