



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all our members. I hope you and your family have enjoyed a lovely Christmas period and are looking forward to a happy and prosperous year ahead.

The year 2019 has been industrious for the Melbourne Clivia Group and I would like to thank each of the committee members and other members for your hard work and dedication. We had a number of interesting speakers over the year including an interstate speaker, changed the expo venue to Mount Waverley Community Centre, introduced better prizes for the People's Choice Award winners including rosettes, revamped the website, as well as a number of other initiatives that we hope the members will enjoy.

I note with concern and trepidation that a good number of fellow *Clivia* enthusiasts throughout Australia have been and continue to be troubled by bushfires and drought. Maintaining a *Clivia* collection when water is in short supply and homes are being threatened by fire is impossible. Our thoughts go out to the people affected at this time. Please stay safe.

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Friday 21st February and I strongly encourage you to attend. If you are interested in a committee position, we would be very happy to hear from you. If you do not wish to nominate for a position, you can support the club by attending meetings, assisting with the expo, donating a raffle prize or a great number of other ways. We are very grateful for any way members are able to contribute. We are fortunate to have Jane Tonkin from Tonkin Bulbs presenting summer/autumn bulbs which is the second part to her previous presentation on winter/spring bulbs at the AGM. Bulbs will be for sale.

At the end of this newsletter you will find a form for renewing your membership which is now due. There is also a nomination form, proxy form for the Annual General Meeting and minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

This newsletter contains a few photos and a small summary from the October General Meeting and the

Christmas lunch, plus a few photos of flowering plants and summer cultivation notes.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas for the club, whether for speakers, topics, member offers or improvements. I can be contacted by email: lisa.fox@gmail.com or phone: 0417 087 667.

Lisa Fox

NEXT MEETING

Annual General Meeting

Friday 21 February 7.30pm
Presentation by Jane Tonkin
(Tonkin Bulbs)

Uniting Church
Cnr Blackburn Rd &
Burwood Hwy, Burwood

The Melbourne Clivia Group holds regular meetings at the Burwood Heights Uniting Church Fellowship Room. Night meetings start 7.30 p.m.

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2020 CALENDAR

Friday 21 February 7.30pm
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
plus Jane Tonkin from Tonkin Bulbs

Friday 17 April 7.30pm – General Meeting

Saturday 20 June 2pm – General Meeting
Speaker: Alan O'Leary

Saturday 18 July 2pm – General Meeting

Friday 21 August 7.30pm – General Meeting

Friday 16 October 7.30pm – General Meeting



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE NOW

Single – electronic newsletter	\$20
Single – hardcopy newsletter	\$30
Extra family member	\$15

* See form at end of this newsletter

OCTOBER MEETING

A large number of members attended the October meeting and enjoyed a great presentation by Margaret Rackham on the Gloriosa Lily, followed by an auction of quality *Clivia* plants. Many members were lucky enough to obtain a well-bred flowering plant for a good price and several members fought to the bitter end to secure their plant of choice.

Thank you to Peter Haeusler, Gary Brady and Richgro for the generous donations of raffle prizes.



Fig. 2 Well attended



Fig. 3 Auctioneer and helper



Fig. 1 Gloriosa Lily presentation



Fig. 4 A lovely Group 2 plant auctioned



Fig. 5 One of 3 Apple Blossoms auctioned



Fig. 6 Raffle prizes

View more photos from the October meeting at the website gallery >

<http://www.melbournecliviagroup.org.au/gallery/gallery-2019-october-meeting/>

FREE 2020 MCG CLIVIA CALENDAR

We have decided to offer the MCG 2020 Clivia Calendar to our members as a gift. If you have not yet received one, please contact Rae Begg and she will send one out to you in the mail.





CHRISTMAS LUNCH FUNCTION



Fig. 7 Winner of hamper - Jules Hogan



Fig. 8 Lunch at the Burvale Hotel



Fig. 9 Lunch at the Burvale Hotel

CULTIVATION NOTES

Di Mathews

Summer has certainly made its presence felt this year and the hot weather looks to continue for some months.

Clivia are fairly drought resistant plants with their large fleshy roots, but still require some care and attention during the hot months if they are to thrive.

Small seedlings and young plants will need regular watering, while mature plants, especially if grown in pots, will appreciate a good weekly watering weekly in most cases.

When watering your pots, it is important to give a good drench of water so that the water flows freely from the bottom of the pot, then do not water until it is needed again. It is also preferable to water during the early part of the day to allow excess water to drain and help reduce the incidence of fungal attack.

The hot winds at this time of year will often deposit a layer of dust on the leaves, so the *Clivia* will appreciate quick gentle spray with the hose to remove this.

Continue with your fertilising regime of choice.

Flowering size *Clivia* start to produce their flower buds for the following spring in January, deep within the base of the plant, so it is important to ensure good nutrition to promote a good head of flowers.

