

KABBROM

Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society Inc NO 3 May / June 2010

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to my fellow greenthumbs

The first thing I want to do as your newly elected president is to say a big thank you to Carlo for his capable and dedicated leadership during the past two years. His stewardship has seen the club grow considerably in both numbers and stature and I am sure you will all agree that we have had some great times together.

I hope that I can continue to guide the club's growth, knowledge, friendship and stature in the community.

Unfortunately Deirdre and I are unable to be with you all on the upcoming weekend bus trip, however to all those who are going, we wish you a safe and enjoyable journey.

We have just returned from a trip to North Queensland and have as usual returned with car load of plants and cuttings - no broms this time around. Perhaps you will all have great buys on your bus trip.

Cheers
Bruce



Our Guests speakers for February – Genny and John Catlan. John spoke very informatively on Bromeliads with Genny interspersing comments. John made some extremely interesting observations which encourages us to observe our bromeliads closely.



Doug Upton was our guest speaker for March. He too spoke on general bromeliads with wonderful slides to support his talk. It was his birthday and a surprise for everyone to know how old he is!! His wife Joy accompanied him.



THE BUNDY BROM BINGE April 25th & 26th

We **LEAVE** 5:00 am. Please make sure you have enough time to board before 5:00.
Departure point: The Combined Services Club, 21 Hayes Street, Caboolture.
We return approximately 4:30pm on Sunday
Bring named boxes for plants.

Itinerary

April 25

Departure 5:00 am

Glasshouse Mountain pick up at 5:30 at train station

Yandina pick up 6:00 at Ginger Factory

Breakfast: Kurra – at your own expense

Saturday Morning

Russell and Karen Holzheimers 159 Birthamba Road, South Kolan Bromeliads
John and Val Johnson 1355 Gin Gin Road Sharon Mixed Plants

Lunch

Across the Waves. You will need to pay \$9.90 to the restaurant.

Saturday Afternoon

Ray and Del Gough 11 Hodgetts Court Bundaberg

Dinner and Accommodation

Motel Park Lane 247 Bourbong Street Bundaberg

April 26

Sunday Morning

Ray and Mary Pratt 497 Elliott Heads Road Bundaberg

Val Honeywood 20 Carisson Drive Coonarr

Ice Cream Shop – at your own expense

Lunch : Kurra – at own expense

Sunday afternoon

Linda Percival Gympie

Returning between 4:30 – 5:00

We will be travelling with Aussie Ultimate Tours.

MORAYFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE Saturday 08.05.2010

Where is the stall?

In front of K-Mart in the Morayfield Shopping Centre

How to offload plants

Meet in the car park next to Red Rooster at 7.30am **SHARP**

Raffle donation

One raffle to be drawn at 4pm.

Roster

Sellers are expected to stay and work on the day. Please contact Bruce Roberts.

Some rules for plant sales

- CDBS will not be responsible for any loss or damage to plants
- sellers must be financial members of CDBS
- plants must be clean, free of pests and disease
- plants must be emptied of water
- sales stickers must be attached - with plant name & price, sellers name
- commission will be 10%
- all sellers expected to spend some time at the stall
- set-up at 7:30am, clean-up at 4.00pm
- plant sellers to donate a plant for the raffle

STUDY GROUP

Thank you to Sheryl Waite for hosting these workshops and to Jeanette Robertson for co-presenting.

Study groups may be cancelled due to commitments by the Waites. Please check this newsletter for the dates.

All members are welcome. Just remember to bring a notebook, a pen and a plate for Morning Tea.

When: 3rd Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

May 20 June 17

Where: Sheryl Waite's garden, Talbot Lodge, 4 Prudence Court, Upper Caboolture.

