



# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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### SEPTEMBER 2009

#### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 24 September commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### **FEATURE ITEM**

Guest speaker will be Craig from Neutrog Fertilisers. His topic will be Organic Fertilisers.

#### **RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30PM**

Red Spotters will be hosted by Tony Harrison.

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke; Les Vickers; Bill Williams; Arthur Cornell
- Scribes:** Volunteers on the night
- Observers:** Stella and volunteer
- Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable;
- Supper Stewards:** Marian Samuels and Daphne McKell
- Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck and Dot Rooks
- Library:** Steve Stitz;
- Plants worth Noting:** Arthur Cornell

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Anyone requiring large orders from the Trade Table please contact Pauline Webster on 3286 4910 prior to the meeting.

#### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

To be held on **Thursday 1 October 2009** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West at 7.30 pm

### **EDOS SPRING SHOW 19-20 SEPTEMBER 2009**

#### **HELP STILL NEEDED!!!**

If you are available to help out at the Spring Show and haven't put your name in the Roster book PLEASE contact either Brent, John or Barry and let them know when you would be available to help out.

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

**EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS, WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS!**

**REMEMBER: MANY HANDS  
MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!**

## SHOW REMINDERS

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

**Plant Sales and Craft Sale Tags** – If you need more Tags please contact John Rooks. Please ensure that you use EDOS sale plant tags only.

**Member Number** - Your Member Number is on the newsletter envelope following your name, and this number should be used if you are benching and/or selling plants.

**Fire Ant Register** – Legislation requires that Members sign the Fire Ant Register before Plants can be accepted for either showing or Sales. This Register **MUST** be signed before Plants can be accepted into the Hall. **More information further on in the Newsletter.**

**Sunday Flowers** - We have been asked to provide some flowering orchids to be displayed in the church on Sunday morning. If anyone has any flowering plants which they do not wish to show but are suitable for this purpose on the day please bring them along on Sunday morning and let Barry, Ken or John know.

**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!

**Cut Flowers and Greenery** – Flower arrangements have changed over the years, instead of pretty little filler flowers the ladies would prefer leaves like the cordylines, flax, crotons, anthurium, ferns, etc (leaves that will last a few days without wilting). We desperately need orchid flowers and foliage to work with. The floral art ladies earn quite a lot of money for the society yet it is a constant battle to get flowers to work with. Any small containers that could be used for flower arranging would also be appreciated. If in doubt phone Lyn on 3422 1589.

## REMINDER!

Members are reminded that Prize Vouchers from the Autumn Show need to be used at any of the advertised Sponsors by the end of September 2009.



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### **Vale John Charles (Jack) Feige 23 August 2009**

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the loss of one of our favourite members and Life Member Jack Feige at the age of 90 years

Jack and Lyla joined EDOS in 1973. In 1977 Jack was elected President, serving for 3 years, and again in 1981 for a further 3 years. He also served 6 years as Senior Vice President and 3 years as Junior Vice President. In 1987 Jack became a Judge, and this year was awarded Emeritus Judge Status by the Australian Orchid Council Inc.

In later years ill health curtailed Jack's activities but he was always there with advice for both new growers and old.

The members of EDOS extend their condolences to Lyla and Helen at this sad time.



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**Vale Charles Arthur Pulsford  
10 August 2009**

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the loss of another of our Life Members. Charles passed away on 10 August 2009 at the age of 92 years.

Charles and his wife Beryl joined EDOS in April 1980

EDOS Members extend their condolences to Beryl and family on their loss.

# Wot, When, Where?

**What:** Woodburn Orchid Society Inc – Annual Spring Show

**When:** 18 – 20 September 2009

**Where:** Woodburn Memorial Hall

**What:** Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc – Spring Show

**When:** 18-23 September 2009

**Where:** St Pauls Lutheran Church Hall, Cnr Phillip & James St Toowoomba

**What:** Redland Orchid Society Inc

**When:** Sat 3 October 2009

**Where:** Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland

**What:** Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Inc

**When:** Sat 2 to Sun 3 October 2009

**Where:** Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Rd, Beerwah

**What:** Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc 'October Bonanza'

**When:** Sat 10 to Sun 11 October 2009

**Where:** Student Centre, Bribie Island SHS, First Ave, Bribie Island

**What:** El Dorado Orchids – Open Day

**When:** Saturday 17 October 2009 - 9.30 am to 4 pm

**Where:** 43 Davey Road, Uralba NSW 2477

**What:** Gold Coast-Tweed Orchid Fair 2009

**When:** Sat 31 October & Sun 1 November

**Where:** Tweed Civic Centre, Cnr Wharf & Brett Sts, Tweed Heads

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## PROPOSED FIELD DAY – MORETON BAY BOYS COLLEGE

Secretary Ken Webster is liaising with the School regarding another Field Day at the school – possible date either 16 and/or 18 October. There will be more details available soon.

