



Clivia Society of NSW Inc.

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President's Message

As the new president of the Clivia Society I hope this message finds everyone well in these changing and uncertain times.

Recently my wife and I returned from a brief time spent in Darwin, NT enjoying time with our son and family and the joy that a new grandchild can bring. We were in Darwin at the time that both Stages 1 and 2 of the Federal Government Covid-19 changes were put into place. At that time different states began to close their borders and so for us we were lucky to obtain a last flight back to Sydney.

We are reminded every day of the importance of Social distancing, so much so that it is now becoming part of everyday life. By now you may have received notification that the annual spring show for 2020 has been cancelled. This is a disappointing decision especially so when the many visitors that attend the show, do so to view and appreciate the magnificent display of flowers that on show as well as make a purchase or two of the Clivia plants on sale. Also to obtain growing tips and information that will enhance their own Clivia experience and the bringing of joy a new Clivia addition can bring to their own garden.

This 2020 year may have uncertain times ahead for many, but one certainty is that Clivia will still bloom this year producing many varied and beautiful flowers that still can be appreciated. I ask of you that if you have a flower of which you see beauty then please share with us all. Share your thoughts and your success with all members as doing so will maintain the connection of the membership throughout 2020.

I wish you all well, and please stay safe.

Kindest regards,

Stephen Reid

President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following are the results of the February elections.

EXECUTIVE

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President – Stephen Reid

Secretary – Narelle Fillbrook

Treasurer – John Chng

Vice President – Mal Roughly

COMMITTEE

Diane Godwin, Neil Hamaty, Peter Hey, John Layton, Rose McCowage and

Ray Sidoti.

Secretary's Report

Dear Members,

In view of the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, Executive Committee Members have decided that the 2020 Clivia Show and all meetings must be cancelled [to protect members Ed]. We will continue to send you Newsletters and keep you updated as much as possible.

Kind Regards,
Narelle Fillbrook
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Current bank balances with ANZ - General Account \$5785.89 Cash Management Account \$3000.00

In lieu of the cancellation of our Meeting activities and the Spring Show due to Covid-19 we are currently in the process of being refunded the pre-paid booking amount of approximately \$3000 from Hornsby Shire Council [Ed].

Membership Secretary

Many thanks to those of you who paid your 2020 membership fee. I hope to catch up with you all when this dreadful pandemic is over. Take care everyone.

Kind Regards,

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Care and cultivation – Autumn activities

Remove aged leaves resulting from late Spring and Summer growth. These can harbour pesky Mealy Bugs. While you are at it check behind/underneath each leaf for any tell-tale signs, as follows:



The extreme weather conditions this Summer have been ideal for Mealy Bug, so have a good look.

If found, treat without delay:

Following are natural and proprietary products that have proven to be effective against Mealy Bug.

- Neem® oil
- Confidor®
- Crown®
- Removal by hand, wipe and crush.
- Isopropyl alcohol/methylated spirits aqueous solution 50% and 1% detergent solution.
- Biological control with *Cryptolaemus montrozieri* (Lady Bird larvae).

Make sure you closely follow chemical application rates/instructions.

Ensure the bases of the leaves are drenched and the surrounding surface as well as pockets of these pests travelled widely during the hot/dry Summer.

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Care and cultivation – Prepare for flowering now.

Clivia umbels develop in the form of an embryonic growth sitting deep in the centre of the plant on the surface of the meristematic tissue. They require a trigger of Potassium to initiate.

If you have not done so – apply Potash (Potassium sulphate) granule at recommended rate [a heaped teaspoon per plant] roughly scratch into the surface. Water.

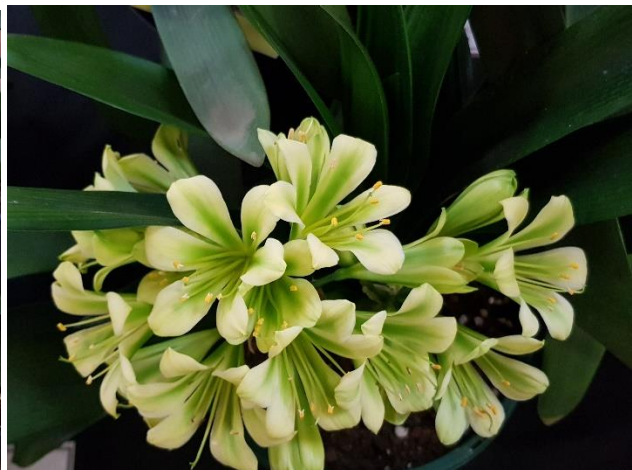
NB: Potash is usually a coarse granule that will dissolve gradually over an extended period.

Alternatively – Feed your Clivias monthly with soluble Potassium sulphate (follow instructions) monthly from February to April.

Members Images

Shortly the flowering of interspecific Clivia species will be commencing. Please forward any images direct to the Editor at – heypete@tpg.com.au and they will be published in the next available newsletter.

Following are images kindly provided by member C.C. Craig captured at the 2019 Spring Show. Thank you.



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PAID ADVERTISING

Just Cliveas and Rare Things Nursery

OPEN for INSPECTION and SALES

7 days – by appointment.

FOOD PLANTS, germinated in tubes and pots, ready to plant in your garden or grow on and harvest straight from the pot. Greens, herbs and more.

CLIVIAS – picotee, bi-colour, green, lime, pink, peach and yellow. Adults and seedlings. Specimen tubs

RARE PLANTS – Massonias, Veltheimias, Lachenalia, grafted cacti, rare succulents, unusual hanging plants, specimen collectables, XOS Fiddle Leaf Figs, Monstera and much, much more.

PLANT FOODS – as used by the grower. Pellets, granules, liquid concentrates and soil ameliorants.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing requirements, visitors to the Wedderburn nursery are restricted to appointment only. EFTPOS
To arrange, please ring Peter on Mobile 0408 113 457 or email heypete@tpg.com.au

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YOUR NOTES

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