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MEETING TOPICS & DATES for 2018

VICTORIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY

This year we have scheduled the following discussion topics, and events:

January	(20th)	New Year BBQ at Justin Thong's House 12.30pm Dionaea muscipula (VFT). (Contact for details)			
February	(28th)	Darlingtonia, Nepenthes and Heliamphora.			
March	(28th)	Sarracenia, Dionaea (VFT), beginners info			
April	(25th)	Drosera, video and information night.			
May	(23rd)	Growing conditions, 'Best' and 'Worst' plants, pygmy <i>Drosera</i> gemmae swap			
June	(27th)	AGM, plant give-away, any CPs.			
July	(25th)	Rosetted tuberous <i>Drosera</i> judging, Propagation – seed growing, tissue culture, division and cuttings. Potting demonstration.			
August	(22nd)	Upright tuberous/Winter growing <i>Drosera</i> , show preparation, displays, and companion planting.			
September	(26th)	Cephalotus, Brocchinia, Catopsis and swap night.			
October	(24th)	Byblis, pygmy Drosera, Drosera binata, Drosophyllum, Genlisea, Pinguicula, Roridula, Utricularia.			
November	(TBA)	Triffid Park Open Day			
December	(TBA)	VCPS Annual show at Collectors Corner.			

Please note: All meetings, other than those where a specific venue is given, will be on the FOURTH WEDNESDAY of the month in the hall of the Pilgrim Uniting Church in Yarraville – corner Bayview Road and Montague Street, Melway Map Reference 41K7.

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Catopsis berteroniana flower photographed by Stephen Fretwell.

VCPS Growers photos

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D. hookeri (left) growing alongside D. gunniana at a roadside site at the Grampians, Victoria.

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Seed Bank

We now have a huge collection of NEW fresh CP seed available, and our seed list has become guite extensive.

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FRONT COVER:

Byblis gigantea the Reserve Champion plant at the VCPS 2017 Annual show.

Photos: Stephen Fretwell

BACK COVER: Clockwise from top left:

- Utricularia biloba, NSW.
- Drosera curviscapa. South Africa.
- Utricularia bisquamata, South Africa.
- Utricularia alpina, South America.
- Byblis gigantea, Clone 1, WA.
- Byblis gigantea, Clone 2 -"Broad Petal form", WA.
- Utricularia paulineae, WA.
- Pinguicula caerulea (centre), Florida, USA.

(All plants photographed at the VCPS 2017 Annual show at Collectors Corner).

Design: Stephen Fretwell

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Drosera albonotata, a new pygmy sundew

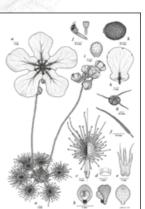
A new pygmy sundew, Drosera albonotata (Droseraceae), from the Western Wheatbelt region of Western Australia has recently been described.

This species, which is largely restricted to sandy clay loam soils in Wandoo woodland and shrubland, is morphologically similar to D. miniata and D. coomallo but can be distinquished by its distinct floral features and ecology.

Alastair S. Robinson who helped describe this species along with Adam T. Cross, Manfred E. Meisterl, Andreas Fleischmann and illustrated







The flower and plant of D. albonotata and Alastair's winning illustration in the **Margaret Flockton Awards.** Photos and illustration by Alastair Robinson

D. albonotata for the publication of the new species. He also submitted his piece into the annual Margaret Flockton Awards for botanical illustration. Alastair's pen and ink illustration was 1 of 3 Highly Commended works 1 of 5 winners.

He said that "The award is particularly special to me because the drawing was the only winning entry from Australia and apparently the only one of thirty-five international submissions not drawn by an established botanical artist."

> To view the pdf of the D. albonotata publication: http://www.mapress.com/j/pt/article/view/phytotaxa.346.3.2

Official new name for D. peltata in Victoria

Miguel De Salas has just had a new paper published by Muelleria, upgrading what we have always called Drosera peltata or Drosera peltata var. gunniana in Victoria and Tasmania to Drosera gunniana.

