

Carniflora News

June 2015

Welcome. This issue of *Carniflora News* provides a summary of the last meeting, other recent events, happenings in the greenhouse and details of new events.

The current Executive

The 2015 executive is as follows:

President & Public Officer – Wesley Fairhall

Vice President – Robert Gibson

Treasurer, Secretary & Publicity Officer

– Kirk 'Füzzzy' Hirsch

Committee Member 1 – Marina Chong

Committee Member 2 – David Colbourn

Committee Member 3 – Glen Moss

Committee Member 4 – Terry Watts

Renovations for Woodstock have been delayed until July. Thus the June meeting will be at Woodstock Community Centre in the Group Room 1 as usual.

Check the ACPS Facebook page for updates:

https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Australasian-Carnivorous-Plant-Society/194049760656595?ref_type=bookmark



Drosera marchantii subsp. *prophylla*

Upcoming ACPS events for 2015:

12th June 2015 — **Photo competition**

10th July 2015 — **David Colbourn, Tuberosus *Drosera***

14th August 2015 — Raymond Chin, **Growing plants under LED vrs fluorescent lights**

11th September 2015 — **Details to be announced**

26th-27th September 2015 — Plant Lover's Fair, Kariong (see attached flyer)

9th October 2015 — **Details to be announced**

13th November 2015 — **Details to be announced**

11th December 2015 — **Details to be announced**

5th-13th December 2015 — 'Plants with Bite Fair', Blue Mountains Botanic Garden (more details soon)

December 2015 — Christmas Party, to be discussed over coming weeks

Please bring plants for show or sale, or both. Please give consideration to presenting a talk, a demonstration, or showing a selection of your favourite photos at one of the forthcoming meetings.

The Society's general email address is auscps@gmail.com

The Society's blog site is at: <https://auscps.wordpress.com/>

Summary of the May meeting:

The May meeting included a discussion on the 2015 Christmas Party. Options included the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney or Blue Mountains Botanic Garden (as per last year). If you have other ideas, then please let the executive know.

The problem with PayPal appears closer to being resolved. However, looming changes to the structure of the PayPal company may add more complications to the Society's on-going predicament. Hopefully it can be resolved soon.

There was a suggestion for themes to be introduced to at least some meetings each year. That is, for people to bring in plants of a nominated theme, such as *Sarracenia* species, red-leaved plants, or plants native to SW Australia. Hopefully such theme nights will generate discussion on how particular plants are grown, how problems are overcome, and perhaps also some plant identification. Stay tuned for more details.

Other topics discussed included the updating of flyers on how to grow

particular plants, the provision of name badges, and investigation of the Society producing t-shirts.

It also featured a hands-on presentation by David Colbourn on pygmy *Drosera* with a focus on collecting gemmae that most plants are producing now.

The 'Plant of the Month' competition was a contest between many lovely plants including *Pinguicula gypsicola x moctezumae*, *Drosera whittakeri*, *D. pauciflora*, a lovely range of Pygmy Sundews in gemmae (including *D. dichrosepala*, *D. helodes*, *D. omissa*, *D. pulchella*, *D. x sidjamesii*, *D. scorpioides* and *D. stelliflora*), and *Cephalotus follicularis* and *Nepenthes x ventrata*. The winner was the pot of *Cephalotus* grown by Kirk 'Fuzzy' Hirsch (see details on Page 3).



Drosera pulchella with gemmae



Drosera barbigerata



Tall plants of *Drosera scorpioides*



David demonstrating gemmae collection

Plant of the Month – *Cephalotus follicularis*

Kirk grows this plant in a large pot in a mix of peat and sand with some pine bark. One trick with growing *Cephalotus* is not to keep the plants too wet; grow them in at most 1 cm of water, and it helps to let the saucer dry-out between waterings.



IUCN Carnivorous Plant Specialist Group

During the 10th International Carnivorous Plant Society Conference in Cairns, Rob Cantley officially launched the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Carnivorous Plant Specialist Group [<http://www.iucn-cpsg.org/>]. This group serves to preserve and study carnivorous plants in the wild. The work of this new group is to provide accurate and current Red List assessments for all carnivorous plants. The results of which will inform conservation efforts so they target the most threatened species. Everyone is welcome to contribute, whether by joining as a General Member or as a Specialist Member for a group of plants to help with this assessment work. I encourage everyone to get involved, for we all have a part to play in this effort to preserve the plants that fascinate us.

