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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 23 June, 2022,** commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

In order to give members time to set up the tables, we ask that members DON'T arrive before 7 pm unless you are coming to assist with setup.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held on 7 July, 2022 in the Meeting Rooms at the Bayside Uniting Church, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West, commencing at 9.30 am.

RED SPOTTER PRESENTATION

Commencing at 7.30 pm on the side verandah of the Hall, Colin Barker will be doing a presentation on "Fantastic Fertilisers". This must be working for Colin and Hazel as their orchids seem to be growing very well.

FEATURE ITEM

The June meeting's Feature item will be a presentation by John Rees, his topic is "(TF) Transcription Factors and Colour in Orchids". This hopefully will explain some of the mysteries we often wonder about.



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

Judges: Brent Nicoll, John Rooks, Robert

Reitano, plus one other

Associate Judges: Hazel Barker and Greg Webb Scribes: Volunteers required please.

Supper Stewards: Kay Ludlow plus volunteers Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck

Library: Helen Vickers Plant Registrar: Ann Kable



EDOS Inc is again holding a Christmas in July function on 30 July, 2022, at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. Last chance for Tickets will be at the June meeting.

Cost will be \$20 for members, and \$55 for non-members for Canapes, Main and Dessert, which includes drinks (no spirits) and tea and coffee. Doors will be open at

6.00 pm for Canapes at 6.15, with the Main meal being served at 7 pm, and Dessert at 7.45 pm.

If you have any special dietary requirements please let the ladies know when you pay for your tickets.

Each member is asked to bring an item for the Cent Auction (preferably something around \$15, no wine please). We will have a variety of plants, orchid supplies, chocolates and other goodies on the table for members to bid on. There will be a special draw of \$50 as well.

Come along and enjoy a good night of fellowship with other members, have some fun, and win some prizes.

Queensland Orchid Society

When: 15 and 16 October, 2022

Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland

Road, Belmont

The Orchid Species Orchid Society

When: 22 and 23 October, 2022

Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-

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North Moreton Orchid Society

When: 29 and 30 October, 2022

Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-

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Show Dates for 2022

John Oxley Winter Show

When: 23 and 24 July, 2022

Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-

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Caboolture Orchid Society Show

When: 22 and 23 July, 2022

Where: Morayfield Community Centre, 298

Morayfield Rd, Morayfield (behind Bunnings)

North Brisbane Orchid Show

When: 20 and 21 August, 2022

Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-

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Logan District Orchid Society Show

When: 27 and 28 August, 2022

Where: Springwood Road State School, 94-120

Springwood Rd, Springwood

Eastern District Orchid Society Spring Show

When: 17 and 18 September, 2022

Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland

Road, Belmont

Ipswich Orchid Society

When: 24 and 25 September, 2022

Where: Silkstone State School, Prospect St,

Silkstone

Redlands Orchid Society

When: 1 October, 2022

Where: Redlands Multi Sports Club, Judy Holt

Park, Randall Rd, Birkdale

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Acknowledgement of BCC Support

We would also like to acknowledge the Support of the Lord Mayor's Community Fund and Councillors Ryan Murphy (Chandler Ward) and Lisa Atwood (Doboy Ward) for their assistance in Supporting EDOS Inc.

Cultural Award May

Bulbophyllum Sheryl Kurizaki

Having read the official culture requirements as no doubt you have done also; most orchids appear to have similar needs ie excellent drainage /copious water in summer / a rest period through winter.

I have found *Bulbophyllum* are ever so slightly different to other orchids. They are grown in shallow trays - this is because their roots do not penetrate deeply like other orchids. If placed in a standard squat pot the unused growing medium at the bottom will go sour then — Goodnight Bulbo.

They prefer a cool shady area in your orchid house and I always have mine hanging, receiving plenty of air movement. My orchid house gets full morning sun with NO afternoon sun. This has come about by accident rather than design making it perfect for *Bulbophyllum*.

When the time comes to repot your overgrown *Bulbophyllum*, I select a slightly larger tray then place a "mountain" of pearlite in the centre approximately 75mm high, this giving excellent drainage. Then place small pinebark chips 20mm high encircling your mountain. This now resembles something looking like a poached egg – YUM. I then carefully remove the overgrown orchid from its existing tray, and going along with the "cooking" theme, to do this I use 2 egg flips - one for each hand, gently sliding these complex instruments under the orchid, gathering up the whole plant and all existing bark chips attached to the roots.

Once the *Bulbophyllum* is airborne I now carefully "drape" the orchid over its new mountain of perlite. Apart from excellent drainage this gives, in my opinion, a more appealing 3D effect. Don't fiddle too much with the *Bulbophyllum* after being placed on its mountain, by now it will be in shock; I think I would be as well. Once it is in position sprinkle some more small sized bark chips over any exposed roots and, after a light misting of water, place it into ICU for at least two weeks.

To fertilise I use the Nutriflo slow release fertilizing system, Magamp, which simply clips on to your hose/watering wand and then by using the misting nozzle go for it, it's DEAD EASY!

Malcolm Hay

Assistance for Display at AOCC Conference

Malcolm has taken on the task of co-ordinating the EDOS Table Top display at the AOCC Conference starting 1 September, 2022. Malcolm would like some assistance from members, providing plants to go into the display, and also help getting the plants to the facility and collecting again on Sunday. If you have any artistic talent, you might like to talk to Malcolm about any ideas you might have to assist him.

Any assistance will be gratefully received.

Remember, this will be showcasing EDOS Inc to the attendees, so we would like to put on a great display. Any plants put into the display can also be judged in the individual categories. Prize money is also very good.

Please assist Malcolm if possible, as most of the EDOS Inc Committee will be involved in other areas of the Conference and won't be able to assist with this display.

Talk to Malcolm at the next General Meeting if you are available to assist in any way.



Some Light Reading!!

If you are interested in Laeliinae, and you have time to read, this document (41 pages) on the website below is worth a read on several levels.

It has been presented to OHRAG (Orchid Hybrid Registration Authority Group) within the RHS which deals with orchid hybrid names.

It shows how nomenclature committees work as this is being considered for a meeting later in the year.

It demonstrates the problems that arise from slack record keeping.

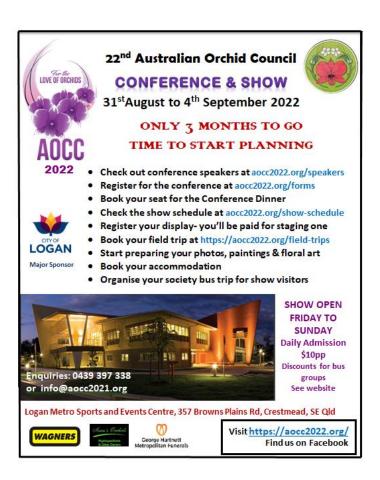
Michael Bleitz is a respected nurseryman in Hawaii and started this off with a letter to the AOS (American Orchid Society) who passed it on to RHS.

I referred to this in a talk at EDOS two meetings ago (presentation of plaques) but didn't emphasise the conclusion reached in the last paragraph.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dxgNFU4QK0QHYpcnUcLopZdnaOD_6Ypd/view?usp=drive_web

You can download it and save as a pdf which runs to 34Mbytes.

John Rees



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