



THE AUSTRALASIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANTS SOCIETY INC.

CARNIFLORA NEWS

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

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CALENDAR

JANUARY

2nd Jan 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Canberra.
 7th Jan 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Brisbane.
 9th Jan 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Sydney featuring *Dionaea*.

FEBRUARY

6th Feb 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Canberra.
 4th Feb 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Brisbane.
 13th Feb 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Sydney featuring *Utricularia* and *Genlisea*.

MARCH

4th Mar 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Brisbane.
 6th Mar 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Canberra.
 13th Mar 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Sydney featuring *Drosophyllum*, *Roridula* and *Byblis*.

APRIL

1st Apr 2026 AUSCPS meeting – Brisbane.
 2nd – 13th Apr 2026 **Royal Easter Show**
 3rd Apr 2026 AUSCPS meeting – Canberra.
 10th Apr 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Sydney featuring *Sarracenia*, *Darlingtonia* and *Heliamphora*.

MAY

1st May 2026 AUSCPS meeting – Canberra.
 6th May 2026 AUSCPS meeting – Brisbane.
 8th May 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Sydney featuring *Nepenthes*.

JUNE

3rd Jun 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Brisbane.
 5th Jun 2026 AUSCPS meeting – Canberra.
 12th Jun 2026 **AUSCPS Winter Show – Sydney.**

JULY

1st Jul 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Brisbane.
 3rd Jul 2026 AUSCPS meeting – Canberra.
 10th Jul 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Sydney featuring *Drosera*.
 10th Jul 2026 **AUSCPS Annual General Meeting - Sydney.**

AUGUST

5th Aug 2026 AUSCPS meeting – Brisbane.
 7th Aug 2026 AUSCPS meeting – Canberra.
 14th Aug 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Sydney featuring Native carnivorous plants.

SEPTEMBER

2nd Sep 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Brisbane.
 4th Sep 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Canberra.
 11th Sep 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Sydney featuring *Pinguicula* and *Utricularia*.

OCTOBER

2nd Oct 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Canberra.
 7th Oct 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Brisbane.
 9th Oct 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Sydney featuring *Nepenthes*

NOVEMBER

4th Nov 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Brisbane.
 6th Nov 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Canberra.
 13th Nov 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Sydney featuring *Sarracenia*, *Darlingtonia* and *Heliamphora*.

DECEMBER

3rd Dec 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Brisbane.
 5th Dec 2026 AUSCPS meeting - Canberra.
 13th Dec 2026 **AUSCPS Sydney Annual Show (Saturday).**

NEWS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership of the Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Inc. (AUSCPS) is \$20 per calendar year, or \$35 if you require printed journals with your membership. The AUSCPS is a not-for-profit organisation that promotes the conservation and cultivation of carnivorous plants in Australia and abroad.

JOIN NOW

Becoming a member of our society offers great benefits such as receiving two editions of our journal, *Carniflora Australis*, 12 monthly newsletters, *Carniflora News*, seed subsidies, discounts on merchandise, access to our free library, and the ability to sell plants at fairs and events attended by the Society. Simply fill out the membership form included in our newsletter and follow the payment instructions.

INSTAGRAM PHOTOS

We are looking to expand our file of quality photographs used in the newsletter and on our Social Media platforms. If you have any photos that you think may be suitable for publication, please forward them to glenncarson@iinet.net.au

CALL FOR ARTICLES: CARNIFLORA AUSTRALIS

We are currently low on content for our upcoming editions of *Carniflora Australis*. Do you have an idea for an article? Write it down and send it our way! We are happy to assist with polishing your piece. Below are some suggestions for article topics:

- Specific cultivation techniques
- Carnivorous plant field trips
- Propagation techniques
- Your favorite plant and why
- How your collection began
- Feeding and care tips

Don't hesitate to contribute to our publication. We look forward to reading your submissions!

SEEDBANK

The current list of seeds in the Seedbank is very large. Rather than bring it to every meeting, which can be difficult, it is recommended that seeds are ordered via email. After payment has been received the specific order can be brought along to the meetings or posted in the normal way.

