



Bromelcairns



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Aims of the Society

**Promote and Develop Interest in Bromeliads through Friendship
To Co-operate with similar Clubs throughout the World**

Membership Fee: \$15 Single, \$25 Family, Country Member \$25.
\$7.50 junior (if not in family membership)

Meetings start at 1.pm sharp first Saturday of the month.

Please bring a cup and a chair.

Library: All books & magazines borrowed are to be returned in good order to the following meeting. If not on wait list, they may be rebooked.

Plant Display/Sales: To participate, a member must be financial and circumstances permitting, have attended at least three meetings in the past six months.

Where the society is charged a stall fee - 20% of sales are deducted for club funds.

No charge venue & meetings - 10% of sales is deducted.

All plants to be clean, free of disease, named and price tagged.

Show Plants: Must be the property of and in the custody of the entrant for the past three months. For Society Shows the entrant must be financial and have attended at least three meetings during the past six months.

Pens, Plant Tags & Pots: available at each meeting.

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Club Activities & Around the Members

SEPTEMBER: Aechmea time and Springtime gave us some lovelies to behold. There were just 4 entries in the Aechmea Show but other well grown plants on show.

MINI SHOW – Aechmea beauties aren't they?

1st *Aechmea* 'Ensign'
- Steven French

2nd *Aechmea* 'Samurai'
- Dave Weston

3rd. *Aechmea zebrina*
- Brendan Leishman



POPULAR VOTE

NOVICE - Tillandsia

1st. *Tillandsia ionantha scaposa* – Robyn Forrester >>>>

OPEN - Bromeliad

1st. *xSincoregelia* 'Galactic Warrior' - Brendan Leishman

2nd. *Aechmea chantinii* 'Black' SB Clone – Lynn Hudson

3rd. *Neoregelia* 'Canvey Carnival' – Steven French



Brendans 'Galactic Warrior' was magnificent - it was stacked higher than any I had seen & the colour was excellent! 'Canvey Carnival' was bright and shiny.

3. Cryptanthus

1st 'Menescal'
Brendan Leishman

2nd 'Thriller'
Dave Weston

3rd. 'Imposter Red'
Bernice Mark



Tillandsia

1st. *Tillandsia juncifolia* – Paul Venturi - With 6 flowering spikes it was a beauty !!.

2nd *Tillandsia straminea* – Bob Hudson - My favourite colour

3rd. *Tillandsia streptophylla* Belize - Dave Weston - Better next month, page 7



4. Some more of the beautiful tillandsias on show

T. gardneri Hybrid

bulbosa x psuedobaileyi

streptocarpa



streptophylla red form

lorentziana

'Goomong'



Aechmeas grow very well in this area, both the soft and hard leaved forms. Spring weather has given us some really beautiful bloomings. *Aechmeas bracteata, contracta, castelnavii, paniculigera*, all the *weilbachii*s, *orlandianas & nudicaulis, melononii, mexicana, recurvata, servitensis, warassii, chantinii* and their hybrids, 'Mild Chilli', 'Cannibal', 'Potts' and many intergeneric with aechmea - *xAndrolaechmea* 'Dean'. In habitat most grow in or on trees. This is why some offsets proceed out of the pot, down and around just like they are on a tree, looking for the best place for food and light.





OCTOBER: MINI SHOW – Billbergia

1st *Billbergia* 'Praise Be' x 'Hallelujah' - Dave Weston

2nd *Billbergia* 'Super Grace' – Steven French

3rd. *Billbergia* 'Yasi 97' – Kelly Knight



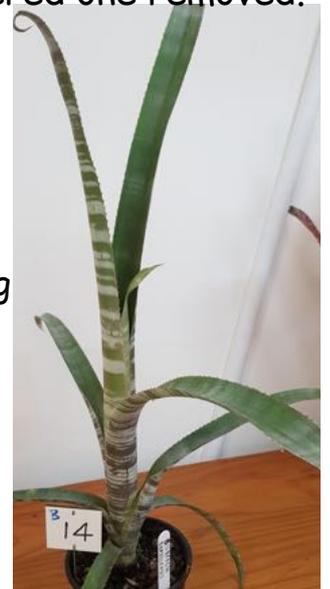
Billbergia 'Darth Vader'
Billbergia 'Brudda Iz'

Billbergia 'Hallelujah' needed
the flowered one removed.



