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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held at 3.00 pm on **Thursday 12 January 2023** at Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 January, 2023**, commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West. More information will be available in the January 2023 Newsletter

The Minutes, Financials etc from the November 2022 Meeting, along with information for our Autumn Show and Schedule, will be included in the January Newsletter.

The Editor has been a bit "slack" this month, and I apologise for the lateness of this Newsletter, having taken a break to visit family before the Christmas madness on the roads (I think my timing was a bit out though). The trip north was a challenge and took longer than usual due to the amount of traffic on the road, and massive amounts of road works! Unfortunately, it doesn't get any better as you get older, and the patience with idiots tends to disappear even more.

EDOS Inc Christmas Function 2022



The 2022 EDOS Inc Christmas Party was held on 10th December 2022 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. We had one of the largest attendances for many years, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There were plenty of prizes available in the rolling raffle, some members managed to win lots of prizes, some not so many.

The Jack Feige Memorial Trophy for the Plant of the Year, which was judged from photographs of the plants chosen as Plant of the Night at each monthly meeting, was won by Tony Beck's *Grammangis ellisii* which was November's Plant of the Month. Unfortunately, Tony wasn't there on the night so will be presented with the trophy at the January meeting.

QOS Award for 2022

This year's QOS Award was very aptly awarded to Greg Webb for his tireless work during 2022. Greg is always there to lend a hand, whether it be setting up for a meeting or the shows, working during the Shows, filling in for President Barry when he is away, or running the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings. Greg has also delivered our tables to various other Societies when Barry hasn't been available.

Congratulations Greg.



QIOF Orchid Fair

The QIOF Fair will be held on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 February, 2023 at the Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont.

There will be a large number of vendors from interstate as well as our Queensland vendors, with flask sales from overseas also to purchase from, so start saving up your 'pennies' and think about what you would like to add to your collection.

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Cultural Award November 2022

Aerangis articulata 'Wilmar'

Aerangis articulata is an epiphyte from Madagascar where it grows on trunks and major branches of forest trees at elevations up to 2000 metres. This species has short, stout stems carrying inflorescences with scented long-lived waxy flowers. Under my conditions, it is grown on a tree fern mount under 70% shade cloth, approx. 1.5m from the gravel floor where it receives good air circulation and high humidity. Misting in the early morning and late afternoon in summer is recommended and during the winter months watering is reduced. A variety of fertilisers either organic or inorganic is applied at ½ strength weekly. *Aerangis articulata* is a worthy plant to have in your collection.

Cheers

Bill and Margaret Williams

Show Dates for 2023

What: *Aspley Orchid Society Summer Show*
When: 11 and 12 February, 2023
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

What: *QIOF Sales Fair*
When: 24 and 25 February, 2023
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

What: *BDOFS Orchid & Foliage Show*
When: 11 and 12 March, 2023
Where: School of Arts Hall, 3-7 Pine St. Canungra

What: *West Brisbane OS Autumn Show*
When: 11 and 12 March, 2023
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

What: *EDOS Inc Autumn Show*
When: 1 and 2 April, 2023
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

What: *Pine Rivers Orchid Society Show*
When: 14 and 15 April, 2023
Where: Venue to be confirmed

What: *ANOS (Qld) – Kabi Group*
When: 15 April, 2023
Where: Venue to be confirmed

What: *Ipswich Orchid Society Show*
When: 15 and 16 April, 2023
Where: Silkstone State School, Silkstone

What: *Redlands Orchid Society Show*
When: 22 April, 2023
Where: Redlands Multi Sports Club, Judy Holt Park Complex, Bailey and Randall Roads Birkdale

What: *Brisbane Orchid Society Show*
When: 29 and 30 April, 2023
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

What: *Queensland Orchid Society Inc Show*
When: 6 and 7 May, 2023
Where: BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

What: *Aspley OS Mothers Day Show*
When: 13 May, 2023
Where: Wavell Heights Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights

Growth Development of Vandas

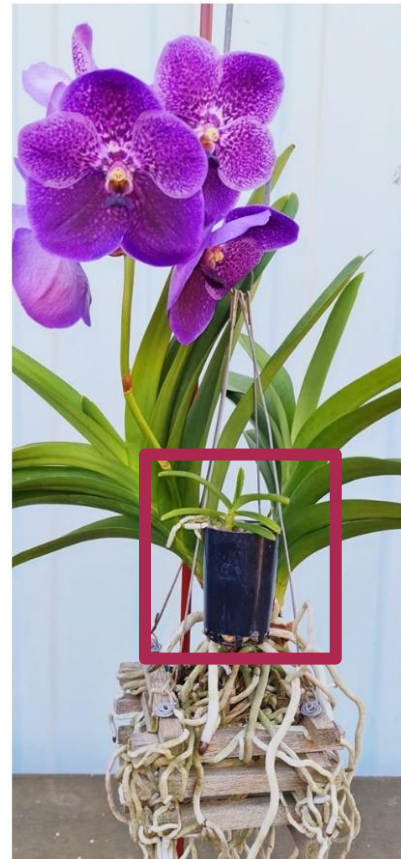
Tony Beck has kindly provided some insight into how Vanda seedling can increase in size in a short time. (See photo attached with the size of original plant highlighted)

Cultural Notes on *Vanda Robert's Delight 'Ink Star'*

These are a few notes regarding a tube seedling that was a raffle prize from an EDOS meeting 3 years ago. I placed it in the smallest wooden basket I could find in a mixture of bark, perlite and charcoal. In the base layer of the mix, I put about a dozen chook pellets and the top some slow-release fertiliser and hung it in the top shelf of my orchid house under 75% green shade cloth and watered it 2-3 times a week and fertilised it once a week. I am very pleased with the result, and you can see from the picture as an example of how much it has grown. I did bench it at the November meeting and although it didn't get a mention the six flowers were of good colour and fair shape. If only my paph seedlings would grow this quickly I would be a happy camper.

Happy growing,

Tony Beck



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Paul McCarthy

Donation to Australian Orchid Foundation

As a result of the Sausage Sizzle which EDOS Inc held at Bunnings this year, we have been able to support the AOF with a donation of \$1800 which will go towards research to save and re-establish our native orchids here in Australia. The cheque was accepted by Gary Yong Gee on their behalf. Gary gave an outline on what the AOF's values are and what their research hopes to achieve in the specialised work they promote.

If you are interested in finding out more about AOF and their projects, their website is
<https://australianorchidfoundation.org.au>

Cultural Award October 2022

Den. Ioddigesii

This Dendrobium originates from Laos, Vietnam and China, where it gets dry winters and wet springs and summers. So..... after last winter it shouldn't have done so well, but I have no solar weave to protect from the rain, and yet it flowered beautifully. It did, however, lose all it's leaves beforehand.

It hangs high in the shade house under 50% shade cloth. It gets fed fortnightly between Father's Day and Mother's Day. I alternate between Focus, at the weak level, and Campbells Blue and Yellow at half strength. Every spring



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