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## CULTURAL AWARD AUGUST 2009 *Laelia superbians*

I purchased this plant as a 3 lead division of a much bigger plant from the Plant sales at West Brisbane Orchid Show about 7 years ago, with a name tag *Schomburgkia. superbians*. I potted it on when needed, until it outgrew a 300mm port pot, the only thing I could fit it in was a Yabbies sieve, where it is growing today.

The species occurs in Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala where it grows on trees in the open or damp forests or on rocks in low altitudes. Some have been recorded with 13' or 4m inflorescences.

I have been growing it in a shade house with 2.7m high roof with 70% shade cloth and 50% cloth on the walls, until this year moving it to a new section with no cloth on Eastern wall and 4m high roof with 70% shade cloth.

I give it more water in Summer than most orchids, fertilizing with organic and HS022 in the growing season. Once every week insecticide with Eco Oil, Azamax and Eco Rose fungicide, also follicle feed with Amino K and Hy San every 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Summer. A lot of air movement is essential.

This is a very rewarding and easy orchid to grow. Try one.

(There is a photo of this plant on the Wee Leprechaun's page)

Happy Growing

*Barry Kable*

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## **FIRE ANT COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

As advised by the Inspector from Program Compliance Risk Management, Fire Ant Control, **Points to note are:**

Our new meeting place at the Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West, is now in a **RESTRICTED AREA**.

1. All members who are in an Unrestricted Area are able to bring their plants for competition at general meetings and Shows, but must comply with the requirement that on no account must their plants be put down and come into contact with the ground (even in a box) at any time during their visit and remain elevated at all times until their return home.
2. Members from Restricted Areas continue as normal with their potted plants having a plastic tag with ARMP 438, their EDOS Mbr No .... (not Site Inspection No) and the meeting date inscribed on it and placed in each pot.

## **Fire Ant Compliance for EDOS Spring Show**

As mentioned at our last meeting members of the society have to comply with changed Fire Ant Rules. **This is due to reinfestation by a different species of fire ant originating from Wacol, and by flight have spread down the Bulimba Creek system as far as Pinkenba.**

There appears to be more members who are now included in the Restricted Zone.

**Put simply – every member must complete a Fire Ant Declaration (FAD) which is A4 size; eg**

1. Those in **Non Restricted** areas complete and sign FAD - ticking No. 2.  
Keep FAD with you for your return trips to your home from show.  
Produce FAD if requested to do so by a DPI & F Inspector if one is about.
2. Those in **Restricted** areas complete and sign FAD – ticking either (b) or (c). Sale pot plants must be drenched with either Cyfluthrin OR Chlorpyrifos if you wish to sell them. The FAD is to be produced to a DPI & F Inspector on request.
3. The sales tag is acting as a mini FAD and is to be attached to each sale pot with the following information on it:

Member's Name; Address  
ARMP No 438  
Site Inspection No. ....  
Address of Show .....  
Date of Show 18 – 20 Sept 2009  
This item complies with DPI & F requirements  
Please keep tag for 12 months.

## **PLANTS WORTH NOTING**

As one entered the hall one could not miss the orchid that stood over head height (dependant on one's height!) that stood on the floor. The tag stated it was Schomburgkia superbiens x Laelia tenebrosa. (Pictured on the Wee Leprechaun's page) Having looked at photos and read descriptions of the two species, if this is a cross as stated, then the second named species did not have much influence. It certainly had the flowering habit of Schom superbiens, and the flowers were very much alike. Laelia tenebrosa has large pseudobulbs and the flowers are only a little alike. It certainly stood out and no wonder the owner need his truck for transport! These species come from the Americas.

Next is *Coelogyne flaccida* – it was well flowered – not spectacular but showy, as many flowers make up for being what they are. The raceme hangs down, making the flowers harder to observe. These easy to grow orchids come from Nepal to Thailand, and the epiphytic ones grow on trees from 900 to 2300 m. Some grow as lithophytes on rocks that are in open areas.

*Dendrobium gracilicaule* is a good and interesting genus to grow, but hard and expensive to get. *Dendrobium glumaceum* is an excellent example, coming from Borneo and Philippines and is epiphytic around 2300 m altitude. The racemes take quite a few days to flower completely on the hanging length, but have a nice show when that happens.

*Dendrobium gracilicaule* was interesting because of its colour and being a small plant. In *Dendrobium Orchids of Australia* by W T Upton the above term doesn't exist any more., it being a basionym. It is *Den macropus* subspecies *gracilicaule*. In Pridgeon's book it is still *Den gracilicaule*. It comes from Australia to New Caledonia. I would deduct that the ones we see mostly come from South Queensland. The colour ranges from yellow to yellow-green with red to brown blotching. So there is quite a range of colours, so it was good to see one that is different from the norm. *Marcopus* means long footed and refers to the pseudobulb length.

Two others stood out viz. *Cymbidium Peewee* and *Paphiopedilum Shun-Fa Golden*, but enough for now.

Good Growing and Flowering

*Arthur Cornell*

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Ray can be contacted on email [webmaster@edos.org.au](mailto:webmaster@edos.org.au) or phone 3823 4277

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