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Treasurer Alan Mathew gave the following details

Operating Account to 30 April 2016:

Brought Forward	\$35,172.20
Plus Income	\$ 964.81
Less expenses	\$ 1,952.30
Bank Statement as at 30/04/2016	\$34,184.71

Operating Account to 31 May 2016:

Brought Forward	\$34,184.71
Plus Income	\$ 8,945.32
Less expenses	\$ 5,262.08
Bank Statement as at 31/05/2016	\$37,867.95

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Bromeliads in Australia <http://www.bromeliad.org.au/>

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Facebook users, search for the group "Planet Bromeliad" & the associated Planets & Moon sub-groups for Bromeliad enthusiasts.

Plant of the Month Competition May 2016

(photos p.5)

Open Judge's Choice		
1st	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Volcano'	Ron Farrugia
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Bevvie'	Kerry McNicol
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Groucho'	Ron Farrugia
Open Members' Choice		
1st	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Volcano'	Ron Farrugia
=2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Bevvie'	Kerry McNicol
=2nd	<i>Tillandsia duratii v. saxatilis</i>	Ron Farrugia
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Groucho'	Ron Farrugia
Novice Judge's Choice		
1st	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Houston'	John Schembri
2nd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Clyde Wasley'	Mark Belot
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Kiwi Tiger'	Mark Belot
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2nd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Clyde Wasley'	Mark Belot
=3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Kiwi Tiger'	Mark Belot
=3rd	<i>Aechmea recurvata v. benrathii</i>	Gai Day
<i>Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition May 2016</i>		
1st	"After the Show"	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	"Volcanic Eruption"	Werner Raff
3rd	"Tribute to Prince"	Warril Evans

Meeting News May 2016

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Peter & Kath Fitzgerald brought in a *Billbergia* variety in flower, wanting to know if anyone could identify it. Unfortunately it was not one that is distinctive enough to be specifically identified, but a nice plant to enjoy, none the less.

Ron Farrugia asked about his *Tillandsia rubella*, which, even though he grows it in a hot house, has many of the leaf tips burnt or dried out. Terry thinks one cause could be high temperature combined with low

Plant of the Month Competition May 2016



Cryptanthus 'Volcano'



Neoregelia 'Bevvie'



Neoregelia 'Groucho'



Tillandsia duratii v. saxatilis



Tillandsia 'Houston'



Billbergia 'Clyde Wasley'



Neoregelia 'Kiwi Tiger'

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition May 2016



"After the Show"



"Volcanic Eruption"



"Tribute to Prince"

The Bromeliad Society of Australia Autumn Show ~ May 2016

Our first Autumn Show at Harvey Lowe Pavilion at Castle Hill was a resounding success. A very special thank you to Madam Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne, Adjunct Professor, The Hills Shire Council, West Ward, for opening our show and welcoming us to our new home in the Hills. Congratulations to all for such a wonderful first-time show at Castle Hill.



2016 EVENTS DIARY

BSA July meeting (see map p.17)	9/07/16
BSA August meeting (see map p.17)	13/08/16
Kariong Plant Lovers Fair	24/09/16 - 25/09/16
BSA September meeting (see map p.17, NB: 1st Saturday)	03/09/16
BSA Spring Show, (see map p.17, Federation Pavilion)	24/09/16 - 25/09/16
Concord Bromeliad Fair	15/10/16 - 16/10/16
BSA October meeting (see map p.17, NB: 3rd Saturday)	15/10/16
BSA November meeting (see map p.17, NB: 3rd Saturday)	19/11/16
BSA Christmas meeting (see map p.17)	10/12/16



We continue to attract new members into the Society and would like to welcome our most recent enthusiasts;

Terry Byrne, Chris Geddes, Gabriella Henderson, Ashlyn Pinto, Malcolm Cutlack, Jenny Guest, Peter Blackburn, Janis Russell, Gai Day, Di Glasgow, Francis Vickers, & Elaine Colley.