Potassium is essential for good flowers and strong peduncles, and one way to ensure both is to feed with potassium sulphate over the summer. It can be applied as a weak solution in water, or what may be easier is to sprinkle about a teaspoon of it around the top of the pot of your flowering size plants and water in well. This can be done monthly over summer.

Ensure that plants are well shaded during the very hot days. *Clivia* are prone to scorched leaves if left unprotected in the sun.

Continue to keep a watchful eye for leaf chewing pests, such as mealybugs, cockroaches, and snails, and treat as necessary. If spraying for pests, do not spray on hot days, but wait for a cooler and wind free day to use pesticides.

Finally, spare a thought for our birds and wildlife in this hot weather, and leave a dish of water out for them in a safe and sheltered part of the garden if possible.



FLOWERING



Fig. 10 'Fabulous' x 'Wild Dog' - B. Girdlestone



Fig. 12 Ndwedwe Jade x Super Jade – B. Girdlestone



Fig. 11 Behop – L. Fox



Fig. 13 Yellow x Mambo - B. Girdlestone



Figure 14 Ndwedwe Jade x Super Jade – B. Girdlestone



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**APPLICATION
FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL OF THE
MELBOURNE CLIVIA GROUP INC. 2020**

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

- I wish to become a member of the Melbourne Clivia Group Inc. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to support the purposes of the MCG Inc. and to comply with the rules of the group.
- I wish to renew my membership.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership options:

- Single Membership 2020 (electronic newsletter) \$20
- OR**
- Single Membership 2020 (hard copy newsletter) \$30
- Each additional family member \$15

Payment options:

- Cash (at meetings)
- Cheque (*payable to Melbourne Clivia Group Inc.*)
- Direct Deposit (BSB 083657; Acc. 829745477)

Additional family members: (*please add all names & signatures)

Name	Signature



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ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS Nomination form 2020

The election of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and ordinary members of the Committee will take place at the AGM on Friday 21 February 2020.

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.
- The AGM must by resolution decide the number of ordinary members of the Committee it wishes to hold office for the next year. A single election may be held to fill all of those positions. If the number of members nominated exceeds the number to be elected, 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 2020

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 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, 21 February 2020 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:



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2019 of the Melbourne Clivia Group 22nd February 2019

Venue: Burwood Uniting Church, Fellowship Room, Cnr. Burwood Hwy and Blackburn Rd.
Burwood.

Meeting Opens (7.35 pm)

Welcome: President Michael Barrett welcomed members to the new Clivia year.

Apologies: Ian Larmer, Yvonne Hargreaves, Helen Marriott, Nick Cheng, Ian Johnson, John Trotter, Ray Argent.

Members Present: (21)

Michael Barrett, Rae Begg, Ray Begg, Terry Edwards, Lisa Fox, Allan Gibson, Brenda Girdlestone, Haydn Lomas, John Mackenzie, Di Matthews, Kelvin Mitchell, Chee Perks, Ray Perks, Margaret Rackham, Paul Smith, Gerard Van Buuren, Andrea Whitty, John Cochrane, Glenis Gallagher, Ray Hargrave.

Motion to accept minutes of last AGM (distributed in April 2018 in MCG newsletter Vol.11.2).

Moved: Chee Perks

Seconded: Ray Begg.

1. Reports.

President's report

I am pleased to deliver the Melbourne Clivia Group's President report 2018 here tonight at our annual General Meeting.

To begin with I wish to congratulate all members who together made our tenth year such a successful one. In particular, the Clivia Expo in September and the October 10th year celebration event saw current and past members, as well as interested public, come together to share our mutual enjoyment of this most rewarding and fascination genus of plant.

In the course of the group's history over the past ten years there have been only two Presidents, Helen Marriot and myself. I wish to acknowledge the tremendous dedicated leadership of Helen for the significant formative first six years. Over the past four years I truly have enjoyed being President and the year before that (2014) the Secretary. I have had much joy, sense of satisfaction and personal growth opportunities. With these I have gained a better understanding of myself, and others' personalities in terms of work ethic, dedication, and personal boundaries. My sincere thanks to the other members with whom I have worked with on various committees over the years, and those who served on committees or subcommittees before my time, for the support and understanding we have tried to show each other. In reality, it has been a very small core group of members taking on the organizational roles within the group. Other members have contributed in many other vital ways; with donations, helping layout furniture for the meeting, supper supplies and contributions, doing demonstrations and presentations, or simply adding their enthusiasm to the Group's regular meetings and annual expos. I wish to thank the outgoing committee of 2018 for all the hard work over

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the past year, that was a success but with challenges along the way. I have firmly decided my time on the Melbourne Clivia Group committee has concluded.

We are a small group of individuals with a very particular focus for this organization, while also having many interests other than Clivia. However, there are potential members and others keen to learn more about, and acquire, different and improved Clivia as demonstrated by the successful expos held over the past years.

Specialist or niche societies of any type play a significant role in the advancement of the particular interest, its promotion or improvement, and general popularity or accessibility to information or material. I feel the Melbourne Clivia Group fulfils its statement of purpose, and we should continue to play a special role in the ornamental horticulture and general gardening community.

