



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all our members. I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas period, especially with the COVID-19 restrictions having been lifted enough that we are able to celebrate with family members and friends.

In Melbourne, with the strict lockdown rules, and in the face of such a catastrophic threat as the COVID-19 pandemic, it was only right that small clubs such as the Melbourne Clivia Group put events and meetings on hold until such time as we can be safe to meet.

In February we are planning our Annual General Meeting and Plant Sale and are forging ahead with 2021 meetings and events at this stage. Of course, our meetings will be subject to ongoing monitoring of conditions in Victoria.

The meetings will be conducted with social distancing where possible, masks indoors where mandatory and we will seek one or two people to man the kitchen to make coffees/teas rather than everyone make their own in a small room.

2021 is looking promising for the MCG although we will need to make a few concessions. Rather than our goal of running a larger two-day Expo, we will most likely need to remain with a smaller one day Expo for this year.

We are fortunate to have our members Alan O'Leary and Peter Haeusler agree to be speakers this year. Alan will be at the June meeting which is scheduled for a Saturday afternoon. More on Alan in the next newsletter. Speakers and topics for the rest of the meetings are still to be decided and we are happy to listen to any ideas you may have.

This newsletter is a brief one to announce the Annual General Meeting in February and make sure everyone has access to the nomination form, Proxy form, membership form and minutes from the 2020 AGM. To nominate or vote, you must be a financial member of the Melbourne Clivia Group. Please check with Brenda or Rae if you are unsure as to your membership status.

Thank you to Richgro for agreeing to continue sponsorship of the Melbourne Clivia Group in 2021.

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

& PLANT SALE

Friday 19 February 7.30pm

**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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2021 CALENDAR

Friday 19 February 7.30pm – Annual General Meeting & Plant Sale

Friday 16 April 7.30pm – General Meeting

Saturday 19 June 2pm – General Meeting
Speaker: Alan O'Leary

Saturday 17 July 2pm – General Meeting

Friday 20 August 7.30pm – General Meeting

Friday 15 October 7.30pm – General Meeting
Speaker: Peter Haeusler



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

* See form at end of this newsletter

END OF YEAR LUCKY DRAW

On the 20th November, three names were randomly drawn from the membership list for an end of year lucky draw.

Congratulations to:

Ian Larmer - \$100 Bunnings voucher

Margaret Rackham - \$50 Bunnings voucher

Ian Johnson - \$50 Bunnings voucher

PLANT SALE

A plant sale for members will be conducted on Friday 19th February after the committee elections.

Members are welcome and encouraged to bring along plants or seedlings to sell on the Trading Table with the standard 10% commission being charged by the club.

Sellers are welcome to sell their plants from their own table, however all payments are to be conducted via the Trading Table.

LATE FLOWERS - RAY & RAE BEGG





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**APPLICATION
FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL OF THE
MELBOURNE CLIVIA GROUP INC. 2021**

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 2021 (electronic newsletter) \$20
- OR**
- Single Membership 2021 (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 2021

The election of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and ordinary members of the Committee will take place at the AGM on Friday 19 February 2021.

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 2021

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 2020 of the Melbourne Clivia Group Date 21st February 2020.

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

Meeting Opens (7.40 pm)

Welcome: President Lisa Fox welcomed members to the new Clivia year.

Apologies: Yvonne Hargraves, Allan Gibson.

Members Present: (22)

Michael Barrett, Rae Begg, Ray Begg, Geoff Brown, John Cochrane, Terry Edwards, Lisa Fox, Brenda Girdlestone, Ian Johnson, Ian Lamer, Haydn Lomas, John Mackenzie, Helen Marriott, Bill Mather, Di Matthews, Kelvin Mitchell, Chee Perks, Ray Perks, Margaret Rackham, Paul Smith, John Trotter, Robyn Williams.

Visitors: David Hales, Joy Trotter, Sarah Poynton, Alex Seale

Motion to accept minutes of last AGM (distributed in April 2019 in MCG newsletter Vol.12.2).

Moved: Di Matthews

Seconded: Bill Mather

1. Reports.

President's report

It is with great pleasure that I present the President's Report for the 2019 year.

It was with reluctance that I accepted the nomination to be president one year ago as I knew the amount of work and the commitment involved, not to mention the stress. Our earlier two presidents, Helen Marriott and Michael Barrett made a huge contribution to the ongoing growth and professionalism of the Melbourne Clivia Group and I was hesitant to take on the workload.

Indeed, the workload and time commitment in 2019 was huge, but it was made easier and even enjoyable, by the great support and hard work of the committee. Together, we made some changes which I hope will benefit the club in the long term.

We committed to spending more money in 2019 in order to achieve some of these changes. Our reasoning was to use those extra funds to invest back into the club and the members, rather than let the funds sit idle in the bank.

Why are we all here?

I will just read the statement of purpose for those that may not have previously read it. This is the purpose of the Melbourne Clivia Group and why we are all here.

- To promote the cultivation, conservation and improvement of the genus *Clivia*.



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- To facilitate the exchange of information on *Clivia* between members and through meetings, newsletters and website.
- To facilitate the exchange of *Clivia* plants, seeds and pollen between members.
- To promote interest in *Clivia* through meetings, demonstrations, open gardens and shows.
- To co-operate with the Clivia Society and with other Clivia clubs and groups in Australia and throughout the world.