'Let them eat meat' segment on Gardening Australia of 30th May 2015

Greg Bourke recently hosted the Gardening Australia team for an interview and look around his nursery. The resulting clip can be seen at: http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/video/default.htm?clip=http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/tv/gardeningaus/prog_streams/eatmeat_ep12_2015.mp4&title=Let%20Them%20Eat%20Meat

Recent Events:

Sunday 17th May 2015, Koi Pet and Garden Show, Fairfield Showground (by Ron & Marie Gauci)

The Show was attended by Committee members Wesley, Marina and Society members Ron & Marie. There was a range of *Sarracenia*, Venus Fly Traps and *Nepenthes* for sale. It was a good day out with the weather being cooler in the morning but warming up during the day.

We were even able to get a bit of a Pet fix with the Ferrets next door to our stand, which kept us amused and the Rabbits were just up a bit further from us and of course a good display of Koi.



Carnivorous plant stall at the Koi Pet and Garden Show. Photo by Ron & Marie Gauci.

Forthcoming events:

Photo competition for the June general meeting.

This photo competition provides members with an opportunity to share their favourite photos with others, and also have a chance of getting your photo published in the 2016 calendar than the Society is planning to produce.

Photo categories include:

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| Carnivorous plant (including hybrids) by genus; | Best macrophoto; |
| Carnivorous plants in the wild; | Rarest plant; |
| Most difficult species to see in the wild; | Carnivorous plant landscape; |
| Plant-animal interactions; | Photos by new members; |
| Most artistic photo | |

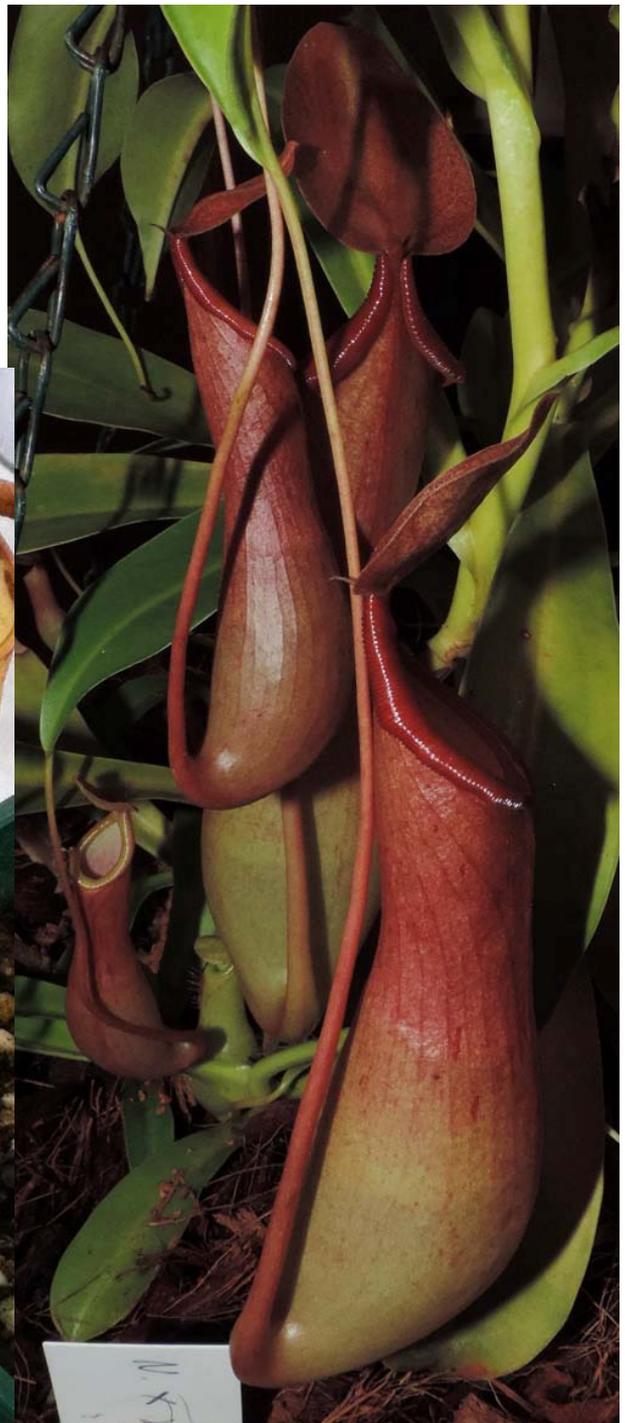
Winners will be determined by popular vote at the June meeting with results to follow in the next newsletter. A selection of the best photos will be used in the 2016 calendar.

