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Opening cash at bank	\$ 32 603.54
Income:	1147.66
Expenses	1 276.55

Bank Statement as at August 31, 2018:

\$ 32 474.65

Operating Account to September 1 2018

Opening cash at bank	\$ 32 474.65
Income:	14 768.93
Expenses	<u>10 238.73</u>

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REMINDER

***Annual subscriptions fall due on 1.1.19** enclosed is a renewal form for your convenience.

* November meeting—Susan Lewis—Pressed Flower Art

* December Meeting—Christmas Party; 'Bromeldip'. Catered, please make a donation.



Don't forget to get a mug

Plant of the Month Competition September 2018

Open

1st
2nd
3rd

Judge's & Members' Choice.

Till. tectorum
Aech. 'Amanda'
Till. recurvifolia var *subsecudafolia*

Werner Raff
Carolyn Bunnell
Helga Nitschke



Till. tectorum



Aech. 'Amanda'



Till. recurvifolia var *subsecudafolia*

Novice

1st
2nd
3rd

Judge's & Members' Choice

Till. ixoides
Till. brachycaulos x *concolor*
Till. 'Boreen'

Harold Kuan
Harold Kuan
Harold Kuan



Till. ixoides



Till. brachycaulos x *concolor*



Till. 'Boreen'

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition.

1st
2nd
3rd

'Revival'
'The Billabong'
'Dark Knight'

Pauline Blanch
Janet Kuan
Charlie Moraza



'Revival'



'The
Billabong'



'Dark Knight'

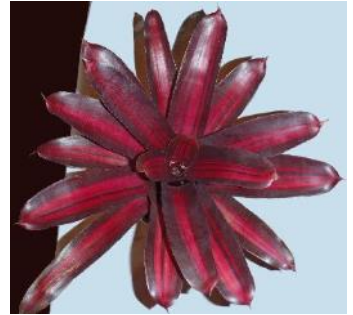
Discussion September Meeting

Ian Hook had a plant from another member,



N. 'Perfection' novar

Paul Volkart, which was labelled, incorrectly 'Aechmea Foster's Favorite'. The plant is a neoregelia. After some discussion, it was agreed that the plant was a 'novar' form of *Neo*.



N. 'Perfection'

'Perfection' (once known as 'N. Fosperior Perfector'). *Neo*. 'Perfection' is variegated but often throws 'novar' pups, which grow into quite a handsome, dark-maroon, tough plant when in strong light. This seems to be the plant shown. *Neo*. 'Fosperior' is a registered hybrid and the parent of *Neo*. 'Perfection'.

Ray Henderson showed a very large *Aech*. 'recurvata' type plant, at least twice the size of other recurvatas, with a large colourful inflorescence (the colour in this has faded). Ray does feed his plants. Ray has registered this plant, calling it ***Aechmea* 'Rock Lobster'** Ross Little, from Pinegrove Nursery in Wardell, thought it looked a little like looked a bit like *Aechmea* 'Watsonia Sunrise', but Ray 'could see a few clear differences including a flat inflorescence and small flowers. The flower head doesn't get as orange as many of them and the lower leaves are super long'.



Bruce Munro had a large *Till*. *Latifolia*. Grown without much 'TLC', outside, leaves broken by possums, no sun but is well watered. He would like to know when the long spike, which has been there for six months, will give him a flower! Ian said it may have already flowered (or even aborted due to weather conditions). He suggested cleaning off the old and broken leaves carefully to prevent rot, and cutting off the spike which may promote pup growth and keep the plant renewing itself, or leave it and see what happens!!?? It's up to Bruce.