Rob Gibson published his D. peltata complex revision in 2012, and treated it as a synonym of Drosera hookeri, a species that in Victoria and Tasmania has been recognised as being distinct for quite a while. Drosera hookeri is a short, multi-stemmed, lime green grassland species that was originally described as Drosera foliosa. However the name D. foliosa was illegitimate, as a D. foliosa already existed in North America.

Many people disagreed with Rob's revision and after Miguel trawled through the literature, he found that Planchon's 1848 name Drosera peltata var. gunniana is unambigu-













D. gunniana.

D. hookeri.

D. gracilis.

ously the same taxon as we used to call Drosera peltata in Victoria and Tasmania.

After Robert's revision, Drosera gracilis became a synonym of the small red form found in NSW that is now named Drosera peltata, and the plants that we called Drosera peltata became a synonym of Drosera hookeri.

Miguel and many others considered this species different, and he has done the hard work to officially upgrade it from a variety to a proper species with the name Drosera gunniana.

Drosera gunniana generally has a single, erect stem with branches on the top half. The flowers, fruit and seed are larger than D. hookeri. Flowers can be pink or almost white (but drying to pink) and the plants are olive-green to maroon, compared to lime green for D. hookeri.



The VCPS Grand Champion plant, Drosera regia (left) and Reserve Champion plant Byblis gigantea.

VCPS 2017 Annual show



This shows Mike McCarthy award went to a stunning Sarracenia flava var. maxima.

he VCPS 2017 annual show held last November was a tremendous success and contained some spectacular plants and displays.

Congratulations to Andrew Gibbons for taking out the Grand Champion prize with his huge and magnificent *Drosera regia* that had 5 growing points, each 30-40cm long lance shaped leaves.

Congratulations also to Sean Spence for winning the Reserve Champion award who displayed a superb specimen of Byblis gigantea that he grew from seed. The seeds were sown in December 2016 and the plants had grown an outstanding amount in just one year. A plant with beautiful flowers and will surely inspire others to grow this exceptional species

Plants from almost every genus were present again with only a few exceptions which was excellent to see. From the tiny beautiful and rarely seen *Drosera* to large *Sarracenia's*.

There was also a fantastic variety of *Nepenthes* species, VFT's, *Drosera, Utricularia, Pinguicula* and even the rarely seen and grown *Byblis gigantea* and *Roridula gorgonias* were on display too. Congratulations to all the members that contributed to the show, you all did a fantastic job.



Grand Champion Drosera regia.



Reserve Champion Byblis gigantea.

SHOW JUDGING RESULTS

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SECTION A Grand champion

Andrew Gibbons - Drosera regia

SECTION B Reserve champion

Sean Spence - Byblis gigantea

SECTION C Memorial trophies

Best Sarracenia

(Mike McCarthy memorial trophy)
Ron Abernethy – Sarracenia flava var. maxima

Winner of the monthly plant award for the year

Sean Spence

SECTION D INDIVIDUAL DISPLAY OR TERRARIUM

1 Peter Bloem – Bowl of mixed CP's No other entires

SECTION E CARNIVOROUS PLANT SPECIES

Class 1 Sarracenia species (New categories)

Sarracenia alata

1 Steve Fretwell – *S. alata var. rubrioperculata* No other entries

Sarracenia flava

- 1 Ron Abernethy S. flava var. rubricorpora
- 2 Ron Abernethy S. flava var. cuprea
- 3 Ron Abernethy S. flava var. maxima

Sarracenia leucophylla

- 1 Andrew Gibbons
- 2 Steve Fretwell "Greg's Red form"
- 3 Peter Bloem

Sarracenia minor

- 1 Steve Fretwell
- 2 Steve Fretwell
- No other entries

Sarracenia oreophila

1 Steve Fretwell S. oroephila var. ornata No other entries

Sarracenia psittacina

1 Steve Fretwell – *S. psittacina var. okefenokeensis* 2 Steve Fretwell – *S. psittacina var. okefenokeensis* No other entries

Sarracenia purpurea

- 1 Steve Fretwell ssp. venosa var. burkii
- 2 Andrew Gibbons ssp. venosa var. 'Chipola'
- 3 Peter Bloem ssp. venosa x 'Chipola'

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The large and stunning flowers of Utricularia cornigera.