MEETINGS

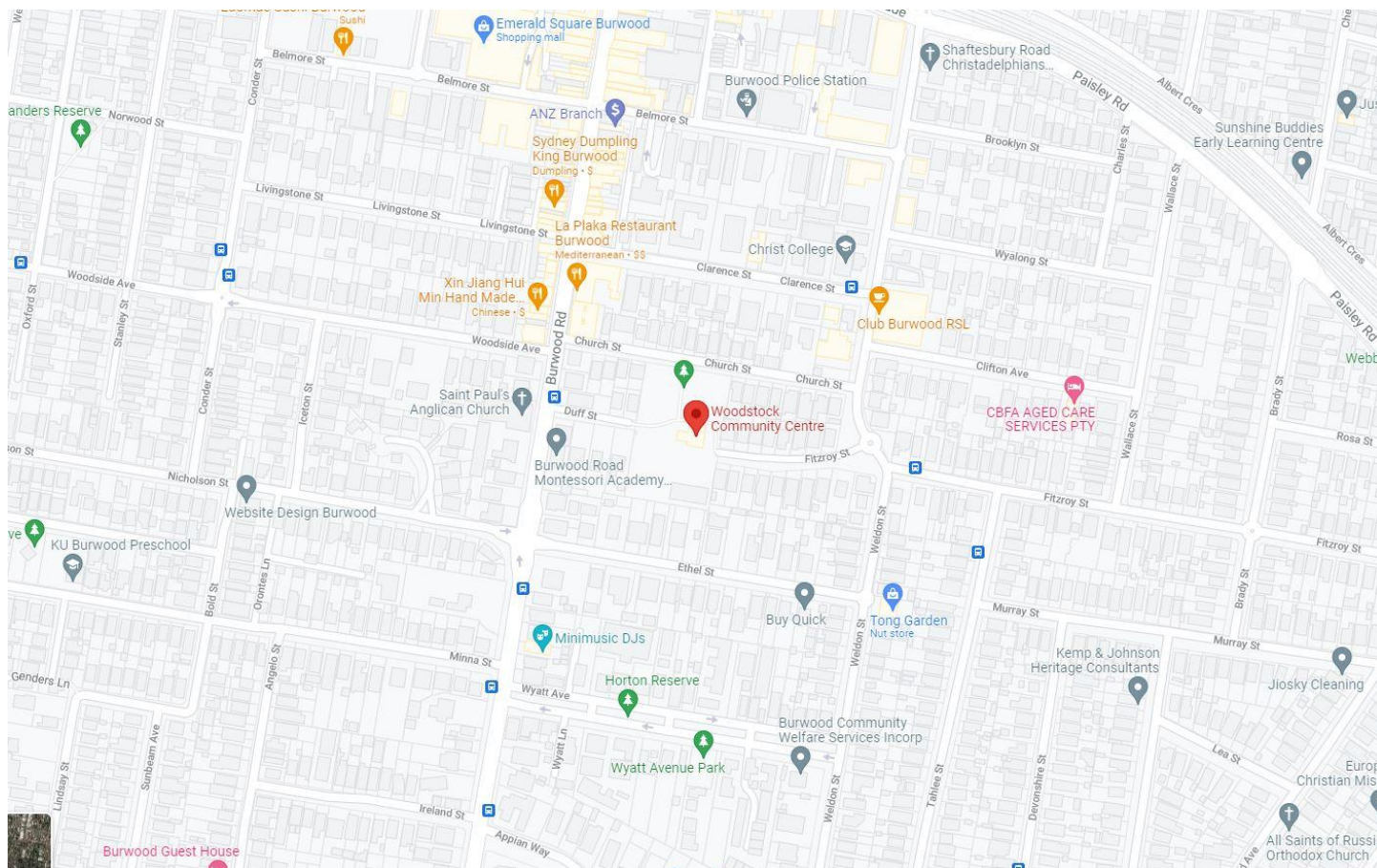
The Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Inc. currently holds meetings in New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory and Queensland. Meetings are a great place for members and friends to socialise, share experiences, buy, swap, and sell carnivorous plants.

Meetings are friendly and informative and cater for the experienced grower or new collector to the hobby. Occasionally, we have guest presenters who will give a talk on their adventures discovering carnivorous plants in the wild, or how best to cultivate them in your environment.

We hope you can attend one of our meetings and enjoy the fellowship of other enthusiasts for these wonderful plants.

