



## President's Message

Dear Members

At the recent AGM I had the honour to be reelected as President of the Melbourne Clivia Group. I was also delighted to have a 'strong-in-talent', and 'deep-in-wisdom' committee elected. This year we welcome back former members, including Lisa Fox as Vice President, Brenda Girdlestone, and Peter Haeusler as Newsletter editor. New to the main committee are Andrea Whitty and Ian Larmer. Thankfully Roger Clarke and Chee Perks accepted the important executive roles they served in 2017. John Trotter, and Rae Begg also return to serve the group. We have had a committee meeting and I know the mix of ideas and skill sets will make for a great year ahead.

The AGM gave many of us the first opportunity to catch up with other members after the holiday season. Life forces us to take the sweet with the sour of life's experiences, and some members, including myself, had family and health matters where life is put into perspective. One thing I took from my family's experience was just to be happy and not make unrealistic demands on myself. The other, was to enjoy what you have already. Certainly, as a serious *Clivia* 'collector' there was a time when the quest for new sometimes made me feel my collection was 'incomplete'. Like everything in life, it is all relative; in the case of *Clivia*, some have more, some fewer. Whatever your collection is comprised of, I hope you can tend it well and enjoy what you have. I am looking forward to the April meeting where Peter will discuss his thoughts on 'Developing a *Clivia* collection'. I'm sure we will all benefit from his wisdom, if only for some of us it may be in hindsight that judgement and self-control are exercised!

I hope we can reach out to gardeners looking for rewarding, no fuss plants for a semi shaded position, and share our joy in *Clivia*.

Michael

## Next Meeting

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm

'Developing a *Clivia* collection'

Presented by Peter Haeusler

Uniting Church, Cnr Blackburn Rd & Burwood Hwy,  
Burwood

## 2018 MCG Committee

**Michael Barrett**- President

**Lisa Fox**- Vice President

**Roger Clarke**- Secretary

**Chee Perks**- Treasurer

**Rae Begg, Brenda Girdlestone, Peter Haeusler, Ian Larmer, John Trotter, Andrea Whitty**- Committee members



L to R: Rae Begg; Roger Clarke; Chee Perks; Peter Haeusler; Lisa Fox; Michael Barrett; Brenda Girdlestone; Ian Larmer; Andrea Whitty; John Trotter.

## Christmas Party

The months have flown by, but below are some snaps from our Christmas Party which was held at Ray and Chee Perk's home in Warrandyte last November. Thanks very much Ray and Chee for a wonderful afternoon. Everyone had a great time, the food was delicious, and it was a great location. I was chauffeured there by Jules Hogan and returned home with Di Mathews. They took different routes, but as we drove through parts of Melbourne I was not familiar with I heard wonderful stories of what things were like, and now have changed. Jules pointed out many nurseries, some now closed, and we discussed the changing nature of nurseries and 'gardening', especially without smaller owner operators, and hobbyist propagation. Di took another way home, and I enjoyed hearing stories of her riding her horse for hours along fields where now housing estates and suburbia dominate. MB



Chee & Ray Perks



Tina Morse & Mal Foster



Joy & John Trotter



Allan Gibson, Maria Clarke, Gerard Van Buuren





Vu Dang and his son



Garry Brady, Terry Edwards & Ian Johnson



John Trotter & Di Matthews



Brenda Girdlestone & John McKenzie



Ray Perks...on the job!



Checking out some of Ray's collection!

50% yellow and 50% orange. I found this very interesting. I think this was before the web and prior to formation of the Toowoomba Clivia Club. As people visited our garden during the competition open days, clivias sold well and funded both the garden hobby and my developing enthusiasm for clivias.

My wife has multiple sclerosis and back in the late 1990's it looked like I was heading to be her full-time carer. I figured I needed to work out how I could earn some extra money and be occupied at home as a 40-year-old. So, with my interest in clivias I started importing seed and pollinating my own. Before long there were thousands of clivias! We had plenty of space in an adjoining block. Plus, to top it off a local nursery shut down and I bought their igloos!

