

## **Record of proceedings of CSSA Monthly Meeting: 25th July 2017 at Mt Waverley Community Centre**

Meeting Chaired by: Pres. Wayne Robinson

Commenced: 8.05pm

(Approximate start 8pm)

Welcome to all members and visitors. ( 66 members and 4 visitors)

A special welcome to our visitor.

Apologies: Joylene Sutherland, John Roewer

### **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.
- e) Library books are available for borrowing tonight- see Noelene
- f) Copies of all correspondence since last meeting is on the table along with journals, newsletters and magazines: - British Cactus & Succulent Society Journal June 2017, Ballarat CSS newsletter, CSSNSW journal. Also some information and advertisement for Tesselars Tulip Festival.
- g) **Supper** - hope you all remembered to bring your reusable coffee cup!
- h) We hope all our members and visitors will enjoy our evening tonight.  
Prior to the break, we have Attila giving a short presentation - " Plant theft / Frost damage"

Please stay after the break to hear our guest speakers:

Our guest speakers are: Jordan de Jong - with his presentation, titled "My travels", followed by Wayne Robinson " Quick mesemb' catch-up".

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

Wayne again commented on the small number of display plants for the POM, the photography was reasonably supported. Members advised that their participation was required, and if they did not want the POM, then to let Committee know and we would not persist. Sally Kerr commented that it was better than last months poor participation. (Wayne's reply "only by a couple of plants").

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.

This month we also 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).

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

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### **Information for Members**

- 1) **2017 Annual Show and Huge Sale: Will be on at this venue October 28th/29th 2017.**

- **So put it into your diaries, start planning ahead with your plants, sellers etc. Let your neighbours, friends etc know.**

**Show Flyers** - we have show flyers for distribution. If members would like to take some to distribute please, the more people assisting the better.

- 2) **Vale Pat Marko:** Sadly we were informed over the weekend of Saturday 15th, by Tek, that his wife Pat had passed away suddenly and peacefully. Pat along with Tek have been supportive members of our Society since 2010, along with their son Peter since 2009. Pat assisting Tek and Peter with their impressive stall of Aloes and her favourite Pelargoniums, at our shows over the years. Our heartfelt sympathies to Tek, his son Peter, and families at this time.

### **Upcoming Events: ( more about these in Spine /Spinette).**

- 1) **Proposed Garden visit and bbq lunch:** at our member Sue Davis' garden (Geelong Area) approximately 1 hr 10 min from the Waverley Hall (89 kms) via the Geelong Fwy, then on to see the garden of her friends , Earl and Judy. We will be following along with the Ballarat Cactus & Succulent Society. Date: Sat 26th August 2017 - 10.30am ish.

Looking to get an idea of numbers, if there is sufficient interest we will look at organising a bus, alternatively it could be by car, car pooling with friends etc.

A sheet at the front entrance table to register your interest to attend.

Wayne advised meeting, that it was only a month or so to go, a bit more interest, and participation was required to book a bus. Lunch provided.

- 2) **Proposed visit to Melbourne University 'System Gardens'; Melbourne University**  
Management of "The System Gardens" have agreed to allow/provide a tour of the gardens for our Society, on Saturday 16th of September 2017. For approximately 20 - 25 people.  
This has been organised for us by Tim Uebergang, who is a horticultural curator officer of the System Gardens, he was a member of our Society for a number of years.  
Start at 11 am - tours are typically 45 min to 1 hr - Tim will provide a guided tour. Garden can be open until 2pm.  
Sandwiches, take-away food, is available in the surrounding shops (University cafeteria etc not open)  
Normally tours are only done during the week.  
Looking for an indication of interest - sheet at the front table.  
This will be a 'meet you there', public transport or private vehicle.  
A sheet at the front table to put your name down if you are interested.

Wayne highlighted this was a weekend tour especially for the Society, usually only during the week days. Own transport, own lunch event.

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### **3) Get Together 2017 - CSS New South Wales.**

- a. Date: 29- 30th September, 1st October 2017
- b. Cost: \$225 Registration fee per person; plus travel and accomodation.