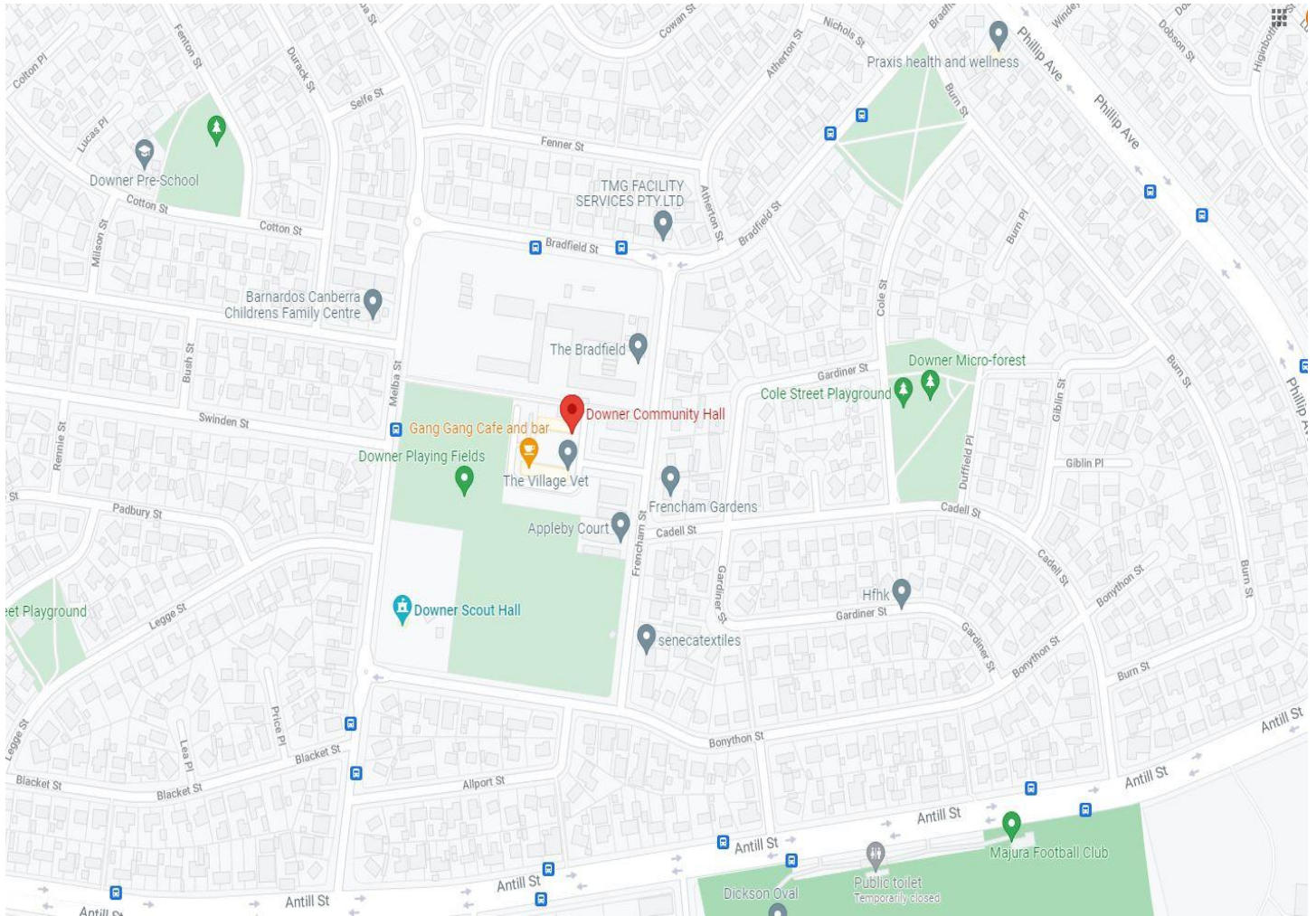
SYDNEY

The Sydney chapter of the AUSCPS meets at 7:30 PM on the second Friday of each month at the Woodstock Community Centre, Church Street, Burwood, NSW. Free parking is available off Fitzroy Street. Public transport is available with Burwood train station about 1 kilometre to the north. Call Kirk on 0421 271 888 or David on 0410 643 531 if you have any questions about attending meetings.



CANBERRA

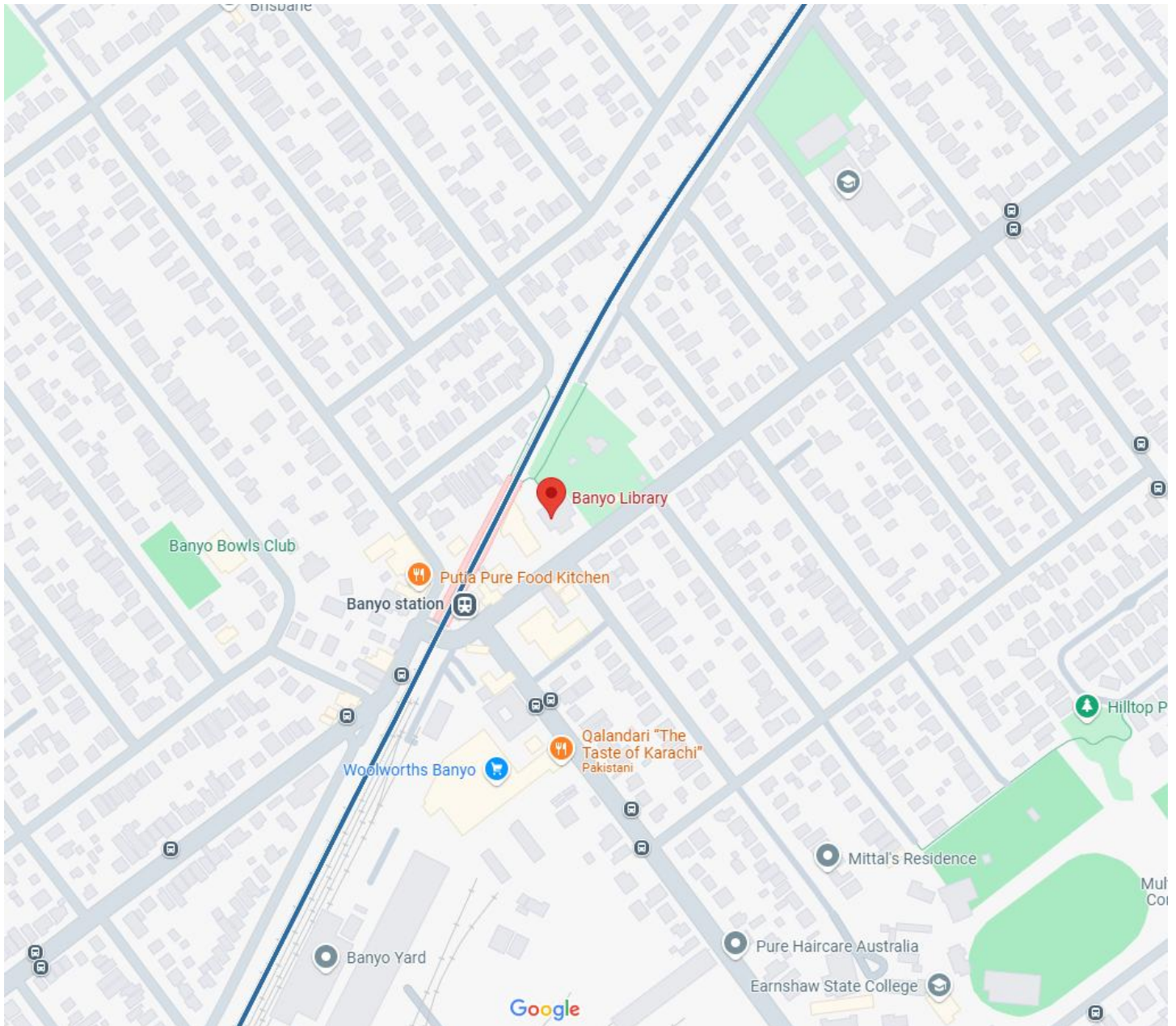
The Canberra chapter of the AUSCPS meets at 7:30 PM on the first Friday of each month at the Dickson Community Hall, Frencham Place, Downer, A.C.T. Contact Mathew Day if you have any questions about attending meetings. Canberra Convenor auscps-CBR@gmail.com



BRISBANE

The Brisbane chapter of the AUSCPS meets at 7:00 p.m. on a Wednesday once a month (please refer to the calendar for dates) at the Banyo Council Library, Meeting Room 2, 284 St Vincents Road, Banyo QLD, 4014.