If you would like to become a member please see Membership Application on p. 14

The Bromeliad Society of Australia

Autumn Show ~ May 2016

The committee would like to thank everyone who pitched in to make it all come together and function so seamlessly. A busy yet most enjoyable weekend was had by all.

Special thanks go to Joy and her helpers for setting up a delightful feature display, to Alan, Bryan and all those who worked tirelessly all weekend at the sales table, Di for her marvelous efforts to advertise and promote the event, all of the sellers who supplied their plants and time on their stalls, Terry for judging and organising the competition, Edwina for judging, the 15 show entrants who together contributed 125 outstanding quality plants, to our President Ian who worked tirelessly, to Bob and Pat, Christine, Elaine, Audrey, Nancy, John, Warrill & Julie, Maureen, Carolyn, and the many other unsung heroes who contributed their time and effort in making the show a success.

Congratulations to the competition entrants who were awarded trophies for their beautiful plants:

Ron Farrugia, **Grand Champion**, *Tillandsia fasciculata* 'Percal',
 Carolyn Bunnell, **Reserve Champion**, *Neoregelia* 'Lambert's Pride',
 Werner Raff, **Species Award**, *Tillandsia tectorum*,
 Elizabeth Mudriczki, **Champion Novice**, *Tillandsia tectorum*.



BSA Autumn Show Results May 2016

(photos pp. 11 - 13)

Class 1 Aechmea

1st	<i>Aechmea recurvata</i> var. <i>benrathii</i>	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Aechmea orlandiana</i> cv. 'Snowflakes'	J. Townsend
3rd	<i>Aechmea orlandiana</i>	W. Raff

Class 2 Billbergia Specimen

1st	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Afterglow'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Bob Earl' x <i>amoena</i> var. <i>varidis</i>	C. Bunnell
3rd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Domingos Martins' x 'Georgia'	C. Bunnell

Class 3 Billbergia Multiple

1st	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Moon Tiger'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Fascinator'	C. Bunnell
3rd	<i>Billbergia amoena</i> x 'Catherine Wilson'	K. McNicol

Class 4 Cryptanthus

1st	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Blood Red'	L. Hope
2nd	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Ruby'	J. De Gabriel
3rd	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Corine'	L. Hope

Class 5 Species Neoregelia

1st	<i>Neoregelia olens</i> 'Marie'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Neoregelia lilliputiana</i>	J. Clark
3rd	<i>Neoregelia pauciflora</i>	R. Farrugia

Class 6 Miniature Neoregelia

1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Morning Rain'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Blueberry Muffin'	J. Clark
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Golden Jewel'	C. Bunnell

Class 7 Neoregelia Hybrid

1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lambert's Pride'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Rosella'	J. Clark
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Wild Rabbit'	J. Townsend

Class 8 Nidularium / Canistropsis

1st	<i>Nidularium campos-portoi</i>	J. De Gabriel
2nd	<i>Nidularium fulgens</i>	J. De Gabriel
3rd	<i>Canistropsis</i> 'Tutti Frutti'	J. De Gabriel

Class 9 Tillandsia Specimen

1st	<i>Tillandsia fasciculate</i> 'Percal'	R. Farrugia
2nd	<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i>	J. Clark
3rd	<i>Tillandsia complanata</i>	L. Hope

BSA Autumn Show Results May 2016

(photos pp.13-14)

Class 10 Tillandsia Colony

1st	<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i>	W. Raff
2nd	<i>Tillandsia mauryana</i>	C. Larson
3rd	<i>Tillandsia lindenii</i>	C. Bunnell

Class 11 Vriesea

1st	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Red Chestnut' x <i>fenestralis</i>	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Vriesea</i> 'White Cloud'	J. De Gabriel
3rd	<i>Vriesea gigantea</i>	H. Nitschke

Class 12 Foliage / Variegated

1st	<i>Vriesea hieroglyphica</i> x <i>platynema</i>	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Good One'	C. Bunnell
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Blast'	C. Bunnell