Please e-mail your photos to the Society at auscps@gmail.com by 10 June 2015, and include your name, the subject and category of the submission(s). Printed photos may also be provided and brought to the June meeting. Photos must be of sufficient resolution to be able to be printed at A4 page size.

It will be great to see the range of photos submitted for this event.

Plant Lover's Fair, Kariong, 26th-27th September

2014. This is a popular event at a lovely time of year. Greg Bourke of Captive Exotics <http://www.captiveexotics.com/> will have a stand there rather than the society. There is an entrance fee of \$10 per person to attend. See attached flyer for further details or visit their website: <http://plantloversfair.com.au/>



Some Nepenthes for sale at the Koi Pet and Garden Show. Photo by Ron & Marie Gauci.

SEEDBANK — see pages 7 and 8.
At the last committee meeting it was agreed that seed would be available to non-members at \$2.00 per packet (plus appropriate packing and postage costs). Surplus seed from the seedbank will now also be available on eBay, with proceeds going to the Society.

In the Greenhouse:

Further storms since Easter, including the severe storm of April 20-22nd thankfully resulted in minor damage caused by falling branches (such as snapped *Nepenthes* stems) and some pots falling so as to spill some or all of their contents. Aside from falling branches the other big risk from such storm events is the prolonged loss of power which would be bad news for plants relying on artificial lighting or heating.

The arrival of cold and wet weather has forced exotic Coastal Brown Ants inside, where they can be problematic. However, they are also a convenient size to feed to sticky-leaved carnivorous plants, such as seedling *Drosera* that grow quickly when fed a few of these ants.

Winter-growing sundews look great right now with many of the rosette tuberous *Drosera* in flower. All of which have a delightful aroma.

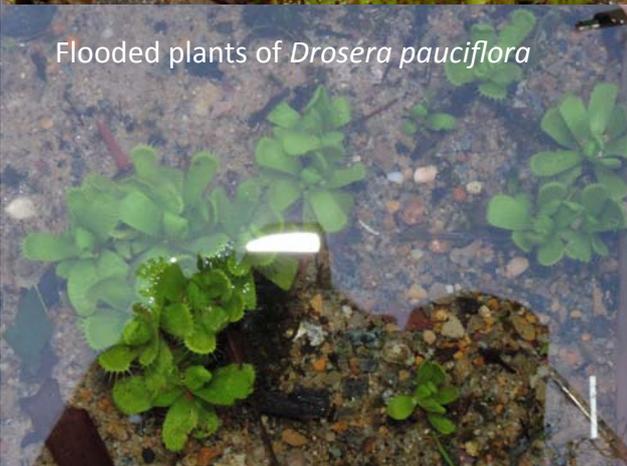
Many Pygmy Sundews are in gemmae now. These modified leaves contain a food reserve and a small growing point and when detached can quickly grow to a mature plant in under a year. Plants need some protection from heavy rain, otherwise their precious gemmae get spread far and wide and can get washed out of pots.



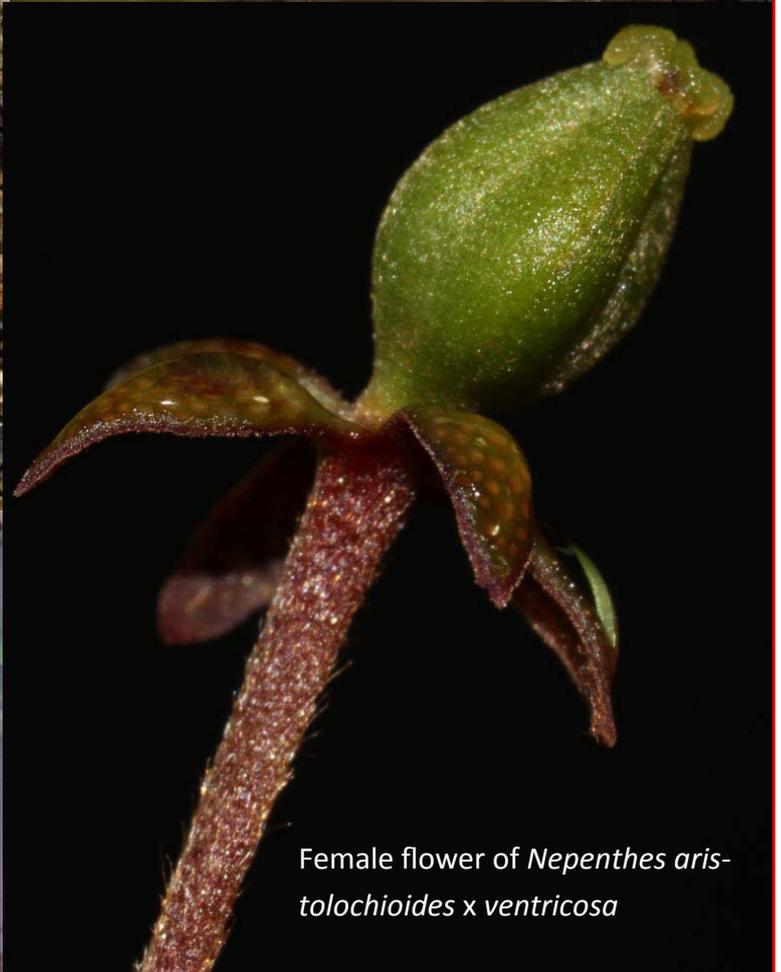
Rain-damaged open flower of *Drosera tubaestylis*



