



## PRESIDENT'S CLIVIA EXPO 2017 MESSAGE

Dear Members,  
It is with pleasure I write to you all to report that the Clivia Expo 2017 was another successful event, and I thank all the members and their families who supported the event in various ways. There were 111 beautiful plants, with all the different colours one could wish for, from 16 exhibitors. To those who were unable to attend, photos taken by John MacKenzie have been uploaded to the gallery of the Melbourne Clivia Group website by Lisa Fox. Thanks for letting us all enjoy the expo at any time and recall our favourites.

I qualify success principally by observation, how the visiting public and members seemed to enjoy the day. To my eyes, there was a steady entrance of keen gardeners wanting to view, buy and learn more about growing *Clivia*. Entrance numbers were a little down from previous years, but still over 200 people attended. The visitors were greeted by friendly faces, both at the door and at reception.

*Below, Andrea Whitty and John Trotter*



*Below, Brenda G, Erika van der Spuy and Mal Foster*



*Above, Kelvin Mitchell and below, with John Trotter*



The 'Ask me' vests, in addition to members wearing our embodied vests, polos and name badges, not only looked great, but made for better contact with our visitors. Thanks to John Trotter and his support team for making everyone feel welcomed from the moment they arrived. Inside the





community centre, at the MCG table, there were sales of Helen Burrows' gift cards, Clivia Society publications and colour charts.

We received 5 new membership applications. Welcome to the group, and I look forward to getting to know you better at the meetings. Thanks to all who helped at the info table with this important aspect of the day.



*Above, Ian Larmer and Nick Cheng*



*Above, Alan O'Leary, Terry E, Ian, Margaret Rackham*

The demonstration table was popular as ever, and Helen did a wonderful job explaining techniques for pollination and sowing seeds.



*Above, Paul Smith looks on.*



*Above, Margaret Rackham enjoying the demonstration.*





The Trading Table was busy with sales throughout the day, but I noticed more requests for unusual colour *C. miniata* and interspecific crosses. I guess many of those attending already have some *Clivia*, so are seeking something a bit different. Well done Roger Clarke and the other members on the tables, as I know there are so many questions to answer, and not just about the plants for sale.

I enjoyed experiencing the relaxed and communal hospitable atmosphere created by the excellent catering. Thanks to Di, not only for the amazing cakes and sandwiches, but to her, Jules and Maria Clarke for the friendly service to all. It was wonderful to see members taking time out and enjoying themselves at the large round tables.



'TKO' auction lot



Roger C and Garry Brady on the Trading Table



'Hirao' auction lot

The silent auction did create another interesting aspect to the day. Thank you to Hugh Williams for the incredibly generous donation of the two lots, a 'Hirao' and a 'TKO'. The auction raised in excess of \$1000. Congratulations to the successful bidders on winning such impressive plants.



'Westleigh Wonder'



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It came as little surprise to me to be told that the Peoples' Choice Award was awarded to Terry Edwards for his rare and very eye catching chimera flowering *Clivia* 'Westleigh Wonder'. Not only did it have the umbel with different colour flowers (both green and a muted bronze), it had an offset with darker bronze flowers.





'UQ'

Runner up for the Peoples' Choice was 'UQ', a small compact plant with bronze flowers imported from Hattori in Japan, owned by Lisa Fox.



'Florid White Lips Bronze'

Third place went to a 'Florid White Lips Bronze' owned by Terry Edwards. This impressive plant had three umbels of distinctive flowers

Thanks to Barry Plant Real Estate (Blackburn) for the sponsorship of the promotion billboard outside the centre, with the great graphic design by Vu Dang and organised by John Trotter.



Sincere thanks to Andrew Briginshaw and Sam from Richgro. We are very grateful for generous support of our event with raffle prizes, samples, and gift packs for exhibitors, and promotion of the expo on social media.

