



# *Eastern District Orchid Society Inc*

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### **SEPTEMBER 2015**

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

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 24 September, 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, Ken Haase is covering "Orchid House Culture". Ken will be talking about what he does to grow many different Genera in one large orchid house

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

Michael Tervo will be doing a presentation called "My Visit to Kew Gardens". I am sure that this will be an interesting topic, knowing Michael's enthusiasm, and having seen some of the photos Michael took while he was there.

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

**Judges:** Eric Locke, Gary Yong Gee, Nick Woolley, John Rooks, Brent Nicoll  
**Observers:** Student Judges Ken Haase, 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:** Janelle Girdlestone  
**Trade Table:** Michael and Nikki Tervo

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

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 1.00 pm on **Sunday, 4 October, 2015** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

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

***Don't forget that our Spring Show will be held on 3 and 4 October, 2015, with judging on Friday night 2 October, 2015, so if you haven't already done so, please consider putting your name on the Show Roster.***

If you are available to help out at the Spring Show please put your name in the Roster sheet at the next meeting, or contact either Ray, John or Barry and let them know when you would be available to help out, and what job you be able to volunteer for.

***EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS, WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS, AND TO SHARE THE LOAD, SO PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ROSTER!***

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, especially during the busy times of the day.

**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, or put your name on the Roster.

**Plant Sales and Benching Tags** – Plant Sale and Plant Benching Tags will be available at the September EDOS meeting from **Roy Jope**. Benching tags are also available for printing from the EDOS website – [www.edos.org.au](http://www.edos.org.au).

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

**Craft Tags** – Craft Tags will be available at the September EDOS meeting from Ann Kable. If you are unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Treasurer John Rooks.

**Plant Labels** - It is very important when benching plants that labels are easy to read and correct. 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, or even placed in the incorrect category.

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.

**Attendance Book** – for Insurance Purposes it is necessary for Members to sign the Attendance Book when helping out at the Show

**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!

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.

## ***Floral Arrangement Helpers Required Urgently!!***



Lyn Nicoll is urgently seeking helpers for the Floral Arrangement area for the Spring Show. If you have any experience in this area, or know someone who has some experience and would be prepared to help out, please contact one of your committee members. Even if you can only provide assistance for part of the time it would be greatly appreciated.

## **SHOW SCHEDULE**

A copy of the 2015 Spring Show Schedule was attached to August Newsletter, and is also available through the EDOS website.

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

**\*\*\*\*\* NOTE: One change in particular is the Opening Time on Sunday, which has been changed to 10 am.**

**A reminder also that Entries must be tabled and available for Judging by 7.30 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.

## ***Volunteers Needed for Plaza Display***

EDOS Inc will be holding their usual Pre-Show Display at Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 26 September 2015

We are seeking volunteers to help man this display, and also to provide flowering orchids, between 9 am and 2 pm. You don't need to be there the whole time, we usually appreciate having a couple of extra helpers around lunchtime to enable others to have a bit of a break and have some lunch.

If you are able to help out, please let Ray Girdlestone or Barry Kable know at the next meeting.

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Secretary Ken Webster  
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**Secretary Ken will have shirts available at the Spring Show.**

## **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.

***Please note that vouchers from the 2015 Autumn Show will need to be used BEFORE the 2015 Spring Show (ie prior to 3 October 2015).***

## ***Plants Worth Noting***

### ***Oeoniella polystachys***



When I saw this plant arriving at the last meeting I thought it looked like one of the Madagascan orchids that seem to do well at our place in our growing conditions. Sure enough, a little research confirmed that this member of the Angraecinae sub tribe does in fact inhabit Madagascar and all three island chains that surround it.

Speaking to the owner, Garry Shishkin, he stated 'it grows like a weed' and this is backed up everywhere in research. He confirmed that the flowers last 3-4 weeks and have a nocturnal fragrance. Garry purchased it from The Strawberry Farm a couple of years ago as a very small plant. It is now approximately 45cm high. He grows it in a shade house and it receives a general water and fertilizer regime. Garry believes spotting on the leaves could have been avoided had it been grown under cover during winter.

In its native habitat, *Oeoniella polystachys* grows primarily on trees in close proximity to the seashore where there is high humidity and considerable warmth. It has a vine like growth habit with its stems and root system surrounding the tree trunk and branches on which it perches.

I look forward to seeing this plant become a specimen in just a few years and in the meantime I will be on the lookout myself to buy what seems like an easy rewarding plant.

***Helen Vickers***



## *Date Claimer*

Make sure that you keep Saturday 5 December, 2015 free, for the EDOS Inc Christmas Breakup. It will be held at the Manly Bowls Club again this year. The Jack Feige Memorial Trophy will be judged on the night. We will also have our "Rolling Raffle".

More information will be available in the coming months.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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

## 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.

### ***BURBANK ORCHID NURSERY***

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The Orchid Grower Magazine is a new digital magazine for orchid growers of all levels. Its focus is on providing practical and relevant information at your fingertips. We will be launching The Orchid Grower in late October and we invite you on our Journey. We intend to launch into the Apple Store and Online and eventually move into the Google Play Store and Amazon. What this means is that you will be able to catchup on all the latest orchid news and get the best tips on your smartphone, tablet or PC just about anywhere in the world.

If you're interested you can become involved and find out more in a couple of ways.

- Follow us on Facebook on <https://www.facebook.com/Theorchidgrower>
- Add yourself to our email list by emailing [theorchidgrowermag@gmail.com](mailto:theorchidgrowermag@gmail.com) with email list in the title.
- Keep an eye out for our website which will be launching soon.

Of course we are particularly interested in getting articles for the magazine from all orchid growers so if you are interested in writing for us, email your article or ideas through we'd love to have them.

## *SOME PONDERISMS!*

**WHY DO YOU HAVE TO "PUT YOUR TWO CENTS IN" .. BUT IT'S ONLY A "PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS"? WHERE'S THAT EXTRA PENNY GOING TO?**

**WHY IS IT THAT PEOPLE SAY THEY "SLEPT LIKE A BABY" WHEN BABIES WAKE UP LIKE EVERY TWO HOURS?**

**IF CORN OIL IS MADE FROM CORN, AND VEGETABLE OIL IS MADE FROM VEGETABLES, WHAT IS BABY OIL MADE FROM?**

## **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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