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Photo by Nina Woodcock of *Stan Wakley's Garden*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

@Federation Pavilion, Showground Rd, Castle Hill NSW 2154, Australia  
The next meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Australia will be held at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill on Saturday the 21st March.

The below times are now in force

8.30 till 11.00a.m Set up for meeting and sales: Raffle tickets available for purchase.

Before 11.00 a.m. Competition plants should be tabled

11.00 a.m. Judging begins, popular vote carried out at your convenience

11.30 a.m. General Meeting Begins/ News; notifications etc

11.45 a. m. Speaker or presentation will begin “Colours spots and Stripes in Bromeliad leaves’

Followed by ‘Afternoon Tea’: Bring a plate or make a Donation

Last chance for Popular Vote Competition

Then: Competition Results and Raffle Draw. For further details please contact Ian Hook, President BSA on mobile 0408 202 269, email [ianhook1@bigpond.com](mailto:ianhook1@bigpond.com) or refer to [www.bromeliad.org.au](http://www.bromeliad.org.au) for the latest updates.

## BSA MEETING

### DATES FOR 2026

21st March - 3rd Saturday

11th April

2nd-3rd May BSA Autumn Show

9th May

13th June

Dates for the rest of the year will be confirmed at the end of the financial year.

Membership subs now Overdue



**NEW MEMBERS**

**KIM KORS**

## MAL AND MICHELLE CAMERON TALK ABOUT GROWING VRIESEA FROM SEED

The seedlings shown below start from small green blobs at about 8 weeks, tiny plants at about 6 months, at 18 months they are larger but still green but quickly start to look like small vriesea at 2-3 years. At 3-4 years they are fully grown.





# BROMELIAD COMPETITION AT THE AUSSIE BROMS CONFERENCE WITH BSA DELEGATES



Linda Malloy, Harold Kuan, Edwina Wain, Steve Wain, Amal Eid and Warwick Varley





In November 2025 I had the pleasure of attending the 22nd Aussie Brooms Conference organised by The Bromeliad Society of Queensland. While I was in attendance I had the opportunity to assist with Judging the plant competition along with Harold, Edwina, Amal and Warwick. We all received our official badges. I would like to thank Narelle and Greg Aizellwood for conducting the judges training school over the last three years, and of course all my fellow judges.

I'd like to thank the Conference Committee including Peter Tristram, John Olsen, Peter Ball, John Williamson, Trish Thiedeman, and Rob Murry for organising an amazing conference. I would also like to thank all the speakers and garden visit hosts for making the event truly memorable. I will attempt to add more about the conference in following issues but for now I only have time to add lots of pictures. I'd also like to apologise for the lack of labels my computer is lagging as is my patience.  
Nina Woodcock





**AUSSIE BROMS CONFERENCE DISPLAYS NOVEMBER 2025**





# PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

## NOVEMBER 2025

### Open Judges Choice

First	<i>Canistrum triangulare</i>	Kerry McNicol
Second	<i>Neoregelia pauciflora</i> x 'Vulcan'	Kerry McNicol
Third	<i>Dyckia</i> 'Silver Star' x 'Cherry Coke'	Harold Kuan

### Open Members Choice

First	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Red Opal'	Kerry McNicol
Second	<i>Canistrum triangulare</i>	Kerry McNicol
Third	<i>Dyckia</i> 'Silver Star' x 'Cherry Coke'	Harold Kuan

### Novice Judges Choice

First	<i>Tillandsia rodriagueziana</i>	Phil Ross
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Red Embers'	Phil Ross
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Wild Dynamo'	Liz Gordon

### Novice Members Choice

First	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Ralph Graham French'	Amal Eid
=Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Wild Dynamo'	Liz Gordon
=Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lime & Lava'	Phil Ross
=Third	<i>Tillandsia rodriagueziana</i>	Phil Ross
=Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Red Embers'	Phil Ross
=Third	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'unknown'	Martin Sitterlee

### Tillandsia Judges Choice

First	<i>Tillandsia fuchsii forma gracilllis</i>	Kerry McNicol
Second	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Confusion'	Phil Ross
Third	<i>Tillandsia caput-medusae</i>	Helga Nitschke

### Tillandsia Members Choice

=First	<i>Tillandsia fuchsii forma gracilllis</i>	Kerry McNicol
=First	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Hyde's Silver'	Harold Kuan
=Second	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Confusion'	Phil Ross
=Second	<i>Tillandsia caput-medusae</i>	Helga Nitschke
Third	<i>Tillandsia confertiflora</i>	Helga Nitschke

### Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition

First	'Lilliput Hill'	Anna Ernst
Second	'Brom Bouquet'	Janet Kuan

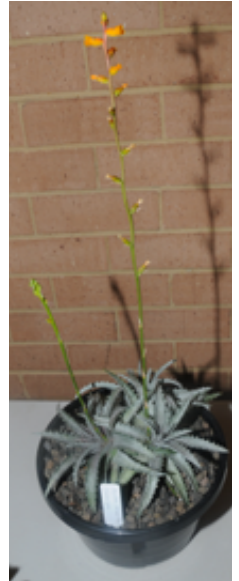
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*Neoregelia pauciflora*  
x 'Vulcan'



*Dyckia*  
'Silver Star' x  
'Cherry Coke'



*Neoregelia* 'Red Opal' *Tillandsia*  
*rodriagueziana*



*Neoregelia*  
'Red Embers'



*Neoregelia*  
'Wild Dynamo'



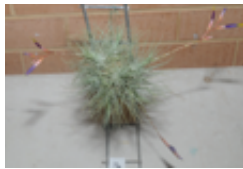
*Billbergia* 'Ralph  
Graham French'



*Neoregelia*  
'Lime & Lava'