A fly stuck to the leaf of Roridula gorgonias.



A close up of a flower of Drosera murfetti.



Various species of *Pinguicula* in flower on display.

Sarracenia rubra

- 1 Steve Fretwell S. rubra ssp. gulfensis
- 2 Steve Fretwell *S. rubra ssp. gulfensis* No other entries

Class 3 Nepenthes

- 1 Justin Thong N. glandulifera
- 2 Steve Fretwell N. maxima
- 3 Steve Fretwell N. sanguinea

Class 4 Dionaea muscipula

- 1 Steve Fretwell cv. G16 x G14
- 2 Steve Fretwell cv. G4 x G37
- 3 Steve Fretwell B52

Class 5 Cephalotus follicularis

- 1 Andrew Gibbons
- 2 Peter Bloem
- 3 Sean Spence

Class 6 Pygmy *Drosera* (species only)

- 1 Sean Spence D. roseana
- 2 Steve Fretwell *D. platystigma*
- 3 Sean Spence D. echinoblastus

Class 7a Rosetted tuberous & winter growing *Drosera/Uticularia*

(As per judging at the July 2017 monthly meeting)

- 1 Steve Fretwell D. squamosa
- 2 Peter Bloem D. aberrans
- 3 teve Fretwell D. browniana

Class 7b Upright tuberous & winter growing *Drosera*

(As per judging at August 2017 monthly meeting)

- i. Fan Leaved
- 1 Sean Spence *D. rupricola* (red x green form)
- 2 Steve Fretwell D. rupricola
- 3 Sean Spence D. platypoda "Stirling Ranges"

ii. Climbing stem

- 1 Sean Spence D. macrantha "Rocky Outcrop"
- 2 Steve Fretwell D. pallida "East of Bunbury"
- 3 Sean Spence D. indumenta

iii. Erect stem

- 1 Sean Spence D. gigantea
- 2 Sean Spence *D. menziesii* robust plant
- 3 Sean Spence D. basifolia

Class 7c Tuberous *Drosera* (at this show, individual species)

- 1 Sean Spence D. auriculata "Mt. Buffalo"
- 2 Steve Fretwell D. gigantea
- 3 Sean Spence D. auriculata "Highlands" Vic



Cephalotus follicularis.



Pinguicula caerulea.



Byblis gigantea.



Heliamphora nutans x heterodoxa.



Pinguicula ehlersae.



Roridula gorgonias.



The VCPS display area at Collectors Corner.



Huge plants of D. binata and other Drosera on display.



The inspiring Nepenthes and Heliamphora display.



Heliamphora, Cephalotus, Brocchinia and Catopsis.



The stunningly colourful Sarracenia display.



Darlingtonia californica and Nepenthes on display.



Utricularia and Pinguicula display.



The Grand Champion plant and Pinguicula display.

Class 8a Other temperate climate Drosera

- 1 Sean Spence D. graomogolensis
- 2 Andrew Gibbons D. graomogolensis
- 3 Sean Spence D. curviscapa

Class 8b Tropical Drosera

- 1 Sean Spence- D. prolifera
- 2 Sean Spence D. schizandra
- 3 Andrew Gibbons D. adelae

Class 8c Drosera binata

- 1 Steve Fretwell *D. binata var. T form* Cann River, VIC
- 2 Steve Fretwell D. binata var. dichotoma 'Red'
- 3 Steve Fretwell D. binata var. multifida f. extrema