But my wife's health improved thanks to a new drug, and we were offered a joint work-related role in the US for five years. My computer-managed watering system and 18 year old son looked after the clivias as we went overseas. After a few years, however, it was wise to disperse the collection and the many unflowered plants. I could see them all dying of rot or mealy bug and we wouldn't even know about it. We kept about 20 plants under an avocado tree at my mother in law's. They were unwatered and unsprayed, but while a couple died most survived.

After five years in the USA I was offered a role in Melbourne. Before selling the Queensland house I gathered a trailer load of plants (succulents, bulbs and clivias) and brought these down here. I am the CEO of a Christian organisation called Power to Change. As a Christian I am always trying to live out my beliefs in a complex, multicultural, rapidly changing world. I love my wife and am also her carer, plus I am now a granddad twice over.



Mandy & Allan Gibson

Five years after moving here my *Clivia* collection numbers about 80 plants. I love the flower colours, and particularly enjoy the variegated and veiny leaf types. On one level

## Member Profile

### Allan Gibson

Back in the 1990's my wife and I lived in Toowoomba. As keen gardeners we entered our garden in the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers which runs each September. Clivias flowered just at the right time and we wanted a good display. I purchased my first yellow *Clivia* from Bill Morris. I think it was \$60 for a two-year-old plant! Before long I started planting some seeds, with Miller's in Toowoomba showing me many of the ropes of cultivation. I had a plant which I thought was going to flower yellow, but instead flowered orange. I pollinated it and grew the seeds, getting





mine is an 'old collection'. When I see the colours and quality of flowers in the collections today and get glimpses of the breeding understanding – well I can see how much cultivation has progressed. But that said, I have a few great 20-year-old variegates which now flower. In 2017 I pollinated mostly my variegates, and look forward to planting the seed out in July. I've narrowed my collection to the *miniata* species largely due to space limits.

I have appreciated joining the Melbourne Clivia Group and being able to engage with members about clivias and various bulbs. Since becoming involved, several members have been generous with their time, showing me hospitality, and giving me some pollen plus a few plants to encourage my enthusiasm. It is rather nice to be away from work and health issues and just enjoy the wonders of clivias.

## From the Archives

### The story behind 'Bronze Green Boy' by Ian Vermaak

(Reproduced from *Clivia Society Newsletter*, vol. 12 (4) 2003)



*Clivia miniata* 'Bronze Green Boy'

Image reproduced courtesy The Clivia Society, Clivia Register  
[www.cliviaregister.com](http://www.cliviaregister.com)

In September 1998 my wife Geraldine and I were walking our dog and passed a home where a number of clivias were flowering in the garden. We were looking over the fence admiring them and were invited in by the owners, Mr & Mrs Hannes Slabbert. They were not overly keen clivia

growers but enjoyed the display of orange clivia in their garden.

While looking at the clivias we spotted one with an unusual brickish colour. Hannes told us that they had bought three orange clivias at a nursery in Johannesburg before moving down to George and one of them turned out to be the clivia with the unusually dark colour. We were offered a shoot, whereupon I took the smallest shoot, and suggested that Hannes place the rest of the plant in a pot in his atrium. This he did, and I promised to give him a shoot of my Red 'Geraldine'. I did not realise the potential of the plant we were dealing with at the time.

After our introduction to Hannes he became interested in clivias and paid a visit to Hennie Koch to purchase a few plants. Hennie went out to the house and saw the potential of the plant. In exchange for a larger shoot Hennie gave Hannes some of his good plants. Hennie then sold this plant for R6,000 while he was in Johannesburg.

During September 2000 the shoot I had taken in 1998 flowered for the first time, and I took it down to Cape Town for their show. This set the cat amongst the pigeons. It was a hit from the time it was first seen. On my return to George I had a phone call from Louis Swanepoel offering me R3,000 for the plant, but it was not for sale. At the same time I gave him details of where I had obtained the plant. He contacted Hannes and exchanged a number of his good plants for a very large shoot. I received a phone call from Louis to decide on a name for that plant. I was keen to name it 'Chardenay' but after discussion with Hannes and Louis the more descriptive name of 'Bronze Green Boy' was given. The shoot shown by Louis won the 'Best on Show' at the Championship Show in Pietermaritzburg in 2002. I believe an offer of R25,000 was turned down. Louis has arranged to have a portrait of this show winner painted.

