



Newsletter

January 2018



*Philodendron
verrucosum*
Bruce Dunstan

Dear ASA Members

First and foremost, we would like to wish everybody a very Happy New Year and welcome our new members. We would also like to extend our appreciation to existing members. The ASA can only continue to expand and grow with your continued support.

ASA General Meeting

By way of reminder, the next ASA General Meeting will be held on **Monday, 5th of February 2018** in Brisbane at the **Moorooka Community Centre, 40 Gainsborough Street, Moorooka, QLD 4105**. The meeting will begin at **7pm** with plant sales from **6:30pm**. (Doors to open at this time, unless selling plants or have a designated task.) Entry is **FREE** for all members and guests. It will be a fantastic night with plant sales, a lucky door prize, plant auction and raffle. Our guest speaker at this meeting will be our own committee member and state representative for SA, **Neil Crafter** who is coming up from Adelaide for the meeting and he will talk about *Philodendron verrucosum*: **History, Distribution, Forms, Hybrids and Cultivation Challenges**.

If you are planning on attending, please let us know via email or our **Facebook Events Page**.

Plant Sales at the Meeting

We invite all ASA members and guest speakers to sell plants (Aroids only) at the meeting. Please let us know whether you are interested in doing so by sending an email to secretary@aroids.net by the 4th of February. The ASA will charge 10% commission on all plant sales. Sellers must use pricing labels **AS PER THE ATTACHED** on plants. These are available for purchase from the ASA at \$2 (plus postage) for 40, if needed. The ASA strictly does not allow promotional logos / materials to be attached to plants.

Please remember that all sales are **CASH ONLY** so bring plenty with you to avoid missing out!

In the lead up to the ASA General Meeting, we are also holding a **MEMBERS ONLY** raffle. You can find details on our **Facebook Page** and on **Instagram**. Raffle Prizes will be drawn at the General Meeting. This is a fantastic way to support the society, win amazing prizes, as well as become involved, even if you are not able to attend the meeting in person.



What to bring if you are attending the ASA General Meeting

- Cash for plant sales and raffle
- A bag for any plant purchases
- A plate of shared food for supper
- Any plants (Aroids only) that you may like help with ID on, or just for interest
- If you are planning to sell plants, any plants (Aroids only) and standard pricing labels

Price	Seller
Plant Name	
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Seller	
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Price	

Example of plant sale label

New Logo

In other exciting news, we would like to present to you our new ASA logo which made its debut on our Facebook page recently. The logo was created via a company that uses a competition-based method amongst a number of logo designers after a brief is submitted. We then picked and refined our favourite amongst over 30 designs. We hope you like our choice.

Treasurer’s Brief Report

Income - The only significant deposits have been the proceeds from the meeting in October, the rest is mainly membership fees and, more recently, raffle tickets proceeds. Our bank balance as at 16 January 2018 is \$1,780.05 CR.

Outgoings - Besides the usual bank fees, the only other noteworthy debits have been for re-imburements of our new logo designs, usual web fees and initial set up costs.

Other News

We are very excited to start 2018. Much work has been invested into forming our new society and we have plans to implement field days (various states) into our timetable soon. To make this possible Australia wide, we are looking for state representatives in the following states and territories: NSW, ACT, WA, NT and Tas.

We look forward to seeing you at our next ASA General Meeting!

Yours sincerely

Committee - Aroid Society of Australia Inc