Drosera lowriei rosette in bud



Flooded plants of *Drosera pauciflora*



Female flower of *Nepenthes aristolochioides* x *ventricosa*

AUSTRALASIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY SEED BANK PAGE

***** Drosera regia seed will be available to members next month *****

Seed packets are \$1 each for members of the AUSCPS and \$3 each for non members. Donations of seed is welcome. Please supply location data if available. Your Seed Bank Officer is David Colbourn. Email: davecolbourn@gmail.com

AUSTRALASIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY						
SEED BANK						
GENUS	SPECIES	Sub-Species	Variety / Form	QUANTITY	LOCATION DATA	Harvest Date
Drosera	admirabilis			1		
Drosera	aliciae			3	Table Mountain R.S.A.	December 2013
Drosera	arcturi			1	Blyth Swamp, Mt. Ruapeth, NZ	
Drosera	auriculata			1	Nowra	September 2012
Drosera	auriculata			1	Nowra	October 2012
Drosera	auriculata			4	Picnic Point, NSW	September 2013
Drosera	auriculata			2	Picnic Point, NSW	September 2012
Drosera	auriculata			4	South Australia	October 2014
Drosera	auriculata		Red	1	Grampians, Vic	
Drosera	auriculata			1	S.A. ex Hort	September 2012
Drosera	auriculata		Pink	1	Tasmania	October 2010
Drosera	auriculata			1	Adamstown, NSW	
Drosera	auriculata			1	Cameron Park, NSW	September 2010
Drosera	auriculata			1	Nerriga, NSW	
Drosera	auriculata		Pink	1	Freycinet, Tas.	October 2010
Drosera	binata		T Form	2	Mt Compass, S.A.	December 2013
Drosera	binata		T Form	3	Freycinet, Tas	December 2013
Drosera	binata			2	Ahipam, Nth Is. N.Z.	
Drosera	capensis		Red Leaf	1		
Drosera	cistiflora "Red" x pauciflora			1		October 2014
Drosera	coccicaulis		alba	1		
Drosera	collinsiae			1	Mbuluri River, Swaziland, RSA	October 2014
Drosera	collinsiae			1	Usutlu, Swaziland, RSA	October 2014
Drosera	gigantea	gigantea		1		2014
Drosera	hookeri			1	Bathurst, NSW	October 2012
Drosera	hookeri		Pink Petals	1	ex hort	September 2012
Drosera	hookeri			1	Cameron Park, NSW	September 2010
Drosera	hookeri			6	Jamieson, VIC	December 2012
Drosera	indica			1	Triffid Park	
Drosera	indica			1	Orange Flower, Darwin	
Drosera	indumenta		"swamp Form"	6	previously D. macrantha	October 2014
Drosera	lunata			2	Werakata, NSW	March 2013