Thus the demand and value of 'Bronze Green Boy' was established. The plant that Hannes kept had a problem but sent up four shoots to counter the problem, as we know clivias do. Hennie sold the four shoots to different growers at R10,000 each.

'Bronze Green Boy' is a plant deserving of all the praise that it gets. The plant that Geraldine and I have won the 'Best on Show' at the Port Elizabeth show this year.

## Clivia Terminology

### Berries, seeds & seed pods

With *Clivia* breeders enthusiastically circulating their 2018 seedlists, and associated descriptions of 'pod' and 'pollen' parents, I thought it may be timely to pop this little excerpt



from the excellent material available on the Clivia Society (RSA) website into the newsletter by way of terminological reminder! Ed.

The *Clivia* fruit is called a **berry** (besvrug of bessie), containing one to 15 seeds depending on how many of the ovules inside the ovary have been fertilised. Some of the fertilised ovules (now called young seeds) may also abort at an early stage, thus reducing the number of seeds per berry.... Please note that the *Clivia* fruit is not a pod or seed pod as so often seen in the literature. Pods are the fruit of peas, beans and other leguminous plants and the *Clivia* is surely not a legume. The *Clivia* fruit is also not a seed, since the seeds are contained inside the fruit which is classified as a berry.

Source: Clivia Society

<http://www.cliviasociety.org/clivia-terminology/>



On the subject of great resources, Lisa Fox has uploaded nine years of Melbourne Clivia Group newsletters to our website. These can be accessed at

<http://www.melbournecliviagroup.org.au/membership/newsletters/>

## Cultivation Notes

by Peter Haeusler

With temperatures easing it's a good time to get out and take care of those pressing tasks that you may have been putting off due to the heat!

### Watering

It's been a dry summer so no doubt you have been watering your plants more frequently than in an average year. Do not over-water as this can encourage fungal activity. But equally, be careful not to let your pots dry out as potting

mixes can then become hydrophobic. In such cases you may believe that you are watering your plants, but in reality it is running straight through the pots. As such the water is not properly moistening the potting mix, and as a result is not being taken up by the plant. It may be the case, for instance, that a smaller plant is being over-shadowed by larger ones and not receiving the water which you think it is.

Often, simply the act of picking up the pot with one hand (i.e. feeling if it has some weight) will give you a good idea as to whether the water is being retained to a reasonable degree. If I feel that a pot is not holding water I will sit it in a saucer and water it, letting it stand in the excess water until I can see that the water is being absorbed. Sometimes, especially in the case of smaller pots (say 100mm), I will de-pot the plant and stand it in a Seasol solution (fully covering the roots) for an hour or even overnight. It is amazing how quite shriveled roots will re-charge and swell. Then I re-pot the plant in fresh mix.

### Re-potting & potting up

I find that I can re-pot clivias throughout the summer, and don't believe that I've ever lost so much as a seedling even when potting up on hot days! However, spring and autumn are the premium times for these tasks (I don't divide or pot up plants in winter). So, if you have potting that needs to be done then throw yourself into the task now! While the weather remains warm plants will respond well to the combination of fresh potting mix and fertiliser. I use slow release Osmocote Exact (8-9 mth) which includes vital trace elements. Freshly repotted plants are watered thoroughly with a solution comprising equal parts Seasol and Powerfeed (about 30ml in total/9 litre watering can).

You might also want to divide some of your plants, whether because a clump has become too big or you want to hive off an offset or two. A common mistake with offsets is to remove them when they are relatively immature, which can set the offset back or even result in its loss. I like to have offsets at a semi-mature stage (*at least* 8 leaves and a reasonable mass of roots) before removing them. When dividing a plant, I spray the cut surface (i.e. the point at which the offset has been separated from the main plant) with a pruning and grafting compound called Steri-prune (available as a pressure pack from Bunnings). This seals the cut surface and helps prevent rot setting in.