Please contact Liam at liamkrieger71@gmail.com or on 0429850774 for further details.



MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALASIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY INC.

There was no formal meeting on the Friday due to the Annual Show the following day. Here are all the winners.



Nepenthes First prize – N hamata



Nepenthes Second prize – N. lowii x ventricosa



Nepenthes Third prize – *N. ampullaria*



Others First prize – *H. nutans*



Others Second prize – *Pinguicula Elizabeth*



Others Third prize – *Brocchinia reducta*



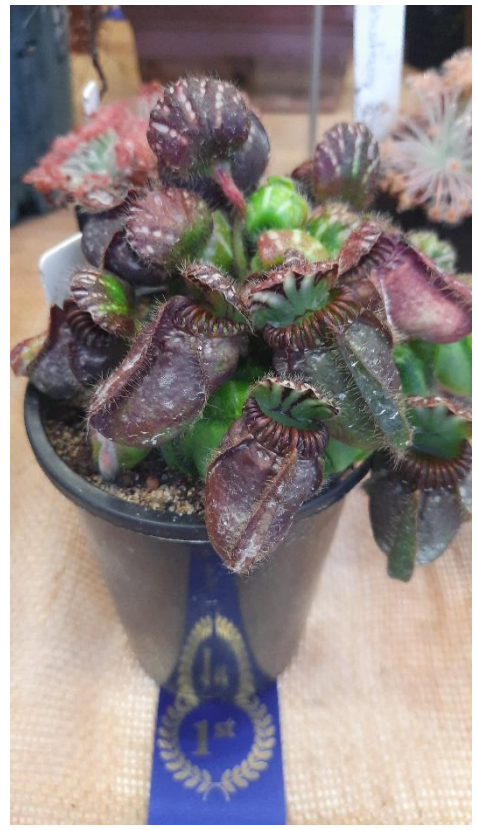
Sarracenia First prize – S hybrid



Sarracenia Second prize – S flava Copper



Sarracenia Third prize – S venosa squat



Native First prize – Cephalotus follicularis



Native Third prize – *Cephalotus follicularis*



VFT First prize – D 'Chinese Dumpling'



VFT Second prize



VFT Third prize – D 'Pink Venus'



Drosera First prize – D capensis



Drosera Second prize – D aliciae
(Orangekloop)



Drosera Third prize – D broomsensis

IN THE GREENHOUSE

ALDROVANDA

Plants are in active growth. Consider adding fresh decomposing leaf litter to the water to add CO₂. Keep frogs and tadpoles out of the water, as they may eat the plants. Plants may be grown in shade to reduce algae growth.

BROCCHINIA / CATOPSIS

Maintain high light levels and humidity. Protect from frost. Feed with 1/4 strength urea free liquid fertiliser every 4 weeks or so.

BYBLIS

Byblis gigantea and *lamellata* will be in full growth. Flowering begins. Cross pollinate flowers using the “Buzz” technique. Keep the soil moist.

The northern annual species of *Byblis* may be sown now. Germination commences when temperatures regularly reach 30°C. Artificial heat and/or smoke/GA3 treatment will induce germination.

CEPHALOTUS

Keep the soil moist but well drained. Avoid fungal problems by keeping good air movement around the plants. Flowering occurs in mid to late Spring.

DARLINGTONIA

Darlingtonia are in growth and flower. Keep moist and expose to cold temperatures for as long as possible. Stratified seed will begin to germinate.

DIONAEA

All VFTs are in active growth with fresh leaves and flowers. Consider removing the flower spike and use in vegetative propagation.

DROSERA

Tuberous *Drosera* begin their dormancy with most species becoming dormant with the warmer weather. Reduce watering.

Pygmy *Drosera* will begin to flower as temperatures increase. Keep plants moist to wet.

Other Winter growing species such as *D. ramentacea*, *cistiflora* and *pauciflora* will begin to enter dormancy. Reduce watering.

Tropical and sub-tropical species will be in growth. Keep protected from frost.

Temperate *Drosera* such as *D. filiformis*, *D. intermedia* and *D. rotundifolia* will end their dormancy and begin to grow and flower.

DROSOPHYLLUM

Drosophyllum will be in active growth and requires frequent feeding. In the absence of insect prey, a 1/4 strength urea free liquid fertiliser applied to the leaves is fine. *Drosophyllum* tolerates higher soil moisture levels during the cooler months and may be watered using the tray method. As temperatures increase, reduce watering and keep the soil just moist. Flowering commences in Spring. Flowers are self fertile.

GENLISEA

Genlisea should be in flower and active growth. Keep the water levels high. Keep warm and protect from frost.

HELIAMPHORA

Keep plants in a bright and humid location. Light levels may be increased with the cooler nights. Feed with 1/4 strength urea free liquid fertiliser.

NEPENTHES

Spring is a great time for *Nepenthes*. Aim to keep the lowland plants above 15°C. Spotting of the leaves is a sign of temperatures being too low. Highland species enjoy the cooler nights and will continue to grow. Keep plants above 5°C.

PINGUICULA

Most Mexican species/hybrids are dormant. Look out for the Summer carnivorous leaves in the coming months. Keep the soil drier until growth resumes. Some of the non-carnivorous leaves may be removed for leaf cuttings.

Warm-temperate species such as *P. primuliflora* and *lusitanica* will continue growth. Flowering occurs in the Spring. Keep the water up to *P. primuliflora* and take leaf cuttings.

