

# KABBROM

**Caboolture & Districts  
Bromeliad Society**

2016—April Issue

## Speaker of the Month—Val Honeywood



At our April meeting we were blessed to have Val bring along some of her beautiful 'Billys' and share with us her insights into her collection and what is involved with looking after them.

The first tip Val shared was that she never transports her plants in the boot of the car, always in the car, this way the plants don't overheat and burn.

Val then showed us the range of variegation and striation with some of her examples. While doing this Val talked about the trial and error of finding the right mix for the plants and what she has found to be best is a 50/50 mix of coarse bark that has been put through the mulcher and cymbidium orchid mix.

Val was asked about feeding of the billbergias and told us that she has found billys tend to do better when 'starved' for food. There is only one fertilizer that she uses, Organic Extra— with a mother plant the dose is a good handful, less for a young pup. When it comes to getting them to flower, you need to find their 'happy spot' in the garden. Unfortunately billbergia flowers do not tend to last long.

Here are photos of some of the beauties that Val shared with us.



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

*John R. Whiting*

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Combined Services Hall, 21  
Hayes Street, Caboolture.

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

## Meeting Dates

<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>PLANT &amp; PHOTO OF THE MONTH</i>
May 28	Barb Murray	Aechmea & Hohenbergia
June 25	Ron Murray	Mini Neos
July 23	Mick Grange—home garden visit	Alcantarea
August 27	Barry Genn	Dyckia & Orthophytum
September 24	Bruce Dunstan	Guzmania & Flowering Vriesea
October 22	Margaret Paterson	Neoregelia
November 26	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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Topic</b>
19 May	Barb	Aechmea/Hohenbergia
16 June	TBA	Mini Neos
21 July	Perry	Pattern Vriesea/Alcantarea
18 August	Sheryl	Orthophytum/Dyckia
15 September	TBA	Flowering Vriesea/Guzmania
20 October	TBA	Billbergia
17 November	TBA	Christmas Party

*Gardening is medicine that does not need a prescription ... And with no limit on dosage.*

*Author unknown*

## Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

There are 2 remaining dates for the year on Tuesdays, please let Kayleen know if you are able to assist with either the morning shift or afternoon shift on these days—we need at least 3 people/shift, 4 if possible.

Tuesday, August 2

Tuesday, November 1



## Photo Comp Winners



Cris Perry



## What Else Is On in 2016

May 21 & 22	Brisbane Plant Collectors Fair, 8am-4pm (Sat) 8:30am-3pm (Sun)
June 4 & 5	Lindmar Open Garden and Plant Fair, 10am-4:30pm, \$5 entry
June 11 & 12	Gardening on the Edge—held by Maleny Garden Club. 6 county gardens, further details on the website <a href="http://www.malenygardenclub.org">www.malenygardenclub.org</a>
June 11 & 12	Cactus & Succulent Show, Mt Cootha, 9am-3:30pm (Sat), 9am-3pm(Sun), \$4 entry
June 18	Esk Garden & Lifestyle Fair, Old St Andrew's Church Complex, 9am-3pm, free entry
July 8-10	Queensland Garden Expo, 8am-5pm (Fri-Sat) 8am-4pm (Sun), \$18 entry
September 16-21	Clivea Show [Carnival of Flowers], 9am-5pm, gold coin entry
September 23-25	Springtime on the Mountain, Mt Tamborine, trail passes \$20
November 26	Christmas Party
December 3	Grange View Gardens Open Day, 9am-3pm

*A garden is a delight to the eye and a solace for the soul.*  
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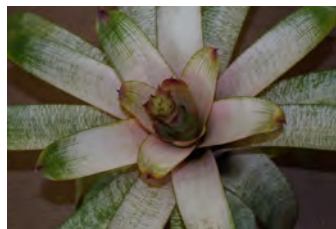
## Popular Vote Winners—April



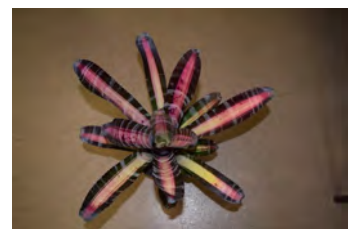
Decorative  
Bernie Polzin



Novice  
Denise Ball  
Bill. Arribella



Intermediate  
Peter Ball  
Vr. David Shigi



Advanced  
Sheryl Waite  
Aechmea Roberto Menescal

# 2016 AGM—Your New Committee and Financial Report

Firstly, a huge thank you to Jeanette and our outgoing Committee members for all of your time and efforts in supporting our Society. Our AGM saw all sitting members stand down from their positions, the following are your 2016 Committee Officers and Stewards:

President	Len Waite
Vice President	Mick Grange
Secretary	Cris Perry
Treasurer	Rob Murray
Membership Secretary	Barb Murray
Editor	Jules Grange
Plant Stewards	Jeanette Robertson & Peter Ball
Publicity Officer	Sheryl Waite
Catering	Jude Pullin
Plant Sales	Kayleen Courtney & Carol Button
Hall Set-Up	Perry Crawford
Librarian	Denise Ball
Popular Vote	Mick Grange



Jeanette signing out as President



Len signing in as 2016 President

## 2015 Financials

Rob outlined the Society's income and expenditure on 2 spreadsheets, 1 for each. He also reminded the members that books are available at each meeting for anyone to review.

When discussing expenditure, we were given the details of what has been returned to members, \$4734.00. This was made up by:

- ⇒ Plants—Monster Raffle and 10th Anniversary celebration
- ⇒ Bus trip subsidy
- ⇒ Shirts
- ⇒ Christmas Party subsidy
- ⇒ Incidentals—afternoon tea, etc.

## Public Notices

- ❖ Deposits have been called for the Thailand trip. Moving forward, meetings regarding the trip will be held immediately prior to the Society meetings.
- ❖ Sunny Broms website for all information on the conference is [www.sunnybroms.com](http://www.sunnybroms.com) as well as on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sunnybroms/>

## Committee Contact Details

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### STEWARDS

Catering	Jude Pullin
Hall Set-Up	Perry Crawford
Librarian	Denise Ball
Plant Sales	Kayleen Courtney & Carol Button
Popular Vote	Michael Grange

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>

I have found, through years of practice, that people garden in order to make something grow; to interact with nature; to share, to find sanctuary, to heal, to honor the earth, to leave a mark. Through gardening, we feel whole as we make our personal work of art upon our land.

[Julie Moir Messervy, The Inward Garden, 1995, p.19](#)

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

