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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter may have been slow to arrive, but it certainly has made its presence felt of late – to the extent that we have seen frosts for the first time at our place. Thankfully, the garden is coping, though my Cryptanthus are not happy, and are showing the effects of the cold. I hear, though, that some members have suffered substantial damage – the trials of gardening!

Doug Cross gave an inspirational presentation and display of beautifully grown Cryptanthus at our May meeting. His plants certainly respond to the feeding and TLC that they receive.

Guest speakers this month are John and Genny Catlan – their talks are always educational as well as entertaining.

At our August meeting, we will be joined by a special Guest Speaker in Hawi Winter from New Zealand. You will find more details of Hawi's visit in your newsletter.

While numbers were down for the bus trip in May, those members who went along had a most enjoyable day. Organising a bus trip does require a big effort, and we would expect a higher level of participation should you wish to do another one in the future.

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle proved to be a profitable venture for us, with thanks to Kayleen for her organisation and to all those members who worked on the day.

Coming up, we have the Stall at Morayfield Shopping Centre on 6th September, and then our Frenzy on 5th and 6th October, so keep up with the care of your plants for these events.

Cheers
Jeanette



MEETING DATES FOR 2014

July 26	Genny & John Catlan
August 23	Hawi Winter – what a coup!
September 27	Julie & Steve Flood's Garden
October 25	Open Sales
November 22	Christmas Party

The Bromeliad Society of Queensland is bringing Hawi Winter from New Zealand to be the Guest Speaker at their meeting.

Thursday evening meeting 21st August, 7:30 pm Uniting Church Hall 52 Merythr Road New Farm

Topic - Vertical Gardening - How to use the epiphytic properties of bromeliads in creative gardening.

We will also host Hawi at our Saturday afternoon meeting 23rd August Topic - Science behind beautiful Bromeliads - a modified presentation based on the 2013 Auckland conference talk. 75 min, 77 slides, lots of practical references

STUDY GROUP MEETING DATES 9AM START

August	21	Peter Ball
September	18	Deanna Robertson
October	16	Jeanette and Pat Robertson
November	20	Christmas Break Up

STUDY GROUP

JUNE Study Group Perry Crawford



Pauline & Perry welcomed a dozen of our members to their beautiful garden. They have a large property and Perry has been collecting bromeliads for many a year. A couple of us were drooling over some of his older plants. Perry is trying to down size a little as we all do when the overwhelming collector's bug results in more pups than is comfortable. Perry has lots of older plants and a wide range of genus – as well as my favourite – Aechmeas. Unfortunately most of my photos were of the aechmea flowers. The group admired the lovely minis Perry had as centre pieces on the tables and a lively discussion was had on the ways of growing them. There were varied methods of fertilising, the effects of light, water and placement on cultivation. This led to a further discussion of the shape of a good mini and their production capabilities. Something for everyone.

JULY Study Group



Sheryl showed the group her latest method of raising seed. The seed pops were Vrieslandia. The tray has openings on the base and the chux is moistened to encourage the germination of the seed. Discussion indicated that members have use various similar methods. Paper has been used, shade cloth and fly screens.

Then Sheryl produced a lovely piece of wood and demonstrated a Tillandsia mounting. She uses KS Bond as the preferred glue. Other members also used this glue. Ron will purchase a box and it will be available from the library.



Mounting on a piece of wood. Note rubber band in second picture to hold plant in place after glueing. Sheryl removed these the next day and named the plants.



Sheryl showed us another mount which she intends using as for either mini Neorgelias or Tillandsias. These types of mounts which have material inside fishing net are very popular at the moment and come in various shapes and sizes.

The pencil or a piece of metal can be used to poke in holes to assist in attaching the stem of the plants.

Len then showed the seed pod on an *Orthophytum* Starlights.

We had a most informative day at Talbot Lodge.

MEMBER NEWS

Sausage Sizzle Profit \$320.00 Thank you to Jeanette and Pat, to Kayleen for organising the day and to all the volunteers who worked on the day – Bruce, Deanna, Pat, Kaye, Rob, Barbara, Carol.

BUS Trip Narelle and Greg's Garden



That infamous tank!

Quite ingenious – Seeds are grown inside the bush house which is placed artistically on the water tank.

These 2 photos show how to utilise all the areas from top to bottom. The plants are on vertical stands and the plants on the floor are in pots placed in containers set into the ground. Easy to change over plants as they mature to maintain a beautiful look.



Tillandsias anyone?



BROMMOMENTS

Len instructed us on *Edmundoa*, *Canistrum* and *Wittrockia*. Quiz next month!



Michael again wowed us with these exciting *Vriesea* hybrids from *Vriesea* 'Tiger Tim'



Peter showed us this fabulous *Pitcairnia*. A very desirable plant but at this stage unnamed.



