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Caboolture & Districts Bromeliad Society

2015—July Issue

President's Message

The Frenzy is now less than 2 months away, and if the previous events are any indication, it will be another big one.

This is our opportunity to showcase our Society, and the plants we love, to our Community and to visitors from further afield. As such, it is an event in which all of we members can participate in support of our Society.

Last year, plant sales were frantic, particularly on Saturday morning, with tables looking quite bare by midday, so perhaps you could consider joining in to sell plants. Non-sellers could

volunteer to assist in areas such as plant sales, selling raffle tickets, catering, etc. A couple hours of your time would be greatly appreciated.

At the August meeting, we will need to take names of sellers and number of plants to sell (to assist Len in allocating table space) as well as names of volunteers, so please consider becoming involved.



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Thank You

A big thank you to Eeon who stepped in to fill Jeanette's shoes for the July meeting. Eeon did a great job managing to keep us all on track during the meeting.



Welcome to Our New Members

Ryan Filce
Mark Van Laecke
Belinda & Geoff Tilton



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1:30pm start, 4th Saturday
of each month

Meeting Dates

<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>PLANT OF THE MONTH</i>
August 22	Len Colgan – Collecting tillandsias in Bolivia “Group”	Billbergia
September 26	Roma Street Parklands	
October 24	Len Waite – Working with Dyckias “Ornament” and “Voting for winner 2015”	Dyckia/Orthophytum/Puya/Hechtia/Pitcairnia
November 28	Christmas Party	



Study Group Meeting Dates

9am start. Remember to bring a plate to share along with your questions and plants. Contact details announced at the meeting before the study group.

Date	Host	Topic
20 August	Sue & Ron	Orthophytum/Dyckia
17 September	Deanna	Flowering Guzmania/Vriesea
15 October	Jeanette & Pat	Billbergia
19 November	Sheryl & Len	Christmas Party

The garden suggests there might be a place where we can meet nature halfway.

[Michael Pollan](#)

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

With advanced notice of these dates, members can plan ahead, and hopefully sign on the roster which will be available at the meeting. We will need 3 or 4 people on each shift (one morning, one afternoon). If you can manage to do a shift or two over the course of the year, your help will be much appreciated. We cannot expect the same people to work each time.



These sausage sizzles are a steady source of fundraising for our society with June being

one of our best month's ever for funds raised and banked.

Next year we will move to 1 Sausage Sizzle each quarter so please consider how you can help either for the last couple of dates this year or for next year.

Upcoming Sausage Sizzle Dates

Tuesday September 1

Tuesday November 3

If you want to be happy for a lifetime, be a gardener.

[Chinese Proverb](#)

Photo Comp Winner



July—Spiky
Bromelia balansae
Barb Murray

The flower which is single need not envy the thorns that are numerous.

Rabindranath Tagore

What Else Is On in 2015

August 29	Laidley Bus Trip
September 19-20	Toowoomba & Districts Bromeliad Show in conjunction with Carnival of Flowers
October 3-4	CDBS Foliage Frenzy (Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday 8am-1pm)
November 28	Christmas Party
November 28	Grange View Gardens Open Day, 9am-3pm



Bus Trip Details



LAIDLEY

We still have plenty of seats available for our bus trip to Laidley so if you know of anyone who would be interested then please spread the word! Details are as follows:

When: Saturday, August 29

Where: 3 gardens in the Laidley area featuring natives, cliveas as well as the winner of the Laidley Garden Show.

Cost: \$30 members/\$40 non-members. Includes morning tea as well as lunch at the Laidley Pub.

ROMA STREET PARKLANDS

Our September meeting will be our bus trip into the Roma Street Parklands where we will have the opportunity of a guided tour. Details at this stage are:

When: Saturday, September 26

Where: Leave hall around 10am, aiming to return around 4pm

Cost: \$10. Bring your own lunch or you can buy it at the Parklands

July Study Group



July's study group saw a late change and was held at Kayleen's house with the focus being on Pattern Vrieseas and Alcantareas. Whilst it was a wee tad chilly, there was a good group turn out for the shared learning and morning tea!



The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just on the body, but the soul.

Alfred Austin

Inside Story, July Feature—Gardening in Small Spaces



We were privileged to have Barbara McCune talk to us about the journey she and Ron have had around gardening in small spaces. The journey started with “a little bit of this and a little bit of that and a mix of colours”. Their plant choices ranged from orchids and nodding violets through to the Lilly Pilly Cascade that was planted outside the bedroom window where they could enjoy the blossoms outside the window. Their plant collection then extended to succulents which grew from a couple bought at one of the shows to around 42! Barbara and Ron looked at ways they could maximize their small space utilizing steps, hanging baskets and even chopping back trees that were past their use by and using them as hanging space. Ron discovered Tillandsias, making up theme spaces for the grandchildren like fairies and fish. This discovery ignited the passion for tillandsias and bromeliads and led to the evolution of shadehouses and growth in the

number of plants.. Apparently shadehouses make good birthday presents —note to self for future ☺ Throughout their journey Ron has also dabbled in ‘farming’ which has seen him grow their own veges along the way. The next part of their journey saw them move house which saw their plant collection grow along with their shadehouses! They now have ‘his’ and ‘hers’ shadehouses and have even added in a ‘potting shed’ so that rain, hail or shine, they can potter about. The Dyckias in particular are very happy in their new spot. Ron is back growing veges again and their next project, now that the back yard has been finished, is the fron garden. Barbara is looking at bring back her cottage garden before they move onto the area around the letterbox and down the side fence.



Thank you Barbara for your enlightening talk, it was great to see just what can be done in small spaces.

Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace.

May Sarton

Popular Vote Winners—July



NOVICE

Barrie Brown—Tillandsia Houston



INTERMEDIATE

Sue Murray—Guzmania Sanguinea
Tricolour



ADVANCED

Carol Button—Tillandsia Butzii
Mez

Committee Contact Details

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STEWARDS

Catering	Jude Pullin
Hall Set-Up	Pat Robertson
Librarian	Sue Murray
Official Laminator	Cris Perry
Plant Sales	Kayleen Courtney & Carol Button
Popular Vote	Barrie Brown & Pat Pennell

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>

Public Notices

- ❖ Gardening Australia [6:30pm, August 22] - One of the stories that will feature on this episode will feature the work BSQ was involved with during the redevelopment of the Bromeliad Garden at Roma Street Parklands.
- ❖ Barrie shared with the group at the last meeting that he will be moving to Bowral although the timing isn't locked in yet—sometime late this year or early 2016. He wanted to let us know that he will have bromeliads and assorted plants for sale.
- ❖ A reminder to everyone to familiarize themselves with the rules around selling with our Frenzy getting closer.

I don't like formal gardens. I like wild nature. It's just the wilderness instinct in me, I guess.

Walt Disney

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