Spring Show Results 2018

Pot of Aechmea

- 1st** - recurvata var. benrathii
Carolyn Bunnell
- 2nd** - 'Salmon Cone'
Phillip La
- 3rd** - recurvata var. ortgiesii

Billbergia Specimen

- 1st** - 'Golden Joy'
Carolyn Bunnell
- 2nd** - 'Caramba'
Phillip La

Billbergia Colony

- 1st** - 'Domingos Martins' x 'Georgia'
Carolyn Bunnell
- 2nd** - 'Deliciosa'
Phillip La

Neoregelia Species

- 1st** - ampullacea
John Schembri

Miniature Neoregelia

- 1st** - 'Moon Dust'
Carolyn Bunnell
- 2nd** - 'Shamrock'
Carolyn Bunnell
- 3rd** - 'Marie'
Carolyn Bunnell

Pot of Neoregelia Hybrid

- 1st** - 'Wally'
Carolyn Bunnell
- 2nd** - 'Painted Desert'
Carolyn bunnell
- 3rd** - 'High Voltage'
J&J Townsend

Nidularium/Canistropsis

- 1st** - 'Red Queen' (was Nat de Leon)
Christine Johnson
- 2nd** - 'Miranda'
Christine Johnson

Tillandsia Specimen

- 1st** - 'Hyde's Silver'
Harold Kuan
- 2nd** - 'Erik the Red'
Carolyn Bunnell
- 3rd** - fasciculata x rodrigasiana
Carolyn Bunnell

Tillandsia Colony

- 1st** - kautskyi
Carolyn Bunnell
- 2nd** - tectorum enano
Werner Raff
- 3rd** - capillaris
Carolyn Bunnell

Vriesea

- 1st** - 'Red Chestnut' x fenestralis
Carolyn Bunnell
- 2nd** - racinae
Carolyn Bunnell
- 3rd** - 'Red Chestnut'
Helga Nitschke

Foliage / Variegated Bromeliad

- 1st** - Neorgelia 'Blushing Zebra'
Carolyn Bunnell

Pot of Other Genera

- 1st** - Quesnelia 'Tim Plowman'
Elizabeth Mudriczki
- 2nd** - Goudeae ospinae
Helga Nitschke

Mounted Bromeliad

- 1st** - Aechmea nudicaulis var. aequalis
John Schembri
- 2nd** - Neoregelia 'Quoll'
John Schembri
- 3rd** - Neoregelia 'Cheers'
John Schembri

Terrestrial Bromeliad

- 1st** - Deuterochonia brevifolia
Elizabeth Mudriczki

Artistic Arrangement

- 1st** - 'Caudatas Again'
Carolyn Bunnell
- 2nd** - 'Springtime in the Billabong'
Janet Kuan
- 3rd** - 'Spring Favourites'
Christine Johnson

Novice

- 1st** - Tillandsia 'Houston'
Pamela Munro
- 2nd** - Aechmea recurvata
Pamela Munro

Spring Show Results 2018

(cont)

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Grand Champion of Show

Tillandsia 'Hyde's Silver'
Harold Kuan



Reserve Champion

Neoregelia 'Wally'
Carolyn Bunnell



Novice Champion

Tillandsia 'Houston'
Pamela Munro



Species Award

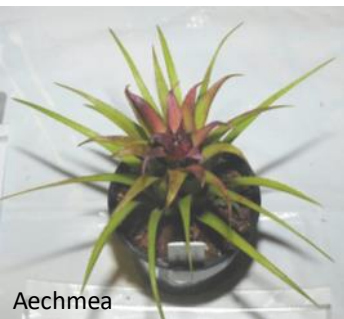
Tillandsia kautskyi
Carolyn Bunnell



Certificate of Commendation

Wall Display

Joy Clark



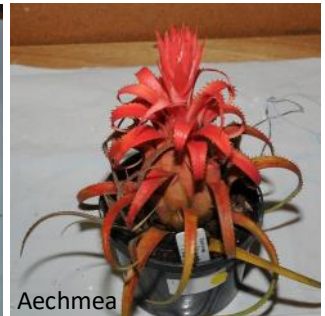
Aechmea
recurvata var. benrathii



Neoregelia ampullacea



Aechmea 'Salmon Cone'



Aechmea
recurvata var. ortgiesii



Billbergia 'Golden Joy'