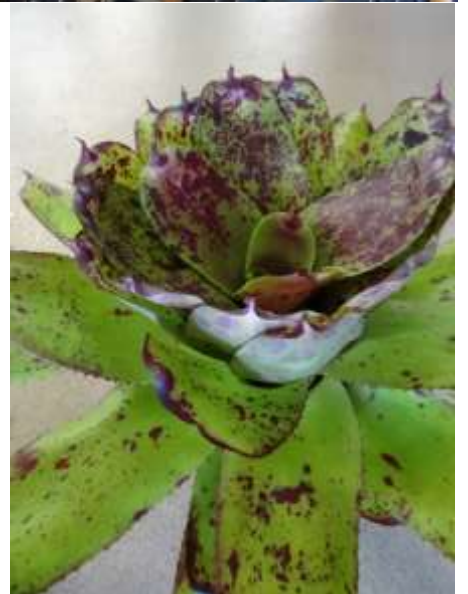
Editor's note. Apologies for the lack of information from the June meeting. I was babysitting my Granddaughter Mak (3) during the meeting and as a result have a page of notes that look like this.

And our daughter Teg has a new son who looks like this!



WORKSHOP – WHATS INTERESTIN

The following photos show Lyn holding the pesticide she uses for the plants in her garden. Peter is showing the group a *Nidularium innocentii*, next is my *Vriesea ospinae* that has been left alone for a long time, I have forgotten this species that Michael brought along, forget who brought this plant that was growing in a most unusual way from over fertilising (Ron Murray?) and last one is the tissue culture plants that came out of the same batch that Lorraine had imported from overseas. She is keeping an eye on the unusual variegation on the flower and if it is stable will register it. It is looking good at this stage.



Guest Speakers

Margaret and Doug Cross Cryptanthus

Interest began in 2010 when they brought back Cryptanthus plants from the World Conference in New Orleans. They used these plants to produce hybrids.

After fertilising the seed pod takes around 3-4 months to go brown. The seeds are put on the top of Searle's peat moss which has been sieved to a fine powder and placed into plastic take away containers, which are then placed into a snap lock bag. Germination takes about 3-6 months. Then the plants are put into a mix of equal parts peat, vermiculite, sand and 5-10ml pine bark. When the third leaf appears the plants are fertilised.





A selection of the Cryptanthus that Margaret and Doug brought to the meeting.

POPULAR VOTE

May

NOVICE

- 1st *xNeophytum* 'Galactic Warrior'
- 2nd Cryptanthus Bowl
- 3rd *Aechmea* 'Rakete'

Sue Murray
Barrie Brown
Eaon Rolley

Judges Choice

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st *Billbergia* 'Black Beauty'
- 2nd *Vriesea* 'Tasman'
- 3rd Neoregelia unknown

Ron Murray
Ron Murray
Bernie Polzin

Judges Choice

ADVANCED

- 1st *Neoregelia* 'Cane Fire'
- 2nd *Tillandsia remota wittmachi*
- 3rd *Cryptanthus* 'San Juan'

Jeanette Robertson
Carol Button
Jeanette Robertson

Judges Choice



xNeophytum 'Galactic Warrior'



Billbergia 'Black Beauty'



Neoregelia 'Cane Fire'

JUNE

NOVICE

- 1st *Neoregelia* 'Dyno-o-mite' alba
- 2nd *Tillandsia stricta*
- 3rd *Quesnelia* 'Tim Ploughman'

Sue Murray
Barrie Brown
Deanna Robertson

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st *Billbergia* 'Super Dooper Grace'
- 2nd *Neoregelia* 'Voodoo Doll'
- 3rd *Aechmea orlandiana* dark form

Eaon Rolley
Bernie Polzin
Bernie Polzin

ADVANCED

- 1st *Aechmea hoppii*
- 2nd *Billbergia* 'Kawana Sparkler'
- 3rd *Tillandsia ionantha*

Michael Grange
Jeanette Robertson
Carol Button



Neoregelia 'Dyno-o-mite' alba



Billbergia 'Super Dooper Grace'



Aechmea hoppii

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2014

May Winner – Bernie Polzin *Neoregelia Voodoo Doll*



JUNE WINNER – Eason Rolley *Tillandsia stricta*



WHAT'S ON IN 2014

- 6th September Morayfield Sales and Display
- 8th – 14th September BROMELIADS IN PARADISE. Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu
- 4th & 5th October Bromeliad and Foliage Frenzy Minimbah State School
- 2015**
- 16th – 19th April BROMSMATTA
18th Australasian Bromeliad Conference Parramatta New South Wales
Hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Australia
Earlybird Registration before April 30th 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

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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.