RORIDULA

Roridula is in active growth. Flowering occurs in winter and spring. Sow seed now onto moist peat/sand. Germination may take 3-8 weeks. Keep the soil moist and place in very bright situations. Ensure good air circulation to avoid fungal attack of the seedlings.

SARRACENIA

All *Sarracenia* species/hybrids are in active growth. *Sarracenia flava* and *oreophila* species look their best in spring. Keep water level up and keep in full sun.

UTRICULARIA

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

Aquatic *Utricularia* will resume growth.

Winter growing species, such as *U. multifida* and *U. menziesii* will begin to end their growing cycle and go dormant as temperatures increase and soils dry out.

Tropical *Utricularia* - Maintain higher temperatures, humidity and air movement. Keep soil moist.

MERCHANDISE

CONTACT CARDS

The Society now produces a business sized card with all our contact details. The cards are free and available for collection from our meetings. Members and visitors are welcome to take a handful of cards to distribute to other Carnivorous Plant enthusiasts.



SMOKE DISCS

Smoke discs aid in the germination of difficult species of *Drosera*, *Byblis* etc., that often germinate after a bushfire. The discs are available for \$5.00 each at meetings or contact Marlon Maclean at marlonjamesmaclean@gmail.com





SEED BANK

Seed packets are \$1 each for members. Donations of seed are welcome. Please supply location data if available. Your Seed Bank Manager is Marlon Maclean at marlonjamesmaclean@gmail.com. The seed bank list is contained at the end of this newsletter.

POTTING MIXES

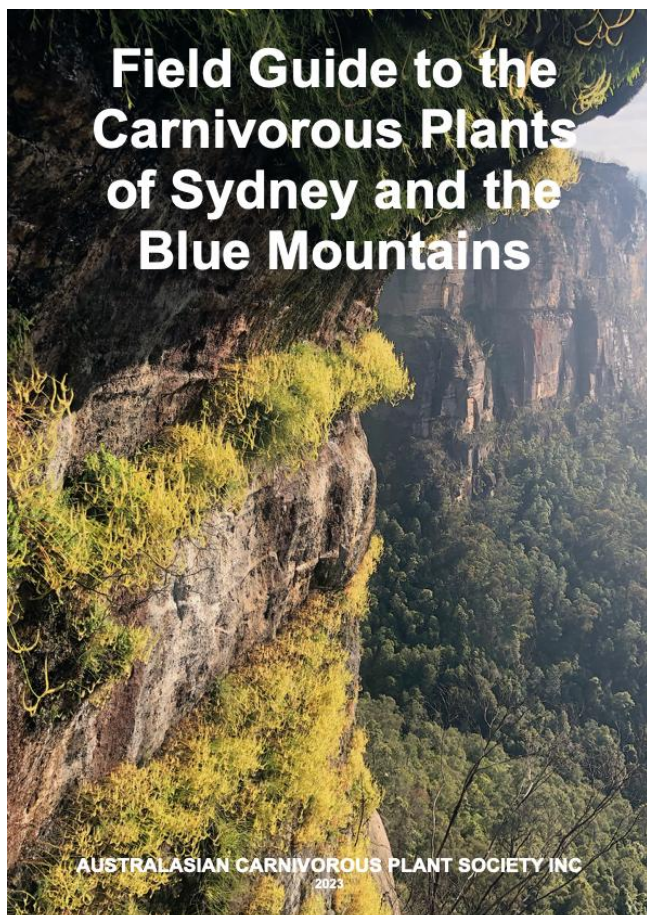
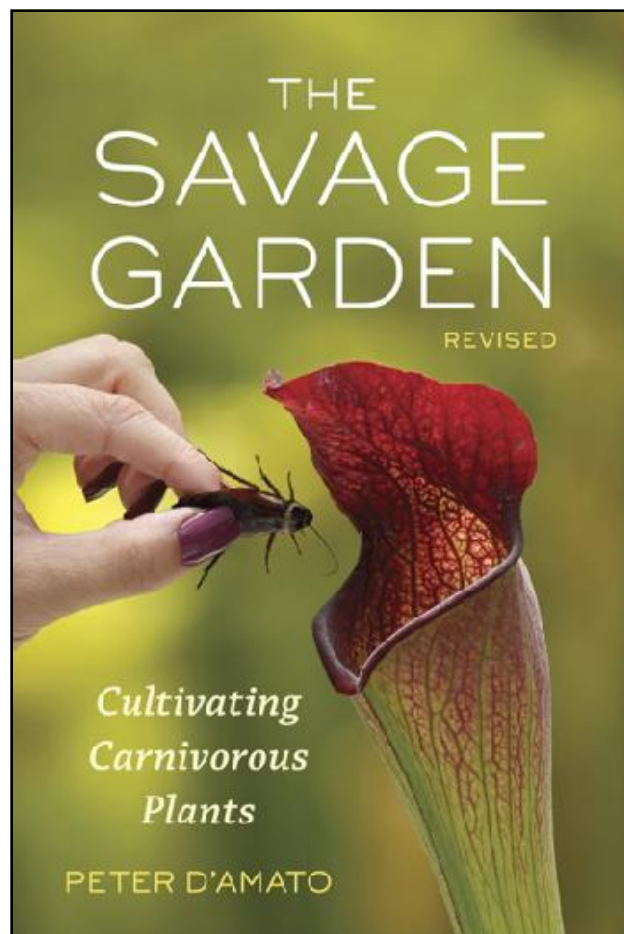
The Society is now selling assorted bags of Carnivorous Plant potting mix to members and friends. We have quality *Sphagnum* Peat Moss, Mexican *Pinguicula*, *Nepenthes* and *Sarracenia* mixes. Each bag is \$5 and may be purchased at meetings or events.



