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Nepenthes ventricosa



Brocchinia reducta



Utricularia uniflora



Drosera petiolaris



Drosera cuneifolia



Drosera falconeri



Drosera binata var. *dichotoma* "f. large"



Drosera fulva

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However, some meetings may be at the home of members during a weekend. Details of meeting dates and topics are listed in each journal.

If unsure of the location or date of any meeting, please ring a committee person for details.

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Peter Cundall (center) presenting Gabby Salts (left), and Gordon Ohlenrott (right) with the 2nd place award for the VCPS display stand at the 2007 Gardening Australia show last September. Congratulations and thankyou to all of the members that helped out during the show.

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FRONT COVER:

Drosera fulva photographed in the wild near Darwin.

Photo: Richard Nunn

BACK COVER:

Clockwise from top left:

- *Nepenthes ventricosa* grown by Andre Cleghorn
- *Brocchinia reducta* grown by Stuart Mcllroy.
- *Utricularia uniflora* grown and photographed by Sean Spence.
- *Drosera cuneifolia* grown by Sean Spence.
- Grand Champion; *Drosera binata* var *dichotoma* f. large grown by Stuart Mcllroy.
- *Drosera falconeri* grown by Sean Spence.
- *Drosera petiolaris* photographed in the wild near Darwin.

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MEETING TOPICS & DATES for 2008

VICTORIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY

This year we have scheduled the following discussion topics, and events:

January	(20th)	New Year BBQ at President Stephen Fretwell's House 12pm Sunday, <i>Darlingtonia</i> , <i>Dionaea</i> . (Contact for details)
February	(27th)	<i>Sarracenia</i> species and hybrids, beginners night.
March	(26th)	<i>Nepenthes</i> and <i>Heliamphora</i> .
April	(23th)	<i>Drosera</i> , video and information night.
May	(28rd)	Growing conditions, pygmy <i>Drosera</i> gemmae collection, 'best' and 'worst' plants.
June	(25th)	AGM, plant give-away, any CPs.
July	(23th)	Seed growing and tissue culture, potting demonstration, any CPs.
August	(27th)	Tuberous/Winter growing <i>Drosera</i> , show preparation, displays, and companion planting.
September	(24th)	<i>Cephalotus</i> , <i>Brocchinia</i> , <i>Catopsis</i> and swap night.
October	(26th)	Triffid Park Open Day, any CP's.
November	(26th)	<i>Byblis</i> , pygmy <i>Drosera</i> , <i>Drosophyllum</i> , <i>Genlisea</i> , <i>Pinguicula</i> , <i>Roridula</i> , <i>Utricularia</i> .
December	(TBA)	Annual show at Collectors Corner.

Please note: All meetings, other than those where a specific venue is given, will be on the FOURTH WEDNESDAY of the month in the hall of the Pilgrim Uniting Church in Yarraville – corner Bayview Road and Montague Street, Melway Map Reference 41K7.



D. kenneallyi

Photo: Stephen Fretwell



D. caduca "Backsten Creek"

Photo: Stephen Fretwell



D. falconeri

Photo: Sean Spence

Experiences I have gathered cultivating the Petiolaris group of *Drosera*

MARKUS BERG

Translated by Hilde Cleghorn

Since I have been cultivating this fascinating group of *Drosera* for a few years with quite a bit of success, I would like to introduce my readers to my own experiences and, maybe inspire them to try to grow some themselves.

The Petiolaris group consists, at this time, of 12 species. Within the genus of *Drosera* they belong to the group Lasioccephala (the word lasio is latin and means hairy, cephalo means head and refers to the flower base). Consequently

lasioccephala means "with hairy flower base or flower heads".

You find them in Australasia, mainly in Australia in the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Queensland. *Drosera petiolaris* is the only species found growing outside Australia where it can also be found growing in Papua New Guinea. *Drosera neocaledonica*, synonym *Drosera caledonica*, is often wrongly listed in the section lasioccephala. This New Caledonian species is actually more closely related to *Drosera spatulata* and *Drosera oblanceolata* (this species displays certain obvious similarities) that are related to each other.