### Berries

If you did some pollinating last season you will have noticed that where you had clusters of flowers last spring you now have clusters of enlarged berries seemingly almost bursting with developing seeds. Do take care to stake these spikes otherwise you may find them bending to the point of breaking under the weight of the berries! I use a heavier cane stake to that which I commonly use to stabilise flower



spikes, often securing them at a couple of points up close to the cluster of berries.



It is also important to keep litter out from among the berries as this can harbor caterpillars and mealybugs. If you haven't already done so remove the (by now) dry bracts from below the berries (these bracts had originally encased the flower buds or inflorescence, and attach at the point where the pedicels join the peduncle). These spent bracts seem to make particularly attractive havens for pests.

## Mealybugs

Surely these are *the* scourge of *Clivia* enthusiasts! I thought it was going to be a mealybug-lite season, but the last few weeks have seen numbers grow significantly. However, some clivias must taste better than others, as each summer I find that mealybugs love to congregate in numbers on particular plants. Conversely, there are plants, even if they are next to these popular ones, that rarely see a mealybug! And from my experience, *Clivia* species like *mirabilis*, *nobilis* and *caulescens* are less attractive propositions for mealybugs. The first two species do of course have much tougher and narrower leaves. I have been pleasantly surprised, however, to find that my tubs of mature *caulescens* plants remain relatively free of mealybugs.

In terms of 'control' measures, every grower seems to have his or her preference and I am not going to canvass the many options here. My preference has been to use a systemic insecticide like Confidor. Given the rather waxy surface on *Clivia* leaves, Confidor *must* be applied with a surfactant to help its absorption into the plant. But you

must be so careful when applying insecticides like this (and there are far more potent ones), in terms of your own health and that of family members and pets, as well as likely harm to beneficial insects. Some of the new generation of insecticides (I am currently trialing one) are designed not to harm bees and various other beneficial insects. The other thing I would emphasise when it comes to pest management is the need to rotate whatever chemicals you may use to help prevent the build-up of resistance among pests to particular insecticides.

To reduce the reliance on insecticides I do employ a safe all-purpose cleaning solution which I find very effective in cleaning up infected plants and helping keep mealybugs at bay. I have used it for some years now and have never seen any sign of damage from its use when it comes to very young plants and/or tender new leaves. The recipe is as follows:

- 1 litre water;
- 200ml vinegar;
- 40ml detergent;
- 40ml eucalyptus oil; and,
- 2 dessertspoons washing soda.

Mix all ingredients together (the solution can be stored for long periods in screw topped container). Use at the rate of 60ml to about four litres of warm water (make it stronger if you wish). The solution can be applied by spray bottle, using a cloth to wipe leaves and a soft tapered brush dipped in the solution to get down into those leaf folds.

## Deadline for next issue - 1 June, 2018

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# **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Melbourne Clivia Group held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Venue: Burwood Heights 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.

Apology: Michael Smith.

Members Present: Ray Argent, Michael Barrett, Rae Begg, Ray Begg, Nick Cheng, and Joy, Roger Clarke, Vu Dang, Terry Edwards, Mal Foster, Lisa Fox, Allan Gibson, Brenda Girdlestone, Peter Haeusler, Yvonne Hargreaves, Ian Johnson, Ian Larmer, Haydn Lomas, John Mackenzie, Helen Marriott, Di Matthews, Kelvin Mitchell, Chee Perks, Ray Perks, Margaret Rackham, Paul Smith, John Trotter, Gerard Van Buuren, Andrea Whitty.

Motion to accept minutes of last AGM (distributed in April 2017 in MCG newsletter Vol.10.2).

Moved: Ian Larmer. Seconded: Rae Begg.

