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## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023



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

The next Committee meeting will be held at 3.00 pm on **Thursday 11 January 2024** at Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

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

The next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 25 January, 2024**, commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West. More information will be available in the January 2024 Newsletter

***The Minutes, Financials etc from the November 2023 Meeting, along with information for our Autumn Show and Schedule, will be included in the January Newsletter.***

### **Membership Renewal 2024**

**Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are due on 1 January, 2024 – both Family and Single \$15.**

Payment can be made either by:

- Payment at the January General Meeting, cash or EFT;
- A cheque can be mailed to the Secretary, PO Box 60, Wynnum Central Q 4178;
- Or by Direct Transfer to the following;

**Bank: Bendigo Bank**  
**BSB: 633 000**  
**Account No. 163067937** *(please include your name in reference, otherwise it cannot be identified as yours)*

**PLEASE NOTE: The CBA Bank Account has now been closed. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU USE THE BENDIGO BANK DETAILS.**

Please also note that any members who have not paid their Subscriptions when the March Newsletter is due will not receive their copy, as they will be deemed to be unfinancial at the end of February (as per our Constitution).

Please also remember that you need to be a financial member to be able to table plants or have plants in Plant Sales at the upcoming Autumn Show.

## EDOS Inc Christmas Function 2023



The 2023 EDOS Inc Christmas Party was held on 9th December 2023 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. We had one of the largest attendances we have ever had, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There was a fantastic array of prizes available in the rolling raffle, some members were very lucky on the night, others were a little out of luck. Maybe next Time????

***The Jack Feige Memorial Trophy*** for the Plant of the Year, which was judged by our AOC Judges, from photographs of the plants chosen as Plant of the Night at each monthly meeting, was won by Leanore Price's *R/c. Chief Journey* which was August's Plant of the Month.

Congratulations to Leanore on the win.



## EDOS Inc. Award and Medallion 2023

This Award replaces the now retired QOS Award and Medallion and was very suitably awarded to Ken Haase for his tireless work during 2023. Ken is always there to set up on meeting nights, ensuring that the plants are in their correct classes, doing the same during set-up for the Shows, and making sure that the Judging goes off smoothly. Ken is a very valuable member of the Management Committee.

Congratulations Ken.



# QIOF Orchid Fair

The QIOF Fair will be held on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 February, 2024 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. It is a worthwhile opportunity to add to your collection.

If there is something in particular you want, check the vendor's website, and organise to have it brought to the Fair.

## Show Dates for 2024

**What:** *Aspley Orchid Society Summer Show*  
**When:** 10 and 11 February, 2024  
**Where:** Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha

**What:** *QIOF Sales Fair*  
**When:** 16 and 17 February, 2024  
**Where:** BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

**What:** *Ipswich Orchid Show*  
**When:** 6 and 7 April, 2024  
**Where:** Silkstone State School, Silkstone

**What:** *EDOS Inc Autumn Show*  
**When:** 13 and 14 April, 2024  
**Where:** BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

**What:** *Pine Rivers Orchid Society Show*  
**When:** 13 and 14 April, 2024  
**Where:** Kallangur State School, Old Gympie Rd entrance only

**What:** *Redlands Orchid Society Show*  
**When:** 20 April, 2024 TBC  
**Where:** Redlands Multi Sports Club, Judy Holt Park Complex, Bailey and Randall Roads Birkdale

**What:** *Queensland Orchid Society Inc Show*  
**When:** 27 and 28 April, 2024  
**Where:** BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

**What:** *Brisbane Orchid Society Show*  
**When:** 4 and 5 May, 2024  
**Where:** BISC Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

## Cultural Notes September 2023

### *Den. primulinum*

The judges in their wisdom have suggested that I write about how I grow *Den. primulinum*. It was the large plant at the September meeting growing in a basket with pink and yellow flowers.

Having grown orchids for 45 years I cannot remember where I purchased it, maybe from Fame Orchids, in those days they did sell a lot of similar dens. Todd Marshall was probably still going to school at that time. *Den. primulinum* is widespread in Northern India down to the Philippines. Many years ago, I divided the plant in two, they went into large plastic baskets and I lined them with shade cloth to stop media falling out. I use bark and charcoal with large perlite, both plants looked identical at that time. The first hung under a large poinciana tree, seldom watered, very little fertiliser and was struggling to grow. The other was hung in the orchid house (on a swivel having copious amounts of water and fertilizer, it flourished).