Class 13 Pot of Other Genera

1st	<i>Quesnelia marmorata</i> 'Tim Plowman'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Gisela' variegated	R. Farrugia
3rd	<i>Orthophytum leprosum</i>	J. De Gabriel

Class 14 Pot of Intergeneric

1st	x <i>Neomea</i> 'Light Years'	K. McNicol
2nd	x <i>Neophytum</i> 'Galactic Warrior'	L. Hope

Class 15 Mounted Bromeliad/s sans Tillandsia

1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Cheers'	J. Schembri
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Quoll'	J. Schembri

Class 16 Terrestrial

1st	<i>Dyckia</i> hybrid	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Deuterocohnia</i> 'Chlorantha'	R. Farrugia
3rd	<i>Dyckia</i> 'Ruby Ryde'	L. Hope

Class 17 Artistic Arrangement

1st	'Wonder Land'	W. Raff
2nd	'Broms on Cork'	C. Bunnell
3rd	'Showtime'	J. Clark

Class 18 Novice

1st	<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i>	E. Mudriczki
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Gympie Delight'	M. Belot
3rd	<i>Tillandsia delicata</i>	E. Mudriczki

BSA Autumn Show Results May 2016



Aechmea recurvata
var. *benrathii*



Aechmea orlandiana
cv. 'Snowflakes'



Aechmea orlandiana



Billbergia
'Afterglow'



Billbergia 'Bob Earl' x
amoena var. *varidis*



Billbergia 'Domingos
Martins' x 'Georgia'



Billbergia 'Moon Tiger'



Billbergia 'Fascinator'



Billbergia amoena x
'Catherine Wilson'



Cryptanthus 'Blood Red'



Cryptanthus 'Ruby'



Cryptanthus 'Corine'



Neoregelia olens 'Marie'

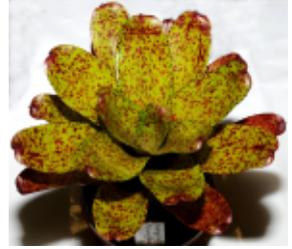
BSA Autumn Show Results May 2016



Neoregelia lilliputiana



Neoregelia pauciflora



Neoregelia 'Morning Rain'



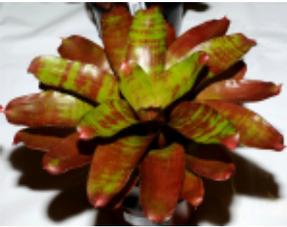
Neoregelia 'Blueberry Muffin'



Neoregelia 'Golden Jewel'



Neoregelia 'Lambert's Pride'
Reserve Champion



Neoregelia 'Rosella'



Neoregelia 'Wild Rabbit'



Nidularium campos-portoi



Nidularium fulgens



Canistropsis 'Tutti Frutti'



Tillandsia fasciculata 'Percal'
Grand Champion

BSA Autumn Show Results May 2016



Tillandsia tectorum



Tillandsia complanata



Tillandsia tectorum
Species Award



Tillandsia mauryana



Tillandsia lindenii



Vriesea 'Red Chestnut' x *fenestralis*



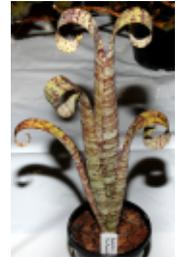
Vriesea 'White Cloud'



Vriesea gigantea



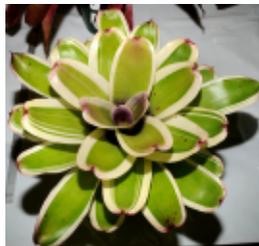
Vriesea hieroglyphica
x *platynema*



Quesnelia
marmorata
'Tim Plowman'



Neoregelia 'Good One'



Neoregelia 'Blast'