*Tillandsia fuchsii*  
*forma gracilliss*



*Tillandsia*  
'Hyde's Silver'



*Tillandsia*  
'Confusion'



*Tillandsia*  
*caput-medusae*



*Tillandsia*  
*confertiflora*



'Lilliput Hill'



'Brom Bouquet'

# PLANT OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

## DECEMBER 2025

### Open Judges Choice

First	<i>Nidularium fulgens</i>	Janet Kuan
Second	<i>Nidularium</i> ‘Miranda’	Janet Kuan
Third	<i>xSincoregelia</i> ‘Cosmic Blast’	Nina Woodcock

### Open Members Choice

First	<i>Nidularium fulgens</i>	Janet Kuan
=First	<i>xSincoregelia</i> ‘Cosmic Blast’	Nina Woodcock
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Painted Delight’	Helga Nitsche

### Novice Judges Choice

First	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Chillie Verde’	Liz Gordon
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Running Red River’	Liz Gordon
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Galaxy’	Liz Gordon

### Novice Members Choice

First	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Domino’	Phil Ross
Second	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Chillie Verde’	Liz Gordon
Third	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Running Red River’	Liz Gordon

### Tillandsia Judges Choice

First	<i>Tillandsia xerographica</i>	Julie Evans
Second	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i>	Harold Kuan
Third	<i>Tillandsia ahriza</i>	Kerry McNicol

### Tillandsia Members Choice

First	<i>Tillandsia xerographica</i>	Julie Evans
=First	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i>	Harold Kuan
Third	<i>Tillandsia ahriza</i>	Kerry McNicol

### Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition

First	‘The Christmas Charriot’	Janet Kuan
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*Nidularium fulgens*



*Nidularium*  
'Miranda'



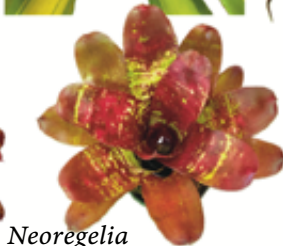
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'Painted Delight'



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*Tillandsia*  
*xerographica*



*Neoregelia*  
'Running Red River'



*Neoregelia* 'Galaxy'

*Tillandsia*  
*ahriza*



*Tillandsia ionantha*



'The Christmas Charriot'

# GARDEN VISIT STAN WALKLEY





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*Tillandsia  
techtorum*





Vriesea  
Rosita



xNIDUMEA  
'Midnight'



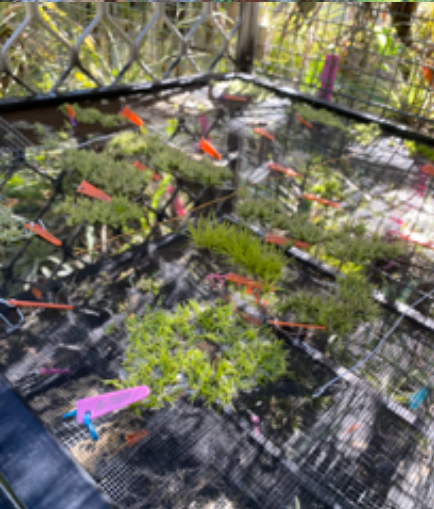
# GARDEN VISIT DENISE AND PETER BALL





GARDEN VISIT ROB & BARBARA MURRAY





# SEED BANK

If you have seed to donate please contact Terry.  
Below is the list of seeds in our Seed Bank.

<i>Alcantarea patriae</i>	07/06/2024	Greg Aizlewood
<i>Alcantarea heloisea</i>	28/08/24	Greg Aizlewood



50¢ per packet (plus postage)  
Members or \$1 per packet (plus postage) for all others Contact  
Terry Davis (02) 9636 6114  
or 0439 343 809

## MONTHLY TRADING ACCOUNT REPORT 2025

	Sept 1st-31st	Oct 1-31st	Nov 1-31st
Opening Balance	\$18,064.97	\$16,758.37	\$21,420.59
Receipts	\$857.95	\$6,527.33	\$298.76
Less Expences	-\$2,164.53	-\$1,865.11	-\$20.00
Closing Balance	\$16,758.37	21,420.59	\$21,699.35

Report by Maureen Johns

**2026 membership fees are now due**

### THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

ABN 63 152 285 664

#### Membership



Single/family – newsletter by post. (in Australia)	\$35	
Single/family – newsletter by email. (Worldwide)	\$25	
Add Airmail Postage Asia/Pacific zone incl NZ.	\$58	
Add Airmail Postage - UK, Europe, S. Africa.	\$87	
USA (and rest of the world).	\$81	
<b>NB - Membership fees are due every calendar year on the 1st January.</b>	<b>Total due</b>	

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Include your initial and surname in deposit reference:

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**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR):** <http://registry.bsi.org/>  
for correct identification and spelling of your hybrid or cultivar.

**New Bromeliad Taxon List:**

<http://bromeliad.nl/taxonlist> Refer to this site for latest species name changes and correct spelling.

**Bromeliads in Australia:**

<http://bromeliad.org.au/> Refer to this site for the society Newsletters, events and current seed list

**The Bromeliad Society of Australia Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2037990933090559/>

Keep these web sites set as desktop icons for quick reference access.

## **LITERATURE FOR SALE**

<http://www.bromeliad.org.au/Contacts/BSALibrarian.htm>

Bromeliads for the Contemporary Garden by Andrew Steens \$20.00

Bromeliads: A Cultural Manual (Rev. ed. 2007) by BSI \$ 6.00

Bromeliad Hybrids 1: Neoregelias by Margaret Paterson \$25.00

Bromeliads Under the Mango Tree by John Catlan \$10.00

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