



THE AUSTRALASIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANTS SOCIETY INC.

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Welcome to *Carniflora News*, a newsletter produced by the Australasian Carnivorous Plants Society Inc. that documents the meetings, news and events of the society.

NEWS

Membership

Join now

Membership is now due for 2016.

The Australasian Carnivorous Plants Society Inc. is now offering two forms of membership to cater for those who want to receive electronic versions of *Carniflora Australis* (\$25) and those who still prefer the printed version (\$35). The difference in cost is to cater for the increase in postage and printing fees of the journal.

Over the past year the society Executive has been busy reviewing, updating and implementing existing services to reach a broader range of enthusiasts and provide value for money for your membership fee.

New memberships and renewals may be obtained by attending our monthly meetings or by completing the membership form attached to this newsletter.

Without a strong and committed membership the Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Inc. will cease to exist, so if you love carnivorous plants, love to read *Carniflora Australis* and love to meet other growers and collectors, then NOW is the time to join.

Photos

If you have any CP related photos that are suitable for publication in this newsletter, please email them to davecolbourn@gmail.com.

DROSERA CAPENSIS IN THE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

In 2012 a new naturalised record for *Drosera capensis* was published in *Telopea* (Volume14:89-92). This discovery, along with *Utricularia subulata*, was made in a small road-side creek within the Royal National Park. *Drosera capensis* is a South African native and becomes weedy in carnivorous plant collections. It was feared that this species would do the same within the National Park. Park managers have tried to eradicate the population however in late 2015 approximately 100 plants were found by AUSCPS members at the reported location.

It is probable that these species were artificially introduced and pose a threat to the habitat of native carnivorous plants. The deliberate introduction of exotic plants into National Parks and other conservation reserves is illegal.

The Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society has been in contact with the manager of the Royal National Park and have obtained authority to manually remove *Drosera capensis* from this site. It is proposed that sometime in April or May 2016 that the society will combine a carnivorous plant site seeing trip within the Royal National Park with a weeding activity to manually remove this species from the creek. If you are interested in attending please send an email to the societies email address (auscps@gmail.com) for further information.

The article may be found at:

<http://ojs-prod.library.usyd.edu.au/index.php/TEL/article/download/6676/7324>

BLACKHEATH AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Liz Fox from the Blackheath and District Horticultural Society is looking for a volunteer to make a presentation on Carnivorous Plants at one of their upcoming meetings. They meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Lodge of the Blackheath Rhododendron Gardens. Liz may be contacted on bluemtnsliz@westnet.com.au.

RECENT CARNIVOROUS PLANTS SOLD ON EBAY (AUSTRALIA)



Nepenthes attenboroughii -
\$162.50



Dionaea muscipula
"Werewolf Spawn" - \$162.50



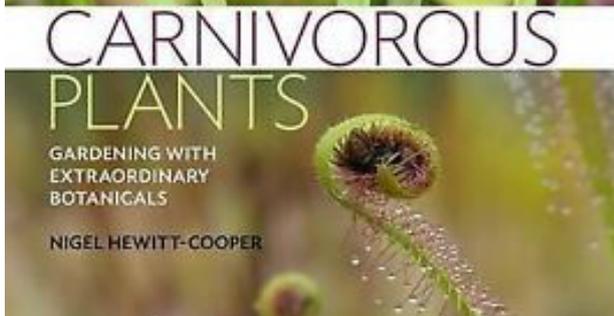
Darlingtonia californica -
\$91.80

NEW STAMP FEATURING *DROSERA MICROPHYLLA*

In 2016 Australia Post released a set of stamps showcasing four beautiful and distinctive floral species from south-west Western Australia. *Drosera microphylla* features as the \$2 stamp. Various collectable items are available from Australia Post featuring these flowers.



NEW BOOK ON CARNIVOROUS PLANTS



On the third of January 2016, Carnivorous Plants by Nigel Hewitt-Cooper was published.

The book is currently in hardback edition and features 224 pages. The book offers a general introduction to the world of carnivorous plants, and growing and cultivation information for commonly available and easily grown varieties.