Billbergia 'Caramba'



Billbergia
'Domingos Martins'
x 'Georgia'



Billbergia 'Deliciosa'



Neoregelia 'Moon Dust'



Neoregelia 'Shamrock'

Neoregelia "Marie"

Neoregelia 'Painted Desert'

Neoregelia 'High Voltage'



Nidularium 'Red Queen'

Nidularium 'Miranda'

Tillandsia 'Erik the Red'





Tillandsia
fasciculata x *rodigasiana*



Tillandsia tectorum enano



Tillandsia capillaris



Vriesea 'Red Chestnut' x *fenestralis*



Vriesea 'Red Chestnut'



Vriesea racinae



Neoregelia 'Blushing Zebra'



Quesnelia 'Tim Plowman'



Goudeae ospinae



Aechmea
nudicaulis var. *aequalis*



Neoregelia 'Quoll'



Neoregelia 'Cheers'



Deuterochonia brevifolia



'Caudatas Again'



'Springtime in the Billabong'



'Spring Favourites'



Aechmea recurvata (Novice)

Vale Ivan Hope *24th February 1938 - 22 September* *2018*

It is with great sadness we tell of the passing of Ivan. He fell ill on the Thursday evening before our Spring Show after helping Lydia prepare and pack their plants for the show. He passed away on 22nd September. In his early life Ivan served with the RAAF. He had a brother (now deceased) and a sister.

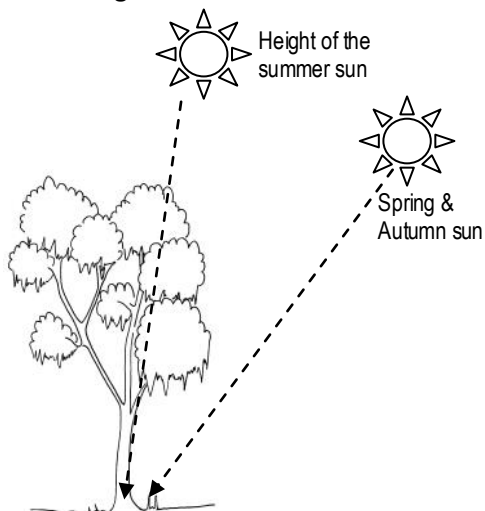
He and Lydia always did things together, they have been married for 32 years and, both, have always been interested in growing plants. Ivan was a member of the Orchid club, and both were members of the Bromeliad Society of Australia and the NSW Bromeliad Society. A few years ago Ivan and Lydia decided to move to the central coast, but it wasn't long till they realized that it was just too far from their favourite things in life. They took up residence in Sydney's west and returned to their love of growing bromeliads. They slotted back into their bromeliad routines quickly and found themselves once again at monthly meetings. Though Ivan claimed to be 'just bringing Lydia' to the meetings, he always enjoyed the familiar interactions with the members. Ivan was awarded (jointly with Lydia) the RHA medal this year for their dedication and service to horticulture.

Ivan's presence will be sadly missed and all our thoughts are with Lydia at this time.



After the Frost, Comes the Sun!

Now that those of you who were affected by the harsh frost of winter have cleaned up any damage (or are well on the way) and have assessed what can be saved and what cannot, it is time to think about the ravaging spring sun! Yes, *SPRING* sun. It happens every year, we are conditioned to think that Spring is a gentle easing into the hotter weather to come, and for some reason are surprised and



annoyed by those early burn marks on our prized plants. Sometimes we purposely put these plants into the early sun shine to 'colour-up' or 'toughen-up' before the heat sets in.

In summer the sun is high overhead at about an 80° angle, whereas in spring and autumn, it is much lower in the sky and can sneak under protection afforded by a leafy canopy, or even overhead shade structures. Even with temperatures of 28° early in our season tender plants coming out of winter can be easily scorched.

Lastly, one of the polmer sprays that is

used for frost protection will also guard against summer burning, to a degree, but this cannot be relied upon in times of extreme temperatures.

