

KABBROM

Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society Inc NO 2 March / April 2012

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members

With all the rain we have been having my broms are looking good, as, I am sure yours are too. Many more pups to take off.

If you have any problem plants, bring them along to the meeting and I am sure you will have your problems solved.

Kayleen

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE at the end of January. Pay at the meeting or post to
THE SECRETARY, P O BOX 748, CABOOLTURE, 4510

To confirm your current contact details please take the time to fill out the membership update form for 2012

Membership Fees

\$15.00 single, \$25.00 family / couple

Annual General Meeting 24 March 2012

After March all members who are unfinancial will not receive further information from the society.

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 2012

March	24	AGM
April	28	
May	26	Guest speaker ARNO KING Landscaping
June	23	Guest Speaker DR DAVID MURRAY Pest Management
July	28	Guest Speaker NARELLE AIZLEWOOD Judging Bromeliads
August	25	
September	22	
October	27	
November	24	Christmas Party

PATRON Carryn Sullivan MPOFFICERS

President	Kayleen Courtney	3886 9521
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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
Committee Member: General	Lyn Trail	5429 0487
HALL STEWARDS		
Plant Sales	Angela Slaughter	
Hall Set Up		
Catering	Deanna Robertson	

STUDY GROUP

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

Last year Study groups were held at different venues. Many enjoyed the experience of different gardens. If you are interested in holding a study group in your garden contact Sheryl or Jeanette. Please check this newsletter for the dates and venues as sometimes last minute changes occur. Every effort will be made by email and phone to contact attendees.

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

April 15 Bruce & Deirdre Roberts 42 Ann-Maree Avenue Caboolture 5499 2724
May 17

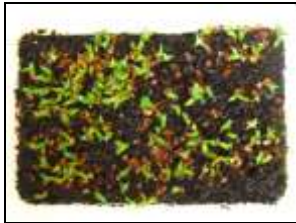
Study Group Moments



Thanks to Jude and John Pullin for a lovely environment in which to hold the first Study Group for the year. There were so many fabulous photo opportunities that I had too many choices for Kabbrom. There are many quirky bits everywhere. I am definitely going to make up a booklet with all these wonderful bits and pieces which bring a smile or gasp to the onlooker.

Thank you to Len for sharing his tips on repotting Cryptanthus. He then gave these to various attendees to take home and grow. Poor Leonie was a trifle overwhelmed at the responsibility as she has never grown a Cryptanthus before. It is certainly the best way to learn how to grow these earth stars.

Our February Study Group was held at the Waites. Again we have to thank Len for a wonderful presentation on growing Dyckia from seed. There was quality seated around the table. Leonie took home some Dyckia seeds to grow! Good to see Lyn back and looking healthy after her operation.



Stage 1



Stage 2



Stage 3



Stage 4



Stage 5

BROMMOMENTS



No 2

Jude Pullin presented our February Brommoments – her topic ***Plants aren't what they seem.***

Jude showed a *Tillandsia kruckhoffiana* that does not look like a Tillandsia. She also showed a *Vriesea espinosae* that looks like a Tillandsia.

Getting help from Rob!



POPULAR PLANT COMPETITION 2012

January

NOVICE

1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Tiger Cub'	Kayleen Courtney
2nd	<i>Tillandsia funckiana</i>	Carol Button
2nd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Hayley's Gold'	Ron Murray
2nd	<i>Vriesea</i> Snows of Mauna Kea x Red Chestnut	Ron Murray

INTERMEDIATE

1st	<i>Neoregelia tricolor</i> 'Perfector'	Jude Pullin
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Dr Oeser' special hybrid	Jude Pullin
3rd		

ADVANCED

1st	<i>Dyckia</i> 'White Chocolate'	Len Waite
2nd	<i>Cryptanthus</i> Bowl	Sheryl Waite
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Rob's Baby'	Jeanette Robertson
3rd	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Erotica' dark	Jeanette Robertson
3rd	<i>Canmea</i> 'Jaspe'	Barbara Murray



Neoregelia 'Tiger Cub'



Neoregelia tricolor 'Perfector'



Dyckia 'White Chocolate'

February

NOVICE

1st	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Creation'	Carol Button
2nd	<i>Tillandsia cyanea</i> var <i>cyanea</i>	Barrie Brown
3rd	<i>Ananas</i> tricolor	Kayleen Courtney

INTERMEDIATE

1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Christmas Cheer'	Jude Pullin
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Orange Glow'	Jude Pullin
3rd		

ADVANCED

1st	<i>Tillandsia multicaulis</i>	Jeanette Robertson
2nd	<i>Tillandsia rothii</i> x <i>fosciculata</i>	Len Waite
3rd	x <i>Neophytum</i>	Barbara Murray



Tillandsia 'Creation'



Neoregelia 'Christmas Cheer'



Tillandsia multicaulis



Thank you to Deirdre and Bruce for running the popular vote at the January meeting. There were so many plants it was inspiring. I hope members continue to support this competition both by competing and voting.