I wish the Group and all the members a very bright future for 2019.

Secretary Report 2019

Membership:

We had 7 new members who signed up at our Expo, and at the end of December we had 63 members. This was down slightly from the previous year.

General meetings:

We held meetings in February, April, June, July, August, Expo September, October. Again, we held 2-day time meetings on Saturday's in June and July. These day meetings are proving to be of benefit to some of our members who are unable to attend night meetings.

February - was our AGM

April - Developing a clivia collection presented by Peter Haeusler.

June - Back to basics presented by Lisa Fox, Di Mathews and Brenda Girdlestone

July - Covered Interspecific's and variegates

August - Guest speaker Simon Richard, the roving gardener spoke about some of his travels taking groups to gardens in many different countries.

October - 10th year celebration, all past and present members were invited to this function and it was well received by all that attended. Many past members attended and a few re-joined the club.

September again was our Expo, we were blessed with fine weather on the day and a good attendance of the public, sales were brisk and the display didn't disappoint anyone.

Thank you to all the organisers and helpers on the day, I'm not going to thank members by name in case I forget someone, but I do want to say a big thank you to John Trotter who spent many hours on the phone and filling the roster for the day, this is such an import part of the day and having rosters filled makes it easier for all members to enjoy the day.

We finished off with another live auction of very desirable plants and bidding was at times brisk, congratulations to all winning bidders.

November was our Christmas break and get together, this was again hosted by Ray and Chee Perks, thank you for your hospitality. I'm sure all who attended will join me in saying a big thank you.

Newsletters

We had 3 newsletters that went out in 2018, due to unforeseen circumstances the last newsletter was not able to be sent out. The newsletters that went out were full of interesting reading and many practical topics. I'm sure members got a lot of informative information from them.



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Garden club speakers

I'm not aware of any members doing garden talks through the year, we do receive a small number of requests, but members who have been able to accommodate any in the past, are now not in positions to do so. This is something that we state on our website we can do, so if you're interested or can help out with some of these in your area please let the secretary know.

Finally thank you to the committee for their assistance and help after I took over the secretary position half-way through the year.

Move to accept Secretary's report.

Moved: John Mackenzie

Seconded: Lisa Fox

Treasurer's report



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2018 Financial Report					
Bank Account		Income	Expenses	Sub-total	Balance
		\$ c	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c
Opening Balance Bank Acc -					5,522.29
Income					
	Membership	1,700.00			
	Raffles	739.00			
	Trading Table	130.00			
	Advertisements	20.00			
	Donations	20.00			
	Club Merchandise	330.00			
	Expo	7,287.00			
	Other	90.00			
				10,316.00	
					15,838.29
Expenses					
	Hall Hire		704.50		
	Newsletter		nil		
	Web Site		188.90		
	Consumer Affairs		56.90		
	RHSV		203.00		
	Stationary		24.50		
	Club Merchandise		940.00		
	Expo		6,338.14		
	Other		1,616.90		
	Petty Cash		60.00		
				10,132.84	
					5,705.45
Closing Balance 31/12/18					
Current Assets					
	NAB Chq A/c -				5,705.45
	NAB Fixed deposit				6,526.58
	Petty Cash				54.60
	Total to date				12,286.63
Petty Cash					
	Opening Balance				125.10
	Credit	1,000.00			
	Debit		1,070.50		
					54.60
	Bank Credit	cr 183.16			
	Petty Cash Debit		db 70.50		
	Nett Profit			112.66	

Move to accept Treasurer's report.
Moved: John Mackenzie
Seconded: Andrea Whitty

3. Election of 2019 Office Bearers

Michael Barrett vacated the chair. Lisa Fox took the chair and declared all positions vacant and an election for president was conducted.



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The nominations for President:

Only one nomination received: Haydn Lomas nominated Lisa Fox from the floor of the meeting. No other nominations received
Lisa Fox accepted and was duly elected as President.

Nominations for Vice President:

Haydn Lomas nominated Di Mathews as Vice president. No other nominations received.
Di Mathews accepted
Di Mathews elected as Vice President.

Nominations for Secretary:

Di Mathews nominated Brenda Girdlestone from the floor, no other nominations received.
Brenda Girdlestone elected as Secretary.

Nominations for Treasurer:

Chee Perks nominated Rae Begg from the floor No other nominations received. Rae Begg accepted.
Rae Begg elected as Treasurer.

Nominations for Ordinary Committee members:

Nominations received prior to meeting were Ian Larmer, and Ian Johnson, in their absence they were both elected.

Chee Perks, John Mackenzie and Allan Gibson, were all nominated from the floor, all accepted and were elected.

4 Raffle

Donations of special plants from Hugh Williams.

Raffle prizes were won by:

- Neville Hargrave
- Michael Barrett
- Allan Gibson
- John Mackenzie
- Ray Hargrave
- Brenda Girdlestone

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.