Hewitt-Cooper also provides advice on where to grow the plants; year-round care, cultivation, and maintenance; and a directory of the best carnivorous plants for home gardeners.

THE SYDNEY ROYAL FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

The Royal Easter Show is fast approaching and applications are being sought for the display of Carnivorous Plants at the Show.

The display of Carnivorous Plants at the Royal Easter Show is a new initiative for the Society with previous and current members participating and winning awards for their plants. This year the show will be run from the **17th to the 30th of March 2016**.

The show is a great way of promoting Carnivorous Plants and the society, with a chance for entrants to receive recognition for their plants.

Applications for the competition are now open and must be completed by the 2nd of March 2016.

The competition has been divided into the following categories and specifications:

PRIZE MONEY

1st - \$10 each Class unless otherwise specified.

CLASS 600 - *Dionaea* (Venus Fly Trap), single plant, in pot not exceeding 200mm.

CLASS 601 - *Drosera* (Sundew), single plant, in pot not exceeding 200mm.

CLASS 602 - *Nepenthes*, single plant, minimum 3 pitchers, in pot not exceeding 200mm.

CLASS 603 - *Nepenthes*, single hybrid plant, minimum 3 pitchers, in pot not exceeding 200mm.

CLASS 604 - *Sarracenia*, single plant, minimum 3 pitchers, in pot not exceeding 200mm.

CLASS 605 - *Sarracenia*, single hybrid plant, minimum 3 pitchers, in pot not exceeding 200mm.

CHAMPION CARNIVOROUS PLANT

All first prize winning Carnivorous Exhibits are eligible. The prize is \$40 cash supported by TECH 2U PTY LIMITED



Below are show web addresses for information and application forms for entry into the competition:

<http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/FlowerGarden.htm>

<http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/1066.htm>

[http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/2016FlowerGardenShowApplicationForEntryNomination\(1\).pdf](http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/2016FlowerGardenShowApplicationForEntryNomination(1).pdf)

[http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/2016FlowerGardenShowScheduleWeb\(4\).pdf](http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/2016FlowerGardenShowScheduleWeb(4).pdf)

SOCIETY T-SHIRTS

The Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society is now offering T-shirts printed with our logo on the front. These T-Shirts are a great way to promote and support the society at functions and shows.

These high quality T-Shirts are being offered for \$30 each. T-Shirts come in white and black and are available in sizes Small to XXL.

To order the T-Shirts, contact David at davecolbourn@gmail.com with your size request and payment receipt. Payment can be made to the society by:

Cash, at meetings;

Direct deposit, into the societies bank account

Acc. Name: Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Inc.,

Acc. BSB: 112879,

Acc. Number: 195074412,

Ref: Use your name, email address and 'T-Shirt'; or via

Paypal (Follow the payment instructions in the attached membership form).

An email will be sent to you when the T-Shirt is ready.



Collection of the T-Shirts is at our monthly meetings.

Please select the correct size of the T-Shirt as refunds are not possible. There will be a sample T-Shirt to inspect at the March meeting.

JOURNAL UPDATE

The March 2016 edition of *Carniflora Australis* is expected to be published and released to financial members on time. The journal will feature articles on the cultivation of *Pinguicula*, the formal description of a new *Sarracenia* cultivar and a comprehensive article on the *Drosera cistiflora* complex.



In other Journal news, final mail-outs for outstanding journals are currently underway. Therefore, all past financial members should have received journals for the period of their membership. We thank you for your patience during this time. If you have not received your journal, please contact the secretary at auscps@gmail.com.

Submission of articles and photographs for inclusion in *Carniflora Australis* is welcome. Articles on your collection, growing set-up, cultivation guides, discoveries of plants in nature, CP exploration trips and photographs of traps make great reading. Please send text and photographs as separate files to auscps@gmail.com.

MEETING SUMMARY

The February meeting was well attended with new members and visitors. The theme of the night was *Utricularia*, *Genlisea* and *Aldrovanda*. David Colbourn brought in some nice specimens with *U. calycifida* winning plant of the month.

