

# KABBROM

## Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society Inc NO 4 July / August 2011

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello all

Well winter is definitely here!

We have had some cold nights and some very bleak cold days. Not a lot to do for our broms at the moment just generally tidying up and watering as needed.

We still need someone to clean the hall after meetings. Please give this some thought.

Kayleen

**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 2011

June	25	Rob Murray – Broms on Arafura: Reflections; Carryn Sullivan MP
July	23	Rebekah Trevor Display Pots, Olive Trevor Floral Arrangement
August	27	Neville Ryan Tillandsias
September	24	Possible overnight Bus Trip
October	22	
November	26	Christmas Party

### STUDY GROUP

All members are welcome. Just remember to bring a notebook, a pen and a plate for Morning Tea. *Study groups may be cancelled due to commitments by the Waites. Please check this newsletter for the dates.*

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

July	21	at Jeanette's house - 52 Xanadu Drive Bellmere
August	18	at Talbot Lodge

**Where:** Sheryl & Len Waite's garden, Talbot Lodge, 4 Prudence Court, Upper Caboolture.  
*If you are interested in holding a study group in your garden speak with Sheryl or Jeanette*

### LIBRARY NEWS

This year the committee would like to spend some money on updating the library books. If you have a particular book that you would like purchased please let Lesmar know.

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.

# STUDY GROUP MOMENTS

Len at the May Study Group



Ever seen this before? Len has a plant that has produced 2 spikes from the centre of 1 plant.

## How to collect Billbergia seed



First collect the seed from the flower spike. The plump red ones!



Have absorbent paper prepared with the name of the seed written on it.



Squeeze the seed into a glass of water. Swirl the water and seed around.



Pour off excess water and put seed onto paper. Put in safe place to dry out.

Use seed immediately or store dried seed in an envelope to be used later.

# BROMMOMENTS

Len alerted the members about planning for the next Bromeliad Conference. Conferences are a wonderful learning experience and a delightful way of meeting new friends in the world of bromeliads.

Here is some information to help you plan. Keep updated on the Bromeliad International website [bsi.org](http://bsi.org)



September 24 – October 1, 2012

Hotel Information: Caribe Royale Hotel

## Registration Rates

NOTE: Registrations paid before Feb. 28, 2012 are 100% refundable.

Registrations paid March 1 – August 24, 2012 are 70% refundable.

After August 25, 2012 no refund (except in cases of illness or death), and you must register at the Conference.

(\*Non-member registration price includes BSI Membership for one year!)

Period	BSI Member	BSI Dual Membership	Non-member* (USA)	Non-member* (other countries)
Until 28 February 2012	<u>US\$160</u>	<u>US\$320</u>	<u>US\$205</u>	<u>US\$210</u>
1 March 2012 through 24 August 2012	US\$175	US\$350	US\$220	US\$225
After 25 August 2012 and at the door	US\$200	US\$400	US\$245	US\$250

## MEMBER NEWS

### It's here! All the equipment that we asked for in our request.

In 2010, the Society decided to apply for a grant from the Community Benefits Gaming Fund to purchase some audio-visual equipment. The application was submitted and we waited and waited. The floods came and went but still no positive reply. We were unsuccessful with our first round submission but our proposal went into a second round review and fortunately, we were successful. We received a grant of around \$3,200 to purchase a laptop PC, data projector, external hard disk drive, camera and screen.

These items have now been purchased and we will be able to show our photos off with great flair. Our guest presenters will have one of the latest projectors to use (Nigel used it for his presentation at the last meeting). We will also have a camera for use by members to capture those moments on tour – so to speak.

*At this month's meeting, our Patron will be visiting to launch our new assets. Hope you can make it.*





## Thank You John Pullin

John Pullin made this wonderful bike from remnants at the tip.

He donated it to the club for the monthly raffle.

The first person to be drawn out chose not to select this wonderful ornament.

The second person was me and I was never one to let a chance go by. The bike is now a feature in my garden.

Thank you to Jude Pullin for not choosing to take the bike with her winning ticket.



## Thank you to Bruce Roberts who took these photos of their xNeophytums.



xNeophytum 'Gary Hendrix'



xNeophytum 'Burgundy Hill'



xNeophytum 'Aurora'

## xNeophytum

Reprinted from the *Cultivar Registry* by Don A. Beadle and *Bromeliads for the Contemporary Garden* by Andrew Steen.

**xNeophytum** is an intergeneric cross between *Neoregelia* and *Orthophytum*. Most of the *xNeophytum* crosses use *Orthophytum navioides*, which has rosettes of numerous narrow spiny leaves that turn brilliant red when the plant flowers. The offspring carry over much of these characteristics, but combine them with the ease of growth of the *Neoregelia* parent. *xNeophytum* are best grown in soil, which should be high in nutrients and humus. Although they can grow in full sun, slightly dappled shade produces the best quality foliage.