Drosera banksii and *Drosera subtilis* are recognised as belonging to the Lasioccephala group but some others consider them as part of the tuberous *Drosera* group (Ergaliums). At present I am not aware of a final decision in regard to these two species.

As an aside, I would like to mention that *Drosera subtilis* has only four petals and sepals- exactly the same as the dwarf species *Drosera pygmaea*. Most of the other species of this group of *Drosera* have five petals and sepals each.

The following species have so far been described as at 2nd June 2006.

- D. brevicornis* Lowrie (1996)
- D. broomensis* Lowrie (1996)
- D. caduca* Lowrie (1996)
- D. darwinensis* Lowrie (1996)
- D. derbyensis* Lowrie (1996)
- D. dilatato-petiolaris* Kondo (1984)
- D. falconeri* Kondo & Tsang (1984)
- D. fulva* Planchon (1848)
- D. kenneallyi* Lowrie (1996)
- D. lanata* Kondo (1984)
- D. ordensis* Lowrie (1994)
- D. paradoxa* Lowrie (1997)
- D. petiolaris* R. Brown ex DC. (1824)

WHERE THESE PLANTS GROW

These plants are found in northern Australia and Papua New Guinea, mainly in seasonally dry, sandy loamy ground. Some varieties grow all year or seasonally in lightly flooded areas (for instance *D. kenneallyi* & *D. paradoxa*) others are only found in lightly damp mountainous areas (for instance in the Kimberleys in Western Australia, *D. caduca* & *D. lanata*).

In general you can say that the species with leaves that are less hairy grow mostly in damper areas and that with the help of their thickened leaf bases are able to survive the dry times. Those with smaller and more hairy rosettes tend to grow in dryer areas.

The plants grow in very sunny areas and only very rarely are shaded by tall grasses or trees such as Eucalypts. The temperature is normally very high throughout the year and temperatures of 45°C are not unusual in the North of Australia. During most nights the temperature drops by only a few degrees however there can be some very cold nights, especially in the mountains. In Allen Lawrie's fascinating book "Carnivorous Plants of Australia, volume 3" he describes on page 20 the forming of ice on the Mitchell Plateau in



***D. petiolaris* “N.T.”** Photos: Stephen Fretwell



***D. paradoxa* “Swamp form”**

the Kimberleys. Otherwise the temperature only rarely drops below 17°C.

DRY TIME

In their natural growing environment the ground dries out in the Australian winter from about May to November. However, there are years when the ground remains damp all year. Therefore it is not necessary to provide a dry time when growing the plants in cultivation. In a glasshouse the duration of sunshine and light intensity decreases in winter which often leads to the forming of winter rosettes.

In winter, you may notice that the leaves and the whole rosette become smaller and smaller, especially with the species which

form bulbs (*D. falconeri*, *D. kenneallyi*, *D. caduca*). The leaves begin to become brown and die off. Then for the winter period, the plants should be kept only a little damp, but as bright as possible.

Particularly in winter, during the resting period of the *Petiolaris Drosera*, you may notice that the leaves and the whole rosette become increasingly smaller. It is important that the medium is not allowed to dry out completely (as for instance is the case with the Australian tuberous *Drosera*). During the winter resting period, problems often arise if the plant dries out completely or is kept too wet, resulting in rot. Therefore I can only recommend that all varieties are kept as warm as possible, bright and damp. This way one can cultivate the plants for the whole year without a dormancy. *D. petiolaris* and *D. paradoxa* are the only species which even when cultivated in a greenhouse very often don't form winter rosettes. For this reason, these species can be grown very easily and are the ones in the *Lasiocephala* section recommended for beginners and are most popular in cultivation.