Class 8d Drosera regia

- 1 Andrew Gibbons
- 2 Sean Spence
- 3 Sean Spence

Class 9 Pinguicula

- 1 Sean Spence P. caerulea
- 2 ndrew Gibbons P. gigantea
- 3 Sean Spence P. ehlersae

Class 10 Utricularia or Genlisea

- 1 Wolfgang Fuhrmann U. cornigera
- 2 Justin Thong *U. alpina*
- 3 Sean Spence U. uniflora

Class 11 Byblis

- 1 Sean Spence Biblis gigantea
- 2 Sean Spence Biblis gigantea
- 3 Sean Spence Biblis gigantea

Class 12 Darlingtonia

- 1 Andrew Gibbons
- 2 Andrew Gibbons
- 3 Steve Fretwell

Class 13 Heliamphora

- 1 Justin Thong H. heterodoxa
- 2 Andrew Gibbons H. tatei
- 3 Steve Fretwell H. minor

Class 14 Any other carnivorous plant species

- 1 Peter Bloem Catopsis berteroniana
- 2 David Petch Catopsis berteroniana
- 3 Andrew Gibbons Catopsis berteroniana

Class 15 Roridula or Drosophyllum

- 1 Sean Spence Roridula gorgonias
- 2 Sean Spence Roridula gorgonias
- 3 Peter Bloem Drosophyllum lusitanicum



Drosera curviscapa from South America.



Catopsis berteroniana.



Brocchinia reducta.



Drosera graomogolensis from South America.



The Dionaea muscipula (VFT) display.

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A juvenile lower pitcher of Nepenthes rajah.

SECTION FCarnivorous Plant Hybrids

Class 1 Sarracenia hybrid

1 Andrew Gibbons – S. leuc x (leuc x (flava x purp))
2 Peter Bloem – x mitchelliana x S. oreophila
3 Steve Fretwell – 'Adrian Slack'

Class 2 Nepenthes hybrid

1 Justin Thong – *N. ventricosa x X N. trusmadiensis* 2 Steve Fretwell – *N. muluensis x N. lowii* No other entries

Class 3 Pinguicula hybrids

- 1 Peter Bloem P. emarginata x 'Weser' "Fish bowl"
- 2 Peter Bloem *P. emarginata x 'Weser'* 'Kokedamas Ball' No other entries

Class 4 Any other CP hybrid

1 Justin Thong – *H. heterodoxa x H. nutans* 2 Andrew Gibbons – *U. cornigera x U. nelumbifolia*

SECTION G

Carnivorous Plant Photographs

- 1 Steve Fretwell N. jamban upper pitcher
- 2 Steve Fretwell *N. rafflesiana* upper pitcher 3 Steve Fretwell – *N. aristolochioid*es upper pitcher



The Nepenthes and Heliamphora display.

SECTION H Biggest Carnivorous Plants

Tallest Sarracenia

96cm - Peter Bloem

– S. flava var. rubricorpora x alata

Largest Nepenthes pitcher

24cm - Stephen Fretwell - N. spathulata

Largest VFT trap

4.4cm - Steve Fretwell - G16 x G14

2017 SHOW RESULTS Compiled by Peter Bloem

Not including awards

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	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Steve Fretwell	10	13	8	31
Sean Spence	10	5	11	26
Andrew Gibbons	5	6	2	13
Peter Bloem	3	4	3	10
Justin Thong	4	1	0	5
Ron Abernethy	1	1	1	3
Wolfgang Fuhrmann	1	0	0	1
Julian Weston	0	1	0	1



Nepenthes glanduligera.



Nepenthes bongso.



Nepenthes spathulata.



Sarracenia leucophylla.



S. minor var. okeefenokeensis



Sarracenia flava var. cuprea.



Nepenthes Iowii x muluensis.



Darlingtonia californica.



Nepenthes sanguinea.

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Meetings highlights & Plants of the night!



VCPS members enjoying the BBQ.



Justin's 3m x 1.8m glasshouse with shade cloth added for the summer.



One of Justin's water trays A large pitcher of full of VFT cultivars.



