

KABBROM

Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society NO 6 November / December 2013

CABOOLTURE AND DISTRICTS BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC

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MEETING VENUE: Combined Services Club, 21 Hayes Street, Caboolture. 1:30pm start

PRESIDENTS REPORT

As the year draws to a close, we can look back over another successful year for our Society. We have all gained from informative talks by interesting and entertaining speakers, most recently, John and Genny Catlan in September, and Narelle Aizlewood in October.

Our first Frenzy was a great success, both financially and in promoting our bromeliads, as well as other plants, among gardeners in our area. Now is the time to begin preparations for next year's Frenzy.

Another first for our Society was the recent trip to Singapore by 20 of our members. Sincere thanks to Rob for his organisation of this trip. *Gardens by the Bay*, the initial inspiration for the trip, is truly magnificent. With so much to see and do in Singapore, everyone returned home thoroughly exhausted.

Our Committee will be meeting early in December to plan activities for 2014. Please email (address above) your ideas and suggestions for consideration.

We now look forward to the Christmas Party this Saturday as a time for all to relax and enjoy.

For those unable to attend, I extend greetings for a happy and safe Christmas for you and your families.

Cheers
Jeanette



MEETING DATES FOR 2013

Our Christmas party will be at the Centenary Lakes Function Centre (same place as last year). Saturday 23 November 11:30am.

Secret Santa - Bring a gift worth around \$10. There will be lucky door prizes and a mystery quiz.

MEETING DATES FOR 2014

January 25

Due to renovations occurring with Hayes Street the meeting will be held at Talbot Lodge. Ring the Waites if you have forgotten the address.

Remember to send in your photographs for January

STUDY GROUP MEETING DATES 9AM START FEB - NOV

November	21	Sheryl & Len Waite	Christmas Party
February	20	TBA	

STUDY GROUP

Sheryl demonstrated how to pot on an *Orthophytum sucrei*.



Jeanette produced this wonderful *Tillandsia secunda* which had produced many many pups.

Those present were able to take one home.

Jeanette also produced this ugly looking *Alcantarea vinicolour* which had many many pups. Len demonstrated how to take off the pups. Again the pups were made available to anyone who wanted one.



MEMBER NEWS

Lost 1 urn – if anyone knows where the CDBS urn is hiding could they please contact President Jeanette or Treasurer Rob. Last seen a couple of years ago!

GUEST SPEAKERS



NOTES FOR SHOW PREPARATION

By Narelle Aizlewood

A few timely hints to remember when exhibiting your plants.

- Plants must be free of disease (scale, mealy bug etc.)
- Plants should be centred in pot.
- Pots must be clean (free of salt residue, moss, old stickers etc.)
- Plants to be clearly and correctly labelled. Check with the Registrar if you are in doubt.
- Trim any brown or dead leaves CAREFULLY with sharp scissors. Trim to the natural shape of the leaf, do not just cut it off.
- Remove any moss and/or weeds from potting mix.
- Wipe leaves carefully with wet cloth (do not scrub). Do not use commercial leaf shine or milk. (Using Clensel in the water is a great help).
- If the plant is in flower remove any spent flowers carefully – use tweezers if necessary.
- Show that your plants have been given 'Tender Loving Care' and not just pulled out of the garden direct to the Competition Table.
- Please complete your entry forms before submitting to the Registrar filling in all the necessary information.

To help with the presentation of your entries.

- To clean your pots – Any adhesive from labels etc. is easily removed by using eucalyptus oil, lavender oil or even nail polish remover.
- If your pot is marked with salts try vinegar but salt residue is very difficult to remove. If the pot is heavily encrusted it will pay to repot.
- It is well worthwhile to re-write labels. Poorly presented labels detract from the entry.
- For the more succulent type of bromeliads a good finish to your entry is small pebbles on the top of your potting mix.