Our new T-shirts were displayed. These shirts are a fund-raising initiative that provide members with another option to support and promote the society. Please refer to Page 5 for how to order details.



Our next meeting is on the 11th March, 2016 in the Ralston Room at the Burwood Community Hub. The plant theme for this month is *Drosera* and *Byblis*. Bring along your plants for show and your excess plants for sale. Other genera are welcome.

Plants sales are reserved for financial members only with 10% of sales from meetings returned to the society. Sales from other events may have a higher percentage. This “levy” helps finance the meeting rooms and stalls held by the society.

Monthly Meeting Venue

Renovations of the Woodstock Community Centre continue.

Meetings will be held at the RALSTON ROOM, Burwood Library and Community Hub, 2 Condor Street, Burwood (3 blocks West of Burwood Station: on the corner of Railway Parade and Condor Street).

This room is immediately above the library and is accessed from stairs and a lift located by the southern door to the library.

The library closes at 7.30 p.m. After this time you will need to phone through so that someone in the meeting will come down and let you in via the door that faces Hornsey Street. Thus the best place to park is in the carpark opposite the venue on the other side of Hornsey Street.



Above - assorted *Utricularia* and *Genlisea*.



Right - *Utricularia calycifida*

Below - Kirk explaining the unique curiosities of Carnivorous Plants to Deb, a new member to the Australasian Carnivorous Plants Society.



IN THE GREENHOUSE

Aldrovanda

Growth rates will be fast and plants will multiple rapidly. Keep algae under control. Pollinated flowers will dip below the surface of the water. Harvest seed.

Brocchinia / Catopsis

Maintain high light levels and humidity. Apply light foliar fertilisation. Pups will be produced and may be divided when mature enough. Mature plants may now be sending up scapes.

Byblis

Byblis gigantea and *lamellata* are dormant. Keep dry.

The northern species of *Byblis* should be in flower. Growth rates will be high. Keep moist and humidity high. Flowers can be cross pollinated. Harvest seed.

Cephalotus

Flowering will be well advanced and may be self-pollinated to produce seed. Keep the soil moist and cool. Avoid fungal problems by keeping good air movement around the plants.

Darlingtonia

Darlingtonia will be in active growth. Stolons will begin growing under the substrate. Watch out for hot days. Place your plants in more shade or consider bringing them indoors during hot weather. Night temperatures are increasing so it is imperative that the roots are kept cool.

Dionaea

All VFTs should be in active growth. Feed with flies to boost growth and plant size.

Drosera

Tuberous *Drosera* will now be breaking dormancy. All growth will be underground as the vertical stolon heads towards the pot's surface. Keep the pots slightly moist. Avoid repotting of the plants until December.

Pygmy *Drosera* will be resuming growth. Increase soil moisture.

Other Winter growing species such as *D. ramentacea*, *cistiflora* and *pauciflora* will break their dormancy. Increase watering and keep the pots moist.

Tropical and sub-tropical species will be in full growth and flower. Keep the soil very moist. Collect seed and sow onto peat based media. Fertilise with a light foliar feed to boost growth.

Drosophyllum

Drosophyllum will be in active growth, although slower with the hotter weather. They are less tolerant of higher levels of moisture in the soil and are at risk of root rot.

Genlisea

Genlisea should be in flower and active growth. Keep the water levels high with these species. Leaf and trap production will improve when the water level is at soil level. Take leaf cuttings.

Heliophora

Keep plants in a bright but cool location. Mist regularly to help keep the pots cool.

Nepenthes

March is a good time for *Nepenthes*, with temperatures suitable for both Lowland and Highland types. Keep humidity higher during periods of warm to hot temperatures.

Pinguicula

Mexican species/hybrids are in active growth with sporadic flowering. Maintain soil moisture and humidity. Leaf cuttings may be taken by pulling the older leaves from the mother plant. Ensure you get all of the leaf including the white parts close to the roots.

Warm-temperate species such as *P. primuliflora* and *lusitanica* will have mature seed. Collect and sow on moist peat or dead sphagnum. Keep the water up to *P. primuliflora* and take leaf cuttings.