## **Announcements.**

- MB asked if anyone was interested in going to the Clivia Society conference in Johannesburg, South Africa on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. September and show on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
- A calendar from Jeanne Marten with photos of her plants taken by Ray Sidoti was displayed to members. Comments were made as to the quality of photography, and the high regard Mr Sidoti is held by the broad Clivia community.
- MB said that Roger has received 3 requests for guest speakers at various garden clubs that MCG needs to fill by volunteers willing to present. MB asked members to see Roger if they will do a talk or two.
- A card will be sent to the Cape Clivia Club with commiserations about their lack of water supply.

## **Reports**

### **1. President's report**

It is with pleasure I deliver my President's Report 2017 at the 2018 AGM of the Melbourne Clivia Group. I wish to begin by expressing my thanks to the committee and others that worked so well together throughout the year in delivering another year of successful meetings and events. The committee was made up of Vice-President Yvonne Hargreaves, Secretary Roger Clarke, Treasurer Chee Perks, and members John Trotter and Rea Beggs. Thank you to each of you for what you gave, but especially Roger and Chee for the extra time and energy your roles required. Also, Rae, thanks for the excellent job in delivering the branded polos and vests. These clothing items and the new member's name badges look professional and make the MCG recognisable. I want to thank Lisa Fox for her valuable work in maintaining the MCG website. I receive many complements about the website from all that view it and serves our group so well.

The meetings were well attended, and the trail of the mid-winter Saturday afternoon meetings was overall a positive response. We have booked the fellowship room for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of July for a meeting and small interspecific display and proposed public sale. Topics in 2017 were diverse, and included, Rippon Lea and links to Clivia 'Aurea', general and autumn specific Clivia tasks, botanical illustrations, North American Clivia Society show, Hugh Williams and his Clivia program and routine, and a social discussion on Clivia - looking back and to the future. Thanks to all the donors of raffle prizes and those who continue to buy tickets and not win a prize. Thanks again to Ray Argent for the supper supplies and those who make the effort to bring something delicious share.



The newsletter had a slight format change that allows for larger pictures, and for those that don't view the galleries on the website, a chance to see more social pictures from meetings and the expo. As editor of the newsletter I would like to encourage more members to contribute, as Bill Gates once said, 'content is king'. The number of volumes per year was reduced due to low contribution, but I hope the quality of articles still provided value, especially to interstate members. Thanks to Roger and Brenda Girdlestone for the electronic and hard copy distribution. My sincere thanks go to Helen Marriott and Lisa Fox for their assistance in proofing the newsletters and my articles in particular.

The expo was a wonderful day that like a special party requires much planning, a little anticipated stressing and hoping for the best, lots of energy on the day, and is over well before you get to spend time with all those attending. I have previously published my Clivia Expo 2017 report in MCG newsletter Vol 10.4, where I thanked everyone for their input and contribution; you know who you are and how much I appreciate you. However in this report I wish to again make special thanks three members, all from South Australia. I was delighted that Alan O'Leary returned again in 2017 with such fine and much admired display plants, all that could have found a new home if he chose to leave any here. Also, it was great that Neville Hargrave could attend the expo and see the mass display of flowering plants. Sincere thanks to Hugh Williams for his outstanding generosity in donating two very impressive and valuable plants for the auction. The money from the raffle went toward the overall profitability of the event. I also want to thank Andrew Briginshaw from Richgro for the donations of product that were prizes and distributed to members with display plants. The MCG have secured the same venue for the 2018 expo, on the 22nd of September. Congratulations to Terry Edwards for winning the people's choice award, and I wonder whose name will next go on the trophy as so many members collections improve in leaps and bounds with each year.

The last event for the year was a Christmas party at the home of Ray and Chee Perks. This was a very pleasant affair, in a spectacular setting, and so well catered for by our generous hosts. You really did go out of your way to ensure everyone was made most welcomed.