THE SAVAGE GARDEN

The Society is also selling copies of the second edition of "The Savage Garden" for members and friends to purchase. The Savage Garden, by Peter D'Amato, is one of the best books dedicated to the cultivation of Carnivorous Plants, covering more than 300 species, gloriously illustrated with more than 200 colour photographs over 374 pages.

We are offering this book to members for \$35 and to non-members for \$40. The books may be purchased from Society meetings and events, or via PayPal and posted to anywhere in Australia for \$12. Contact David at auscps@gmail.com to order.



FIELD GUIDE TO THE CARNIVOROUS PLANTS OF SYDNEY AND THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Available now: email auscps@gmail.com

Members \$15

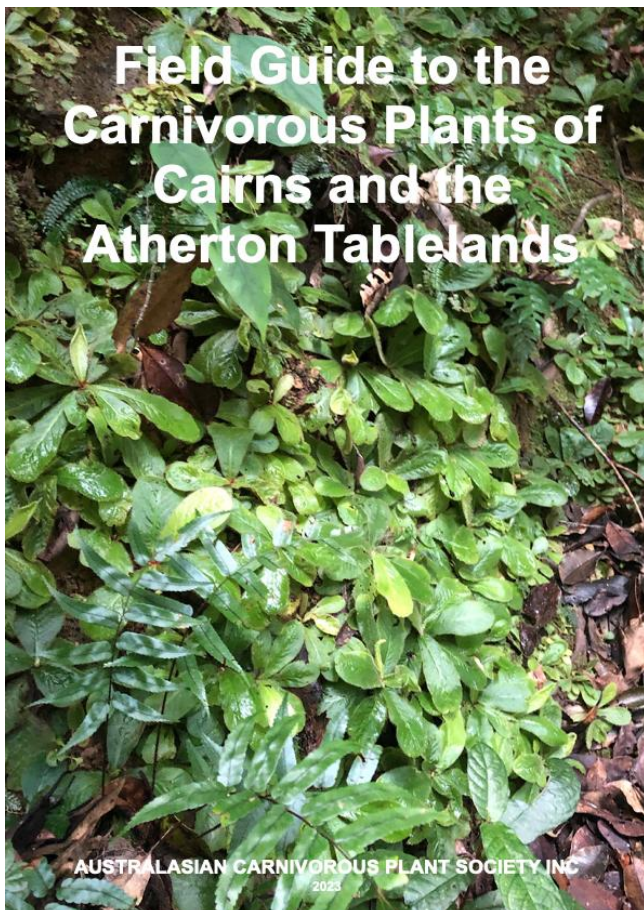
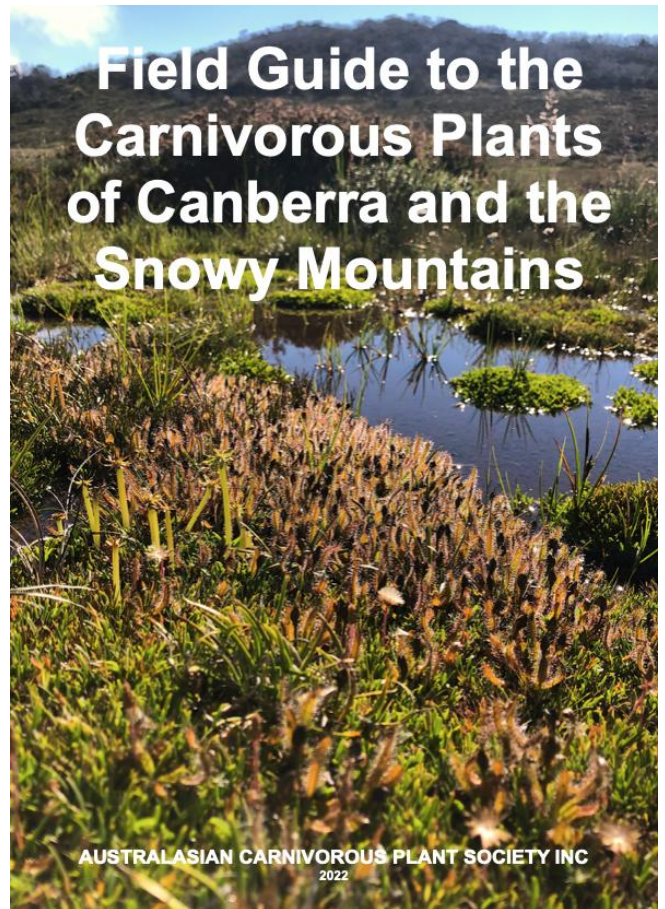
Non-Members \$20

**FIELD GUIDE TO THE CARNIVOROUS PLANTS
OF CANBERRA AND THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS**

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**FIELD GUIDE TO THE CARNIVOROUS PLANTS
OF CAIRNS AND THE ATHERTON
TABLELANDS**