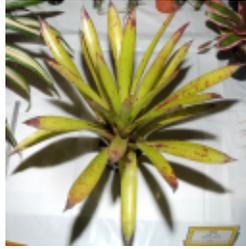


Guzmania 'Gisela'
variegated

BSA Autumn Show Results May 2016



Orthophytum leprosum



xNeomea 'Light Years'



xNeophytum 'Galactic Warrior'



Neoregelia 'Cheers'



Dyckia hybrid



Dyckia 'Ruby Ryde'



Neoregelia 'Quoll'



'Broms on Cork'



'Showtime'



'Wonder Land'



Deuterocohnia 'Chlorantha'



Tillandsia tectorum
Champion Novice



Neoregelia 'Gympie Delight'



Tillandsia delicata

Meeting News May 2016

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humidity. Another cause could be nutrient deficiency, he may need to add magnesium &/or potash. Ron also mentioned that at this time of year he does get some leaf rot in plants, as other might also experience this, he shared that he uses Fongarid (chemical control) to help control the rot. Ian also reminded us, the practiced remedy of sprinkling **cinnamon powder** onto/into the plants, is also a tried and true method with the added benefit of being completely natural!

A visitor, Nina, brought in an assortment of bromeliads, needing advice on how to control some problems she is having. Firstly there was a *Vriesea* hybrid (*fosteriana* type) which had burnt/dried leaf tips, and signs of fungus on emerging leaf tips. Nina fertilizes with full strength 'Thrive'. It was suggested that she weakens it to at least half strength, and ensure it is potted in a suitable medium, as well as maintaining higher humidity around her plants. More light is also needed to promote strong growth to prevent burning and tearing of leaves.

Meeting News June 2016

(photos p.20) continued on p.18

Helga Nitschke showed us a large *Billbergia*, in flower, wanting to get an identification. Leaves were pale green and up to 50cm, floral bracts were deep pink/cerise. It was decided that it was *B.* 'Beryl Allen'. Upon, searching the BCR, the description does not seem to fit, '. . .pale green leaves up to 30cm pups emerge deep purple then turn green'. So we are still in the dark!

Sharon Song brought in a couple of her favourite species, *Dyckia*, to show. There was *Dyckia* 'Talbot Dark Moon', which, she admitted had been neglected, as it had many dried leaves at the base, but she wanted to show us all how very hardy these plants are with even a bit of neglect.

Sharon's 2nd plant was a *Dyckia* that was obtained from Cheryl Waite, in Queensland, a very healthy clump of an attractive dark toothy hybrid. Perhaps any reader who could hazard a guess at its name could let us know. This would be appreciated..

The Royal Horticultural Society of NSW 2016 Medal Recipient: Ian Hook



The RHS of NSW issues medals to garden societies each year to be presented to worthy recipients. This year the committee voted Ian Hook president of BSA as a very worthy recipient. Ian works tirelessly, both at meetings and shows, but more particularly behind the scenes, to ensure the continued success and smooth running of our society. He along with Robyn Firth, was THE driving force behind our most successful Australasian Conference of Bromeliad Societies, 'Bromsmatta' held in 2015, especially when Robyn fell ill and was unable to attend, Ian stepped into the breach and made the conference come together seamlessly.

Ian is our webmaster, constantly updating and adding segments and articles to keep our members informed of most recent information and items of interest. He ensures members who wish to dispense with paper copies of our journal 'Bromeletter' are issued with their digital copy. He is in contact with other societies Australia-wide to keep abreast of events and happenings, posting them on our website for all to see and help with co-ordination of events. He often instigates discussion Australia wide regarding provenance and registering of plants in the BSI's cultivar lists.

Lastly, Ian's unsung industrious efforts during the move from our previous Meeting Venue to the much more suitable Castle Hill Showgrounds; including dozens of phone calls and internet enquiries to locate a suitable venue were not only tedious but time consuming. All done without comment or complaint.

Ian is indeed a worthy recipient of the 2016 RHS medal for outstanding service to our society.