MY CULTURAL CONDITIONS

I have decided to use plastic pots, 9 - 10 cm diameter, placed into an aquarium that is 50 x 30 cm. For growing medium I use a mixture of 1:1 perlite and white peat. Please note that only a peat to which no fertilizer has been added is suitable. Alternatively you can use coarse quartz sand which of course is a lot heavier. Besides that I use the following additives at approximately 1 teaspoon per litre of mix: clay (both finely ground as well as coarser), vermiculite and laterite. In their natural environment some varieties grow in laterite soil that contains iron, therefore I would like to have a greater iron content in my mix. Recently I have been experimenting a bit and arrived at the conclusion that clean coarse pieces of brown coal as well as small quantities of fine coconut fibre without added fertilizer are also suitable additions to the



***D. dilatato-petiolaris* “Tiwi-Sand fly alley”**
Photos: Stephen Fretwell

mix. I grow seedlings and small plants in a finer mixture of the above.

I keep the plants damp but not wet all year but I watch that in winter they do not stand in water. Since the sun is very strong in Australia the plants need high light levels in cultivation. In summer my aquarium is often in full sun on my balcony. In winter it is on a shelf in my flat under 2 x 15 watt fluorescent lights. At that time the terrarium is almost completely covered by light and warmth reflectors. This way I hope I can reduce any unnecessary heat loss into the room and increase the light intensity. So as to reduce the danger of botrytis infection in this damp environment I have hung a small PC fan in the aquarium that changes the air at least every half hour. The temperature should be



***D. aff brevicornis* “Theda, Kimberley, NT”**

very warm all year, at least 25°C, or better still 30°C or warmer would be ideal.

PROPAGATION FROM SEED

I have been quite successful when sowing seed purchased from Australia as well as seed collected from my own plants. I sowed the seed on damp peat or a mixture of peat and fine sand and keep the seed at high humidity and temperature (over 30°C). If the seed is kept under direct sunlight it is best to shade it to be on the safe side. As a rule germination occurs within 2 - 3 weeks. However it can occur that seeds will not germinate within a month. In this case I recommend that the mix be allowed to dry out slowly and then keep the pot rather dry for 3 - 5 months before dampening it again. It is quite possible

Carnivorous Plants

Allen Lowrie

***Drosera*, tuberous *Drosera*, tropical perennial *Drosera*, pygmy *Drosera*, *Cephalotus*, *Utricularia*, CP seed, *Orchids* and *Trigger plants*.**

*Tuberous *Drosera* sold when dormant Nov-late March.

*Pygmy *Drosera* sold as gemmae (vegetative buds) over 3 months. May-June.

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D. lanata

Photo: Sean Spence



D. ordensis "South Kingston Rest"

Photo: Stephen Fretwell



D. derbyensis

Photo: Stephen Fretwell

that some types need this treatment that imitates the natural change between rainy and dry periods. The seedlings grow quite fast under good conditions and it is possible to prick them out into fresh potting mix.

As simple as the sowing is, unfortunately it is very difficult to obtain seed. All varieties of *Lasiocephala* are self-sterile which means that they must be pollinated with an unrelated plant to produce viable seed. Another problem is that some types have long or short pollen tubes (styles). The pollen of a long pollen tube plant can pollinate a short pollen tube type without any problems however the other way around usually does not work. In this case it is possible to shorten the tubes with a pair of nail scissors and then put the pollen onto the cut surface.

Unfortunately this method has only resulted in a rather small number of seeds being produced. If two plants flower at the same time it is possible to carefully remove the anther with a pair of tweezers and carefully wipe it over the cut surface of the pollen tube.

Unfortunately this method has also only resulted in a rather low number of seeds being produced. If the procedure was successful the seed capsule will swell and after several weeks the capsule will become black, will slowly open and seed can be harvested.

VEGETATIVE PROPAGATION

Luckily the number of plants can be increased vegetatively. The easiest way to do this is to divide a larger plant that has several growing points with a sharp knife. Be careful to damage the tissue as little as possible and disinfect the cut edges with charcoal powder and maybe a fungicide to prevent rot occurring.

