

## **Record of proceedings of CSSA Monthly Meeting: 28th February 2017 at Mt Waverley Community Centre**

Meeting Chaired by: Secretary Brett Anderson      Commenced: 8.10pm  
Apologies: Pres. Wayne Robinson

Welcome to all members and visitors. ( 70 members and 13 visitors)

Noelene advises we have a few special visitors this evening, welcome to Sam Frankel, Trent, Brooke, Susanna and Clayton, who have been introduced to Noelene and our Society through Bern Foo's Facebook page 'Echeveria Australia'. Welcome also to Bruce, Jason Hung, Jackie & Hans, Daniel & Alana from Kokedaria, Joanna, Dwayne, Jessica, Susanna, Gerald.

Happy Birthday to Heinz Staude, for birthday today (after break - Happy Birthday greeting to Anton Gusak, for 27th) - both 21 again!

### **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, enable Logan, Dan etc to also buy plants and look 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) Library books are available for borrowing tonight– see Noelene
- e) Copies of all correspondence since last meeting is on the table along with journals, newsletters and magazines: - Newsletter from Ballarat CSA; Bromeliad Society, CSS New South Wales, Ferny Creek
- f) Assistance from members is sought and appreciated to both help set-up the tables/seating etc in the hall and to stack the chairs, and pack-up after the meeting
- g) We hope all our members and visitors will stay after the break to hear our guest speakers:  
Selected speakers (from our membership): David Pretzman, Sally Kent, Melissa Jackson, Peter Breyley, Jill Abbot, James Lucas. " A selection of collections - something of interest or unusual in my garden or hot-house (succulent or cacti related)"
  - o Prior to the break, we have Attila giving a short presentation titled 'Bottle trees – I have one, now how do I get that big bottle shape faster?'  
Attila is proposing to give a short talk also our March meeting. So something extra to entice you along for the meeting.

### **Plant of the Month: -**

My Favourite Succulent (under 25cm pot): - Victor Aprozeanu, was put on the spot, and was happy to give some comment on the plants which were brought in. Thank you Victor for your assistance here. Mainly succulent selection brought in (members perhaps not remembering a cactus is a succulent, but a succulent is not a cactus!). A magnificent crested Sempervivum was on show, it may not survive after flowering. Also a magnificent Echevaria Lauui, mention being made not to touch the leaves as any contact

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will remove the fine powdery coating, which may never disappear. Victor remarked, they were good plants, and recommended to the assembly that they ask the owners why they love them.

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

Novice winner:- Peter Breyley - Crested Sempervivum; Open winner: Don Reed - Pachyphytum;

Photo comp: John Roewer - Dioscorea elephantipes

Presidents Choice Award: Echeveria Lauii - Anton Gusak.

### **Information for Members**

- 1) **Supper** - hope you all remembered to bring your reusable coffee cup!
- 2) **Plant of Month Photographer:** We have a volunteer "POM photographer", thank you to Ian Painter; Dypnas' husband. Our photographer will help with photographs on our meeting nights.
- 3) **Ballarat Begonia Festival:**  
Sat 11th March 2017:  
Bus trip Cost \$20 per person, this is bus-trip and entry. Departing: Mt Waverley Hall Sat 11th March 2017 at 9.00am, returning to same. Pick up at Mt Waverley and from Deer Park (at the rear of IGA supermarket) at approx 10.00am. **How many will want to be picked up here?**  
Family and friends can now also come and will need to pay at the bus. - Activities: Ballarat Cactus and Succulent Society, have plant sales, look at displays of Begonias in main hot-house, gardening tools, plants, guest speakers etc.  
Food and drinks, including wine, beer etc available at the event.

Possible tour of Tram museum, if sufficient interest and numbers.

RSVP - tonight, if we are to have sufficient numbers to organise a bus.

**Unfortunately due to insufficient numbers, Committee were unable to proceed with the bus trip.**

- 4) **(a) Ferny Ck Horticultural Society - Plant collectors Sale & Garden expo**  
Date: Sat 11th March, Sun 12th March 10 am -4pm both days.  
Cost: \$5- per person (U14 free)  
100 Hilton Rd, Sassafras (Melways Ref 66 E12)  
We have one complimentary pass.

#### **(b) The Tesselaars Nursery - Gardening and plant expo and plant sale-**

Date: Sat 22nd April, Sun 23rd April 9 am -4pm both days.

357 Monbulk Rd.

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9am - 4pm

Over 40 nurseries and plant growers Expert plant talks & demonstrations Shop for plants of all shapes and sizes

**Attila Kapitany will have a stall at this event.**

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- 5) **Pets in the Park 2017:** - will take place on Sunday 26 March from 11am to 4pm at Central Park, Malvern East.

Once again Noelene is representing the Society and running a marquee stall with plants and promotion. Felicity Wood is also joining Noelene. - Thank you Noelene and Felicity.

It is a good promotion for CSSA, and to promote interest in succulents and cacti, at no cost to CSSA. It would be terrific if we could have some more members who are interested in selling and/or assisting Noelene. **If you think you can be of assistance, even for a few hours or so, please see Noelene.** -

- 6) CSSA 90th Anniversary in 2017 - We are having a celebratory dinner, social evening, with sit down 2 or 3 course meal, drinks etc.

Date: Sat 29th April.

"Victory Room" at the Mathew Flinders Hotel 667 Warrigal Rd Chadstone.

