

Message from the President

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Melbourne Clivia Group.

For those of us who love clivia, September and October have to be the best months. All our work through the year is rewarded, we hope, by beautiful blooms, and the excitement—and sometimes disappointment—of first flowers comes mostly at this time of the year.

We are lucky to have in our group, several individuals who have been growing clivia for 30 years or more as well as those who possess just one plant (at the moment). In between are the rest of us with little or more experience in growing clivias. What this means is that we can all learn from each other. There are many different techniques that people employ to grow and care for their clivia and our group will provide the forum for us to share these things among ourselves.

The committee met on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September to undertake some planning, for 2008 in the main, and we feel sure that the September and October meetings will contain topics of interest for everyone.

In order to run as a club organisation, the committee recommends that an individual membership be \$15, with each additional member of a family an extra \$10 each. The current fee will run until the end of 2009, with membership coinciding with the calendar year. The newsletter will be distributed to the first individual in each family group. In order to minimise costs, we would like to distribute the newsletter electronically to those with computers but will mail out copies to those without this facility. We would like to start collecting membership fees at the September and October meetings and would appreciate cash from those attending the meetings as the group has not yet completed setting up a bank account.

We plan to continue offering a raffle at our coming meetings but wish to point out that this is entirely OPTIONAL but the proceeds will help with some of the ongoing costs, such as venue hire and insurance, along with the membership fees.

Although the newly-elected committee will do its best to coordinate the group, we do look forward to maximum participation from every member. We have provided our contact phone numbers and email addresses so that we can be contacted and we will do our best to assist. We really want everyone to derive what they want from the group and we will always be available for feedback and would welcome suggestions.

Finally, we look forward to seeing more pots of flowering clivia brought to the meetings over the next two months.

Helen Marriott

Resources

Recent Happenings

Upcoming Events

**CLIVIA COLOUR CHART**

The Clivia Society has produced a new Clivia Colour Chart comprising 100 colours in a series of swatches.

This is intended to help clivia lovers to describe their flower colours accurately.

Colour Charts are \$45 each including postage.

**GROW CLIVIAS 2008  
EDITION**

By Graham Duncan

\$35 each including postage

Both can be ordered through:

Ken Smith

593 Hawkesbury Road,

Winmalee, NSW 2777

(02) 4754 3287

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Subscribe to the Yahoo Clivia Enthusiasts Group

Send an email to [clivia-enthusiast-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:clivia-enthusiast-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). You

will then be subscribed to receive posts in your inbox to questions, answers and news regarding clivia.

The Clivia Forum – Global Clivia Enthusiast Forum

<http://www.cliviaforum.co.za>

A great resource for asking questions and chatting to other clivia enthusiasts.

Please let us know if you have any other news or items of interest to share.

**OUR ADDRESS**

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**SYDNEY CLIVIA GROUP**

A Sydney Clivia Group has started up with a social BBQ. A follow up “Interest Meeting” is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> October.

More information –

[rodger1a@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rodger1a@optusnet.com.au)

**3AW INTERVIEW**

Irene Broadbent and Reg Bussell were interviewed by Jane Edmanson last Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September on our favourite topic.

Our September meeting and

group were mentioned and are

listed on the 3aw website:

[http://www.3aw.com.au/the-](http://www.3aw.com.au/the-big-backyard-september-78/20080908-4bxx.html)

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**NEXT MEETING ..**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

2008 - 7.30 pm

Uniting Church,

Cnr Burwood Hwy &

Blackburn Rd, Burwood

**Topics:**

Clivia *miniata* –  
characteristics and  
variations

Germinating seeds

Bring along your  
flowering *miniata*!

October Meeting to be held 17<sup>th</sup> October. Topics include Growing Seedlings and Colour Inheritance

**VICTORIA**

Irene Broadbent's open garden (in Australia's Open Garden scheme) Gumtree Garden, 20-21 Sep 2008, 10:am-4:30pm; Talks on clivia at 11am & 1pm daily.

Address: 43 Gaul Ave,

Darnum (near Warragul)

Directions: Melway 612:V7.

From Princes Fwy (M1) take

Darnum exit and cross back

over the freeway and turn

east.

**QUEENSLAND**

Toowoomba Clivia Society

Show: 19-26 Sep, TAFE

Agricultural College,

Lindsay Street, Toowoomba

Toowoomba Clivia show at

Wilson Shopping

Centre, 19-24 Sep, Display

by Jeanne Marten and Nick

Powell

Pine Mountain Nursery

Open Day, 18-21 Sep,

Ipswich.

**WEST AUSTRALIA**

Show, 27-28, Forrestdale

**NEW ZEALAND**

Shows and tours from 3-12

October

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