A lot of these den's are pretty well pest free, apart from me, the *primulinum* under the tree was not touched by the dreaded denrobium beetle. Having a lot of epis, vanda and speciosum in the garden I am waving a green flag for the beetle. About three years ago the beetles were everywhere so I bought a two litre of Lawn Beetle and Grub Killa made by Richgro and available at Bunnings. This is a premixed product that you can click on your hose, I can be in action within 30 seconds of spotting my target. Because it is so easy to spray, every time I see a beetle which is every few weeks when the beetle is active, I spray on the orchids and plants in the garden as well as the outside of the orchid house as I have observed them on the shade cloth.

The spray works by stomach action, they stop eating straight away but may take a day or two to die. The active constituent is Bifenthrin at 4.8 grams a litre. This is the one our last guest speaker spoke about; the safety instructions are "do not inhale and wash hands after use". I would not recommend drinking it either as I prefer a Great Northern.

This season I have seen only one beetle at the time of printing, so have only sprayed once, there it is – my secret is out!

**Brent Nicoll**



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Ray and I were very honoured to be granted Life Membership of EDOS Inc. at the 2023 AGM. We Thank the Committee very much for this honour.

This is the excerpt from the AGM Minutes, as spoken by President Kable:

*Tonight, I have enormous pleasure in bestowing Life Membership to two very dedicated and hard-working members. - Ray & Janelle Girdlestone*

*Ray & Janelle joined EDOS Inc. in August 2006*

*They soon became committee members and contributed valuable support to EDOS Inc.*

*Ray has official job descriptions of Show Captain & Web Master, but he is so much more he has the ability to do many jobs, he was implemental in setting up our website and Facebook and maintains the sites, implementing our barcoding and register system, and without his input on meeting nights we may not have seen some guest speaker power point presentations. He is responsible for the smooth running of our shows, with a lot of behind-the-scenes work.*

*Janelle has official job description of Editor and Publicity Officer, but has filled in as Secretary, Treasurer, Plant Recorder to name a few. Janelle also maintains our Constitution/By-laws and New Grower Booklet.*

*Both Ray & Janelle support EDOS anyway they can whether it be at Shopping Centre promotions, meeting nights or at shows. They were invaluable with our move to Belmont International Shooting Complex.*

*Ray & Janelle have both become full AOC Judges and are great promoters of EDOS Inc and orchid growing.*



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## **Cultural Notes November 2023.**

### *Bulbophyllum lobbii*

This plant is found widespread throughout southeast Asia from Assam in India through Burma to Thailand and into Borneo and Java, where there is heavy rainfall most of the year, and perhaps a little less during their short winters.

It is an epiphyte and grows in warm to hot humid forests at elevations of 750m to 2000m. It likes medium light levels along with a medium temperature range.

This plant can grow to a very large size and will do best in a shallow tray. However, if one divides the plant, it is likely to sulk and not flower for a couple of years.

I have found that *lobbii* does best in high light, same as the *Cattleya*, with about 50% shade cloth. Water twice weekly, in the warmer weather and perhaps once every one or two weeks in the cooler months. They like misting daily in summer and a bit less in winter, but always let the dryness of the day dictate the misting on a particular day.

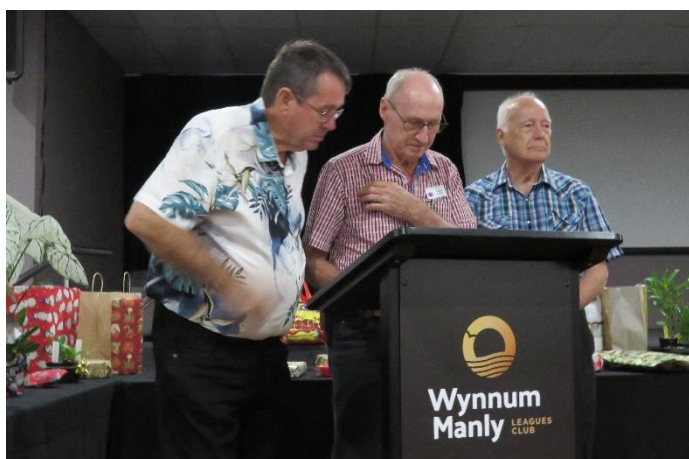
**Colin Barker**

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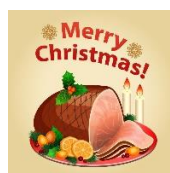
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*The Committee Wishes our Members a Very Safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Stay Safe and look after one another (and of course your orchids).*



### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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