Another method is to propagate by leaf cuttings. Normally one tears a fleshy leaf with some basal tissue from a plant and either put it into a small glass with distilled water or puts it into a pot with dead sphagnum moss. This method works especially well with *Drosera*

paradoxa as well as all the types with a very pronounced leaf base eg. *D. falconeri* and *caduca*. For the hairy leaf types such as the *D. ordensis* group or *D. lanata* this technique has not been successful. It appears to be important that the place is warm and bright. Another method is to pull off several leaves together with as much leaf base material as possible. This method of course is almost a division. This method has a great danger of creating wounds that can result in infections, therefore all wounds should be disinfected.

COMPANION PLANTS

Naturally, suitable plants to consider as carnivorous companion plants are those that are found in nature with the *Petiolaris* complex *Drosera*. Examples of these are the following: *Byblis aquatica*, *B. filifolia*, *B. liniflora*, *B. rorida*, *Drosera indica* and *D. burmanii*. Besides these there are various tropical *Genlisea* such as the Madagascariensis *G. margarethae*,

and various Australian *Utricularia* such as *U. chrysantha*, *U. fulva* and *U. odorata*, furthermore the Caribbean *Pinguicula* such as *P. albida* and *P. filifolia*. Please note that you must consider the potting mix, moisture and light requirements of the other plants.

DISEASES

Leaves can become burnt under certain conditions i.e. when the plants are too suddenly removed from bright artificial light and put in bright sunlight. The best is to cut off the burnt parts and shade them. Commonly in the summer, carnivorous plants can be attacked by various pests such as aphids, white flies or mealy bugs. In most circumstances the well known systemic insecticide Lizetan Plus from Bayer will help. Particularly in winter most plants are susceptible to fungi. Apart from the use of fungicides, plants should not be kept too wet and humidity should not be too high.

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In 2005, (pictured left) the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens swamp was at its prime and full of flourishing *U. dichotoma* and *U. australis*. In 2007 (right) the swamp has almost completely dried out and probably will in the coming years.

Photos: Stephen Fretwell

Global warming and C.P.'s in South Eastern Australia

PETER WOLF

The effect of global warming on the south eastern Australian C.P. populations has been significant and is plainly evident to any C.P. observer that lives here. To provide a reason requires a scientific study that to my knowledge is not being undertaken. I can however offer a few observations that I have made over the last 20 years or so which may illustrate how bleak the current situation is.

The situation is that conditions have become much drier and as a result there are fewer C.P.'s growing in the wild. Some species have been affected more than others. The species that seem to have been affected the most are those from drier habitats such as the tuberous *Drosera*

species *D. auriculata*. I have noticed that *D. auriculata* in particular seems to have declined dramatically and the plants that remain are smaller and flowering much earlier than once was the case. Swamp growing species such as *D. binata* & *spatulata* have coped better as they have been able to move closer to the water in the swamps.

An example of the diminishing populations is evident at the Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve in outer Melbourne. Approximately 10-15 years ago there were thousands of plants of *D. spatulata* and millions of *D. pygmaea* growing in many of the moist areas. These moist areas were common and persisted well into summer.

Over the last few years it has been incredibly difficult to find any *D. spatulata* plants in the reserve. The wetter areas have considerably

less water and this water disappears not long after the warmer weather in spring arrives. An estimate of the *D. pygmaea* numbers would have them at less than 5% of what they once were. On the other hand species such as *D. whittakerii* ssp. *aberrans* and *D. peltata* appear to be still growing strong.

Twenty years ago on a country property in western Victoria near Ballarat, *D. auriculata* was abundant. Many plants were well over 50cm tall. In the years since, there has been a steady decline in numbers. Today there is only a fraction of the original population remaining. The plants are rarely over 15 cm tall and often go dormant before flowering. To a C.P. lover such as myself, this situation is quite upsetting. Like the Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve, the *D. whittakerii* ssp. *aberrans* colonies have been relatively unaffected on this property.

It is possible that if conditions were to change for the better it may take only a few seasons for the plants to regain their former glory. This is not likely to happen though as a C.S.I.R.O.



What's left of the main pond from the Cranbourne swamp in 2007.

report released today stated that conditions in Australia will get hotter and drier in future years.

C.P.s in south eastern Australia are still very common and this shows how amazingly adaptable and drought tolerant the plants are. They have evolved to cope with drought conditions but not the persistent droughts that now occur year after year. Global warming is certainly pushing some of the Australian C.P. populations to their limits.

