

**Record of proceedings of CSSA Monthly Meeting:
24th October 2017 at Mt Waverley Community Centre**

Meeting Chaired by: Pres. Wayne Robinson Commenced: 8.00 pm (Approximate start 8pm)

Welcome to all members and visitors. (65 members and 8 visitors)
A special welcome to our visitors and guests. Our interstate speaker Paul Forster

Apologies:

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) Copies of all correspondence since last meeting is on the table along with journals, newsletters and magazines: Newsletter No. 4756 October 2017 from Ballarat Cactus & Succulent Society
- f) Library books are available for borrowing tonight– see Noelene
- g) Supper - hope you all remembered to bring your reusable coffee cup! We have supper in the kitchen following the presentation.
- h) We hope all our members and visitors will enjoy our evening tonight.

Please stay after the break to hear our guest speakers:

Our guest speaker is our: Paul Forster- with his presentation, titled " Life in a crevice "

Plant of the Month: Aloe

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.

- This weekend. Setup on Friday 27th, from 12.00 pm (midday onwards).
Reminder to all, that competition plants must be delivered to the hall and entered on Friday night by:8:00 pm. No late entries, no entries on Saturday morning. – please avoid disappointment by having you plants here on time.
Please also take entry forms, competitors to complete forms, preferably beforehand, one per entry exhibit (one per plant).
- Saturday 28th opening up for sellers at 7:45 am (for stewards as well).
Sales to the public from 10.00 am to 5:00 pm,
- Sunday 29th opening up for sellers at 7:45 am.
Sales to the public from 10:00 am to 3:00pm
- Show Flyers - we have show flyers for distribution. If members would like to take some to distribute please, the more people assisting the better. These have been bundled in lots of 10, 20, 50 and 100. Please take and distribute what you can.

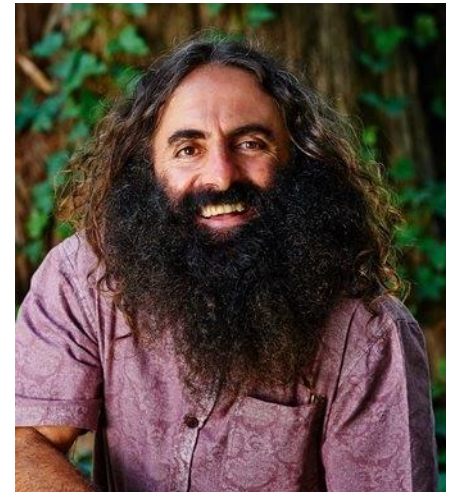
2. Visit to Melbourne University 'System Gardens'; Melbourne University

Was originally postponed due to inclement weather – following discussion and correspondence from Tim Uebergang, the curator of the gardens, the visit has now been postponed until either late next year or the year after. He is very disappointed that there is a very big and busy building works going on, and the hoardings etc have protruded into, and taken away the aspect and experience of the garden. We have accepted his suggestion in this regard.

3. Report on Spring into Gardening 2017: (by Noelene Tomlinson)

On Sunday, Oct. 8th, Felicity and Noelen were kept busy in the CSSA marquee at the Victoria Gardens, Prahran.

They handed out many Show flyers, and some Membership forms. Noelene gave some of both to Costa Georgiadis after she was interviewed without warning (on Iphone); must have done well, as he asked if he could hug her. Noelene doesn't know what programme they were on, but someone in London made a comment at the end of it.



4. Report on Get Together 2017 at the Gosford RSL, Central Coast, NSW: (by Noelene Tomlinson)

We enjoyed 11 interesting talks, and visited 5 gardens over the weekend, while the sun shone. The Saturday night dinner included the big raffle, and Sunday night dinner was followed by the auction.

The hosts for the next 5 years were announced:
2018 Perth, WA Convention Sep. 28th to Oct. 1st
2019 Toowoomba, Queensland Get Together
2020 Adelaide, SA Convention Oct. 2nd to 5th
2021 Canberra, ACT Get Together
2022 Sydney, NSW Convention

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

1. Calendar of Speakers for 2018

- We are now looking for a Speaker/idea for our January 2018 meeting- at the moment we do not have anyone.

We also note for the majority of 2017 and 2018, with exception of Noelene, and Attila, we have not had, and do not have many of our own members doing a presentation. We need assistance with this please. We would like some of our own members involved.

Noeleen Tomlinson has offered to talk in January, if Committee would like, and if the Society is not able to get a volunteer. – Thank you very much Noelene (Noelene is also presenting in November).

Alex Wilde also offered to give a presentation on Succulent Orchids, in January – Thank you Alex. Committee will consider both, and advise.

- Four(4) members for February who are willing and able to make a presentation of 10 minutes duration at our February meeting for 2018. So far John Roewer, and one other have offered (thank you). Marg Fenn, Elsie Carter, Alex Wilde – offered at the October meeting, to give short talks for the February meeting - Thank you all.

Please give it consideration, and let us know.

2. Spine / Spinette Next edition of Spine to come out – anyone with contributions, they need to be made in the next week or so.

Auction : (Heinz to Auction; Couple of volunteers to take around plants, collect cash) Auction raised \$ 149 – thank you all.

Raffle: - five (5) tickets to draw.

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

Our guest speaker is the Paul Forster with his feature presentation, titled "" Life in a crevice"

After speaker:

(Thank you and card to Speaker)

Results of Plant of the Month : Aloe

Novice winner: Sally Kerr

Open winner: Brett Anderson “White Kiwi” Aloe

Photo comp – Margaret Cox

Presidents Choice: Kerrie Wilde

Reminder:

1. Don't forget our show this weekend, hope to see you all attending, and supporting our event.
2. Turn mobile phones back on.
3. Please help with stacking chairs, brushing down, packing away tables, sweeping floor, cleaning up after supper - Thank you.
4. Next Meeting: Tuesday 28th November 2017 at our regular time, with our own Noelene Tomlinson as our guest speaker

Hope to see you all there.

Meeting closed : At 10:00 pm

by Pres. Wayne Robinson.