Drosera	macrantha		Swamp Form	5		
Drosera	macrantha		Swamp Form	1		September 2013
Drosera	macrantha		Swamp Form	1		October 2012
Drosera	macrantha	macrantha		1		
Drosera	macrantha	macrantha		1	Darkan	
Drosera	macrantha			1	Clonbrook ?	
Drosera	macrantha	macrantha	Pink	1	W.A.	
Drosera	macrantha	macrantha		1	SE of Hyden Rock	
Drosera	macrantha	macrantha		1	Wongan Hills	
Drosera	macrantha	macrantha		1	Cranbrook, W.A.	October 2014
Drosera	macrantha		Northern Sand Plains Form	1	Eneabba, W.A.	October 2012
Drosera	macrantha	planchonii		1		
Drosera	macrantha	planchonii		1	Tasmania	October 2010
Drosera	macrantha		Silky Petal Form	2	Wongan Hills, W.A.	
Drosera	natalensis			2		October 2014
Drosera	natalensis			2		August 2014
Drosera	peltata			1		July 2012
Drosera	peltata			1	Walwa, Snowy Mountains, NSW?	December 2012
Drosera	peltata			1	Victoria	October 2014
Drosera	peltata			1	Walwa Trig, NSW	July 2012
Drosera	peltata			1	Beechworth, Vic	October 2012
Drosera	spatulata			3	Ahipara, Nth. Is. N.Z.	
Drosera	spatulata		var. lovellae	1		
Drosera	stricticaulis			2		November 2014
Drosera	tokaiensis			1		January 2013
Drosera	venusta		Pale Pink Flower	3		November 2013
Drosera	yilgainensis			1	Holt Rock, W.A.	September 2012
Drosera	sp.			1	Lantau Island	
Drosera	sp.				Auyan Tepui	
Sarracenia	leucophylla		Red -	2	open pollinated	April 2013
Sarracenia	purpurea	venosa	rosea	1		April 2013
Sarracenia	purpurea	venosa	var. burkii	7		April 2015
Sarracenia	purpurea	purpurea	var. heterophylla	1		
Sarracenia	purpurea	purpurea		1	mixed clones	
Sarracenia	flava		var. flava	1	mixed forms	
Drosophyllum	lusitanicum			2	Monte Picacho, S. Spain	3 seeds per packet
Drosophyllum	lusitanicum			2	Aveiro, Portugal	3 seeds per packet
Darlingtonia	californica			1		
Nepenthes	suratensis			1		March 2015
Dionaea	muscipula			4	mixed forms	



plant lovers fair

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Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September 2015

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Directions to Plant Lovers Fair

Kariong Mountains High School
Festival Drive, Kariong NSW

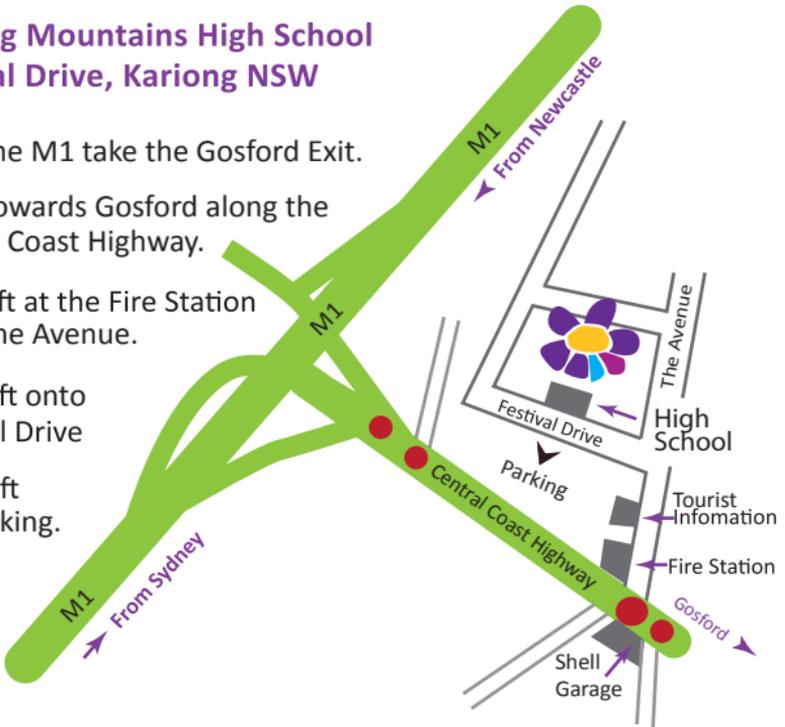
From the M1 take the Gosford Exit.

Drive towards Gosford along the
Central Coast Highway.

Turn left at the Fire Station
onto The Avenue.

Turn left onto
Festival Drive

Turn left
for parking.



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