

# KABBROM

## Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society No 5 September / October 2014

CABOOLTURE AND DISTRICTS BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC

Postal Address: P O Box 748 Caboolture QLD 4510

Web: [www.cabbroms.webs.com](http://www.cabbroms.webs.com)

Email Address: [cabbroms@gmail.com](mailto:cabbroms@gmail.com)

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that Spring is with us, with longer and warmer days, I expect you have all been spending more time in your gardens. While some more of those forecast showers would be most welcome, we can be thankful that at least our bromeliads will survive the drier conditions.

I'm sure you all enjoyed our last meeting with Hawi Winter as Guest speaker. Hawi's presentation was informative and practical, and generated a lot of discussion. He also joined the Study group at Peter Ball's garden and was most impressed at the practical approach that is taken at these gatherings.

Unfortunately, we are unable to meet this month at Steve Flood's garden as planned, so we will be meeting at the Hall with our usual meeting program.

Thank you to those who supported the stall at Morayfield Shopping Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> September. I hear that the Centre was not really busy on the day and that plant sales were rather slow, but costs were covered. Our Society is about promotion and education in regard to bromeliads, and I'm sure you all managed this very well.

Not long now till the Frenzy, so I hope you have your plans in order, for those selling plants as well as craft. At the next meeting, we will need to have details from sellers so table space can be allocated. If you intend to sell but are unable to attend the meeting, please call Len with your details, so that he can accommodate you. We have had enquiries from as far away as Central Queensland so let's make this Frenzy bigger and better than last year!!

Cheers

Jeanette



### MEETING DATES FOR 2014

September 27

October 25

November 22

Meeting in hall as per usual. Visit to Floods cancelled

Open Sales

Christmas Party



### STUDY GROUP MEETING DATES 9AM START

October  
November

16  
20

Deanna Robertson  
Jeanette Robertson (Christmas Break Up)

*xVrieslander 'Cascading Charm'*

# STUDY GROUP

August Study Group  
Denise & Peter Ball



First Peter showed us some beautiful plants whose nomenclature is in doubt. They were bred in two different places and then registered. A lively discussion was held questioning whether grexes should be named and whether data bases should be checking and noting look alikes before registration.



These 3 plants are all Neoregelia 'Jaws' Two are mother and offspring. Another lively discussion on which leaf supports the offset and Hawi discussed with us the genetic component.



Peter and Deanna produced a number of plants for naming and Deanna showed some which had quilled and wanted to know why and how to prevent it happening.



# September Study Group

## KayLEEN COURTNEY



We had 12 people at our Study Group and 3 of our regulars were away in Toowoomba at the Festival!  
We all walked around the gardens and enjoyed a pleasant chat.  
Ron then assessed Lyn's Vriesea Carlsbad which she brought for pup removal.  
Ron was happy to tackle the plant and I think there must have been at least 8 pups come out of the plant.



Peter's Decorated Pot

# MEMBER NEWS

## July Guest Speakers - Genny & John Catlan



John presented a very fascinating talk on genes, chlorophyll, variegation and the culture required to take advantage of these differences. He started with Dyckias. As per usual there are nuggets of value. John and Genny showed us Dyckias that were overpotted purposely to stop the leaves from growing over the sides of the pot and being damaged. The leaves will not grow into soil so will stop extending when they touch the soil. Scurf is a protection from light. Clean weekly to keep plants weed free. Use deep pots with an open mix. Add vermiculite and peat to ensure water retention. Shallow pots retain water longer than tall or really large pots.

John told us of his discovery of the plant *Ananas* Elvis Parsley which had the variegation on the top of the leaf and green on the back of the leaf which increases the plant's ability to make food. Keep protected when growing. Red indicates less chlorophyll. Use yellow plants to increase the red in seed. The runts of the seed raising are the plants that have less chlorophyll. Cool nights are windy. Cold nights have no dew.



All these plants are *Neoregelia* 'Jaws'. Although Denise and Peter were in Hawaii enjoying the warmth Peter arranged for the members to see the range of colours in this group of plants.