They also have reasonably priced 'reasonable' motel accommodation for anyone who may like or need to stay over. We have a form for persons to register -Cost \$20. **As at tonight we have 62 people attending.**

We will also be looking for assistance from members for items/articles of historical interest.

Looking for ideas and participation from members to assist with organising and helping.

- 7) **2016 Show Competition Winners:** - presentation of trophies. We would like to acknowledge the winner of the Best Novice plant, there was an error made in our presentation at our November meeting. We would like to congratulate and recognise the winner.  
. Best Novice Gymnocalycium- Donovan Jooste for his Gymnocalycium saglionis. - **This presentation was not done in Wayne's absence.**

***Upcoming Events: ( more about these in Spinette). ( To be published in the Spinette and website)***

- 8) **Wayne Robinsons Plant Sales: Sat 1st April 2017:**

47 Biram Rd, Warragul Vic. ( a leisurely 1 hr drive down the freeway) **Address not published on website.**

Time: 10.30 am - 2 pm

"make your own way", Car pool etc- an opportunity for car karaoke on the way.

- 9) **Combined visit with Ballarat Cactus and Succulent Society to Sue Davis' garden in Geelong area.**  
**(Await confirmation from Sue)**

Date: 26th August 2017

Time: To be conf - will involve a BBQ lunch, Committee to assist with organising.

Make your own way or possible bus trip.

- 10) **Melbourne University System Garden:**

Proposed Tour: Sat 9th or 16th September 2017

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11) **Get Together 2017 - CSS New South Wales.**

Date: 29- 30September, 1st October 2017

Cost: \$225 Registration fee per person; plus travel, accommodation.

Location: Gosford RSL, 26 Central Coast Highway, West Gosford, NSW 2250

Further info: Kim Hamilton ph 0448 249 200, email: kimh330@gmail.com

Possible accommodation: "The Galaxy Motel", located next to the Gosford RSL.

Registration Form.

12) **6. CSSA Annual Show and Huge Sale:**

Venue: Mt Waverley Community Centre

Date : Fri 20th /Sat 21st /Sun 22d October 2017.

(We are trying to get this moved to 27th,28th, 29th October 2017

13) **Spring Into Gardening:**

Stonington's award-winning sustainability and gardening festival and drawing in thousands of keen gardening enthusiasts each year, the one-day festival features expert talks, market stalls, kids entertainment, and the highly-anticipated Great Plant Giveaway.

Date: October 2017 TBConf - was about 9 October last year.

Venue: Prahran's Victoria Gardens

14) **Calendar of Speakers for 2017** - Please refer to your new Spinette, for our proposed Calendar. We are still looking for ideas, and for members who are willing and able to make a presentation at our monthly meetings. Please give it consideration, and let us know.

15) **Journal:** - We are looking for short stories and longer articles, photos etc for our journal, it is becoming more difficult to get articles, and we would really like to include more local content. Stories, photos with text (explanation) of your plants, and cultivating experiences. REALLY asking for people to get involved, the more you can do, sharing information and experiences it is to the benefit of all.

Also still looking for an editor, Wayne has been our temporary editor now for too many years.

**Auction :** (Heinz to Auction; Couple of volunteers to take around plants, collect cash) A total of \$199.00 ( including \$40 from Attila's short talk-mini auction). Thank you Heinz and Attila.

**Raffle:** - five (5) tickets to draw. - Melissa apologised to all, having forgotten the raffle vouchers. Names taken and vouchers to be handed out next meeting.  
Winners - Melissa Jackson, John Roewer, Sue Carr, Val Stevenson, Sue Gill.

**Attila Kapitany - gave a short presentation 'What is a name worth to you'.** A short talk about a tray of mixed and unknown "Agave filifera" type species with unknown ordinary specimens valued at \$2- each, whilst a tray of identified and

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named related species of the genus, with a "Rolls - Royce" highly valued plant with flowering with a red 'inflorescence' was discussed and auctioned off to a bid of \$40-.

**Break for interval, supper:** (approx 9.00pm -9.15pm)

Selected speakers (from our membership): " A selection of collections - something of interest or unusual in my garden or hot-house (succulent or cacti related)" (approx 9.15pm to 10.20pm). : Peter Breyley - spoke about his plant collection, showing his tunnel type hothouse and selection of plants which included grafts. David Pretyman - also spoke about a selection of his plants, which included a Euphorbia amak planted too close under the eaves and now 1.8m above the roof. Melissa Jackson - showed photos and spoke about her 'dog run' constructed hot-house (to give some ideas to others) which cost her approximately \$1600. Jill Abbot took the membership through a visit of her garden, showing some unique ideas using lampshades as pots and some bright blue pots as well. Sally Kent - brought in a large Rhipsalis species in a hanging basket, explaining this was her mothers and the basket actually belonging to her Grandmother. Unfortunately due to our meeting running late James Lucas was not able to present, and was gracious when asked if he could hold this talk over to a later date.

**After speaker:**

Results of Plant of the Month (

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**Reminder:**

Turn mobile phones back on.

Please help with stacking chairs, packing away tables, sweeping floor, cleaning up after supper - Thank you.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 28th March 2017 - look forward to seeing you all there.

**Meeting closed** : At 10.30pm by Sec. Brett Anderson.

NB: After the close of the meeting, it was reported by a member who had a stall of pottery, that a small ceramic pot with flower pattern, was taken from her stall without payment.

Our Societies apologies were expressed, and this item to be on next months agenda.