The year was not without sadness, worry and concern. Our sincere condolences to Peter and Georgina Haeusler on the loss of Peter's mother and former MCG member, Enid Haeusler, also Peter's brother Marcus. Both mother and brother passed away within a very short time before Christmas. Roger Clarke, Jules Hogan, Ray Perks and Haydn Lomas have all had serious health issues, and on behalf of the group, wish them all the very best and return to full health in 2018. We are a relatively small social group, with many current members here from the group's foundation, or shortly after. It is important to acknowledge, while some bonds are stronger than others, we do have care and compassion for each other. As it has been said in other groups, 'I came for the plants, I stayed for the people'. I encourage everyone to live in the present, let go of past misunderstandings, and work together for the best in 2018, filled with new, beautiful and unexpected Clivia.

## **2. Secretary's report**

### **Membership**

At the Clivia Expo 2017, 5 new members joined, and at the end of December we had 76 members, including 5 from SA, 5 from NSW, 2 from Qld. and one from WA. The membership is for the calendar year finishing 31/12/2017. Michael has sent an email requesting members renew before this AGM by direct debit, (with a good response from members). in order to avoid the flurry of paper at the AGM, but many will renew at this meeting as usual. There were 27 volunteers for the Clivia Expo roster activities which was a very good response from members. Thanks to John Trotter for his organisational effort. The Membership is maintained using Excel and I thank Chee Perks and Rae Begg for their assistance with updating and maintaining the register.

### **General Meetings**

The meetings have seen an increase in average attendance to 24 members including visitors, with an apology rate averaging 5 per meeting. Thank you to John Trotter with helping me record attendances. Highlights of the year's meetings for me were:-

- Ray Perks' presentation titled 'Autumn Action Plan' at the April meeting which was very informative.
- Helen Marriott's talk in July Saturday meeting titled 'Glimpses of Clivia and the North American Clivia society March 2017'.
- Hugh Williams' very popular presentation titled 'My Clivia Journey' in August.
- The October meeting Group discussion was also well received.

#### Newsletter

There were four newsletters presented in 2017, which were all of high quality. The newsletters help members who are unable to attend meetings to keep in contact with the Clubs' activities and dissemination of Clivia cultivation. Most members received their copy via email, but some people find it easier to access printed material, and we thank Brenda Girdlestone for printing and posting the newsletter to those 8 members.

#### Garden Club Presentations.

The promotion of Clivia is part of the Clubs' *raison d'être*, and is an opportunity to promote our club and the Clivia Expo. Presentations for 2017 were made by Helen Marriott presenting to the Langwarrin Probus garden club in July, and Peter Haeusler talking to the Camberwell Morning Garden Club, the Prahran Garden Club, and the Ikebana International Melbourne Chapter. The MCG has material to assist presentations, so please consider if you would enjoy talking to enthusiastic gardeners, and let me know if you can assist with a presentation.

#### Enquiries from the Public.

I received 35 emails from the public, and 7 landline queries, mostly requesting information relating to cultivation and disease problems with Clivia, also requests on availability of Clivias for sale. Many questions I could answer, but others were referred to the Committee, or relevant salespeople. I again want to thank the Committee especially Michael, Rae and Chee for their substantial support during the year.

Move to accept Secretary's report. Moved: John Trotter. Seconded: Rae Begg.

### 3. Treasurer's report

#### MELBOURNE CLIVIA GROUP INC

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2017

			<b>Sub- Total</b>	<b>Balance</b>
		\$ c	\$ c	\$ c
<b>Bank Balance 1/1/2017</b>				<b>7521.21</b>
<b>Income</b>				
	Total Membership	1215.00		
	Raffle	695.00		
	Trading Table	7.00		
	Adverts	20.00		
	Donations	525.00		
	Expo	3436.30		
	Polo/Vest	544.00		
	Term Deposit Interest	149.39		
	Refund	500.00		
	Other	455.00		
			<b>7546.69</b>	
				<b>15067.90</b>