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The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion plants at the 2007 VCPS annual show.



The Grand Champion plant of 2007. *D. binata* var. *dichotoma* "f. Large" grown by Stuart Mc Ilroy.



Reserve Champion plant of 2007, *Drosera regia* grown by Stephen Fretwell.

VCPS 2007 Annual show

The December 2007 VCPS show again was a fantastic event. The members put on a vibrant display with some truly stunning plants. Congratulations to Stuart Mc Ilroy for winning the Grand Champion prize for his superb and massive example of *Drosera binata* var. *dichotoma* "f. large" which is grown in a 60cm wide pot. Congratulations also to Stephen Fretwell for winning Reserve Champion, with his *Drosera regia* that had nice, large 30cm leaves on it.

Overall the show was a great success that attracted many new visitors and members that I hope left inspired to grow some of these amazing plants. Congratulations to all of the other members that won awards and thank you to all of the members that contributed to the 2007 VCPS annual show.



Best *Sarracenia*, a new category dedicated to the late Mike McCarthy won by Peter Bloem for his *S. X courtii x leucophylla*

SHOW JUDGING RESULTS

1/12/2007

SECTION A Grand champion

Stuart Mc Ilroy – *D. binata* var. *dichotoma* "f. large"

SECTION B Reserve champion

Steve Fretwell – *D. regia*

SECTION C Memorial trophies

Best novice grower

(Howard Smallwood memorial trophy)

No entry

Best *Sarracenia*

(Mike McCarthy memorial trophy)

Peter Bloem – *S. alata* x *minor*

SECTION D

INDIVIDUAL DISPLAY OR TERRARIUM

1 Steve Fretwell – Photo display of Borneo expedition

2 Peter Bloem – bowl of mixed pygmy

Drosera

3 No other entries

SECTION E

CARNIVOROUS PLANT SPECIES

Class 1 Prostrate *Sarracenia*

1 Peter Bloem – *S. purpurea* ssp. *Venosa* "var Chipola"

2 Ron Abernethy – *S. purpurea* ssp. *purpurea*

3 Steve Fretwell – *S. purpurea* ssp. *venosa*

Class 2 Upright *Sarracenia*

1 Ron Abernethy – *S. flava* var. (red tube/ green lid)

2 Stuart Mc Ilroy – *S. flava* var. (red tube/ green lid)

3 Ron Abernethy – *S. minor*

Class 3 *Nepenthes*

1 Gordon Ohlenrott – *N. thorelii*

2 Steve Fretwell – *N. sanguinea*

3 Andre Cleghorn – *N. maxima*

Class 4 *Dionaea*

1 Peter Anderson – cv. 'Akai Ryu'

2 Sean Spence – cross from seed G16 x G 14

3 Sean Spence – cross from seed G 4 x G 37



Nepenthes talangensis x mira



Nepenthes rafflesiana

Class 5 *Cephalotus*

- 1 Peter Bloem
- 2 Steve Fretwell
- 3 Sean Spence

Class 6 *Pygmy Drosera (species only)*

- 1 Julian Weston – *D. paleacea* ssp. *roseana*
- 2 Julian Weston – *D. lasiantha*
- 3 Julian Weston – *D. dichrosepala* ssp. *enodes*

Class 7a *Tuberous & winter growing Drosera*

(as per judging at August 2007 monthly meeting)

- 1 Sean Spence – *D. erythrorhiza* ssp. *squamosa* (sand form)
- 2 Steve Fretwell – *D. rupicola* (red form)
- 3

Class 7b *Tuberous Drosera*

(at this show) (individual species)

- 1 Ron Abernethy – *D. gigantea* ssp. *gigantea*
- 2 David Bond – *D. peltata* ssp. *auriculata*
- 3 No other entries

Class 8a *Other temperate climate Drosera*

- 1 Steve Fretwell – *D. regia*
- 2 Sean Spence – *D. cuneifolia*
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *D. slackii*