Billbergia brasiliensis >
Grown from seed by Paul,
good shape & colour but
needs maturity for showing

< 'Brudda Iz' came from Greg &
Narelle. It is already huge and
has interesting colour. Not in
competition as grower is judge.



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JUNIOR - Nil entries

NOVICE - Nil entries

OPEN - Bromeliad

1st. *Goudvriesea* (*Goudaea ospinae* v. *gruberi* x *Vr poelmanii*) Red Clone - Lynn Hudson

2nd. *Orthophytum burle-marxii* – Dave Weston

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3rd. *Neoregelia* ‘Hellacious’– Brendan Leishman



How beautiful is this *Orthophytum burle-marxii* ?? There were many green eyes Well done Dave and thank you for showing us.

Bren’s neo did not photograph as good as it is - shiny, desirable & excellent markings.

Cryptanthus

1st *Cryptanthus* ‘Thriller’ - Dave Weston

2nd *Cryptanthus* ‘Thriller’ – Lynn Hudson

3rd. *Cryptanthus* ‘Rainbow Star’ - Lynn Hudson



For the last few meetings Bernice has brought in a “it has been in the garden for ages” plant. This time it was *Aechmea pectinata* and it was just showing white flowers. It seldom goes this red in Cairns but Bibohra is cooler, higher and west of Cairns. Thank You Bernice, it is great to share such beauty. Most members had not seen this colouring.



Tillandsia

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- 1st. *Tillandsia tectorum* 'Fuzzball' – Bob Hudson
- 2nd. *Tillandsia flexuosa* Bahamas - Bob Hudson
- 3rd. *Tillandsia streptophylla* 'Belize' – Dave Weston



Everyone loves *tectorum*, a pink inflorescence is a bonus!

It was amazing how much colour Dave's *streptophylla* had gained in one month. it was beautiful, see page 3.

Bren showed 'Love Knot', it was pink and beautiful and we look forward to seeing it in flower.

Nalda showed *capitata* red - it was so red we nearly called the Fire Brigade.



Info received by email: The *Neoregelia* 'Bottoms Up' grex mates issue has been resolved with the unreleased stable marginated plants imported into Australia by M&M Cameron as *Neoregelia* 'Bottoms Up' are now registered as *Neoregelia* 'Heads Up'.

As M&M's plants have not been released to collectors this seemed the safest and fairest solution with the least ongoing effect to those who have previously purchased plants as *Neoregelia* 'Bottoms Up' from other sellers.

However we can now retain the name *Neoregelia* 'Bottoms Up' for the unstable marginated cultivar purchased as such from those other sellers with the addition of *Neoregelia* 'Bottoms Up Striated' to cover those striated vegetative sports from the marginated *Neoregelia* 'Bottoms Up'.

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***Goudaea ospinae* var. *gruberi* x *Vriesea poelmanni* (Red Clone)**



I thought I had a Ross Draper hybrid of *xZizkagoudaea* 'Babylon' in spike. Ross had used *Vr. tuerckheimii* & 'Tiger Tim' and it was listed amid the reclassification I proudly took it to the meeting with the Ziz tag.

Yes everyone loved it as the paddles were almost glowing and the leaves had brown markings and splashes. Dave said he was surprised as *Vr. tuerckheimii* had really long thin compound spikes and none of that parent was dominating.



Then I decided it was beautiful enough to put on Facebook and it received many 'likes'. Michelle Cameron saw it and told me it was probably 'Supernatural' not 'Babylon' and included a photo of their 'Babylon' spike - on right - just like Dave had said! Michelle was curious about the provenance of my plant [so was I] as she said it was very rare. Luckily for me George Stamatis arrived home from work and saw the discussion. To the rescue he told me it was from him and he had acquired a few different clones from this grex under formula.

So I have *Goudaea ospinae* var. *gruberi* x *Vriesea poelmanni* (Red Clone) and I love it. George said there were 5 clones and I have the red clone. Here are pics George sent me of the red-orange and orange clones. The fourth one had yellow bracts with a red edge and the other is not as vigorous and had yellow striations in the leaves.