In 2019 we have worked toward meeting the objectives of the statement of purpose. The club has also been the conduit for members to meet and become friends. People meeting and enjoying the plant that we all admire and are a tad obsessive about. What could be more perfect?

Thank you 2019 and may 2020 be even bigger and better.

Secretary Report 2020

Membership:

We finished 2019 with 75 members, which was up from the previous year.

General meetings:

We held meetings:

February - was our AGM

April - Ian Johnson - Clivia -record keeping.

June Saturday meeting - Jane Tonkin - from Tonkin bulbs

July Saturday meeting - Dr Randall Robinson - Orchids

August - Peter Hay - From NSW

October - Margaret Rackham - Gloriosa Lily. Plus, we held a mini auction.

September - Expo, this year we had a change of venue to Mt Waverly community centre. Which was fortunate that our new venue catered for our display and sales area under 1 roof, as we did have rain on the day, we always expected that at some time our luck was going to run out with the weather. A big thank you to all volunteers over the weekend, this event does not run without many volunteers.

November was our Christmas break and get together, this year it was held at the Burvale Hotel, Burwood, with a good attendance.

MCG phone:

This year we purchased a mobile phone for the club, we did receive numerous calls in the lead up of Expo, otherwise there are very few calls coming in.

Newsletters

We had 4 newsletters that went out in 2019, Thank to Lisa Fox for the newsletters.

Garden club speakers

There have been only 1 or 2 requests for garden talks this year, as we have removed mention from our website.

Finally - Website and Social media



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Jan 2019 - Dec 2019

The website had 176,075 visitors for 2019 and 176,075 pages were viewed.

The cultivation notes document was the most popular download downloaded 913 times.

Facebook has approximately 1228 page likes and 1248 followers. The Facebook post for the Expo flyer was the most popular with 2,600 views.

On Instagram the MCG has 209 followers.

That is my report.

Thank you

Move to accept Secretary's report.

Moved: Terry Edwards

Seconded: Margaret Rackham

Treasurer's report

| Treasurer's report to Committee 6/3/20 | | | | | | |
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| Bank Account | | Credit | Debit | Credit | Debit | Balance |
| | | \$ c | \$ c | \$ c | \$ c | \$ c |
| Opening Balance | | | | | | |
| Bank Acc 11/10/19 | | | | | | 6,238.32 |
| Income | | | | | | |
| | Membership | 730.00 | | | | |
| | Raffles | 255.00 | | | | |
| | Trading Table | 680.00 | | | | |
| | Mini Auction | 1,670.00 | | | | |
| | Others | 6.00 | | | | |
| | | | | 3,341.00 | | |
| | | | | | | 9,579.32 |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| | Burwood Neighbourhood house 11-10-19 | | 36.00 | | | |
| | Hall Hire 18-10-19 & 21-2-20 | | 170.00 | | | |
| | Expo | | 27.00 | | | |
| | Mini Auction | | 1,503.00 | | | |
| | TT | | 607.50 | | | |
| | Xmas Expenses | | 273.45 | | | |
| | J. Tonkin | | 150.00 | | | |
| | J. Tonkin Raffle Prize | | 40.00 | | | |
| | | | | | 2,806.95 | |



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| | chq not cashed | 85.00 | | | | |
| | chq not cashed | 150.00 | | | | |
| | chq not cashed | 40.00 | | | | |
| | | | | 275.00 | | |
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| | Closing Bank Balance 5/3/20 | | | | | 7,047.37 |
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| | Petty Cash | | | | | |
| | Opening Balance | | | | | |
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| | Closing Balance | | | | | |
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| | Current Assets | | | | | |
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| | NAB Chq A/c - | | | | | 7,047.37 |
| | NAB Fixed deposit | | | | | 5,000.00 |
| | Petty Cash | | | | | 74.70 |
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| | Total to date | | | | | 12,122.07 |

Move to accept Treasurer's report.

Moved: Robyn Williams

Seconded: John Mackenzie

3. Election of 2020 Office Bearers

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

The nominations for President:

Lisa Fox Nominated by Bill Maher

Seconded by Helen Marriott

Lisa Fox elected as President.

Nominations for Vice President:

Di Mathews nominated by Rae Begg Seconded by John Mackenzie.

Di Mathews elected as Vice President.

Nominations for Secretary:

Brenda Girdlestone nominated by Di Mathews Seconded by Haydn Lomas.



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Brenda Girdlestone elected as Secretary.

Nominations for Treasurer:

Rae Begg Nominated by Ray Perks Seconded by Margrett Rackham
Rae Begg elected as Treasurer.

Nominations for Ordinary Committee members:

John Mackenzie Nominated by Terry Edwards Seconded by Brenda Girdlestone
Chee Perks Nominated by Di Mathews Seconded by Rae Begg

4 Raffle

Raffle prizes were won by:

- Bill Maher
- John Mackenzie
- Chee Perks x 2
- John Cockrane
- Di Mathews
- Lisa Fox
- Haydn Lomas
- Geoff Brown
- Ray Perks

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Next general meeting 17th April at 7.30 pm