The 4 winners of 2011 all received their winnings of \$50 each at the meeting – an incentive to all to participate.

MEMBER NEWS



Welcome back to our first meeting of the year. It was a wet and wild day and we were surprised so many brave souls emerged from the safety of their homes.

Overnight Bus Trip October 20 and 21

What a trip – start saving now. All these visits have been confirmed and all are in NSW. Around \$150

Tentative Agenda

Saturday

Bob & True Grant AUSTRALIAN BROMELIAD WHOLESAL NURSERY
Morning Tea
Ross Little and Helen Clewett PINEGROVE BROMELIAD NURSERY
LUNCH

Evening

Staying overnight at Ballina. Possibility of a river cruise for dinner. (This part is in negotiation still!)

Sunday

Kerry Booth Tate PRIVATE GARDEN
Gloria & Tom Dunbar PRIVATE GARDEN

Thanks to Sheryl who has done an outstanding job in organising the visits. This trip is a chance to visit places that are not readily available.

SILHOUETTES

A line marking and shaping the outer form of an object: contour, delineation, outline, profile.

Thank you Sue for your time to answer my questions, it is nice knowing a little more about you both. Jude Pullin



SUE & RON MURRAY

Where do you currently live? Kenilworth
How long have you lived there? Sue says, 'All my life, it feels like centuries'
How long have you had an interest in plants? For a long time but I used to overwater my plants. About 7 years ago I saw a collection of Bromeliads and was bitten severely by the bug of collecting. I asked Sue how many Bromeliads they would have in their collection now and the answer was thousands, although her favourites are the miniature Neoregelias. Ron apparently loves all the big 'man' plants like large Neoregelias and Aechmeas. I then asked Sue an obvious question, *Where do you house your collection?* to which I received this answer. The Bromeliads are housed in five shade houses and there are also many planted out in the garden as we have a 22 acre block. Thank goodness Ron has retired as I can only imagine the work load in maintaining such a large collection. Sue is still working as a Nurse.

What do you enjoy about our club the most? We love the diversity of the people that we meet and we especially love the garden visits.

Do you think our club could improve in any way? Sue has a great suggestion. The Sunshine Coast Bromeliad Society have a garden visit most months the next Saturday after their general meetings. The visits are to members or other people's gardens and is a great way to see how other growers and gardeners do things in their environment. Perhaps we could trial something along this line if there is enough interest with our members.



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.



Queensland Organics donate a bag of Organic Xtra and ECO88 for our raffle every month. Please consider their products when purchasing for your needs. These products are among the first to be chosen each month.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

SNAP-A-BROM

The rules

Open to all members of the Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society.

The photograph must be taken by the member.

The photograph must be of a bromeliad – not necessarily owned by the member.

One entry per month per member.

Entries submitted for the January to September meetings must be received by midnight on the 3rd Saturday of the month to cabbroms@gmail.com or post to 41 Alvisio Court Narangba 4504

These entries are put on the computer to be judged in a secret ballot by members present at the next meeting.

All winners of the monthly meetings are in the October Display. Members vote for the overall winner at the October meeting.

Prize of \$50.00 for winner presented at the Christmas Party in November.

Thank you to Tegan Murray for her presentation on photographing bromeliads. Quite a few members felt inspired to go out and experiment. The February selection was plentiful and varied.



Guzmania Wendy mutant flower

Winner for February: Deanna Robertson

MAJOR RAFFLE



This beautiful Cristinite and sterling silver pendant has been donated to the society by Anonymous. Don't forget to sell those tickets. The drawing will be April 28 at the meeting - just before Mother's Day. Tickets are available at the meetings or ring Treasurer Rob if you would like more.

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

TEG'S PHOTO TIP



Be aware of the background!

To shoot a single plant as a 'specimen' shot, move it at least 5 feet in front of a neutral coloured background.

To shoot in a nursery setting, use the 'portrait' setting as this can blur the background automatically.

WHAT'S ON IN 2012

CANCELLED March 31st Workshop at the Waites - an all day event. Unfortunately this date clashes with other arrangements made by the Waites. Will let you know if rescheduled.

15.04.2012 Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Morayfield

April 21 8-4; April 22 9-3 Bromeliad Bonanza Brisbane Table Tennis Centre 86 Green Terrace Windsor. \$4 entry

15.05.2012 10 Bunnings Morayfield Workshop ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

04.08.2012 7-4 Morayfield Shopping Centre Sales and Display



Keep updated on the Bromeliad International website bsi.org
September 24 – October 1, 2012

20th / 21st October Overnight Bus Trip. Start saving now – not to be missed.



March 15 – March 18 2013

Early Bird. Register before March 31st, 2012 NZ\$260 (fully refundable)

Register after March 31st and before December 31st, 2012 NZ\$280

Register after December 31st 2012 NZ\$300

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