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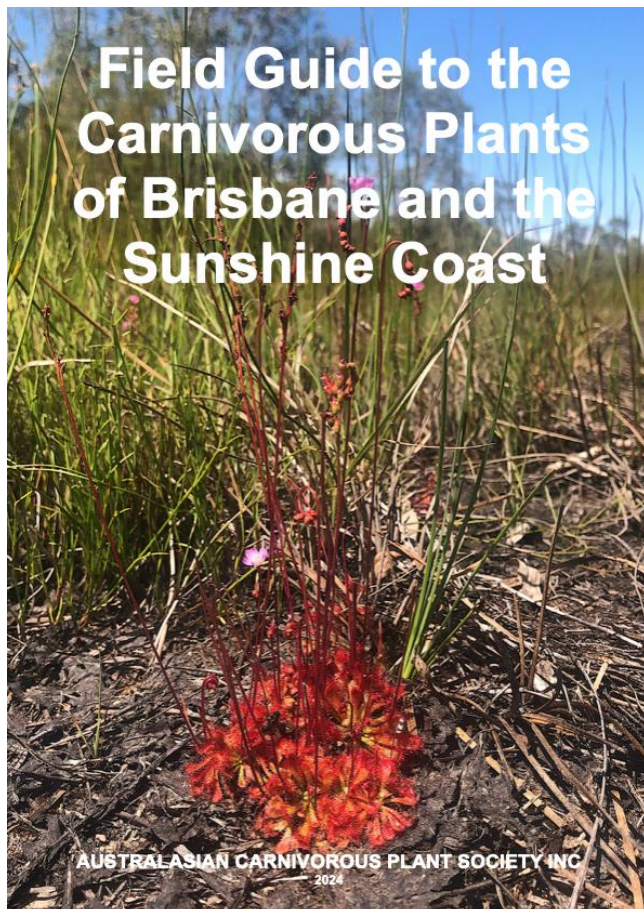
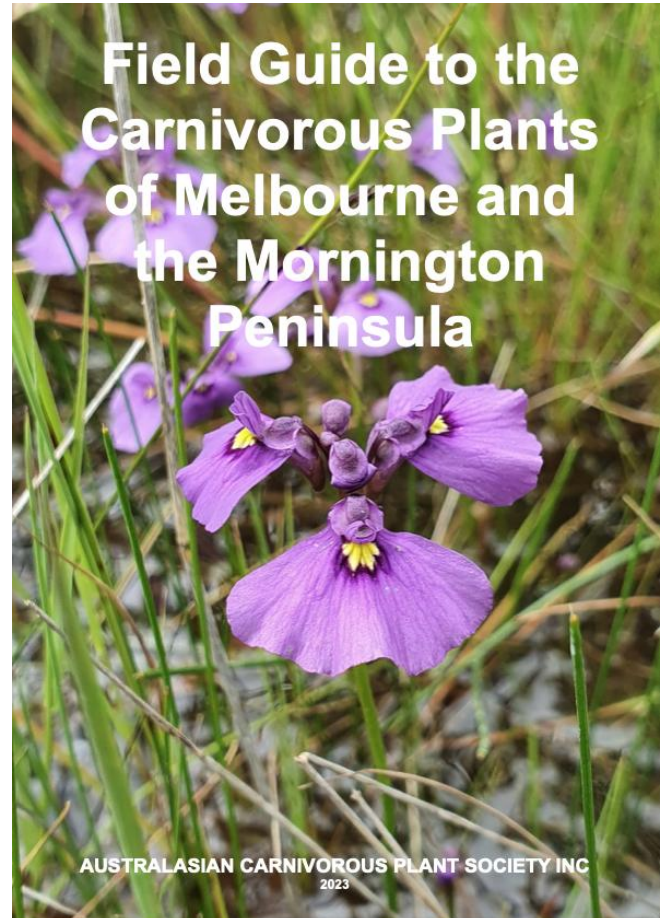
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**FIELD GUIDE TO THE CARNIVOROUS PLANTS
OF MELBOURNE AND THE MORNINGTON
PENINSULA**

Available now: email auscps@gmail.com

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**FIELD GUIDE TO THE CARNIVOROUS PLANTS
OF BRISBANE AND THE SUNSHINE COAST**

To be released in 2025.

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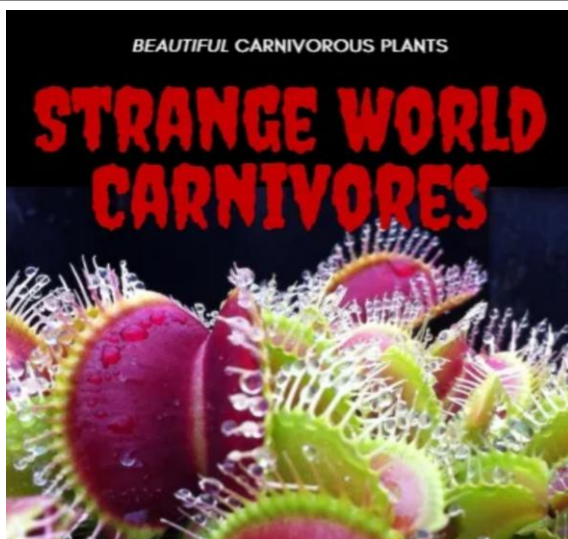
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SEED BANK

GENUS	SPECIES	Sub-Species	Variety / Form	QUANTITY	LOCATION DATA	Harvest Date
Catopsis	berteroniana			7		Jan 2018
Dionaea	muscipula			3	Goulburn	2017
Dionaea	muscipula			1		Mar 2017
Drosera	aliciae			17	OrangeKloof, RSA	
Drosera	capensis	alba		4		Jan 2018
Drosera	capensis	alba		10		Jan 2022
Drosera	capensis		Wide Leaf	7		
Drosera	capensis		Merry go Round	6		2020
Drosera	capensis		Broad Leaf	11		2018
Drosera	capensis			8		Jan 2022
Drosera	lanata			30+	Dimbulah, QLD	2023
Drosera	monantha			28		2023
Drosera	rupicola			6		2023
Drosera	x snyderi			5		Oct 2017
Drosophyllum	Lusitanicum			13		2023
Ibicella	lutea			1		
Mimosa	pudica			2		
Nepenthes	maxima		Open Pollinated	10+		2025
Nepenthes	ventricosa x (ventricosa x burkei)			10		March 2025
Nepenthes	ventricosa "Bloody Mary" x "K"			5+		April 2025
Sarracenia	leucophylla		Open Pollinated (Owen O'Neill)	100+		June 2019
Sarracenia	leucophylla x purpurea x minor		Open Pollinated	3		
Sarracenia	purpurea		Open Pollinated	13		2019

LIBRARY

The AUSCPS Library is managed by Glenn Carson. Members may borrow journals and books for free by placing a small monetary deposit as security. Please contact Glenn on glenncarson@iinet.net.au to organise your loan or to donate books.

