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

**January** (TBA)  
New Year BBQ  
*Dionaea muscipula* (VFT). (Contact for details)

**February** (20-21)  
VCPS Annual show at Collectors Corner (Postponed 2020 show).

**March** (24th)  
*Sarracenia*, *Dionaea* (VFT), beginners info

**April** (28th)  
*Nepenthes, Heliamphora, Drosera* and information night.

**May** (26th)  
Growing conditions, ‘Best’ and ‘Worst’ plants, pygmy *Drosera* gemmae swap

**June** (23rd)  
AGM, plant give-away, any CPs.

**July** (28th)  
Rosetted tuberous *Drosera* judging, Propagation – seed growing, tissue culture, division and cuttings. Potting demonstration.

**August** (25th)  
Upright tuberous/Winter growing *Drosera* judging, show preparation, displays, and companion planting.

**September** (22nd)  
*Cephalotus, Brocchinia, Catopsis* and swap night.

**October** (27th)  
*Byblis*, pygmy *Drosera*, *Drosera binata*, *Drosophyllum*, *Genlisea*, *Pinguicula*, *Roridula*, *Utricularia*.

**November** (TBA)  
Triffid Park Open Day (10am-4pm)

**December** (TBA)  
VCPS 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.
VCPS Growners photos
If you’d like to publish a photo that you took of your plant in the VCPS journal. Please email it to Stephen Fretwell the VCPS editor at: stevetfretwell24@gmail.com

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Seed Bank
We now have a huge collection of NEW fresh CP seed available, and our seed list has become quite extensive. With over 250 varieties of CP’s, we are now providing the list in PDF format on our website, www.vcps.org
For inquiries or to order seeds, please contact the VCPS Seedbank Officer.

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VCPS News
Free VCPS memberships from July 2020 to June 2021

Thanks to the COVID-19 virus, this year has been extremely disappointing in so many ways. Including the VCPS not being allowed to hold any meetings or events in 2020 after February, due to the gathering limitations and the temporary closing of the meeting venue.
However, the VCPS would like to help its members to improve their year by giving all of its current members a free subscription year so that their fees won’t be due until June 2021!
For those members who have paid their subscription fees in 2020, an extra year will be added onto their current membership subscription.

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The delayed VCPS 2020/21 annual show held this February was a tremendous success and contained some spectacular plants and displays.

Congratulations to Justin Thong for taking out the Grand Champion prize with his magnificent *Nepenthes burbidgeae*, which had stunning lower pitchers on it and is quite a difficult plant to grow.

Congratulations also to Sean Spence for winning the Reserve Champion award who displayed a large and rarely seen superb specimen of *Roridula gorgonias* that he grew from seed. *Roridula* is an extremely sticky protocarnivorous plant that catches prey, but cannot digest it directly. Instead it relies on an insect (*Pameridea roridulae*) that sucks out the captured prey’s juices and the plant then absorbs nutrients from the insect’s droppings.

Plants from almost every genus were present at the show which was excellent to see considering it was late summer. There was beautiful, large flowers of *U. alpina*, stunning tropical *Drosera* from N.T and some large and very colourful *Heliamphora*.

There was also a fantastic variety of large *Sarracenia*’s, VFT’s and *Nepenthes* species. Along with some, amazing *Drosera*, *Utricularia* and *Pinguicula* that were on display too. Congratulations to all the members that contributed to the show, this was one of the biggest shows we’ve ever had.
SHOW JUDGING RESULTS 20-Feb-2021

SECTION A  Grand champion
Justin Thong – Nepenthes burbidgeae

SECTION B  Reserve champion
Sean Spence – Roridula gorgonias

SECTION C  Memorial trophies
Best Sarracenia
(Mike McCarthy memorial trophy)
Stephen Fretwell – Sarracenia purpurea ssp venosa

Winner of the monthly plant award for the year
Sean Spence

SECTION D  INDIVIDUAL DISPLAY OR TERRARIUM
1. Peter Bloem - Pinguicula rock display
2. Sean Spence - Sarracenia purpurea swamp display
3. Peter Bloem - Pygmy Drosera mixed species display

