



# Newsletter

September 2018

## Dear ASA Members

Welcome to our September newsletter, we hope everyone is excited about the onset of spring, we certainly are!

*There was a great spread at last month's AGM. Thanks to all that attended!*



## ANYTHING BUT GENERAL

At the start of August, the ASA held their 2018 Annual General Meeting. This is by far the most important meeting of the year, for it marks the start of the new financial year for the society as well as swearing in the committee for that year.

Aside from this, it is an important meeting to break those winter blues. In spite of the cooler weather, there was a great showing of plants for sale and some wonderful prizes up for grabs. Also, Steve Flood gave a fantastic presentation on his experience growing aroids. We were particularly proud because, for the first time, we were able to record Steve's talk and publish it to the members-only Facebook group. Continue reading on page 3 below for more details about the meeting.

## MELBOURNE WINTER MARKET

At the end of July, we held a special Winter Aroid Market for our Victorian ASA members. Our northern members are surely familiar with Melbourne's reputation for cold winters, and the reality is often quite chilly and dull. The best thing to cheer you up is some aroids and wine!

It was a great meeting, and those who braved the cold were treated to a wonderful selection of plants. They were also treated to an excellent presentation from Jane Lloyd, a hardened expert on nursing plants through Melbourne winters, who shared her fantastic tips of how to care for aroids in the colder months. The ASA showed their appreciation by gifting her an enormous philodendron hastatum.

The ASA is especially appreciative to Greener house, who supplied the venue in which we met. Special thanks also to Andy Yeung for helping to set up.



*Jane receiving her special gift as thanks for her wonderful presentation.*



## **ASA NEWS**

### **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER**

We are pleased to welcome Jessica Cowen on board as a new committee member. She missed out on a nomination at the recent election but was very eager to help and so she has taken up the position of Assistant Editor/Tech support to help Aaron with the online/written operations of the club. Jess brings her extensive plant knowledge and youthful energy to the position and we are very pleased to have her on board.

### **WESTERN AUSTRALIA IS HAPPENING**

We are super excited to see the membership in grow WA, with some fantastic and enthusiastic new (and old) members desiring to see their collections and plant networks grow. We have recently appointed Ian McGregor state representative for WA and we will hold the very first ASA event in Perth this spring. More details to come.

### **CLASSIFIEDS PAGE**

There have recently been a number of requests from members who would like to know who among our society sells plants. The ASA isn't able to keep track of everyone, so we are building a page through which buyers can find sellers, and we want you to be on it!

The plan is to produce a classifieds/sellers' page of sorts that will be published in the newsletter or sent to members. This way, anyone looking to buy can contact the sellers directly and any sellers can reach an audience without having to put in much effort.

If you would like your details included in such a page, please contact [secretary@aroids.net](mailto:secretary@aroids.net) with: Your name, Phone number or email address, and the kinds of aroids that you grow.

### **POPULAR VOTE**

For the October meeting, the ASA will introduce a new element, the popular vote. If you have a particularly attractive plant, or a peculiar plant of interest, or are looking for an I.D, or just have something interesting to say, then bring your plant to the meeting (it need only be a single leaf). The plant voted best on the night will win a \$50 voucher to use at another meeting. Please ensure plants are in pots and leaves are in vessels. For more information, contact Bec Kosiuk on 0433 493 446.



*Right:  
President  
Michael  
Pascall with  
presenter  
Steve Flood  
Far Right:  
Philodendron  
x Florida*



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

What a great meeting we had! Everyone was in high spirits and the plants on offer were fantastic. Also, it was great to see Nahiid Stephens win the first prize for WA.

If you would like to sell at the next meeting, please ensure that your pots and plants for sale are clean and tidy, if this is not possible, please wrap them in a plastic bag/s. We don't want to leave unnecessary mess to clean at the end of the night.

Thank you to all involved, particularly Steve Flood who gave us some great insight into his aroid experience. We hope to see you at our next meeting on the **8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**.