BOOKS		
Title	Author	Published
Carnivorous Plants	Randall Schwartz	1974
The World of Carnivorous Plants	James & Patricia Ann Pietropaolo	1974
Carnivorous Plants	Francis Ernest Lloyd	1976
Carnivorous Plants of United States and Canada	Donald E. Schnell	1976
Nepenthes of Mount Kinabalu	Shigeo Kurata	1976
Plants of Prey	Rita Erickson	1978
Carnivorous Plants	Adrian Slack	1979
Carnivorous Plants	Gordon Cheers	1983
Carnivorous Plants 'The Royal Horticultural Society'	Paul Temple	1988
The Guide to Carnivorous Plants	Alastair Culham	1988
Carnivorous Plants Care and Cultivation	Marcel Lecoufle	1993
Plantes Carnivores	Gerard Blondeau	1996
Carnivorous Plants	Tony Camilleri	1998
Gardening with Carnivores	Nick Romanowski	2002
Growing Carnivorous Plants	Barry Rice	2006
Glistening Carnivores	Stewart McPherson	2008
The Savage Garden 2nd Edition	Peter D'Amato	2013
Carnivorous Plants of Australia - Magnum Opus Volumes 1, 2 & 3	Allen Lowrie	2013
Cultivating Carnivorous Plants	Natch Greyes	2015
Darlingtonia - The California Pitcher Plant	Natch Greyes	2019
Field Guide to the Carnivorous Plants of Sydney and the Blue Mountains	AUSCPS	2019
Carnivorous Plants of the World in Color - Japanese	Katsuhiko & Masahiro Kondo	Date Unknown

JOURNALS

Society	Journal Name	Editions
Association Francaise d'Amateurs d'Plantes Carnivores	Dionaea	1984 - 2002
Associaziane Italian Plante Carnivore	AIPC News	2002 - 2009
Australian Carnivorous Plant Society Inc.	Bulletin of the ACPS	1982 - 2003
Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Inc.	Carniflora Australis	2012 - 2023
Belgian Carnivorous Plant Society	Drosera vzw	2003 - 2013
Carnivorous Plant Society of North Queensland	Journal of the CPSoNQ	1995 - 1996
Czech Carnivorous Plant Society	Adela	1996
Darwiniana	Trifid	2008 - 2015
Das Taubblatt		2020 -2023
Dutch Carnivorous Plant Society	Carnivora	1997 - 2016
Friends of the Gardens	The Gardens	2005 - 2009
Gesellschaft fur Fleischfressend Pflanzen	Rundbrief	1997 - 2007
Insectivorous Plant Society (of Japan)	The Journal of the Insectivorous Plant Society	1990 - 2017
International Carnivorous Plant Society	Carnivorous Plant Newsletter	1978 - 2023
Japanese Insectivorous Plant Society	Journal of the JIPS	1995 - 2016
Japanese Carnivorous Plant Society		1992 - 2012, 2020 - 2023
Karnivoren-Fachzeitschrift der G.F.P.	Das Taubblatt	1991 - 2008
New Zealand Carnivorous Plant Society	Stenopetala	1985 - 2007
Rundbrief		January 2020
Species Orchid & Carnivorous Plant Society of the Illawarra	Journal of the SPCPI	1997 - 2010
The Carnivorous Plant Society (of the United Kingdom)	CPS News	1990 - 2016
The Garden Clubs of Australia	Our Gardens	1999 - 2023
Victorian Carnivorous Plant Society	Journal of the VCPS	1997 - 2023

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The Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Inc. is a non-profit organisation formed in December 2002 to promote the education, cultivation and conservation of carnivorous plants. The Society formed from the New South Wales Carnivorous Plant Society Inc. which was established in 1986 and produced the journal *Flytrap News*.

Annual membership entitles you access to our subsidised seed bank and merchandise, ability to sell plants at official stalls at which the society participates, free entry to our Annual Show competition, monthly E-newsletters, and two editions of ***Carniflora Australis***, our high quality biannual journal. Membership is \$35 per year, however if you wish to receive electronic versions of the journal, membership is only \$25 per year (valid email address is required). Payment options are detailed below:

CASH, MONEY ORDER OR CHEQUE

Please send your money order or cheque, made out to AUSTRALASIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY INC., along with the completed form below to:

Membership Secretary
Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Inc.
PO Box 70, Burwood, NSW 1805 AUSTRALIA

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Banking details are below. Please add your email address and name as payment reference. Alternatively, email the Membership Secretary at auscps@gmail.com to advise of your payment and attach the completed form below:

Acc. Name: Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Inc.

Acc. BSB: 112879

Acc. Number: 195074412

Ref: Use your name and email address

PAYPAL

Use the "Send Money" tab to make your payment. Use the current PayPal email address auscps@gmail.com. Set your fee (depending upon membership option). *Add your name, mailing address, email address and phone number in the notes tab*. You will receive an automatic receipt from PayPal.

Membership Type (please circle):	New	Renewal			
Journal Type (please circle):	Printed - \$35/yr		Electronic - \$20/yr		
Membership Period (please circle):	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
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