SECTION E  CARNIVOROUS PLANT SPECIES
Class 1 Sarracenia species

Sarracenia alata
1. Andrew Gibbons
2. Steve Fretwell
3. Steve Fretwell

Sarracenia flava
1. Ron Abernethy
2. Andrew Gibbons
No other entries

Sarracenia leucophylla
1. ‘Tarnok’ - Steve Fretwell
2. Citronelle - Steve Fretwell
3. Baldwin County - Steve Fretwell

Sarracenia minor
1. var. okefenokeensis - Steve Fretwell
2. var. okefenokeensis - Andrew Gibbons
3. var. minor Typical - Andrew Gibbons

Sarracenia oreophila
No entries

Sarracenia psittacina
1. var. okefenokeensis - Steve Fretwell
No other entries

S. leucophylla ‘Tarnok’.
S. purpurea ssp venosa var. montana.
S. minor var. okefenokeensis.

The mixed Pinguicula rock display.
Collectors corner’s plant display in a large bonsai pot.

The bright and vibrant Sarracenia display.
The 2nd place VFT: Paradisia

The 3rd place VFT: ‘South West Giant’

The 1st place VFT: “Fang” with arched traps

VFT: “All Green”

The Dionaea muscipula display, showing over 30 different VFT clones.

**Sarracenia purpurea**
1. var. montana - Steve Fretwell
2. var. venosa - Steve Fretwell
3. var. heterophylla - Steve Fretwell

**Sarracenia rubra**
1. var. rubra - Steve Fretwell
No other entries

**Class 3 Nepenthes**
1. *N. burdigeae* - Justin Thong
2. *N. gracilliflora* - Justin Thong
3. *N. truncata* - Justin Thong

**Class 4 Dionaea muscipula**
1. “Fang” - Ron Abernethy
2. “Paradisia” - Ron Abernethy
3. ‘South West Giant’ - Steve Fretwell

**Class 5 Cephalotus follicularis**
1. Andrew Gibbons
2. Andrew Gibbons
No other entries

**Class 6 Pygmy Drosera (species only)**
1. *D. scorpioides* - Peter Bloem
2. *D. pygmaea*, Langwarrin - Andrew Gibbons
3. *D. pulchella* - Peter Bloem

**Class 7a Rosetted tuberous & winter growing Drosera/Uticularia**
(No entries due to Covid-19 lockdown)

**Class 7b Upright tuberous & winter growing Drosera**
(No entries due to Covid-19 lockdown)

**Class 7c Tuberous Drosera at show**
No entries

**Class 8a Other temperate climate Drosera**
1. *D. intermedia* - Andrew Gibbons
2. *D. glabripes* - Sean Spence
3. *D. aliciae* (curviscapa) - Andrew Gibbons

**Class 8b Tropical Drosera**
1. *D. falconeri* - Sean Spence
2. *D. darwinensis* - Sean Spence
3. *D. aff. petiolaris* - Sean Spence

**Class 8c Drosera binata**
1. *D. binata* var. multifida, Angourie, NSW - Steve Fretwell
2. *D. binata* var. dichotoma, Madden Plains, NSW - Steve Fretwell
3. *D. binata* var. multifida, Beerwah, QLD. - Steve Fretwell

**Class 8d Drosera regia**
No entries
Class 9 Pinguicula
1. *P. cyclosecta* - Peter Bloem
2. *P. gigantea* - Peter Bloem
3. *P. caerulea* - Sean Spence

Class 10 Utricularia
1. *U. alpina* ‘Pittier Moon’ - Justin Thong
2. *U. calycifida* - Justin Thong
3. *U. uniflora* - Sean Spence

Class 11 Byblis
No entries

Class 12 Darlingtonia
1. Andrew Gibbons
2. Andrew Gibbons
3. Andrew Gibbons

Class 13 Heliamphora
1. *H. folliculata* - Justin Thong
2. *H. purpurea* - Justin Thong
3. *H. jona* - Justin Thong