**xNeophytum 'Burgundy Hill'**. *Neoregelia* 'Royal Burgundy' has been crossed with *Orthophytum navioides* to make a sumptuous plant. The spiky rosette consists of glossy, deep burgundy leaves and can be up to 75cm in diameter. Hybridised by Herb Hill Jnr in 1983.

**xNeophytum 'Firecracker'**. Another *Orthophytum navioides* hybrid, this time crossed with the famous *Neoregelia* 'Fireball', so has the best of both parents. The narrow blood-red leaves are arranged in a pleasing rosette up to 30cm wide, similar in shape but more open than the *Orthophytum* parent. It spreads on short stolons, so is great for hanging baskets or planting in tree fern stumps. Hybridised by Gary Hendrix in 1978.

**xNeophytum 'Ralph Davis'**. A superb hybrid with numerous stiff, narrow dark red, almost purple leaves which form a rosette up to 60cm wide. At flowering the plant blushes vivid red in the centre. Quite hardy but best in light shade, although it can take full sun if allowed to acclimatise slowly. It pups prolifically. Hybridised before 1978 by Deleon using *Orthophytum navioides* and *Neoregelia* 'Meyendorffii'.

**xNeophytum 'Gary Hendrix'** is a cross between *Neoregelia princeps* and *Orthophytum navioides* by Deleon in 1984. It has stiff narrow 3/8" X 12" leaves tapered to a point and the rosette is what we call radical, with leaves radiating in all upward directions from a central point-colour is lavender-red or fuchsia in 50% sun.

**xNeophytum 'Hytime'** is a cross between *Orthophytum vagans* and *Neoregelia concentrica* by J Georgusis in 1977. Growth pattern similar to *Ananas* with deeply channelled 14" leaves in mottled olive green to bronze-red in strong light – centre becomes bright red at anthesis – compound inflorescence in heart of plant with blue/purple colours.

**xNeophytum 'Galactic Warrior'** is a cultivar of *xNeophytum* 'Ralph Davis'. In 1987 Dr Tom Montgomery gave J. Antle a 'Ralph Davis' with about 1/4 of its leaves showing variegation. Antle worked at pupping the variegated portion and 'Galactic Warrior' resulted – perfect white margined cultivar blushing red at blooming time and carrying a red blush at all times in strong light – will pup a high percentage of stable duplications.



## Good Luck Gary May

We wish Gary all the success possible.

Gary is undergoing a complicated medical procedure on his spinal column to turn him into a robot.

On June 15 he had wires and such installed in his body and on June 22 he will return for the next instalment.

July 15 will see the completion of this procedure and he will be fully wired but we will not be able to detect any abnormalities!

Hopefully Gary should exhibit all the signs of a 'regular' person – no wires or batteries to be seen, a smiling face and a pain free body.

# POPULAR PLANT COMPETITION 2011

## MAY

### NOVICE SECTION

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE

*Vriesea gigantea* 'Red Chestnut'

Pat Pennell

Judge's Choice

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE

*Vriesea ospinae*

Lesmar Debrincat

### INTERMEDIATE SECTION

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE

*Aechmea recurvata* display pot

Deirdre Roberts

Judge's Choice

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE

*Vriesea fosteriana* 'Red Chestnut'

Perry Crawford

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

*Neoregelia* 'Freddie'

Barbara Murray

### ADVANCED SECTION

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE

*Neoregelia* 'Lime and Lava'

Waites

Judge's Choice

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE

*Vriesea* 'Green Gherkin'

Waites



*Vriesea gigantea* 'Red Chestnut'



*Vriesea ospinae*



*Aechmea recurvata* display pot



*Vriesea fosteriana* 'Red Chestnut'



*Neoregelia* 'Freddie'



*Neoregelia* 'Lime and Lava'



*Vriesea* 'Green Gherkin'

# WHAT'S ON IN 2011

## I have no idea!

There is a conference in New Zealand being planned March 15 – March 18 2013 *Cool Broms*. To register your interest now email [coolbroms@bsnz.org](mailto:coolbroms@bsnz.org) – just type in 'send us cool broms info' and you will get all the latest news.

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**Queensland Organics** donate a bag of Organic Xtra for our raffle every month. They also supply ECO 88. Please consider their products when purchasing for your needs.

### Powerblend

Get together to buy the Talbot Lodge mix – or any other mix. Contact Rob, our Treasurer, and when enough are interested we can order in bulk.

### 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.

#### OFFICERS

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#### HALL STEWARDS

Plant Sales	Angela Slaughter
Hall Set Up	
Catering	

Our society has posted our Club News on the website of the Bromeliad Australia – check it out at [www.bromeliad.org.au](http://www.bromeliad.org.au)