Ah well! It's just all part of the challenges we face when we choose gardening as our addiction!

Editor

Presentation of our Spring Show Champions



Reserve Champion & Species Award went to Carolyn Bunnell, who was not able to attend this meeting.

Grand Champion, Harold Kuan, with *Tillandsia* "Hydes Silver".



Novice Champion, Pamela Munro, with *Tillandsia* "Houston"

Plant of the Month Competition October 2018

Open

1st
2nd
3rd

Judge's Choice.

Till. 'Leon'
Till. caulescens
Till. bergeri

Carolyn Bunnell
Helga Nitschke
Helga Nitschke

Open

1st
=2nd
=2nd
3rd

Members' Choice

Till. recurvifolia var *subsecundefolia*
Till. juncea
Till. 'Leon'
Till. leonamiana

Ron Farrugia
Ron Farrugia
Carolyn Bunnell
Ron Farrugia



Till. 'Leon'



Till. caulescens



Till. bergeri



Till. leonamiana



Till. juncea



Till. recurvifolia var *subsecundefolia*

Plant of the Month Competition October 2018 cont.

Judge's Choice

Novice

1st	<i>Till. 'Purple Razz'</i>
2nd	<i>Till. gardneri</i> var <i>rupicola</i>
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Midget'

Harold Kuan
Elizabeth Mudriczki
Elizabeth Mudriczki

Members' Choice

Novice

1st	<i>Till. 'Purple Razz'</i>
=2nd	x <i>Neomea</i> 'Strawberry'
=2nd	<i>Till. 'Miva'</i>
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Midget'

Harold Kuan
Gordon Blanch
Harold Kuan
Elizabeth Mudriczki



Till.
'Purple Razz'



Till. gardneri
var *rupicola*



Till. 'Miva'



Neoregelia 'Midget'



x *Neomea*
'Strawberry'

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition. (Oct)



1st 'Ernie the Echidna' Joy Clark

2nd 'Just Peachy'
Pauline Blanch



3rd 'Fairy Forest' Pamela Munro

November Meeting Discussion

Our guest speaker was from Planter's Patch , an online nursery which aims to make as little impact on the environment as possible, while producing quality seedlings and plants:

Pamela Munro: Needed an identification for an Aechmea in flower. This plant was the larger form of *Aechmea* 'Mary Brett'.

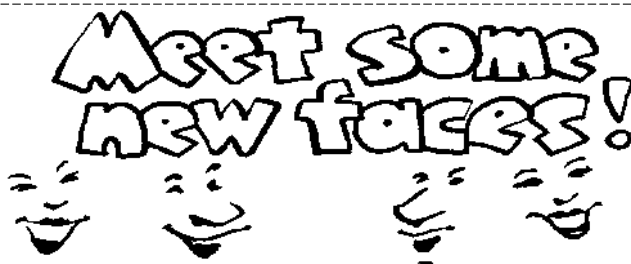
The second plant was a flowering Vriesea that she got from a nursery, it had the name Vr Jungle Carpet. This plant name is not registered, however it is a very attractive plant. Pamela also asked for advice on how to separate the pup successfully (See article p16).

Vriesea Jungle Carpet with pup



Aechmea 'Mary Brett'





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

Andrew Currie, Anna Ernst, Lorraine Farrett, Tony Morawsky,
Jon Walsh & Phillip Wordsworth

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Member, please see details below.

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- A 3% surcharge for this service will be made.

Step by Step Removal of Pups from Foliage Vriesea

By Ross Little FNCBSG Aug 2012

A good sturdy knife or saw is required such as a hole saw.



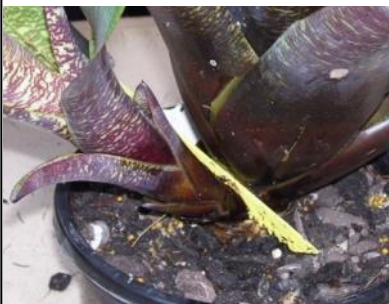
Pups in upper leaf axils are easily accessed if the lower leaves are removed.