Thank You George, you only give me really good stuff.





Goudaea ospinae var gruberi



Goudaea ospinae and the cultivars of it are some of my very favourite plants, it was a vriesea. It has thin spineless leaves and it tends to grow in clumps. The first pic is at the Show, it had 6 plant heads. After the Show I lopped off four heads.

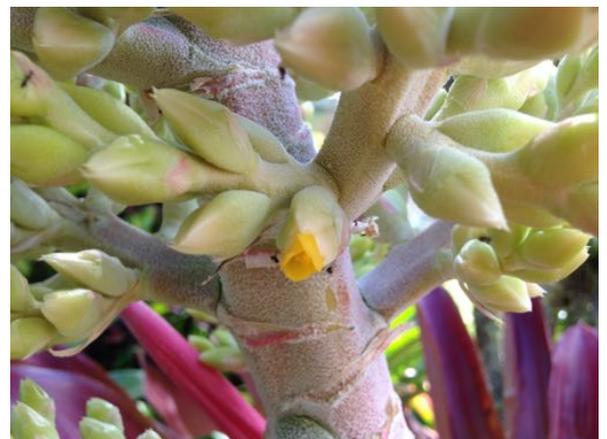
The offsets form in the leaf axils and eventually they form a clump as in the last picture - this was one of the heads I lopped off. When the dead leaves are removed a stolon is left attaching the offset to the mother plant, hence the 'clump' in the first pic. The centre pic shows two offset stolons separating from a stolon attached to the centre stolon. Each head will also continue growing this way.

Obviously at some stage you will decide to restart one of these heads. Cut the stolon from the mother plant, trim to about 30cm of stalk and place the stalk into mix, to just above where the first offset has started. Add some fertiliser and you will have a beauty in no time.

At our last meeting Bernice brought one in for us to show her how to remove the offset. I was horrified as I am single minded about this plant. I did tell her how, but did not desecrate the plant. One day she will thank me!

Oh, you still want to know how to remove one? OK - Remove the leaves from the base of the offset, then hold the offset and tear it downwards from the mother plant to get some root system, pot it, fertilise it, name tag it and watch. It will repeat the act.//

 My *xAndrolaechmea* 'Dean' flowered! What a beauty



10 News from our new Facebook friend - **Eli Hadish of Israel.**



“Thank you for your kind offer. My collection is very small and is based only on plants grown commercially from tissue culture, I will be glad to try and grow from seed any plant. I do prefer plants with patterned or coloured leaves.” So Bob dried three lots of seed, I put the packets inside a ‘Bromeliad Cultivation Notes’ booklet and posted. Eli wrote to say he had received them & “I am highly impressed by the leaflet, it includes very valuable information” - my book. One week later he wrote: “The seeds you have sent me have germinated! All three! I am so excited!” & included pics.



^^ These are *Aechmea brevicollis*, *Aechmea orlandiana* and *Neoregelia pendula* but not necessarily in that order.

So Bob washed and dried lots more seeds, I posted them so Eli should be quite busy... and excited!... Then he wrote to tell me he had ‘sprouts’ v



Reactions to Bromelcairns 2017#4

Herb Plever: Thanks Lynn. Kudos to Cairns members for a most impressive show. The multitude and quality of the photos made my head spin. Goudaea 'Batik' is beautiful, but I won't reproduce it because it is not registered in our BCR.

John Byth: Thank you Lynn. As always I have enjoyed your mag and jokes. Thanks too for the reminder of the 2018 Bloomin Broms. Be good, keep yourself nice.

Rei Irizarry: Very nice plants. Best wishes.

* **Clever English**

- * I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
 - * A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
 - * No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
 - * A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
 - * Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
 - * A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
 - * Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana
 - * Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
 - * Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
 - * I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
 - * A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
 - * The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
 - * In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.*
 - * When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
 - * If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
 - * A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
 - * Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'
 - * Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Yes it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
 - * Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.'
- The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
- * She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.



Nothing just happens or just gets done,
Someone has to make it happen or do it.





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