

KABBROM

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hope you are all enjoying this lovely Autumn weather of warm days and crisp mornings – a welcome relief from the Summer heat and humidity.

Thanks to Peter Ball for his interesting presentation at our April meeting, leading us through his and Denise's journey since catching the 'Bromeliad Bug'. What an adventure for them!

We don't see too many Nidulariums at our meetings, but I'm sure you were all inspired by Kayleen's lovely display. Maybe we can all find space for some in our own collections.

All Society members are welcome to join the Study Group for discussions and workshop activities, held monthly in member's gardens. Thanks to Kayleen Courtney, Pat Pennell, Marie Jones and Ron and Sue Murray for hosting these get-togethers so far this year. Check out the venues for the remainder of the year elsewhere in Kabbrom.

Sincere thanks to those who made themselves available for election at the recent AGM. The Committee endeavours to keep the Society running smoothly, and welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Don't be afraid to use the Suggestion box, or to speak with Committee members. All ideas are considered and the outcomes reported upon.

Cheers
Jeanette



MEETING DATES FOR 2014

May 24	Doug Cross Cryptanthus
June 28	George Stamatis
July 26	
August 23	Workshop – Back to Basics
September 27	Julie & Steve Flood's Garden
October 25	Open Sales
November 22	Christmas Party

STUDY GROUP MEETING DATES 9AM START

June	19	Perry Crawford
July	17	Talbot Lodge
August	21	
September	18	
October	16	Jeanette and Pat Robertson
November	20	Christmas Break Up

STUDY GROUP

APRIL Study Group



Jadwiga brought in this Vriesea for ideas on how to look after it. Len suggested cleaning up the dead leaves, giving the plant a dose of food and then waiting for the pups to mature before removing them in Spring.



Marie has lovely garden scapes for members to enjoy.



May Study Group



Sue did all the catering and we enjoyed a lovely morning tea and a fabulous lunch. In between we toured the garden (which was very attractive) and the bush houses and it was especially exciting to visit all the expensive and latest bromeliads in the market today. Ron collects plants that he particularly likes and he grows them for their beauty. He does have an impressive array of xNeophytums and Neoregelia minis as well. Sue collects plants that she particularly likes and grows them for their beauty but we heard that Sue has to be quick to protect them from Ron's love of neatness and seed pods have been known to be cut off before ripening!



MEMBER NEWS



We welcome back our sweet, gentle President for another year.

Our AGM was swift and productive. We welcome Michael as our new secretary and Lyn will be our new Librarian. We particularly thank Lyn for being our very efficient secretary for the past 2 years. Our thanks also go to Beryl who was a great Librarian for the past year.

All the continuing workers are very much appreciated as they contribute so much to the fun and friendship our club members enjoy each and every month.

What is making Jeanette so happy? What is Jeanette really doing?
Killing a brom! Why? We love broms.



Jeanette is encouraging all those members who want lots of pups quickly to stab the plant. This will stop the plant from flowering and encourage the plant to make a lot of pups in a last ditch effort to reproduce. This speeds up the cloning of the bromeliad.

Thank you Michael for teaching Jeanette to stab.

BUS TRIP

Sunday 25th May

8:00 am depart for Narelle & Greg Aizlewood and have morning tea and lunch

12:45 Arrive at Catlans

4:00pm Leave for home

50 seater bus. Bring your own boxes and aeroguard.

Places still available. Ask your family and friends. Cost \$20 per person.

RAFFLE WINNER

Deanna sold the winning ticket again! This time she sold it to a family member. Last time she sold the winning ticket to her neighbour. Congratulations to the winner Melba – Deanna's grandmother.

1st Melba Cristinite earrings.

2nd Michael Grange \$50 voucher for plants from Talbot Lodge.

3rd Ron Murray \$20 gift card to Bunnings.

BROMMOMENTS



Ron and 3 of his 4 willing collaborators revisited the experiment with the Neoregelia minis.



Ron's is the second from the left. The other 3 plants belong to Michelle Deanna and Jadwiga. Kaye was absent. We will revisit them later.

Ron also brought along some of his fabulous collection. Here is a snippet.



Neoregelia Captain Moxley



Neoregelia Hot Embers



Neoregelia Outrageous



Neoregelia Palmeres



Neoregelia White Rabbit

Preparing plants For the Frenzy

Lorraine encourages all those members who intend to sell at the Frenzy that they need to begin preparations now.

