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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

IMPORTANT NOTICE - CHANGE OF DATE

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Sunday 28 September, 2014** commencing at **1.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West, prior to the Presentations at the Spring Show.

This will be an abbreviated meeting, with the majority of business being held over to the next meeting where possible.

Members are asked to be present and sign the attendance book.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 02 October, 2014** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Club Shirts

If any member is interested in purchasing an EDOS Inc Club Shirt, please speak to Secretary Ken Webster, so that your name can be placed on the Order list.

48th EDOS SPRING SHOW 27 and 28 September, 2014

By the time you get this Newsletter the Spring Show will be only days away!!

Just some last minute reminders -

Our Spring Show will be held on 27 and 28 September, 2014, with judging on Friday night 26 September 2014, so it is now a very good time to consider how you may be able to help out.

If you are available to help out during the weekend and have not already put your name on the Roster, when you arrive on the day please see either Ken, Barry or John Rooks and they will be happy to find you a "job".

It's also an opportunity to spend time getting to know other members – for our new members it is an excellent opportunity to learn from our more experienced growers.

Catering - Our Catering Convenor Marion would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Marion will also appreciate assistance in the kitchen.

Plant Sales – Our Plant Sales Convenor Alan McKell is looking for assistance in Plant Sales. If you are

available to help out, please either see Alan or a Committee member.

Plant Sales and Benching Tags – Benching tags are available for printing from the EDOS website – www.edos.org.au, or see either Ann Kable or Janelle Girdlestone on Friday evening.

Please ensure that you use EDOS sale plant tags only. If you were unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Plant Sales Convenor Alan McKell.

Craft Tags – If you require Craft Tags please speak to Ann Kable

Plant Labels - It is very important when benching plants 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 on the Prize Cards and in Competition Results.

For any members who are unsure of, or would like to confirm that their plant labels are correct **before** benching, (either spelling or registration of crosses) EDOS will have available on Friday night prior to benching of plants, the Orchidwiz database for members to check their labels. Please see Ann Kable or Janelle Girdlestone.

Member Number - Your Member Number is on the newsletter envelope following your name, or available from the Plant Registrar. This number needs to be used if you are benching and/or selling plants.

Show Attendance Register - – It is E.D.O.S Inc. policy that **ALL** persons attending; exhibiting; benching or selling orchid plants at the Spring Show sign the E.D.O.S Inc. Attendance Register, so please make sure you sign when you arrive at the Hall.

Fire Ant Register – Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry requires that Members **MUST** sign the Fire Ant Register before Plants can be accepted for either showing or Sales.

This Register MUST be signed regardless of where you live. Although the Hall is no longer in a Fire Ant area care needs to be taken when transporting plants.

Cut Flowers and Greenery – The Ladies from the Floral Arrangement section of our show are requesting contributions of any orchid flowers, bromeliad flowers and Anthuriums, and also greenery for their floral arrangements, especially on Saturday, as these Floral Arrangements are very popular, and supplies usually run low by lunchtime.

The leaves from the cordylines, flax, anthurium, camellia bush, magnolia, strap leaves and crotons are great for greenery, along with all the others you kindly bring. We would also be very grateful for containers (small or large) suitable for flower arrangements. Many thanks in advance to all who help us out. If in doubt please ask Brent Nicoll.

Condition of Sale Plants – Please ensure that any plants you may present for sale are virus free, clean and NOT recently potted. Plants need to be stable in the pots and not show any insect damage, etc. If it is not a plant in the condition you would consider purchasing yourself, then please do not put it up for sale!

It has been noted that some plants presented for Sale at recent EDOS Shows were below the standard and quality that this Society considers acceptable. If a plant is not of the standard that you yourself would purchase, then it should not be presented to Plant Sales

As per our By-Laws, -refer in particular to EDOS By-Laws 5.6 and 5.7 - plants which are deemed to be of an unsuitable standard will be removed from the Sales Tables.

SHOW SCHEDULE

A copy of the Schedule for the 2014 Spring Show was included in the July Newsletter, and is also available through the EDOS website.

There have been some changes made to the Show Schedule (in particular the Classes) and General Conditions, so please have a read of these to ensure that you are aware of any changes that have been made.

One change to note is that Entries must be tabled by 7.30 pm, for Judging to commence at 8.00 pm.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either the Show Captain Ray Girdlestone, Chief Steward Eric Locke, or the President Barry Kable.

