

Carniflora News

Newsletter of the Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society

August 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 'Füzzy' 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 again and are now scheduled to start in SEPTEMBER. Thus the August meeting will be at Woodstock Community Centre in the Group Room 1 as usual.



Nepenthes hirsuta x spathulata

Upcoming ACPS events for 2015:

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

11th September 2015 — **Photo competition**

26th-27th September 2015 — **Plant Lover's Fair, Kariong**

9th October 2015 — ***Pinguicula*, David Colbourn**

18th October 2015 — **Dam Fest, Warragamba** (more details to come)

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

December 2015 — **Christmas Party** (more details to come)

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

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 July Meeting:

The July meeting had a good discussion on tuberous *Drosera* that started before David's presentation began. There were some lovely plants on show and for sale and much talk was focused on the three large events happening later this year and also renovations at Woodstock.

The 'Plant of the Month' competition was a contest between a large selection of plants including: *Drosera bulbosa* subsp. *bulbosa*, *D. bulbosa* subsp. *major*, *D. erythrorhiza* subsp. *squamosa*, *D. heterophylla*, *D. pauciflora*, *D. porrecta*, *D. rosulata* 'Giant Swamp Form', *Drosera zigzagia*, *Genlisea hispidula*, *Nepenthes hirsuta* x *spathulata*, *N. truncata* x ?lowii, *N. truncata* x ?? *ventricosa*, *N. aristolochioides* x *ventricosa* and *N. truncata* x *ovata*.

The winning plant was a stunning *Nepenthes truncata* hybrid that appeared to be *N. truncata* x *lowii*. Well done Hasan. The tuberous *Drosera* plant of the month was a pot with *Drosera rupicola* and *D. erythrorhiza* subsp. *squamosa* grown by Robert and Fuzzy (see details on Page 3).



Theme plants for remaining meetings in 2015

The following theme plants have been selected for meetings for the rest of 2015:

August – *Utricularia*
October – *Pinguicula*

September – *Nepenthes*
November – *Sarracenia*

Members are encouraged to bring examples of theme plants to those meeting. They may be nice examples of such plants; plants of uncertain name for which help is sought with identification; or unhappy plants for which advice is sought on possible remedies of how to improve them. In short, one outcome of this idea is to help generate conversations about the plants that fascinate and captivate us. There will be a separate category for voting 'Plant of the Month' for theme plants.

You are welcome to bring in other types of plants too at these meetings too.

Plant of the Month – *Nepenthes truncata* x *lowii*

Hasan brought in a superb *Nepenthes truncata* hybrid that appears to be *N. truncata* x *lowii*. The petiolate leaves have the characteristic bluntly-rounded leaf apex, and the pitchers were large, woody, with a broad peristome.



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.

International Carnivorous Plant Society (ICPS) Conference 6th - 8th August 2016

The ICPS are pleased to say that The Carnivorous Plant Society has been given the 2016 Conference, and that Kew, working in partnership with the CPS, is to host the event at their renowned Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London, England.

Forthcoming events:

Photo competition re-scheduled for the September 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. To date three people have submitted photos for this event and further submissions are welcomed.

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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 | |

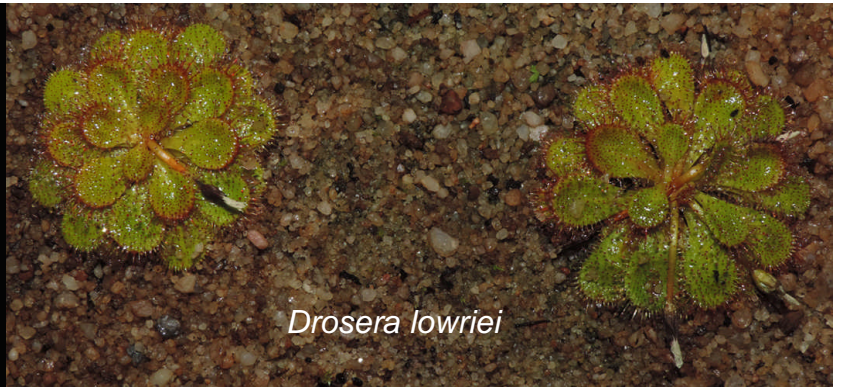
Winners will be determined by popular vote at the September meeting with results to follow in the next newsletter. A selection of the best photos will be used in the 2016 calendar.

Please e-mail your photos to the Society at auscps@gmail.com by 31st August 2015, and include your name, the subject and category of the submission(s). Printed photos may also be provided and brought to the September 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.



Drosera cistiflora flower bud



Drosera lowriei



Drosera gigantea flower structure

Plant Lovers Fair, Kariong

Plant Lovers Fair at Kariong, **26th-27th September 2014**. This is a popular event at beautiful time of year. Greg Bourke of Captive Exotics <http://www.captiveexotics.com/> will have a stand there. So go along and enjoy the chance to buy a range of new treasures for your collection. More details are available at <http://plantloversfair.com.au/> and in the June newsletter.