For difficult to remove leaves, split and pull to either side to expose the pups.



Ease the pup away from the axis of the plant to expose the hinge point.



Cut downwards and slightly in towards the base of the parent plant



A clean cut, this should be allowed to dry/callous over now before potting.

Nidularium angustifolium

From FNCBSG April 2018

Ule, Ber Deutsch. Bot Ges. 16 351. 1898.

Nidularium angustifolium was described in 1898 by Ernst Ule who provided only a brief description of the species in the protologue and named the collection site ("Serra da Bica "). He did not even include his collection number as was the custom and contrary to his usual style. Mez (1935) accepted the species as valid and gave a much more detailed description than the original one. He designated specimen *Ule 4039* from Serra da Bica as the holotype. Two decades later, Smith (1955) considered *Nid. angustifolium* to be a synonym of *Nid. procerum*, and this was maintained in Smith & Downs (1979). The description of *Nid. viridium* as different from *Nid. procerum* paved the way to recognizing *Nid. angustifolium* as a distinct taxon. After analyzing the type species based on specimen *Ule 4039*, collected at Serra da Bica and deposited in the herbarium of the Botanical Museum in Berlin-Dahlem (B), as is mentioned in the protologue, it became obvious that *Nid. angustifolium* was identical to *Nid. viridium*. The flower colour pattern in *Nid. viridium* represents just one extreme for this species, apparently an almost total lack of anthocyanin. The decision to place *Nid. viridium* in synonymy also made it possible to recognize *Nid. angustifolium* as a species distinct from *Nid. procerum*. *Nidularium angustifolium* is clearly related to *Nid. procerum*. It differs from the latter in its lax, long-pointed, stellate inflorescence, primary bracts red (usually) only near the apex, long-acuminate and spreading-ascendant toward the apex, sepals obovate with wide-acute to rounded apex, ovary white, as are the fruits, with a greenish yellow to yellow persistent calyx. There is an interesting colour variation in this species. At one extreme are plants with totally green bracts and white or bluish white petals, a pattern that is compatible with the description of *Nid. viridium*. In contrast, at the other extreme are plants with almost totally red primary bracts and blue petals with white margins. The average pattern, however, is shown by plants that have primary bracts with the apical 1/3 red and blue petals with white margins.



Nidularium angustifolium
Previously known as *Nidularium viridium* photos by
Ross Little



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Bromeliad Hybrids 1: Neoregelias	Margaret Paterson	\$25.00
Bromeliads Under the Mango Tree	John Catlan	\$10.00
Bromeliad Cultivation Notes	Lyn Hudson	\$10.00

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Tillandsia loliacea	23/8/18	Greg Azlewood
Tillandsia reichenbachii (limited)	15/9/18	Greg Azlewood
Tillandsia streptocarpa	20/9/18	Greg Azlewood
Tillandsia capillaris	24/9/18	Greg Azlewood
Tillandsia simulata	27/9/18	Greg Azlewood
Tillandsia bartramii (limited)	29/9/18	Greg Azlewood
Tillandsia tricholepis	2/10/18	Greg Azlewood
Tillandsia capillaris (was incana)	6/10/18	Terry Davis
Tillandsia tricolepis	6/10/18	Terry Davis
Tillandsia tricolepis (rope type)	6/10/18	Terry Davis

Seed has been moving quickly, especially the more recent additions.

SO if you have seed to donate please send it in or bring it to our next meeting.

What's ON

10th November BSA Meeting: Speaker - Susan Lewis - known for her pressed flowers - presentation will include the heritage building in Victoria where the Australian Garden Show is held.

2nd December Hills Districts orchid Day - Northmead (see BSA website for details)

8th December BSA Meeting : Christmas Party, 'Bromelidip', bring a **'small'** plate of nibbles or dessert (or gold coin) donation.

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