Class 14 Catopsis or Brocchinia
1. Catopsis berteroniana - Peter Bloem
2. Catopsis berteroniana - Justin Thong
3. Brocchinia reducta - Andrew Gibbons

Class 15 Roridula or Drosophyllum
1. Roridula gorgonias - Sean Spence
2. Drosophyllum lusitanicum - Peter Bloem
3. Roridula gorgonias - Peter Bloem

SECTION F Carnivorous Plant Hybrids

Class 1 Sarracenia hybrid
1. *S. flava* - Ron Abernethy
2. *S. leucophylla* x (flava x purpurea) - Andrew Gibbons
3. *S. psittacina* x minor “Giant” - Andrew Gibbons

Class 2 Nepenthes hybrid
1. *N. ‘Predator’* - Justin Thong
2. *N. lowii* x *zakriana* - Steve Fretwell
3. *N. veitchii* x *burridgeae* - Steve Fretwell

The Utricularia, Brocchinia, Catopsis and Drosera display.

The Pinguicula display.

The Utricularia, Brocchinia, Catopsis and Drosera display.
Class 3 *Pinguicula* hybrids
1. *P. emarginata* x Weser - Peter Bloem
No other entries

**SECTION H**

**Biggest Carnivorous Plants**

**Tallest Sarracenia**
*S. leucophylla* 76cm - Steve Fretwell

**Largest Nepenthes pitcher**
*N. 'Predator'* 28cm - Justin Thong

**Largest VFT trap**
“Tall” 3.7cm - Justin Thong

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**2021 SHOW RESULTS**

Not including awards

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*Nepenthes gracilliflora.*
*Nepenthes tenuis.*
*Nepenthes veitchii x burbidgeae.*

*Heliamphora purpureascens.*
*Heliamphora ionasi* (left) and *H. folliculata.*

*The Nepenthes and Heliamphora display.*
I have been growing some species of *Pinguicula* for a number of years now. One of the easiest ones to grow is *Pinguicula emarginata* x ‘Weser’, they readily divide into multiple plants and leaf pulls have an excellent strike rate.

I had a lot of *Pinguicula emarginata* x Weser growing in my greenhouse and during the 2020 Covid19 lockdown, I was not able to sell all of these plants at meetings or our annual show, so I thought I would try to sell them through eBay.

Every Sunday afternoon for many months I would get the ordered plants ready for posting out for Monday morning. The bare rooted pings were wrapped in damp sphagnum moss and placed inside a flattened black polytene.

All customers paid via PayPal and their address would come up automatically.

The postal service was slower than usual because of the high demand during the Covid19 pandemic. Most customers would receive their plants in 5-10 days.

One customer that I posted out to, had their shop address, but unfortunately the shop was closed because of the lock down restrictions. The plants that I had sent him had been in the postal service for 32 days before it had come back to me.

When I had opened the parcel I was surprised to see the pings had been growing in total darkness. The new growth was completely white with long spindly roots searching for water. The sphagnum moss that I used for packing was bone dry.

I decided to pot up the pings to see if they would stay alive. I placed the pot in a shady spot and gradually exposed it to more light over a couple of weeks.

In a number of months the pings had fully recovered and are now happily growing with the other pings that I have in my collection.

So now I feel confident that the plants will survive from a long spell in the Australian postal service.
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Meetings

Most VCPS meetings are held in the hall at the rear of the Pilgrim Uniting Church on the corner of Bayview Road and Montague Street, Yarraville – Melway map reference 41K7. These meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 8 PM. 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.
The VCPS Annual General Meeting, usually held at Yarraville in June, provides substantial benefits for each and every member able to attend.
Dionaea muscipula

"Fang"

S. flava var. rubicoprora x cuprea

Roridula gorgonias

Drosera curviscapa

Utricularia alpina ‘Pittier Moon’

D. muscipula ‘South West Giant’

Heliamphora folliculata

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