## August Guest Speaker - Hawi Winter

Hawi gave a two part presentation on The Science Behind Beautiful Bromeliads. Luckily Rob took a video as this talk was jam packed with interesting information. The temperature range, light water, humidity and fertiliser needs were analysed with suggestions that if you get it all right then your Bromeliad will be green and happy. Hawi emphasised that stressed plants are colourful. Hawi then outlined ways to stress the plant so that maximum beauty will be attained.

One section was very pertinent for Sue and Ron who recently suffered a frost at their house and lost a number of outstandingly beautiful plants. Hawi separated the damage into 2 sections – chill damage and frost damage – showing the characteristics of each and providing prevention ideas specific to the type of damage.

The second presentation discussed in detail the aspects of radiant energy in relation to summer and winter. Lots of important information for setting up new bush houses and for placement of plants.



Hawi at John Byth's wonderful Alcantarea garden. Rob and I really enjoyed his visit with us.

## MORAYFIELD SALES AND DISPLAY



As per usual the women did all the work and the men watched and chatted the morning away with a hot drink.

The raffle of 3 lovely bromeliads was won by one of the buyers who had 12 children. He and his family descended on the Waites to collect their prize the next day and were delighted with the win.



Finally the hard working women had a little free time for a laugh at a photo of Rob confronted with a dirty nappy from the new grandson.



I can put this in as Rob never reads Kabbrom!  
Both required a change of clothes.



Some relaxing moments from the hard workers.

# POPULAR VOTE

## JULY

### NOVICE

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Houston'	Sue Murray	Judges Choice
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Painted Lady'	Deanna Robertson	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Cryptanthus</i> Bowl 'Marion Oppenheimer'	Barrie Brown	

### INTERMEDIATE

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Tillandsia ehlersiana</i>	Ron Murray	Judges Choice
2 <sup>nd</sup>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>			

### ADVANCED

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Deuterocohnia brevifolia</i>	Jeanette Robertson	Judges Choice
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Tillandsia rbulbosa</i>	Carol Button	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Hydes Silver'	Carol Button	



*Tillandsia* 'Houston'



*Tillandsia ehlersiana*



*Deuterocohnia brevifolia*

## AUGUST

### NOVICE

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>xNeophytum</i> 'Galactic Warrior'	Eaon Rolley	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Inferno'	Sue Murray	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Vriesea</i> 'White Cloud'	Sue Murray	Judges Choice

### INTERMEDIATE

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Milagro'	Bernie Polzin	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Cane Toad'	Ron Murray	Judges Choice
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Aechmea chantinii</i> x <i>Aechmea tessmannii</i>	Bernie Polzin	

### ADVANCED

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Tillandsia leonamiana</i>	Carol Button	Judges Choice
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Vriesea</i> 'White Cloud'	Len Waite	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>xVrieslander</i> 'Cascading Charm'	Michael Grange	



*xNeophytum* 'Galactic Warrior'



*Neoregelia* 'Milagro'



*Tillandsia leonamiana*

# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2014

July winner – Bernie Polzin  
Tillandsia Creation



August Winner – Deanna Robertson  
*Aechmea dealbata*





# WHAT'S ON IN 2014

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October

Bromeliad and Foliage Frenzy Minimbah State School

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October

BSQ Bromeliad Bonanza Spring Show Brisbane Table Tennis centre 86 Green Terrace Windsor.

## 2015

16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April

BROMSMATTA - Bromeliad Society of Australia  
18<sup>th</sup> Australasian Bromeliad Conference Parramatta New South Wales  
Hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Australia \$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](http://www.bromeliad.org.au) via the front page, Clubs, Caboolture or the direct link is <http://www.bromeliad.org.au/news/CBS.htm>

### OFFICERS

President	Jeanette Robertson	5495 2497
Vice President	Kayleen Courtney	3886 9521
Secretary	Michael Grange	
Treasurer	Rob Murray	3888 2637
Membership Secretary	Lorraine Rolley	3285 2743
Editor	Barbara Murray	3888 2637
Plant Stewards	Len Waite, Ron Murray	5496 7795
Fund Raising	Sheryl Waite	5496 7795

### 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.

The monthly raffle is a huge success and Michael and Ron have worked hard at speeding up the winners and encouraging them to collect the prizes. Such a large range of plants and craft work. Thank you to all the members who bring in these prizes for the members to enjoy.

