

## **Minutes for proceedings of CSSA Monthly Meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Mt Waverley Community Centre**

Meeting Chaired by: Pres. Wayne Robinson

Commenced: 8:03pm

(Approx 8:00 pm)

Welcome to all members and visitors: This is our first meeting for 2020 it is great to see everyone back at our first meeting for this new year, and look forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

(87 members and 12 visitors – total of 97 attendees, 16 plant sellers)

**Apologies: Bob Mitchell.**

### **Reminders:**

- a) Mobile phones - please either off or on to silent mode
- b) Sign in at the front table members and visitors
- 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 at the end of the meeting, assist in packing up, cleaning and tidying the venue - We have all used the venue and facilities, we all have to travel home, so please don't just run out the door
- e) Copies of all correspondence since last meeting is on the table along with journals, newsletters and magazines:  
WR added we had some flyers for the "Yarra Valley Plant Fair" Wandin April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 10 am – 5pm. [www.yarravalleyplantfair.com.au](http://www.yarravalleyplantfair.com.au) tickets at gate \$12 - \$15 Stephen Ryan special guest.
- f) Library books are available for borrowing tonight– see Noelene
- g) A reminder we do need volunteers to assist on the front entry door, and with raffle. - still looking for volunteers to assist, even for half hour or so, to spread the work around Peter and Kirsteen have a roster, a great opportunity for you to meet some new friends, and a great assistance for your Society if you can put your name down.
- h)

We hope all our members and visitors will enjoy our evening tonight.

Our main guest Speaker tonight: – *Was our Member Melissa Jackson presenting: "Madagascar"*

We also had our Life member Attila Kapitany with a short 10 minute 'surprise' presentation

**Plant of the Month:** Small Euphorbia

**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. 2019 Show – Presentation of “Novice Champion” to Trent McGowan. Trent was not able to be at the November meeting when presentations were made, so he was able to be presented with his trophy in front of a full hall tonight. A big congratulations to Trent.

2. **Addition to Committee –**

At last weeks Committee meeting we welcomed two new Committee members

1. Elizabeth Roebuck-Jones ( Has been on Committee before) and
2. Jordan de Jong.

3. **New Library book –** Committee has added a new book to our lending library –

“Secrets of Namaqualand Succulents” by Florent Grenier Florent Grenier’s forwarded by world-renowned Mesemb specialist Steven Hammer.

What is special about the book:

A blend of superb photography and natural history, featuring 710 succulent and geophytic species via 1126 pictures. The text addresses the plants’ compelling strategies for survival and reproduction in their natural habitat, in an accessible tone. It is the most thorough publication on these plants, on most aspects

Gerard was so impressed by the look of it, he took it home for a quick perusal – and has forgotten to bring it with him tonight!

Please see our Librarian Noelene, if you wish to borrow this book, or one of many others in the Library. WR added book borrowing is available for persons who have been financial members for greater than 12 months.

4. **Membership renewals 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

- First reminder – our memberships are due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> of March this year. So please be prepared and organised. Details are on our Societies web page.

It would be appreciated if every one is timely, and not let renewals drag on.

A reminder we have a new coordinator this year in Peter Breyley, your patience and assistance is appreciated.

Membership has gone up \$10 this year for printed Spine, details are on the website.

5. **Pets in the Park 2020 :** Noelene has advised that this terrific event is on again this year on **Sunday 22 March** from **11am to 4pm** at **Central Park, Malvern East.**

Noelene is making an application on behalf of the Society, so if you are able to be involved and/or go along, please make a diary note, and see Noelene.

A fantastic day of celebrations for pets and pet lovers is planned, including:

- Demonstrations
- Vet Q&As
- Competitions and races
- Free entertainment, music and food, and
- Face painting and kids activities

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**6. Bus Trip to Rochester to Anton and Betty Gusak**

- Society held a successful Bus trip on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 (an early Christmas treat) to Rochester to the collection of Anton and Betty Gusak, with approximately 30 members enjoying a fantastic day, and being able to pick up some 'Christmas presents' whilst there. **Succulenticon 2020 Information Bulletin:** The Cactus & Succulent Society of South Australia will host the 2020 Succulenticon, from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The location is the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre at Hahndorf South Australia. There are a number of guest speakers including Nick Helme ( Cape Town South Africa), Guillermo Rivera ( Buenos Aires Argentina), Derek Tribble ( London UK), Mal Morgan (Nuflo nursery, Picton NSW), James Lucas ( Succulents Australia, Melb., Vic), Jackie Warburton ( ACT), Aaron Schintler ( Adelaide SA), Chris Sherrah ( Adelaide SA), Bob Chinnock ( Adelaide SA), Meryl Davis (Adelaide SA). Program will include bus trips to view collections, plant sales and of course the ability to stay on and view the tourist features of Adelaide Hills, the Fleurieu peninsula, Hahndorf, including vineyards of the Barossa Valley and Langhorne Creek. If anyone is interested they can contact a committee member, we can provide further details or contact Max Holmes of the SA Society.

WR added accommodation can be booked, however the bookings for the Succulenticon are not yet open. Max Holmes is invited to talk to us in March this year, no doubt he will use the opportunity to discuss this great event with our Society.

**Auction:** (Heinz conducted the Auction, with assistance of Kirsteen, Melissa and others taking around plants, collect cash)

Auction raised: \$294.00 for the Society (This included auction result of \$212.00, pre-auction sales of \$52 for books donated by The National Herbarium Royal Botanical Gardens of Victoria – thank you, sales of \$30.00 for two pieces of small opuntia – donated by Attila, following his talk – thank you.)

[Thank you all to all contributors and purchasers]

**Raffle:** - five (5) tickets drawn – congratulations to our winners.

Before the break – please vote for plant of the month. Part-way through the break we will be determining the winners.

**Results of Plant of the Month:** Small Euphorbia

Novice winner: Daniel Pickens – Euphorbia submammillaris f. pfersdorffii

Open winner: Wayne Robinson – Euphorbia cylindrifolia v. tubifera

Photo competition: Nil.

Presidents Choice Open – Victor Aprozeanu Euphorbia globosa Novice – Daniel Pickens

**Our guest speaker:** -

Life member Attila Kapitany with a short 10 minute 'surprise' presentation – which was encouraging to others to give a short presentation. Attila presented one of his favourite, ever flowering miniature opuntia. He generously left 2 pieces for sale to members – which like his talk, were eagerly taken up.

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**Our guest Speaker tonight:** *Melissa Jackson presenting: “Madagascar”*

- *A wonderfully entertaining travelogue from Melissa, a very enjoyable presentation encompassing every aspect of Madagascar. Any wonder Melissa wants to return there again!*

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

**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.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Speaker: Our three members: John Roewer “Part 2”, Jordan de Jong “t.b.conf” and Ruby Zhao “Variegated plants”.

**Meeting closed:** At 10 pm by Pres. Wayne Robinson.