Class 8b *Tropical Drosera*

- 1 Sean Spence – *D. paradoxa* “swamp form”
- 2 Stuart Mc Ilroy – *D. petiolaris* “Kakadu, N.T.”
- 3 Sean Spence – *D. adelae*

Class 8c *Drosera binata*

- 1 Stuart Mc Ilroy – *D. binata* var. *dichotoma* f. *large*
- 2 Stuart Mc Ilroy – *D. binata* var. *multifida* f. *extrema* (Stradbroke Island, Qld)
- 3 *D. binata* var. “T form” (Grampians, Vic)

Class 9 *Pinguicula*

- 1 Steve Fretwell – *P. mesophytica*
- 2 Sean Spence – *P. emarginata*
- 3 Sean Spence – *P. rectifolia*

Class 10 *Utricularia or Genlisea*

- 1 Sean Spence – *Utricularia uniflora* (Lismore, N.S.W.)
- 2 Steve Fretwell – *Utricularia longifolia* var. *forgetiana*
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *U. gibba*

Class 11 *Byblis or Drosophyllum*

- 1 Peter Bloem – *Drosophyllum lusitanicum*
- 2 Sean Spence – *Byblis gigantea* “Cranbrook, W.A.”
- 3 No other entries

Class 12 *Darlingtonia*

- 1 Ron Abernethy (Lake Wohink, Oregon)
- 2 Gordon Ohlenrott
- 3 Sean Spence

Class 13 *Heliampora*

- 1 Stuart Mc Ilroy – *Heliampora nutans*
- 2 Steve Fretwell – *Heliampora minor*
- 3 No other entries

Class 14 *Any other carnivorous plant species*

- 1 Stuart Mc Ilroy – *Brocchinia reducta*
- 2 Peter Anderson – *Catopsis berteroniana*
- 3 Peter Bloem – *Catopsis* sp. “Guatemala”

Class 15 *Roridula*

- 1 Sean Spence – *Roridula gorgonias*
- 2 No other entries
- 3 No other entries

SECTION F

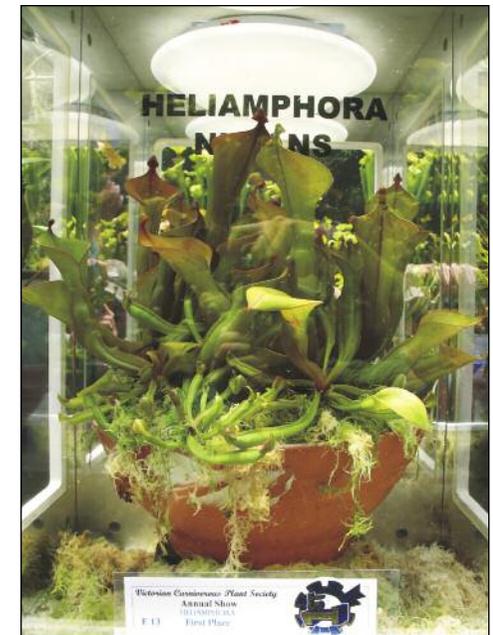
Carnivorous Plant Hybrids

Class I *Sarracenia hybrid*

- 1 Stuart Mc Ilroy – *S. leucophylla* x *flava*
- 2 Peter Bloem – *S. alata* x *minor*
- 3 David Bond – *Oreophila* x *purpurea*



A sensational display cabinet made by Stuart Mc Ilroy for his *Heliampora nutans*.



Heliampora nutans



Drosera slackii.



Utricularia tridentata.