EDOS Inc Show Vouchers

For those Members who are lucky enough to win Prize Vouchers at any of our Shows, please be assured that these vouchers CAN be used at the EDOS Trade Table at any time before the expiry date shown.

NOTE: For those who were lucky enough to win Prize Vouchers at our last Autumn Show, these vouchers will expire at the end of September, so be sure that you redeem them at any of the venues whose name appears on the voucher.

Request for Assistance

If there is any member (or family member) out there who would be able to assist Lyn and her small band of workers in the Floral Arrangement section it would be greatly appreciated. The ladies are always very busy, and would love to have more 'hands' to help out. If you are able to assist, please see either Lyn or Brent Nicoll, or a Committee member.

Cultural Award for August 14

Dendrobium teretifolium

The *Dendrobium teretifolium* hangs from the roof of the shade house and next to the easterly wall catching the morning sun. In summer I have two layers of 50% shade cloth on the roof, one which I remove in winter and replace with a sheet of plastic. I purchased it with the mount that it is on and I believe that the large size of the mount has been beneficial to the orchid as it has given the orchid room to put out a large root system. I water it every 4 to 7 days in the cooler months and daily to every 3 days in the warmer months depending on temperature and rain. Most waterings are done with an inline magamp fertilizer. Occasionally I spray a high nitrogen foliar fertilizer and a product called Liquid calcium complex which consists of (N) 3.0% (C) 8.4% (Mg) 5.4% and trace elements of (B) (Mo) (Fe) (Co) I find that this is most helpful to mounted orchids. I also heavily mist the root system almost every day in summer. If you have any questions feel free to ask.

Regards,

Marco

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Fire Ants

The Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Biosecurity Qld have published an updated on Fire Ants in South-East Queensland, effective from 31 May 14.

Alison Ralph from DAFF/Biosecurity Qld will be attending our October EDOS meeting for a very informative presentation on the status of the Fire Ant issue.

If you have any particular questions you would like answered, please let Secretary Ken Webster know prior to this meeting.

Quite a few changes have been made to the areas affected, so now would be a good time to check out whether you are in an affected area.

Inspectors will be conducting spot audits over the coming months, so it would be a good idea to check it out.

You can find the information at www.daff.qld.gov.au/fireants or phone 13 25 23.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Inc
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Rd, Beerwah
When: 26 and 27 September, 2014
- What:** Eastern District Orchid Society Inc Spring Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Rd, Manly West
When: 27 and 28 September, 2014
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 19, 20 and 21 September, 2014
- What:** Ipswich Orchid Society Inc
Where: Silkstone State Primary School
When: 4 and 5 October, 2014
- What:** Orchid Species Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 18 and 19 October, 2014
- What:** Boonah Orchid Show (inc 8th Qld Sarcochilus Festival)
Where: Boonah State High School Assembly Hall, Macquarie St, Boonah
When: 18 and 19 October, 2014

What: Nambour Orchid Society Inc Species Show & Trade Fair
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 31 October and 1 November, 2014

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 1 and 2 November, 2014



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Plants Worth Noting August 14

A plant that I had not seen benched before was *Dendrobium glomeratum* benched by Tony Beck.

I asked Tony how he grows this and he doesn't do anything special and the plant is hung in the shadehouse under 75% shade and is watered and fertilised the same as all his other orchids. This is close to the recommended light levels which is similar to Phalaenopsis requirements. High humidity should be maintained all year with watering reduced late autumn and winter. But high humidity at around 90% should be maintained. Grow in warm to hot conditions.

This is a species from New Guinea and the Molucca Islands. In Western Province of Papua New Guinea plants grow at low elevations along swampy rivers. In

Irian Jaya, plants were collected along the Noord River.

-- Source: Charles Baker

Tony's plant was a fairly large growing dendrobium with clusters of bright glistening pink flowers with orange lip. This orchid can be grown on a mount or hanging basket to accommodate a pendulous habit but Tony has decided to grow it in a pot with canes staked upright. His was a well grown specimen with large canes and suited being grown upright in a pot.

Flowers usually appear on the older leafless canes and while the plant had a good showing of inflorescence this year it should be even better display next year based on the number of new canes produced.

An orchid I would like to grow.

Ken Haase

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Ray can be contacted on email webmaster@edos.org.au or phone 3823 4277

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