Roridula

Roridula growth rates should increase with the cooler nights. Seed may be harvested now. Keep the soil moist and ensure good air circulation.

Sarracenia

Sarracenia flava, *oreophila* and *alata* will now produce their phyllodia - winter leaves. *Sarracenia leucophylla* and *rubra* will begin to produce their mature pitchers. Their prime season is Autumn.

Utricularia

Most terrestrial *Utricularia* will be in active growth and flower. Keep moist to wet.

Aquatic *Utricularia* continue to grow. Keep algae under control.

Winter growing species, such as *U. multifida*, may now be sown.

Tropical *Utricularia* - Maintain high humidity and air movement. Keep soils moist.

SEED BANK NEWS

There currently is a good range of seed available in the seed bank. New arrivals are *D. collinsiae* and *D. aliciae* "fuzzy scape". Thank you to Phillipe Reyter, Kirk Hirsch and Robert Gibson for their kind donations.

Seed packets are \$1 for members and \$3 for non-members. Excess and old seed is now being sold on ebay. Donations of seed are welcome. Please supply location data if available. Your Seed Bank Officer is David Colbourn. Email: davecolbourn@gmail.com.

The seed bank list is attached to the end of this newsletter.

CLASSIFIEDS

Advertising in this newsletter is permitted. Place all classified enquiries with the society's email address auscps@gmail.com.

SPONSORS

Sponsorship of *Carniflora Australis* and *Carniflora News* is welcome. \$40 will get you a business card sized ad included in two *Carniflora Australis* journals; and 12 x *Carniflora News* issues. Contact Dr. Gibson at auscps@gmail.com for further details.



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THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE

The Current Executive for the ACPS comprises:

President & Public Officer - Wesley Fairhall

Vice President – Robert Gibson

Treasurer, Secretary & Publicity Officer – Kirk 'Fuzzy' Hirsch

Committee Member 1 – Marina Chong

Committee Member 2 – David Colbourn

Committee Member 3 – Glen Moss

Committee Member 4 – Terry Watts

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SEED BANK						
GENUS	SPECIES	Sub-Species	Variety / Form	QUANTITY	LOCATION DATA	Harvest Date
Drosera	aliciae		large form, fuzzy scape	5		
Drosera	auriculata			2	various	September 2012
Drosera	auriculata			1	Kaipara, NZ	
Drosera	binata		T Form	2	Mt Compass, S.A.	December 2013
Drosera	binata		T Form	2	Freycinet, Tas	December 2013
Drosera	binata			2	Ahipam, Nth Is. N.Z.	
Drosera	binata			1	Ruapehu, NZ	
Drosera	capensis			1	Vogelgat Nature Reserve, S.A.	
Drosera	coccicaulis		alba	2		
Drosera	collinsiae			?	Usutlu	January 2016
Drosera	hookeri			5	various	October 2012
Drosera	indumenta		"swamp Form"	6	previously D. macrantha	October 2014
Drosera	intermedia		tropical form	8		
Drosera	macrantha		Swamp Form	5		
Drosera	macrantha	macrantha		5	Various	
Drosera	natalensis			1		August 2014
Drosera	peltata			2	various	October 2012
Drosera	spatulata			3	Ahipara, Nth. Is. N.Z.	
Drosera	spatulata		var. lovellae	1		
Drosera	venusta		Pale Pink Flower	1		November 2013
Drosera	sp.			1	Lantau Island	
Drosera	sp.			1	Auyan Tepui	
Drosera	sp.			2	Pretty Rosette, South Africa	Novemeber 2015
Sarracenia	leucophylla		Red -	2	open pollinated	April 2013
Sarracenia	purpurea	venosa	var. burkii	5		April 2015
Stylidium	eriorhizum			3	Mount Fox, Nth QLD	
Utricularia	multifida		Split Petal	4	ex.Phil Mann	2014
Utricularia	laterifolia			1	Newcastle	December 2015
Drosophyllum	lusitanicum			3	Algeciras, Spain	
Drosophyllum	lusitanicum			3	Ubrique, Spain	

