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### SEPTEMBER 2010

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

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 23 September, 2010 commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

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

Murray Shergold will give a presentation on Orchids in Africa.

#### ***RED SPOTTERS CLUB 7.30 PM***

This week will be the handing out of the Phalaenopsis plants donated by Graham McKay and deflasked by Eric Locke for our growing competition. **Details further on in the newsletter.**

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

**Judges:** Eric Locke, Bill Williams, Arthur Cornell  
**Associate Judges:** Brent Nicoll, John Rooks, Adrian Bergstrum  
**Observers:** Please let Eric know if you are interested  
**Scribes:** Please see Eric 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:** Arthur Cornell  
**Trade Table:** Pauline Webster

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

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 7 October, 2010**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### ***GRANT FUNDING***

As a result of a successful recent grant application we are pleased to announce that:

"The IT items and office furniture for Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. was proudly funded by the Queensland Governments Gambling Community Benefit Fund"

#### ***DATE CLAIMER XMAS PARTY***

Members please note that the 2010 EDOS Christmas Party will be held on 11 December 2010 at the Manly Bowls Club. More details will be available later.

#### ***EDOS AGM 25 NOVEMBER 2010***

Now is the time to start thinking about putting forward nominations for Positions at our AGM. Remember that for the Society to function successfully, all positions need to be filled. Please consider putting yourself forward for one of these positions. It is always great to have new faces and ideas. If you have any questions about any of the positions please contact Secretary Ken Webster for further information.

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## Members Growing Competition

At our September meeting the Committee will be distributing seedling Phalaenopsis plants donated by Graham McKay, and deflasked by Eric Locke, (and looked after by Barry since deflasking) to attending members, as part of a New Growing Competition. The object of this "Competition" is to see who can get their plant to flower first, with everyone starting as close to equal as possible.

**What will happen!** As members sign in at the September meeting, numbers will be given out to the first 35 EDOS members/families. As there are limited numbers of plants, **one only per family/membership** will be available.

These numbers will correspond with numbers on the plants, which will then be handed out at the Red Spotters Club. Make sure that you arrive early - remember - you need to be in it to win it!!!

Details on the judging criteria will be released in future newsletters.

*Come along and be involved - it should be interesting, and fun as well.*

## Cultural Notes

### Restrepia Contora

This genus is a member of the Pleurothallis alliance, the genus is named after Don Jose Restrepo, a Colombian naturalist. There are 40 or so species and are found from Southern Mexico to Bolivia, most are found in Ecuador and Colombia where they grow at 1500-3500m in mossy habitats, generally near streams. I acquired about 6 plants of this genus from Easy Orchids about a year ago. These plants do not like hot dry days, so I grow them on a low weld mesh shelf about 300mm from

the ground with under bench sprinklers that come on for 30 seconds 3 times a day in summer, with 2 layers 50% shade cloth till end of April, then I remove 1 layer and move the plants up to next shelf at about 900mm till end of September. My plants are grown in sphagnum moss. The fine roots prefer a constantly moist but not soggy mix. These orchids can be grown by cutting off a leaf with about 3cm of stem, pot up in a small tube filled with sphagnum moss, burying the leaf and stem to the base of the leaf, using older flowered leaves and stem is best. In a few months the leaf will (or should) develop a tiny plantlet growth which should flower in a year or two

Happy growing

**Barry Kable**

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**What:** Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Bribie Island State High School, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Bribie Island  
**When:** 9-10 October, 2010

**What:** Boonah Orchid Show & Qld Sarcochilus Spectacular  
**Where:** Boonah High School  
**When:** 16-17 October, 2010

**What:** North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 30-31 October, 2010

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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

**What:** Redlands Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland  
**When:** 2 October, 2010

**What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 8-10 October, 2010

## WEBSITE

[www.edos.org.au](http://www.edos.org.au). Our Webmaster Ray Girdlestone would like you to have a look at our new EDOS website and make comment – remember it is still a work in progress and any suggestions will be appreciated. If you have any Cultural advice you think may be useful to others please let us know.

Ray can be contacted on email  
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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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