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9 July & 13 August - News, Sales, Raffle, Competitions.

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Plant of the Month Competition June 2016

(photos p.19)

Open Judge's Choice

1st	<i>Tillandsia gardneri</i> var. <i>rupicola</i>	Ron Farrugia
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Groucho'	Ron Farrugia
3rd	<i>Tillandsia recurvifolia</i> hybrid	Carolyn Bunnell

Open Members' Choice

1st	<i>Tillandsia gardneri</i> var. <i>rupicola</i>	Ron Farrugia
2nd	<i>Tillandsia recurvifolia</i> hybrid	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'White Hot Embers'	Kerry McNicol

Novice Judge's Choice

1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lime & Lava'	Elizabeth Mudriczki
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Stella Blast'	Mark Belot
3rd	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Houston'	Warril Evans

Novice Members' Choice

1st	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Houston'	Warril Evans
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lime & Lava'	Elizabeth Mudriczki
3rd	<i>Orthophytum</i> <i>vagans</i>	Peter Blackburn

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition June 2016

1st	"Happy Birthday Queen Elizabeth"	Di Tulloch
2nd	"Crowing Rooster"	Helga Nitschke
3rd	"Hop to it"	Carolyn Bunnell

Meeting News June 2016

(photos p.20) continued from p.15

Kerry McNicol had two plants. The first, a mini *Aechmea*, which had the name, 'Peek-a-boo', however when checked in the BCR, was nothing like the registered plant's photo. It was decided that it was very likely *A. 'Covata Too'*.

The 2nd plant was obtained a few years ago from Wardell. An *Aechmea* provisionally named *alopecurus*, but was obviously wrong, guesses were made that it could be an *alopecurus* hybrid. Further investigations with Ross Little of Wardell, have narrowed the identification to either *A. 'Blue Nude'* or *A. 'Wardell'*. Further investigation is being done as the plant has similarities to both plants, but also one or two differences.

Plant of the Month Competition June 2016



*Tillandsia
gardneri
var. rupicola*



Neoregelia 'Groucho'



*Tillandsia recurvifolia
hybrid*



Neoregelia 'White Hot Embers'



Neoregelia 'Lime & Lava'



Tillandsia 'Houston'



Orthophytum vagans



Neoregelia 'Stella Blast'

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition June 2016



"Happy Birthday QE"

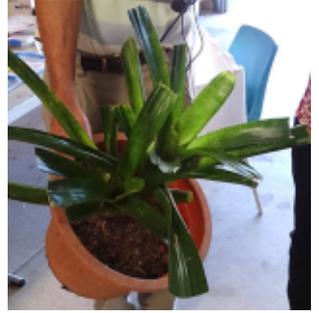


"Crowing Rooster"



"Hop to it"

Meeting News photos May 2016



Nina's Broms



Ron's *Tillandsia rubella*



Peter & Kath's *Billbergia*



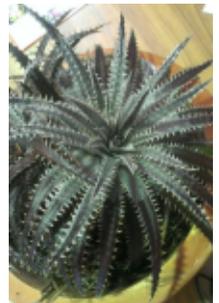
Meeting News photos June 2016



Kerry's *Aechmea* 'Blue Nude'
or A. 'Wardell'



Sharon's *Dyckia*
'Talbot Dark Moon'



Sharon's unidentified
Dyckia

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION renewal is due 1st January for membership year January to December.

Annual Membership: **Australia A\$25,**
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New Memberships required to pay a \$5 joining fee, plus Annual Membership. (Those joining after 1st October are covered for the following year.)

Note: Unfinancial members must add \$5 rejoining fee when re-applying for membership. Members will become unfinancial if renewals have not been received by the end of our Autumn Show.

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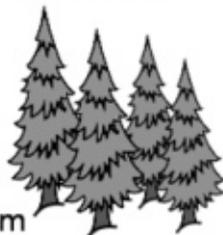
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