N. truncata x ephippiata



Nepenthes thriving in the



A variety of Nepenthes

CPS 2018 new year BBQ

up with other members and see how people are growing their plants.

One of our longest standing members, Justin Thong, hosted this year's BBQ. Justin grows a wide range of carnivorous plants, but specialises in Nepenthes and Heliamphora, but also has a nice collection of VFT's too.

Wandering through Justin's greenhouses, we were able to see some of his spectacular highland Nepenthes that he's been growing for 10-15 years.

he start of year BBQ is a great chance to catch Many with amazing pitchers that range in a wide variety of colours and shapes.

> Justin Heliamphora were also looking fantastic at this time of year and he grows them on the floor of the greenhouse to keep them cool in summer and under fluorescent lights to give them the light that they require to grow. Justin has also managed to flower and successfully cross pollinate his plants too.

> Outside Justin also grows a variety of Dionaea muscipula cultivar's out in the open and exposed to the elements which are also thriving.



PLANT OF THE NIGHT, **HELIAMPHORA:** 1st place: Heliamphora ionasii



PLANT OF THE NIGHT, **HELIAMPHORA:** 2nd place: Heliamphora folliculata



PLANT OF THE NIGHT, **HELIAMPHORA:** 3rd place: Heliamphora sarracenioides



PLANT OF THE NIGHT, NEPENTHES: 1st place: Nepenthes hamata



2nd place: Nepenthes platychila



PLANT OF THE NIGHT, NEPENTHES: PLANT OF THE NIGHT, NEPENTHES: 3rd place: Nepenthes attenboroughii

February 28th VCPS meeting

DARLINGTONIA, NEPENTHES AND HELIAMPHORA

he topic plants for the February meeting were Heliamphora, Darlingtonia, and Nepenthes. Justin brought in several pots of Heliamphora, which he grows near the floor of his greenhouse under fluorescent lights so the plants stay cool but still get lot of light.

His Heliamphora ionasii, which was in flower, was voted best *Heliamphora* of the night. Justin also brought in some small Heliamphora hybrid seedlings that he had germinated from seed he produced from his own plants. The process of pollinating Heliamphora is a bit more involved than for most other carnivorous genera and the flowers only produce a small number of seeds.

However your effort are rewarded by the opportunity to produce some new and interesting hybrids and we look forward to seeing what Justin's seedlings will grow up to look like in the future.

Steve's Nepenthes hamata was voted best Nepenthes of the night. This species is endemic to Sulawesi and produces hooked "teeth" around the rim

of the peristome. Steve's plant was producing intermediate pitchers with mottled red and green colours.

David's Nepenthes platychila was voted runner-up Nepenthes of the night. The pitchers of this species have broadly, flared peristomes. Several seed-raised Nepenthes attenboroughii were brought in to the meeting showing a range of different colourations in their pitchers.

The species benched at the February meeting included:

Darlingtonia californica,

Sarracenia leucophylla var. alba. Heliamphora folliculata. Heliamphora heterodoxa x nutans. Heliamphora ionasi, Heliamphora minor x heterodoxa, Heliamphora nutans x folliculata, Heliamphora purpurescens, Heliamphora sarracenioides, Nepenthes attenboroughii, Nepenthes hamata, Nepenthes mira, Nepenthes peltata, Nepenthes platychila, Nepenthes vietchii.



PLANT OF THE NIGHT DIONAEA MUSCIPULA: = 1st place: VFT "Rogue Dracula"



PLANT OF THE NIGHT DIONAEA MUSCIPULA: = 1st place: VFT 'G4' x 'G37'



PLANT OF THE NIGHT **DIONAEA MUSCIPULA:** = 1st place: VFT "Red Hybrid"



1st place: "Greg's Red"



2nd place: S. purpurea ssp venosa var. montana



PLANT OF THE NIGHT, SARRACENIA: PLANT OF THE NIGHT, SARRACENIA: 3rd place: Sarracenia flava var. ornata "Ex A Marshall Clone"

March 28th VCPS meeting

SARRACENIA AND DIONAEA (VFTs)

he March topic plants, Dionaea and Sarracenia are arguably the most popular carnivorous plants in southern Australia. They are great plants for beginners. While the protection of a greenhouse can be beneficial, both genera will grow very well outside in The species benched at the February meeting Victoria. The Venus flytrap, Dionaea muscipula, is the only member of its genus; however, selective breeding and tissue culture mutations have led to a huge variety D. muscipula 'B52', D. muscipula 'Big Mouth', of plants of different shapes, sizes and colours.

Several flytraps were brought into the meeting. Three plants were nominated for *Dionaea* of the night with all three voted equal first. Steve's plant was a dentate-type seedling resembling the cultivar 'Dracula' that grew as a rogue seed in one of his pots. Justin's 'Red Hybrid' was a from a cross he produced which turns very red, especially in winter, Brendan's 'G4' x 'G37' came from Triffid Park and produces very large traps. This clone originated from a batch of seedlings that Sean Spence spread around several years ago.

The North American pitcher plants. Sarracenia. consist of between 8 to 11 species, depending on taxonomic opinion. Steve's Sarracenia Steve's Sarracenia leucophylla was voted Sarracenia of the night. This plant originally came from Greg Bourke and produces red pigment in the pitchers, that suffuses through the normally white parts of the upper pitcher. Second place went to venosa var. montana, S. minor var. okefenokeensis, Steve's Sarracenia purpurea ssp venosa var. montana. In this variety, the edges of the pitcher hood are strongly

curled inwards. Steve's plant had heavily veined pitchers. 3rd place went to Steve's Sarracenia flava var. ornata, a selfing of a plant from Mike King with a solid red throat.

Cephalotus follicularis, Dionaea muscipula 'Akai Ryu', D. muscipula 'Big Tomato', D. muscipula 'Big Vigorous' D. muscipula 'Bristle Tooth Red', D. muscipula 'Clayton's Red Sunset', D. muscipula 'Fine Tooth x Red', D. muscipula 'Fused Teeth', D. muscipula 'G4' x 'G37'. D. muscipula 'G14' x self. D. muscipula 'G16' x 'G14', D. muscipula 'Green Microdent' x self. D. muscipula 'Low Giant', D. muscipula 'Pink Venus', D. muscipula 'Red hybrid', D. muscipula 'Royal Red', D. muscipula 'Schuppenstiel' x self, D. muscipula 'Sharks Teeth', D. muscipula "Roque seed Dracula", D. muscipula 'Werewolf' x self, Nepenthes spathulata x singulata, Sarracenia alata, S. flava var atropurpurea. S. flava var ornata, S. flava x psittacina, S. leucophylla, S. leucophylla var. alba, S. leucophylla hybrid, S. leucophylla x 'Dana's Delight', S. purpurea ssp venosa, S. purpurea ssp venosa var burkii, S. purpurea ssp venosa f. pallidiflora, S. purpurea ssp S. psittacina var. okefenokeensis, S. rubra ssp gulfensis, S. rubra ssp ionesii. S. Umlauftiana









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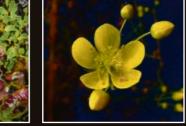
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Meetings

Most VCPS meetings are held in the hall at the rear of the Pilgrim Uniting Church on the corner of Bayview Road and Montague Street, Yarraville - Melway map reference 41K7. These meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 8 PM.

However, some meetings may be at the home of members during a weekend. Details of meeting dates and topics are listed in each journal.

If unsure of the location or date of any meeting, please ring a committee person for details.

The VCPS Annual General Meeting, usually held at Yarraville in June, provides substantial benefits for each and every member able to attend.





Drosera curviscapa



Utricularia bisquamata



Utricularia paulineae



Pinguicula caerulea



Utricularia alpina



Byblis gigantea "Broad petal form"



Byblis gigantea