Dam Fest Warragamba (18th October 2015)

It has been suggested that the Society has a presence at Dam Fest Warragamba, in South Western Sydney, which is an annual event held on the third Sunday of October: <http://www.sydney.com/events/dam-fest-warragamba> More details to come.



Drosera menziesii
leaf



Drosera spatulata 'Typical New Zealand Form'



Nepenthes aristolochioides x *ventricosa*



Utricularia menziesii

SEEDBANK — the current seedbank list is presented on pages 8 and 9.

In the Greenhouse:

The weather of recent weeks has been highly variable with successive cool days and colder nights interspersed with periods of mild to even warm weather. Perhaps it is not surprising that some *Sarracenia* are now sending up new growth, that some *Nepenthes* grown outside are sending up new scapes, or that plants of *Drosera pauciflora* have now started to bloom.

It remains a choice time of year to admire tuberous Sundews and many more erect-growing species now coming into flower. The last of the rosetted tuberous *Drosera* to bloom, *Drosera macrophylla* are nearing the end of their flowering season. As David Colbourn pointed out in his talk, there are about 70 taxa of tuberous *Drosera*, and yet it remains surprising how few are widely available in general cultivation.



Drosera gigantea in bud and flower



Drosera venusta in scape



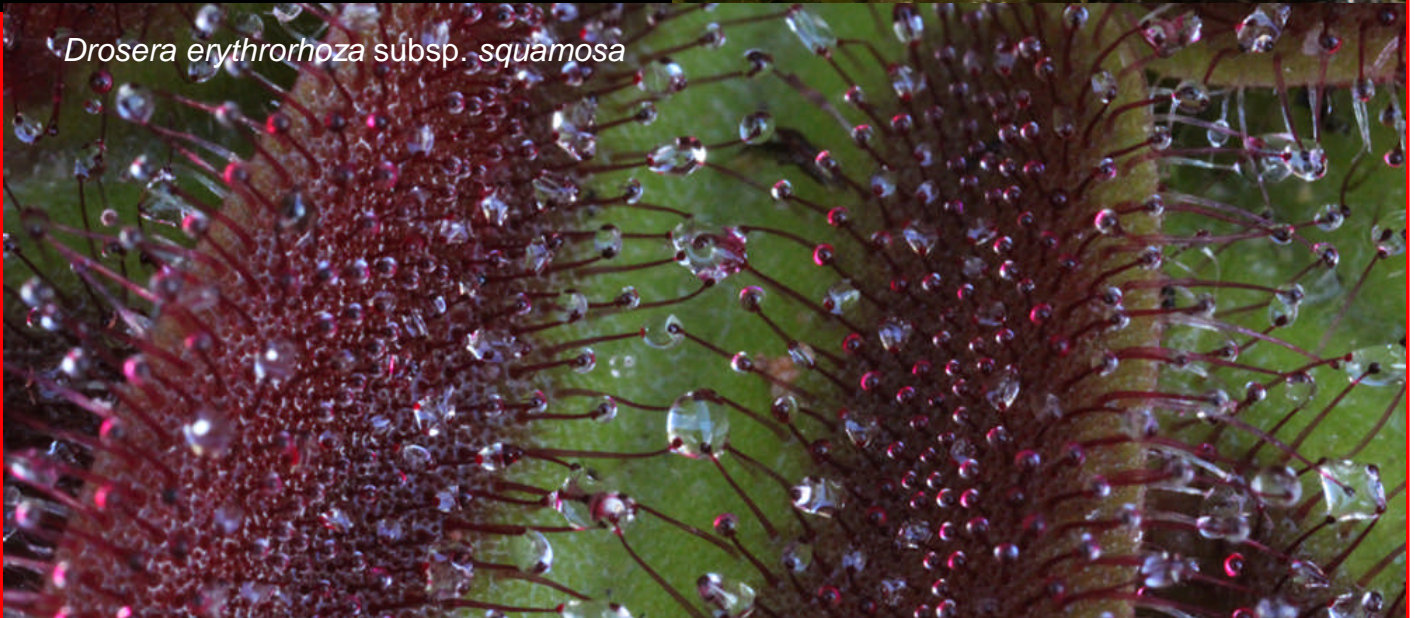
Drosera cistiflora leaf cutting



Drosera marchantii
subsp. *prophylla*
atypical flower



Drosera filiformis breaking dormancy



Drosera erythrorhoza subsp. *squamosa*



Drosera pauciflora open flower



Drosera macrophylla open flower

AUSTRALASIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY SEED BANK PAGE

***** Drosera regia is now available *****

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			2		
Drosera	aliciae			3	Table Mountain R.S.A.	December 2013
Drosera	arcturi			2	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	2		
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	regia			8		
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.			1	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	
Dionaea	muscipula			6	mixed forms	
Stylidium	erorhizum			3	Mount Fox, Nth QLD	