BROMMOMENTS

An exciting first for our Club. Rob arranged for True Grant to do a Skype presentation. All went well except for the sound which was only a problem when the members wanted to ask questions as True could not hear us – though we could hear her clearly and her talk on Seasonal was most interesting. Thank you True.

BROMELIAD AND FOLIAGE FRENZY



Raffle prize won by Lyn Dunabeita. Congratulations.

Our first frenzy was very successful. The hall looked fabulous. As well as lots of single bromeliads there were lovely specimen pots by Kayleen and Marie and other foliage such as Deirdre and Bruce's popular tassel ferns and Lorraine's stunning anthuriums. Cheryl and Carol had craft and preserves and the club sold some of our books. Sheryl and Len organised for the Bundaberg bus trippers to stop and the hall was humming with smiling customers. Russell from the Bundaberg Club contacted Sheryl and Len and said that it was a great mix and the members enjoyed the stop. Thank you to all who supported the weekend especially the school who donated the hall and supported us with publicity. We were happy to present them with the raffle proceeds as a thank you.

SINGAPORE TRIP



Thanks to all those travellers who did **not** send in photos for Kabbrom as promised. I am forced to put in this horrible photo of me!



Gardens By the Bay





A great time was had by all. We all came home except Kayleen, Denise and Carol. Couldn't drag them away.

POPULAR PLANT COMPETITION 2013

September

NOVICE

- 1st *Tillandsia ionantha*
- 2nd *Vriesea Megan*
- 3rd *Aechmea Rodco Inverted*

Barrie Brown
Lorraine Rolley
Lorraine Rolley

Judge's Choice

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st *Billbergia Halellyah*
- 2nd *Tillandsia juncea*

Carol Button
Carol Button

Judge's Choice

ADVANCED

- 1st *Dyckia White Chocolate*
- 2nd *Tillandsia fuchii x gracilis*
- 3rd *Billbergia Beauty's Child*

Len Waite
Jeanette Robertson
Jeanette Robertson

Judge's Choice



Tillandsia ionantha



Billbergia Hallelujah



Dyckia 'White Chocolate'

October

NOVICE

- 1st *Guzmania monostachia*
- 2nd *Deuterocohnia brevifolia*
- 3rd *Vriesea Bianca X Red Chestnut*
Tillandsia fuchii

Kayleen Courtney
Lyn Dunabeita
Lorraine Rolley
Barrie Brown

Judge's Choice

Judge's Choice

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st *Vriesea sprengeliana*
- 2nd *Tillandsia fasciculata*
- 3rd *Neoregelia Fairy Tale*

Ron Murray
Carol Button
Perry Crawford

Judge's Choice

ADVANCED

- 1st *Billbergia Live Wire*
- 2nd *Neoregelia Purple Star variegated*
- 3rd *Tillandsia streptophylla*

Jeanette Robertson
Sheryl Waite
Jeanette Robertson

Judge's Choice



Guzmania monostachia



Tillandsia fasciculata



Billbergia 'Live Wire'

WHAT'S ON IN 2013

- November 30 **Grange View Gardens** 2752 Old Gympie Road Beewah Saturday 8am–2pm
- December 11 Planning Meeting for CDBS 2014. Please email suggestions.

2015

- April 16-19 **BROMSMATTA**
18th Australasian Bromeliad Conference Parramatta New South Wales
Hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Australia

Our society has posted our Club News on the website of the Bromeliad Australia. Other clubs are also listed there and have posted their newsletters as well. There is also a photo index which is growing every month and well worth bookmarking. Check it out at www.bromeliad.org.au via the front page, Clubs, Caboolture or the direct link is <http://www.bromeliad.org.au/news/CBS.htm>

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STEWARDS

Catering	Deanna Robertson
Hall Set Up	Pat Robertson, John Pullin
Librarian	Beryl Brown
Official Laminator	Cris Perry
Plant Sales	Sue & Ron Murray
Popular Vote	Barrie Brown



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These products are among the first to be chosen each month.