Pinguicula mesophytica

Class 2 *Nepenthes* hybrid

- 1 Gordon Ohlenrott – *N. maxima* x *x trusmadiensis*
- 2 Sean Spence – *N. talangensis* x *mira*
- 3 David Bond – *N. spathulata* x *maxima*

Class 3 *Pinguicula* hybrids

- 1 Steve Fretwell – *P. Weser*
- 2 No other entries
- 3 Steve Fretwell – *moctezumae* x *agnata*

Class 4 Any other hybrids

- 1 Peter Anderson – *H. minor* x *nutans*
- 2 No other entries
- 3 No other entries

**SECTION H
Triffid Park Award for Excellence**

Sean Spence – *N. glabrata*

**SECTION I
Carnivorous plant photographs**

- 1 Stuart Mc Ilroy – small group of *D. dilatato-petiolearis*
- 2 Stuart Mc Ilroy – habitat group of *D. dilatato-petiolearis*
- 3 Stuart Mc Ilroy – *D. falconeri*

SHOW SUMMARY

GORDON OHLENROTT

The following table summarises the VCPS 2006 show results in the same manner as for the Olympic Games medal tallies.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Stuart Mc Ilroy	5	4	2	11
Steve Fretwell	4	5	5	14
Sean Spence	3	5	6	14
Peter Bloem	3	2	1	6
Ron Abernethy	3	1	1	5
Peter Anderson	2	1	0	3
Gordon Ohlenrott	2	1	0	3
Julian Weston	1	1	1	3
David Bond	0	1	1	2
Andre Cleghorn	0	0	1	1



Drosera display.



The VFT display.



Unique *Drosera*, that are rare in cultivation.



Sarracenia display.



The *Nepenthes* and VFT display.



***Utricularia* and *Pinguicula* display.**



ICPS CONFERENCE SYDNEY 2008

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: Thursday 7 Feb, 2008

ICPS Conference Sydney

September 25-30 2008

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the 2008 International Carnivorous Plant Society Conference will be held in Sydney, Australia.

The theme for the conference is Conservation. The venue chosen is the Royal Botanic Gardens, in the heart of the city, close to many facilities. Since this is the first time this biennial conference has been held in the Southern Hemisphere it was deemed appropriate for it to be held at a time when the carnivorous plants across most of southern Australia would be at their best, and so the conference will be held from the 25nd to the 28th of September.

The conference will include a number of lectures and demonstrations, and there will be some optional field trips to the Blue Mountains and Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens, both within 3 hours drive from Sydney.

Provisions are also being made for a field trip to see Cephalotus, pygmy sundews and tuberous sundews in South Western Australia for conference attendees able to make it to this part of the country during their stay down under.

Stay tuned for further details, and please mark the dates in your diaries; we'd love to see you in Sydney in 2008.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at sydneycarnivorous@hotmail.com or visit sydneycarnivorous.com (coming soon)

kindest Regards
Greg Bourke



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NEWS

TRIFFID PARK MOVING SALE.

WHEN: SUNDAY 20TH APRIL 2008

WHERE: TRIFFID PARK, 257 PERRY ROAD, KEYSBOROUGH, VICTORIA.

TIME: 11am–4pm (no early callers)

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE FROM OUR TOP QUALITY RANGE OF PLANTS AND BOOKS AT 10% OFF OUR ALREADY LOW PRICES. (Discount not available on gift vouchers, or plants and books already on Special in our catalogue.)

We would like to offer our valued customers the chance to purchase now in autumn while the plants are in full growth. Just to see the rainbow of colors in the sarracenia houses at this time of year is worth the trip alone.

This will be a day for sales ONLY. If you have any questions that you particularly want to ask, please put them in writing by either email, fax or letter so that we have time to answer them at a more convenient time.

The Nepenthes listed in our catalogue under "Nepenthes for the Connoisseurs" are not grown on site. These can be brought in for you for the sale day. We require a \$15 deposit for each nepenthes (discount will be taken off final price on the day). Please have all orders and deposit to us by Friday 11th April.

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR ANNUAL OPEN DAY AT OUR NEW NURSERY IN SOMERVILLE ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2008.

More information will be put on our web site and newsletter later in the year. Works are progressing well with our new carnivorous plant nursery. At present we have had many truck loads of soil dumped on the new nursery site to raise the ground level 300mm. This has been leveled by a bulldozer and grader and is now waiting for gravel to be put down. Then the builder will start on the footings and building of the growing house.

New photos can be viewed on our web site at:

http://www.triffidpark.com.au/htm_pages/somerville/s_new_triffid_park.htm