<b>Financials from 9 June 17 to 30 June 18</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Membership Fees	\$2,635.00
Online Raffles	\$1,372.00
Donations Surplus	\$17.00
Combined Net proceeds	
From meetings	\$2,679.45
May Field Day Net Proceeds	\$193.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,896.45</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Bank Charges	\$115.00
Garden Club/Insurance	\$225.42
Plant purchases	\$479.00
Website fees	\$183.15
Logo Design	\$427.90
Printing and Lanyards	\$102.09
Consumables	
Supper/Plant Labels etc	\$272.18
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$1,804.74</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$5,091.71CR</b>



*Some of the  
amazing  
plants up  
for grabs at  
the  
meeting.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### VICTORIAN FIELD DAY

**When:** Sat 15 Sept 2018, at **Fytogreens facility** (Note: This is not a retail nursery)

**Address:** 3b Webbs Lane, Somerville, 3912, Victoria. Ample parking is available.

Attendees please RSVP for catering purposes. RSVP to [secretary@aroids.net](mailto:secretary@aroids.net)

#### **Timetable:**

9.00am – Sellers to set up

9.30am - Members and guests to arrive, sign in and purchase raffle tickets.

10:00am – ASA Welcome, Garden Tour

11:00am – Raffle draw

11:30am – Plant sales, lunch and tea

12:00pm – Free time to walk around

13:00 – Finish

#### **What to bring:**

Appropriate clothing, i.e. jackets and closed footwear.

Boxes/Plastic bags for packing purchased treasures as bags are not provided.

Fytogreen will provide snacks though please feel free to bring a plate to share.



### ASA OCTOBER MEETING

Our next General Meeting held on the **8th October 2018**. The speaker at the next meeting will be Bruce Dunstan and his presentation will be “Aroids of Southern Colombia and Bacterial Blights of Anthuriums”. If you would like to sell at the next meeting, please contact us for more information at [secretary@aroids.net](mailto:secretary@aroids.net).

### CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Because this has been such an exciting year for the ASA, we have made so many new friends and had such great experiences, we want to celebrate with our members by throwing Christmas parties across the country. There will be one held in each state, and we plan to organise Kris Kringles. We will update everyone with details.





## MORE NEWS

### CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT

At the recent AGM, last year's committee was disbanded and the new committee took over for 2018-2019. These are the positions and those nominated to take on the roles.

President - **Michael Pascall**

Vice President - **Lee Thorneycroft**

Assistant Secretary - **Trevor Crawford**

Treasurer - **Jim Edwards**

Editor/Tech support - **Aaron Grinter**

General Committee - **Neil Crafter** and **Mim Stocks**

All those fulfilling these roles are eager to serve the society, and hopefully you can meet us all throughout the year.

### LIVE FEED

Thanks to the amazing technical skills of our newest committee member, Jess Cowen, we were able to broadcast Steve's talk through Facebook live. This means that anyone across the country can watch it as it is happening. It also means that it is recorded and so available to be viewed at any point in the future. To find the video, please go to the videos section of the [Members Only Facebook group](#). We plan to record all future talks in the same way.

### WANT TO HELP?

ASA meetings and events actually take a lot of work and organisation. Although we may appear cool as cucumbers, some times there are more things to do at meetings than we are capable. This means that we really appreciate any assistance from our members. If you plan on attending events outside QLD and have time beforehand or afterwards, please let us know and we will give you a job. Many hands make light work, and the more we can do, the more fun things we can organise.

### FEEDBACK AND SUGGESTIONS

Being a young society (1 year old!) we understand that there are things that we can do better. So, if you have an issue or a suggestion about the ASA, please send it directly to [secretary@aroids.net](mailto:secretary@aroids.net) as opposed to posting it in Facebook groups. This way it will come directly to us, and we will try to resolve it as quickly as possible.



## CALENDAR OF ASA EVENTS

- ASA Victorian Field Day: 15 September 2018
- ASA Meeting: 8 October 2018
- ASA State Christmas Party: December 2018 (Check your state)
  - Brisbane 10<sup>th</sup> November
  - Melbourne 15<sup>th</sup> December (more details about other states to come)
- ASA Meeting: 13 February 2019 (New venue: Sunnybank RSL)

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Secretary - **Steven Best**

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## SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to send our upmost appreciation to Arden Dearden, Chris Hall, Steve Flood, Michael Pascall, Jim Edwards, Lee Thorneycroft, and Neil Crafter for your kind contributions and ongoing donations to our online raffle and auctions. Special mention also to those that donated plants during the meeting. Proceeds from these raffles and sales are invaluable to keep our Society functioning.

We look forward to seeing you at the Victorian Field Day on **Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> September** and at the upcoming General Meeting on the **8<sup>th</sup> of October**.

Yours sincerely

**The Aroid Society of Australia Inc Committee**