To the committee thank you for the hours in preparation, with meetings, email and phone calls to getting manner of things sorted. My special thanks to Rae Begg, for all the printing, and our Treasurer, Chee Perks, for her diligence with the financials. And finally thanks to Paul Smith for being registrar and Brenda Girdlestone for being Chief Steward.



## PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER MESSAGE

It was a real pleasure to enjoy the company of so many members at the October meeting. It was difficult to get the meeting started with everyone chatting up since we met together at expo. It was a good experience, to hear how some members started out with Clivia, where others are at, and what we are hoping for to come. Some good suggestions were made for the next expo. A deposit has been made for the same venue as this year, for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September.

The Christmas party is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of November from noon, and being hosted at the home Ray and Chee Perks. It will be catered for by the MCG, BYO alcohol. All members and partners welcome. For catering purposes, please let Chee know you are attending by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the address in Warrandyte will be supplied to you. Chee's phone number is 0433837030.

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne Clivia Group Inc. will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018, to start at 7.30 p.m., at the Uniting Church, corner of Burwood Highway and Blackburn Road, Burwood. I look forward to seeing you there.

Michael Barrett  
President

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## NEXT MEETING

### Annual General Meeting

**Friday 9 February 7.30pm**

**Uniting Church**

**Cnr Blackburn Rd &  
Burwood Hwy, Burwood**

The Melbourne Clivia Group will hold regular meetings at the Burwood Heights Uniting Church Fellowship Room in 2017. Meetings start 7.30 p.m. unless stated otherwise.  
**Please note the Saturday daytime meeting**

Friday 9 February 7.30pm – Annual General Meeting

Friday 20 April 7.30pm – General Meeting

**Saturday 14 July** – General Meeting to include special 'Christmas in July' afternoon tea

Friday 17 August 7.30pm – General Meeting

Friday 19 October 7.30pm – General Meeting

## COMMITTEE

**Michael Barrett**– President

**Yvonne Hargreaves**– Vice President

**Roger Clarke**– Secretary

**Chee Perks**– Treasurer

**Rae Begg & John Trotter**– Committee members

Melbourne Clivia Group Phone Number –  
**Michael 0488998327**

*Deadline for next issue –  
15 January, 2018*

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Kelly, Joy and John Trotter





Terry receiving the 'Kevin Walters Memorial Trophy' for People's Choice Clivia Expo 2017



Winners are grinners, Congratulation Lisa and Terry



Cake Boss, Di Mathews



Chee Perks, Vu, Charlie and Elynn Dang





*New member David Schapendonk*



*John MacKenzie*



*Floral art stage display. Thanks to the many members who generously supplied various material to make the impact.*



*The delightful Megan Backhouse from The Age receiving a thank you Clivia .*



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### ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS Nomination form 2018

The election of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and ordinary members of the Committee will take place at the AGM on Friday 9 February 2018.

Following the Model Rules (49-55) of the Association, nominations should be sent to the Secretary on the form below or else presented at the AGM. Please note the following:

- All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant at the AGM. Committee members may be re-elected.
- An eligible member of the MCG Inc. may (a) nominate him/herself; or (b) with the member's consent, be nominated by another member.
- If only one member is nominated for the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, the member will be declared elected to that position.  
If more than one member is nominated, a ballot must be held.
- A member who is nominated for a position and fails to be elected to that position at the meeting may be nominated for any other position for which an election is yet to be held.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being a financial member of the Melbourne  
Clivia Group Inc, nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination accepted:      Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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### APPOINTMENT OF PROXY 2018

The process for the appointment of a proxy as found in the Model Rules (34) of the Association is summarised here and includes an appointment of proxy form.

Any member unable to attend the AGM is entitled to appoint another member as proxy by submitting to the Secretary (at the email address given above) a nomination form no less than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (address)

being a member of the Melbourne Clivia Group Inc. appoint \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of proxy holder) (address of proxy holder)

being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the annual general meeting of the Association to be held on Friday, 9 February 2018 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in the case that a ballot is held for the election of a Committee member.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY USE ONLY: Date & time received: