

**Record of proceedings of CSSA Monthly Meeting:
28th May 2019 at Mt Waverley Community Centre**

Meeting Chaired by: Secretary Brett Anderson; assisted by John Roewer
Commenced: (Approx 8:00 pm)

Welcome to all members and visitors: - (members and visitors)

Apologies: Wayne Robinson

Reminders:

- a) Mobile phones - please either off or on to silent mode
- b) Sign in at the 'red-book' members and visitors - still looking for volunteers to assist on the front table, even for half hour or so, to spread the work around
- c) Freebie" - plant cuttings etc at the front door for members and members guests. Many thanks to all those who bring 'freebies' but please take home any that are not taken by members
- d) Please help with stacking chairs, brushing down, packing away tables, sweeping floor, cleaning up after supper - We have all used the venue and facilities, we all have to travel home, so please don't just run out the door at the end of the meeting, please assist in packing up, cleaning and tidying the venue - Thank you.
Copies of all correspondence since last meeting is on the table along with journals, newsletters and magazines: Ballarat Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter May 2019.
- e) Library books are available for borrowing tonight– see Noelene
- f) Supper- **hope** you all remembered to bring your reusable coffee cup!
- g) We hope all our members and visitors will enjoy our evening tonight.
- h) A reminder we need volunteers to assist on the front entry door. Kirsteen has a roster, so please see Kirsteen and put your name down.

Our guest Speaker: Associate Professor Randall Robinson: *Extinct in the Wild – The Role of Plant Societies in Saving Species*

Plant of the Month: *Mature cactus <10cm pot*

Please vote for the POM, each person can place one vote /one glass bead, for their choice of best plant for "open" or "novice". Also the same for the photo competition.

We have the 2 prize vouchers of \$25- (a total of \$50) for "Plant of the month - Presidents Choice Award", as selected by the President.

(This may be awarded to Novice and Open, or depending on quality and number of entries, either/or, or not awarded if insufficient entries or quality of display).

Winners will be announced at the end of the evening, following our main presentation.

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Information for Members

1. Welcome our newest Committee member – Dani Bosso. (Dani stand up)
2. Spine and Spinettes have been sent out – It would be great to receive feedback. Even better to receive some articles from Members – We are definitely looking for articles for our next issues. Our Spinette team is Peter Breyley and John Roewer, Spine is Wayne.
3. Lanyards with holders for membership cards. Our Societies Lanyards for your membership cards, available for collection from our membership table at our meetings.
4. **Dan Torre** – One of members who has previously written a terrific book “Cactus” which “..explores the natural, cultural and social history of cacti, and their representation throughout the world in literature, cinema, animation, art and design and popular culture”. He has typically assisted Logan on the entry door over a period of time. Aside from assisting on the door, Dan is a Lecturer in the School of Media and Communication at RMIT University in Melbourne, and an avid cacti grower.

Dan has been absent from meetings in recent times, and returned to our meeting last month reintroducing himself. We learnt that Dans’ absence was due to an illness in his family, thankfully now we understand a welcome return to health. During this time whilst taking care of his family, Dan has written another book – “Carnivorous Plants”

Available from the bookdepository online

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Carnivorous-Plants-Dan-Torre/9781789140521>

A\$27.90 A\$32.99

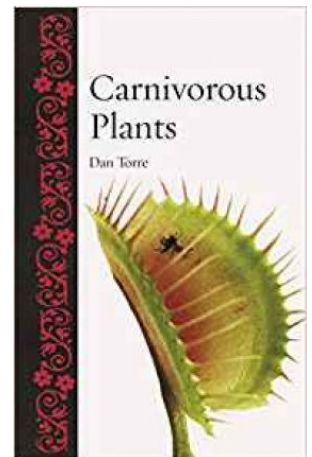
Carnivorous plants are a unique botanical group, possessing modified leaves to trap, kill, and consume small creatures. As a result they are often depicted as killers in films and literature--from Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors to the world-dominating plants of The Day of the Triffids--yet many people regard carnivorous plants as exotic and beautiful specimens to collect and display.

In this abundantly illustrated and highly entertaining book, Dan Torre describes the evolution, structure, and scientific background of carnivorous plants. Examining their cultural and social history, he also shows how they have inspired our imagination and been represented in art, literature, cinema, animation, and popular culture.

From the Venus flytrap--a species endemic to the Carolinas--to pitcher plants, this fascinating history of these singular, arresting, beautiful, yet deadly plants is certain to be devoured.

5. Monash Halls – “Gallery Space”

We wish to advise our members of the “Gallery space” within the Hall is a ‘shared space’ which is now being operated by a separate entity, not Monash Halls.
(Refer attached letter at end of minutes)



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6. Hall Hire – Just to let members know, since we returned to the newly renovated hall late last year, along with other hall users we have been following up with Monash Council about a few issues, including providing a 2nd chair trolley, and “orange floor mop” which were here prior to the renovation, as was the stench from the mens toilets.

Monash halls has been contacted by most members of Committee, and most recently Wayne has spoken to the Halls Manager, Miles Davine, who advised the chair trolley has been ordered, and a plumber was at the hall last week investigating the toilet. So thank you all for your patience, we will continue to follow up, and have been told these items are being actioned.

7. CSSA Show – Show Hall, trestle tables, ATM are all booked for Saturday 26th/Sunday 27th October 2019.

We have show flyers for those who would like to take some for distribution at their local stalls, swap meets, coffee shops etc. – thank you all for those who do it is greatly appreciated.

This year we will be without the “Gallery Space”, which despite being in the middle of the hall, is not part of the Monash Hall Hire. The Gallery operators at this stage are working with us to see if we can open the doors for access only – it is a gallery/exhibition space. We are trying to get access/hire of this for the future.

To assist we will be looking for early indications/booking from Vendors.- Melissa is the Vendor organiser this year. Or let one of Committee know. Your cooperation on this is essential.

Now is the ideal time to begin planning your competition plants.

8. **RHSV “Gardeners Day out 2019:** will be held 15th June at Deakin University, Burwood – for those who want to mark the date in their calendar.

9. **Cactus & Succulent Society of NSW - 2019 Autumn/Winter Show - Saturday 1st June**

Eden Gardens Garden Centre
307 Lane Cove Road (opposite Fontenoy Rd)
Macquarie Park NSW 2113

Auction: (Heinz to Auction; Couple of volunteers to take around plants, collect cash)

Auction raised:\$287.00 (Thank you all)

Raffle: - five (5) tickets to draw.

Attila Kapitany – Gave a wonderful 10 minute short presentation, including a ‘who am I’ - “Portulacaria Africa” in flower.

Break for supper: Vote for POM (approx 9.00pm -9.15pm)

Our guest speaker: - Associate Professor Randall Robinson: Extinct in the Wild – The Role of Plant Societies in Saving Species. A very entertaining and thought provoking talk on Cacti and Succulents, which

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are extinct in the wild, collectors in addition to Societies and organizations repopulating from collections and returning to the wild, with plenty of wonderful examples and thought provoking.

After speaker: (*Thank you and card to Speaker*)

Results of Plant of the Month: *Mature cactus <10cm pot*

Novice winner: Copiapoa Hypogea aka “lizard skin”- cultivated by:

Open winner: Anton Gusak – Epilantha species?

Photo competition: Nil.

Presidents Choice: John Roewer – Rutenbergia species.

Reminder:

1. Turn mobile phones back on.
2. Please help with stacking chairs, brushing down, packing away tables, sweeping floor, cleaning up after supper - Thank you.
3. Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th June 2019, in the Main Hall. (Note there are 5 Tuesdays in April!)
Speaker: Attila Kapitany
Topic: New Aust. Succulent Discoveries – and other Aust. Xerophytes that Grow Well in a Succulent Garden
Plant of the Month: Variegated (any succulent/cacti)

Meeting closed: At 10:15 pm by Brett Anderson

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17 April 2019

Dear Mount Waverley Community Centre Hirer

I am writing firstly to thank you for your patience and understanding over the past 12 months while Council completed the refurbishment of the Mount Waverley Community Centre. As I am sure you can appreciate, it has taken some time to better understand the best way the Centre can be used by the general community. We have now reached that understanding.

The refurbishment has seen the addition of the new space located between the craft room and lounge room, known as The Track Gallery. This Gallery is now home to an exciting calendar of exhibitions put on by our local community. The Gallery will see some regulars to the Centre exhibit their works as well as new community groups. Previously, these exhibitions were held at The Highway Gallery, Mount Waverley, which was sold in 2018. We would like you to join us in welcoming these new regular users to the Centre that they will now call home.

The purpose of this letter is to help all Hirers understand the arrangements when looking to hire space/s in the Centre, particularly with the introduction of the Track Gallery.

Please be advised that when booking spaces in the Mount Waverley Community Centre, this booking will not include The Track Gallery or the foyer. The Gallery has been purpose built to prioritise accommodating community art exhibitions. Should you wish to enquire about guidelines for exhibitions or booking The Track Gallery please contact events@monash.vic.gov.au.

As we now have a number of new users at the Centre, and the Centre itself has changed with the wonderful upgrades, there are a couple of new guidelines users will be asked to follow to ensure the space is both comfortable and safe for all who visit. This includes:

- All doors in the centre must remain clear of obstacles. This will ensure a clear path for all users, and in the event of an evacuation, the centre can be quickly cleared.
- The foyer space should have clear paths to allow all users and licensees to access their rooms at all times. The centre is licenced to a number of community groups who have 24 hour access to specific spaces.
- Hirers are asked not to use the Track Gallery windows or glass doors, to display posters or similar.
- Hirers are asked not to place tables or chairs in front of the glass sliding doors that provide access to the Track Gallery.

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- Visitors to the Track Gallery, on those occasions where a Hirer collects an entry fee, will also be expected to pay the Hirers entry fee which will be retained by the Hirer.

Council is very mindful that the Mount Waverley Community Centre has been the preferred venue for many community groups over the years, and looks forward to this arrangement continuing in the future. It is important to acknowledge that the new centre now offers the potential shared use of space/s within the Centre with other users, and whilst this will require some adjustment to how Hirers use these spaces it is necessary to make that adjustment.

Council is currently developing a calendar of events in the Centre, which includes those exhibitions in the Track Gallery, so all Hirers are aware of the usage on particular days and weekends.

I hope you enjoy the refurbished Mount Waverley Community Centre and your events continue to be successful.

Yours sincerely



Miles Davine

Coordinator Monash Halls