

# KABBROM

Caboolture & Districts  
Bromeliad Society

2015— October Issue

## Foliage Frenzy

Well what a weekend it was! The last couple of Frenzy weekends have been bigger and better than the last and this year was no exception. With a growth in sales of about 40% from 2014, we saw sales of >\$25,000 which means that the commission we collect as a Society will inject a healthy bonus into our kitty. Raffle sales were also phenomenal which meant we were able to provide the Minimbah School with a donation of \$1,200 as our appreciation for the use of the hall. The photos below show the beginning of the line up just before doors opened at 8am on Saturday, the initial crowd, as well as the Raffle prizes. The lovely lady who drew the Raffle for us was Anne from Toowomba who generously made and donated the rug which was part of the 2nd prize along with craft items from Lyn & Maureen.



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

The home gardener is part scientist, part artist, part philosopher, part plowman. He modifies the climate around his home.

John R. Whiting

## Meeting Dates

DATE	ACTIVITY	PLANT OF THE MONTH
December 5	Christmas Party "PHOTO ADDITION"	
January 23	1st meeting for 2016	TBA



## 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
19 November	Sheryl & Len	Christmas Party

*Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas.*  
[Elizabeth Murray](#)

## Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

Thank you again to those who volunteered so that the September sausage sizzle could go ahead. With one more sizzle for the year, November 3, we are again looking for 2 more volunteers to help on the day (1x am, 1x pm). Please contact Kayleen if you are able to help.

As per previous communications, we discussed at the meeting which day suited most people for us to look at holding our Sausage Sizzles for 2016. After a show of hands for each of the options – Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, the consensus was that Tuesdays are the day that suits most people to be able to assist. Next year we are reducing the number of Sizzles we are holding, looking at 1 each quarter. I will communicate dates once they are locked in.



## Photo Comp Winner

This month's meeting saw us vote on the winners throughout the year.... Who will walk away with the prize?!



## What Else Is On in 2015

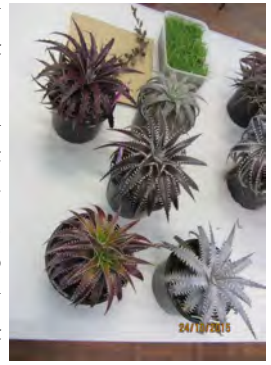
October 31–November 1	Bromeliad Extravaganza, Wavel Heights Community Hall
October 31–November 1	North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc Summer Show, Mt Cootha Auditorium
November 7	Arnold James' plant sale <b>** I will confirm address and time when I have details**</b>
November 14-15	BSQ Spring Show and Sales, Brisbane Table Tennis Centre
November 21-22	Tropical Foliage Festival, Cleveland
November 28	Grange View Gardens Open Day, 9am-3pm
December 5	Christmas Party



## Feature of the Month—Dyckias and all things Spiky



Len treated us all to some information on Dyckias and other assorted spiky plants. We started the discussion with Dyckias, where Len showed us what an open seed pod looked like and talked about the best method for collecting this seed. Sheryl, being the wonderful woman she is, goes around with a brown paper bag, tapping the seed pods over the brown paper bag so that the seeds fall into the bag. Len warned us about using plastic bags for collecting the seed as it can go mouldy so stick with the brown paper bags. The other point of note with Dyckia seeds is that they don't last long so they are best put down as soon as possible given you only have a window of around 3 months. We saw the difference between crops of seedlings that had come up then those that had been put out to be sun hardened. Len



then talked about how he uses tweezers to prick out the seedlings and pots them up as they increase in size. The mix Len uses is a cacti & succulent mix as he finds the plants do better in this than in a cymbidium mix. The plants are grown in full sun and like to be regularly watered. The photo to the right doesn't really do justice to the gorgeous range of colours available.

The next spiky range that Len shared with the group was the Orthophytum family, of which there is a variety of members. Len talked about the different ways in which these plants spread—some send out runners, across the surface of the ground as well as some that will go underground and come up after a distance for the new plant. Others will become 'top heavy' with their pups so that the tip of the branch leans down to touch the ground thereby depositing the new pup on the ground to spread from there. Pups that form from the base are stronger than those that form from the tip. The advice Len gave when asked about how to split the plants was to work your way up the stem, removing dead leaves etc. You want to make sure you go up only as far as the stems are still firm. These stems can then be potted up into mix, ensuring you don't put them out into full sun until they have had time to establish a root system.



The final plant Len showed us was Shell Dancer and this generated some great discussion in the group. It was originally thought to be a Neo however there is some schools of thought out there in the Bromeliad community that it may actually be an Intergeneric (although with what is still the question!). Seeing the plant Len had, which was coming into flower, certainly had the group discussing this train of thought.

Thanks again to Len for an informative education on some of our spiky members of the Bromeliad world.

## Popular Vote Winners—September



NOVICE

Jules Grange—Guzmania  
blassii



INTERMEDIATE

Bernie Polzin—Neo Bob & Grace



ADVANCED

Len Waite—Aechmea Black Zombie



# Christmas Party Information—Reminder

It's nearly that time of year again for us to come together and celebrate the year that has been 2015. Our fundraising efforts throughout the year mean that approximately 30% of the cost for our Christmas Lunch celebration has been subsidized by the Society!

*Merry Christmas*



**When:** Saturday, December 5  
**Where:** Caboolture Lakes Function Centre  
**Time:** 11:30am for 12MD Buffet Lunch Service  
**Cost:** \$30 members, \$40 non-members

**Lucky Door Prizes**

**Secret Santa (optional) - gift value \$10-\$20**



Below is a map showing the location of our lunch venue for those who will be joining us for the first time this year.

Hall where our usual meetings are held.



## Committee Contact Details

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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](http://www.bromeliad.org.au) via the front page, Clubs, Caboolture or the direct link is <http://www.bromeliad.org.au/news/CBS.htm>

Show me your garden and I shall tell you what you are.  
Alfred Austin

## Public Notices

- ❖ The Committee will be holding the planning meeting on the last weekend in November to look at events/speakers etc for our 2016 program. Please send through your ideas/requests to any of the Committee members before this time so that we can factor those into our planning;
- ❖ The SunnyBroms conference is being held on the Sunshine Coast in 2017. The website is now open, and you can submit your details to be kept up to date with information as it is released. Registration will open soon and the early bird option will be available until December 31st 2016. There are a variety of packages available from the full option which includes all sessions, meals throughout the day and 2 half day garden tours down to specific day rates which includes the sessions and meals on the day however not the garden tours. Website address is [sunnybrom.com](http://sunnybrom.com)

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