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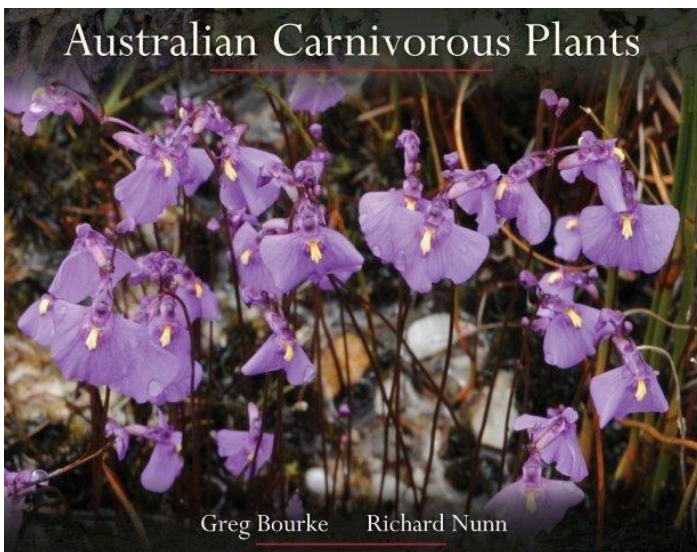
Events you will find us at in the first quarter of 2013

	Date
Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Meeting Woodstock Community centre, Burwood www.auscps.com	12/1/13 7:30 -10:00pm
Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Meeting Woodstock Community centre, Burwood www.auscps.com	8/2/13 7:30 -10:00pm
Plants With Bite Fair - Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens Bells Line of Road, Mount Tomah NSW www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au	2-10/3/13 9:30am-5pm
Guest speaker "Pitcher Plants and Their culture for Sydney Gardens" - Tropical Garden Society of Sydney Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall, 422 Lyons Road, Five Dock	26/3/13 7pm
Speaker, Exhibitor and Judge for the Carnivorous Plant Categories Royal Easter Show – Sydney Showground www.sydneyroyalshows.com.au	29/3/13
Collectors Plant Fair - Hawkesbury Race Club Racecourse Road, Clarenden www.collectorsplantfair.com	13-14/4/13 9am-5pm

What We're Up To

It's been a long time since our last newsletter and a lot has changed here. We've relocated the nursery to the cool climate of the Blue Mountains which turned out to be much colder than expected! This has created some challenges which we're still working on 12 months later but we're pretty settled now. We're in the process of completing our new 120 sq m igloo which will take care of our *Nepenthes* stock plants as well as some of the rare retail/wholesale stock.

2012 saw the release of my first book. Co-authored with Richard Nunn, "Australian Carnivorous Plants" is a coffee table style book featuring many of Australia's rare and beautiful carnivorous plants all taken in the wild. ISBN 978-1-908787-02-6



With the relocation we have been able to propagate many of our collection plants to make them available to you. This includes many species you won't have seen from Captive Exotics before. We also have a number of rare species back into propagation some of which are available right now like *N. hamata* and *N. rigidifolia*.



Some of the mature species and hybrids we have cut will be available as large cuttings in the new year and include *N. mira*, *N. lowii*, *albomarginata* purple/black, *N. ovata*, *N. sanguinea* slender purple, *N. bokorensis* (above), *N. aristolochioides*, *N. benstonei* Red and our popular *N. lowii* x *ventricosa* red female. We will also be offering our first release seedlings of *N. attenboroughii* in the new year along with some of our new seed grown hybrids.

Wishing you and your family all the best for the festive season and new year.

Greg Bourke
Captive Exotics

Species Profile – *Nepenthes* “adrianii”

There has been much confusion surrounding *Nepenthes* “adrianii” (top). Is it worthy of species status? *N.* “adrianii” occurs on the Indonesian island of Java and belongs to the *N. spathulata* group from Sumatra. It was informally given its name in 2006 in the book *Trubus Info Kit: Nepenthes*. All subsequent authors have treated it as a synonym of *N. spathulata*.

If the trend of splitting species continues like those from Indo-China and the Philippines it is likely that *N. spathulata* will be divided into several species in the future. We will keep the name *N.* “adrianii” with our plants as an easy way to distinguish it from plants from Sumatra and list them as such.

Nepenthes spathulata (bottom) produces the largest pitchers of the Sumatran species with traps of 30cm not uncommon. These can come in a range of colours from pure green to deep red often with a very dark peristome. They are not often mottled. The pitchers on *N.* “adrianii” are also quite large although they haven’t reached 30cm yet for us they commonly reach 20cm. They are green-red and mottled on all our clones with a red peristome and grow well as an intermediate through to cold highland. As yet none of our clones have flowered or produced climbing stems but they have produced large compact rosettes so make a great potted plant.