POPULAR PLANT COMPETITION 2010

FEBRUARY

NOVICE SECTION

| | | |
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| 1 ST PLACE | <i>Vriesea gigantea nova</i> | Barbara Murray |
| 2 ND PLACE | <i>Vriesea ospinae gruberi</i> | Barbara Murray |
| 3 RD PLACE | <i>Aechmea orlandiana Diana purpurea</i> | Criss Button |

ADVANCED SECTION

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| 1 ST PLACE | <i>Cryptanthus 'Imposter Red'</i> | Madge Jarvis |
| 2 ND PLACE | <i>Tillandsia tectorum BT3</i> | Madge Jarvis |
| 3 RD PLACE | <i>Tillandsia 'Phoenix'</i> | Madge Jarvis |

Ginny and John Catlan voted for *Vriesea gigantea* and *Cryptanthus 'Imposter Red'*

MARCH

NOVICE SECTION

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| 1 ST PLACE | <i>Tillandsia remota wittmackii</i> | Carol Button |
| 2 ND PLACE | <i>Vriesea fosteriana seideliana rubra</i> | Barbara Murray |
| 3 RD PLACE | <i>Tillandsia seleriana</i> | Carol Button |

ADVANCED SECTION

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| 1 ST PLACE | <i>Neoregelia 'Magali'</i> | The Waites |
| 2 ND PLACE | <i>Aechmea 'Delmar'</i> | The Waites |
| 3 RD PLACE | <i>Tillandsia crocata</i> | Madge Jarvis |
| 3 RD PLACE | <i>Neoregelia 'Jaws'</i> | The Waites |

Doug Upton voted for the *Vriesea fosteriana seideliana rubra* and *Neoregelia 'Magali'*



Neoregelia 'Magali'



Aechmea 'Delmar'



Tillandsia crocata



Tillandsia remota wittmackii



Vriesea fosteriana seideliana rubra



Tillandsia seleriana

WAITEYS WORDS OF WISDOM

Let's see what we can come up with when dealing with wet weather.

- 1 First tip will be how to teach our broms to swim. Sounds like a joke? Partly yes, partly no. This is where good drainage comes into play. If you have your plants in pots in the garden, make sure they are not standing in water. If so lift them until the weather settles down and becomes normal again. In a shade house situation where plants are on the bark, make sure the bark hasn't broken down to the stage that pots are in contact with the soil underneath, otherwise the bottom of the mix will turn to mud and become a haven for worms. The other reason to not have plants in water is when the sun comes back in full force they will tend to boil and can cause the centre to rot.
- 2 With the cloudy weather that's been with us for so long now don't be too disappointed with your plants looking a bit dull. Once the sunny weather comes back to normal so will your colour in your bromeliads. (I think Mother Nature puts them into rest mode). Also be aware that when we get back to normal weather they will be a little soft - be careful of burn.
- 3 This weather is also perfect for soft scale to make themselves at home on your broms. Therefore spray if necessary. (We use Lorsban 500, EC or Rogor.) There are a lot of effective sprays on the market nowadays so this is only a guide. Always check when using sprays that you strictly use as per directions. The other solution is to clean dead leaves from around the bottom of plants as this a perfect harbor for scale. If by chance you find black fly speck scale try to put these infected ones away from others until this is treated.
- 4 This is not a rule of thumb but try to have offsets planted by the end of April. We don't always stick to this because we just can't find enough hours in the day. If you are going to make a feature plant that's multiple, simply cut the mother plant out and leave the offsets attached.
- 5 At a recent show we attended I had a Quesnelia Tim Plowman brought back to find out what was wrong with it. Firstly it was put in a shady part of the shade house, then it was discovered it was covered in scale and then it was drenched with white oil. It didn't look good at this stage, so I advised this person to take it home and wash thoroughly with a mild detergent, give good light and ease off the amount of water it was being given. *The moral of this story is never use white oil or anything that is copper based on bromeliads.*
- 6 Reprinted from the Courier Mail. The BIG WET 2010. It's one of Mother Nature's cruel ironies. While in recent years we have prayed for rain, the recent torrential downpours have delivered equal doses of optimism and misery. To some, massive flooding and burst river banks are liquid gold. To others, the flooding waters provided nothing more than destruction and misery. The heavens opened and prayers were answered and hearts were broken. (Food for thought)

And that's your lot this time.

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LIBRARY NEWS

All members may borrow from the library.

Items must be returned the next month. If this is not possible please contact the Librarian prior to the meeting.

FOR SALE

Tillandsias, March 2009. CD. Newly released and containing pictures of most known Tillandsia. Cost: \$10.00.