<b>Expenses</b>				
	Hall Hire	745.00		
	Consumer Affairs	55.80		
	RHSV	230.00		
	Polo/Vest	1471.10		
	Badges	649.85		
	Expo	3259.64		
	Auspost	124.00		
	Web site	149.00		
	Newsletter	156.43		
	Clivia Books SA	863.47		
	Stationary	145.82		
	Charity	250.00		
	Honorarium	300.00		
	Other	970.91		
	Petty Cash Expenses	174.59		
			<b>9545.61</b>	
<b>Closing Bank Balance 31/12/2017</b>				<b>5522.29</b>
<b>TOTAL LOSS</b>				<b>-1998.92</b>
<b>Summary 2017</b>				
<b>PETTY CASH</b>				
<b>Balance 1/1/2017</b>				<b>122.35</b>
	Income	4,957.30		
	Expenses	174.59	174.59	
	To Bank	4771.6	4771.6	
<b>Balance 31/12/2017</b>				<b>125.11</b>
<b>Total Credits at 31/12/2017</b>				
	<b>NAB Chq A/c</b>			<b>5522.29</b>
	<b>NAB Fixed Deposit</b>			<b>6373.61</b>
	<b>Petty Cash</b>			<b>125.11</b>
		<b>TOTAL CREDIT</b>		<b>12021.01</b>

Move to accept Treasurer's report. Moved: John Mckenzie. Seconded: Roger Clarke

### **Election of 2018 Office Bearers**

Michael Barrett vacated the chair. Yvonne Hargreaves declared all positions vacant and an election for president was conducted.

The nominations for President:

Only one nomination received: Roger Clarke nominated Michael Barrett from the floor of the meeting. No other nominations received. Michael Barrett accepted and was duly elected as President.

Nominations for Vice President:

Helen Marriott nominated Lisa fox as Vice president. No other nominations received. Lisa Fox accepted. Lisa Fox elected as Vice President.

Nominations for Secretary:

Michael Barrett nominated Roger Clarke from the floor, No other nominations received. Roger Clarke elected as Secretary.

Nominations for Treasurer:

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

Nominations for Ordinary Committee members:

- - Helen Marriot nominated Brenda Girdlestone. Brenda accepted and was elected.
- –Yvonne Hargreaves nominated Andrea Whitty. Andrea accepted and was elected
- - Andrea Whitty nominated Peter Haeusler, Peter accepted and was elected.
- - Chee Perks nominated Rae Begg. Rae accepted and was elected.
- – Paul Smith nominated Ian Larmer. Ian accepted and was elected.
- – Roger Clarke nominated John Trotter. John accepted and was elected.

## **Raffle**

Donations of special plants from Peter Haeusler, Haydn Lomas and Hugh Williams.

Raffle prizes were won by:

- Ian Johnson (*Clivia mirabilis*),
- Di Matthews (Jordan's Apricot)
- Ian Johnson (*Clivia.robusta* yellow)
- Mal Foster
- Andrea Whitty
- Ian Larmer
- Yvonne Hargreaves.

## **Presentations**

### **Helen Marriott presented “The Beginnings of a Clivia Club”**

Helen gave a presentation that charted the international, nation and local formation of various Clivia clubs. She set a context where various start up attempts in Melbourne led to the formation of the Melbourne Clivia Group. She gave her view on the benefit of having a talented committee, and technical expertise to have a club with a website, electronic file sharing, and social media page. Helen explained the planning of the first MCG Clivia Expo. She wished the MCG all the best in its 10<sup>th</sup> year.

### **Michael Barrett presented “Social Media and Clivia, a personal View”**

Michael talked about the various platforms, where social media connects people interested in Clivia. He briefly discussed the pros and cons of each.

*Yahoo group* founded yr. 2000 with now over 1000 members, but the posts are mostly becoming simple compliments rather than detailed information sharing.

The *Clivia Forum* founded 2006 and Michael told how he joined 2009. It has private messaging, international membership, and paid advertisers.

*Facebook* settings are most important, i.e. who can view your posts. There are open groups, closed groups, secret groups. *Planet Clivia* is a closed group with 3000 member. *Instagram* was launched in 2010 and bought by *Facebook* in 2012 *Instagram* is super easy to use, as is *You Tube*, and *Twitter*. A few tips using social media: Privacy: be a bit cautious with strangers, but have fun

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Next general meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30 pm