Plants take 6 to 8 weeks to form roots. Now is the time to pot them.

If selling pups leave them on the mother plant and cut them off in Spring.



Kayleen brought in some lovely Nidulariums to encourage our members to use them in the gardens.



Len showing some of our members some interesting features on *Neoregelia* Martin.

Rob showed us the smallest Tillandsia known – *Tillandsia minutiflora* (used to be called *Tillandsia bryoides*), grown in Bolivia in dry areas.

Then he showed us one of the largest *Tillandsia australis*.

Sorry I forgot to take photos! Editor

Guest Speakers



Michael again entertained us with his Alcantarea plants. He showed us an unnamed species grown from seed in 2009. Quite rare with less than a dozen plants in Australia. He explained the meanings of species, cultivar, hybrid and grex*. The Werauhia was also a new sight for some of our members.



Peter entertained the members with an interesting and humorous account of his garden and his developing interest in bromeliads and the collective bug. This love resulted in the selling of his suburban home and the buying of acreage to house his growing collection. The presentation also showed the front garden of the new house where Denise was able to demonstrate her fabulous ability to landscape. Last house she had done the same thing but Peter managed to overcrowd the area and reduce the effect!

There was a field day at Denis and Peter's house on the Sunday and there were lots of members there. It was great to see the progress of the landscaping.

Peter also brought in an *Ursulaea macvaughii* for the members to admire the inflorescence. It was a particularly brave thing to do because this plant can bite. It is also easy to remove all the lovely scurfing on the plant.



*Definitions

Species: found in nature, have common characteristics and qualities

Hybrid: the offspring of two plants of different species

Cultivar: the offspring of two plants, originated and maintained in cultivation

Grege: cultivars from the same hybrid (seedlings from the 1 cross)

POPULAR VOTE

MARCH

NOVICE

1 st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lorena Lector'	Sue Murray
2 nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> mini collection	Eaon Rolley
3 rd	Cryptanthus Bowl	Barrie Brown
3 rd	<i>Tillandsia cyanea</i>	Kayleen Courtney

INTERMEDIATE

1 st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Bottoms Up'	Ron Murray
2 nd	<i>Aechmea</i> 'Shining Light'	Lorraine Rolley
3 rd	<i>Aechmea chantinii</i>	Lorraine Rolley

ADVANCED

1 st	<i>Werauhia kupperiana</i>	Michael Grange
2 nd	Cryptanthus Bowl	Len Waite
3 rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Magali'	Len Waite



Neoregelia 'Lorena Lector'



Neoregelia 'Bottoms Up'



Werauhia kupperiana

APRIL

NOVICE

1 st	<i>xOrthomea</i> 'Powder Puff'	Sue Murray
2 nd	<i>Tillandsia</i>	Barrie Brown
3 rd	It's a Hoot	Pat Pennell

INTERMEDIATE

1 st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Groucho'	Ron Murray
2 nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Annik'	Lorraine Rolley

ADVANCED

1 st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Alcatraz'	Len Waite
2 nd	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Candy'	Sheryl Waite
3 rd	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Volcano'	Jeanette Robertson



xOrthomea 'Powder Puff'



Neoregelia 'Groucho'



Neoregelia 'Alcatraz'

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2014

MARCH WINNER - Lyn Trail *Portea alatisepala*



APRIL WINNER - Sue Murray *Tillandsia andreaana*



WHAT'S ON IN 2014

25 th May	Day Bus Trip to Aizlewood and Catlans
25 th June	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
6 th September	Morayfield Sales and Display
8 th – 14 th September	BROMELIADS IN PARADISE. Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu
4 th & 5 th October	Bromeliad and Foliage Frenzy Minimbah State School
2015	
16 th – 19 th April	BROMSMATTA 18 th Australasian Bromeliad Conference Parramatta New South Wales Hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Australia Earlybird Registration before April 30 th 2014 \$260 pp

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
Librarian	Lyn Trail
Official Laminator	Cris Perry
Plant Sales	Sue & Ron Murray
Popular Vote	Barrie Brown



Queensland Organics donate a bag of Organic Xtra and ECO88 for our raffle every month. Please consider their products when purchasing for your needs.