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

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

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

Registration Forms available from Kim, or from our Committee.

### **4) Spring into Gardening is back in 2017 on Sunday, 8 October. -**

As you know, Spring into Gardening is held at Prahran's lush Victoria Gardens, and draws in thousands of keen gardening enthusiasts each year. The one-day festival this year will feature:

- Demonstrations by expert gardening and sustainability personalities
- Stallholder displays promoting reliable and on trend information about gardening and sustainability,
- Children's activities and workshops
- Roving entertainment
- Sustainable food and drink offerings

CSSA will be represented by Noelene and Felicity again this year, so if you would like to be involved, to assist, or to go along, please speak to Noelene or Felicity, and for more information please visit

<http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/Discover/City-of-Stonnington-events/Spring-into-Gardening>

### **5) Calendar of Speakers for 2018** - Please refer to your new Spinette, for our proposed Calendar for 2017. We are now looking for ideas, and for members who are willing and able to make a presentation at our monthly meetings for 2018. Please give it consideration, and let us know.

### **6) Member participation:** We are asking again for people to please get involved and support your Society. We would like and appreciate and ask for people to join the Committee, or to simply join in and assist with organising and helping with our monthly meetings ( we always welcome assistance with people on the door, and throughout the evening) and participating in events, such as our Annual Show, events such as "Pets in the Park", "Spring into Gardening", Bus trips.

The more assistance we have, spreads the work around and allows everyone to have a break from duties to enjoy their time.

### **7) 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.

*If you are capable of posting a picture or item on facebook, you can forward similar to Wayne, for inclusion on the Societies facebook page, or to include the photo and a paragraph or two in the Journal or newsletter.*

[Also still looking for an editor, Wayne has been our temporary editor now for too many years.](#)

### **8) David stood and asked for members to Volunteer at the show, to register their names on a sheet in the foyer during the break.**

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9) **Auction :** (Heinz to Auction; Couple of volunteers to take around plants, collect cash) **Auction raised \$ 162.00 - thank you to all.**

**Raffle:** - five (5) tickets drawn - Carole Ransome, David Pretzman, Betty Gusak, Val Stephenson, young boy seated in front row.

### **Attila Short featurette: - 'Plant theft / Frost damage!'**

An entertaining and thought provoking discussion on "where has my favourite plant gone" - was it stolen ( thief!)...or was it the frost. Members were questioned to think about, taking a piece overhanging the fence vs openly stealing (and talking, or bragging about it!). Attila showed the video from "A Current Affair" showing the woman caught on camera , now charged by Police, for stealing his plants. He strongly condemned stealing, and told members who might be inclined or engage in this, not to talk about doing so in his vicinity. A timely message. - Thank you Attila.

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

**Our guest speaker is the Jordan de Jong with his feature presentation, titled "My travels", followed by Wayne Wrobo. "Quick Mesemb" catch-up.**

(approx 9.15pm to 10pm)

Unfortunately my note taking skills were not up with this light and entertaining, travelogue through many parts of the United States, including the Joshua Tree national park, with photos of lizards, a well camouflaged "Rattler" snake, amongst many in-habitat cactus, through parts of the Colorado Desert and the Mojave Desert. Many thanks Jordan.

Wayne "Wrobo's" teaser trailer "Quick Mesemb", was very quick, but also enlightening, and in my opinion worthy of a "full-feature" presentation. The plants, especially Lithops, tell you when they need to be watered. Heinz wanted to know what language they spoke, and that it was done 'quietly'. A selection of slides of variegated, and unusual forms of Mesembs were shown. - Thank you Wayne.

### **After speaker:**

Results of Plant of the Month

Novice winner: Dymyna Painter - Fenestraria aurantiaca

Open winner: Anton Gusak - Titanopsis calcarea

Photo comp - Margaret Cox

Presidents Choice: Anton Gusak - Titanopsis calcarea

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Turn mobile phones back on.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday 22nd August 2017 - look forward to seeing you all there.

**Meeting closed** : At 10.00pm by Pres. Wayne Robinson.