***Tillandsia II* by Paul T. Isley \$80.00** We have purchased 5 more copies but the cost is now \$5.00 more. Secure your copy now.

Remember if you want pots, hangers, name tags to use the order form (available at meetings or I can email one to you) and return it to The Waites. The goods will be at the next meeting.

The Shade Centre

Gary May has negotiated a discount on purchases for all CDBS members at *The Shade Centre*, Unit 5 - 9 Combarton Street, Brendale. Find out their best price and then ask for the discount.

WHAT'S ON IN 2010

Saturday 1st May 8:30 - 4 & Sunday 2nd May 9 - 2

Bromeliad Spectacular: Community Hall Millwell Road Maroochydore Admission \$3.00

Saturday 8th May

Display at Morayfield Shopping Centre. Start preparing your plants now for selling

Sunday 23rd May 9 - 4

Glasshouse Country Sustainability & Garden EXPO Beerwah Community Hall at Turner Park

Saturday 29th May 9- 3

Bromeliacious Workshop at The Waites

Saturday 11th September 8:30 – 3 & Sunday 12th September 9 – 2

Noosa Bromeliad Market Combined Growers Sale: Noosa Bicentennial Hall, Bicentennial Drive, Sunshine Beach

Saturday 9th October 8 – 3 & Sunday 10th 9 – 2

Bromeliad Extravaganza: Wavell Heights Community Hall 175 Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights

AUSTRALASIAN Bromeliad Conference

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NT Bromeliad Society Inc

Darwin NT 7th – 10th April 2011

Holiday Inn Esplanade 1/6 Esplanade Darwin NT

For Hotel Booking call 1800 007 697

Contacts: Registrar: Ross broms16@bigpond.com Information: Harry acacia@octo4.net.au

Registration Fee Early Bird \$220.00 if paid before 31 October 2010

Gala Dinner delegates \$65.00 non-delegates \$70.00

Garden Tours \$25.00

Late Registration \$280.00

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the 4th Saturday of the month (except December) at The Combined Services Club, 21 Hayes Street, Caboolture. 1:30pm start.

MEETING DATES FOR 2010



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| April | 24 | NO MEETING: OVERNIGHT BUS TRIP |
| May | 22 | |
| June | 26 | |
| July | 24 | |
| August | 28 | NO MEETING: DAY BUS TRIP TBA |
| September | 25 | |
| October | 23 | |
| November | 27 | CHRISTMAS PARTY |

Take advantage of these wonderful opportunities available at each meeting

- * Knowledgeable and informative guest speakers
- * Lending library
- * Plant display and competition
- * A chance to ask experts about problem plants
- * Plant sales
- * Plant fertiliser, pots, hangers for sale
- * Raffle

OFFICERS

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| President | Bruce Roberts | 5499 2724 |
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| Committee Member: Plant | Len Waite | 5496 7795 |
| Committee Member: Popular Vote | Nicole Nielsen | 5428 6373 |
| Committee Member: Raffles | Sheryl Waite | 5496 7795 |

HALL STEWARDS

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| Plant Sales | Angela Slaughter and Patrick Robertson |
| Hall Set Up | John Parker |
| Catering | Sue Parker |

Our society has posted our Club News on the website of the Bromeliad Australia – check it out at www.bromeliad.org.au



BROMELIACIOUS WORKSHOP

Saturday, 29 May 2010

8.45 am for a 9.00 am start through to 3.00 pm

Sheryl and Len Waite's Garden

Talbot Lodge

4 Prudence Court

Upper Caboolture

5496 7795 / 0422 694 122

Learn about a wide range of planting tips including some landscaping ideas.

Remember to bring a notebook (to catch those great ideas), a mug (for refreshment), a chair (to rest those weary legs), a plate (with food) for a shared Morning Tea and your lunch (to keep you fully charged).

PROGRAM

9.00 - 11.30 – Morning session

11.30 - 12.30 – Middle Session

1.30 - 2.30 – Afternoon Session

2.30 - 3.00 – Summation

Morning Tea: 10.00 - 10.30

Lunch (BYO): 12.30 - 1.3



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