



# Bromelcairns



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**Honorary Life Member - Kay Edington**

**Life Members - Lynn Hudson, Robert (Bob) Hudson, Dave Weston**

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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**

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**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** - another good attendance but few plants in the mini show.

### MINI SHOW - Hohenbergia & Quesnelia



#### HOHENBERGIA

< 1st. *Hohenbergia*  
'Ouchii' grown by  
Aaron Smythe



2nd. *Hohenbergia*  
'Double Hyphen'>  
Lynn Hudson

#### QUESNELIA



< *Quesnelia* 'Tim Plowman'  
Lynn Hudson

When it is grown up high  
in good light I find it gets  
good colour and markings.  
They will burn in our midday  
summer heat.



## September Popular Vote

- Bromeliad**
- 1st *Zizgoudea 'Supernatural'* - Lynn Hudson
  - 2nd. *Neoregelia 'Gee Whiz'* - Steven French
  - 3rd. *Neoregelia 'Koah Vanessa Rose'* - Aaron Smythe
  - 3rd. *Vriesea saundersii* - Janice West



*Zizgoudea 'Supernatural'*



*Neoregelia 'Gee Whiz'*



*Neoregelia 'Koah Vanessa Rose'*



*Vriesea saundersii*



**Cryptanthus** 1st. 'Pink Starlight' - Lynn Hudson  
2nd. 'Tartan' - Karen Stevens  
3rd. 'Cosmic Storm' - Marguerite Sexton



**Tillandsias** 1st. *rothii* - Marguerite Sexton  
2nd. *ionantha* large - Marguerite Sexton  
3rd. *tectorum* Steven French  
3rd. 'Curly Slim' - Josie Cannon



Call the fire brigade!!  
I think they are on fire !!

Well done Marguerite  
First & Second place

<*T. rothii*  
*T. ionantha* large form V

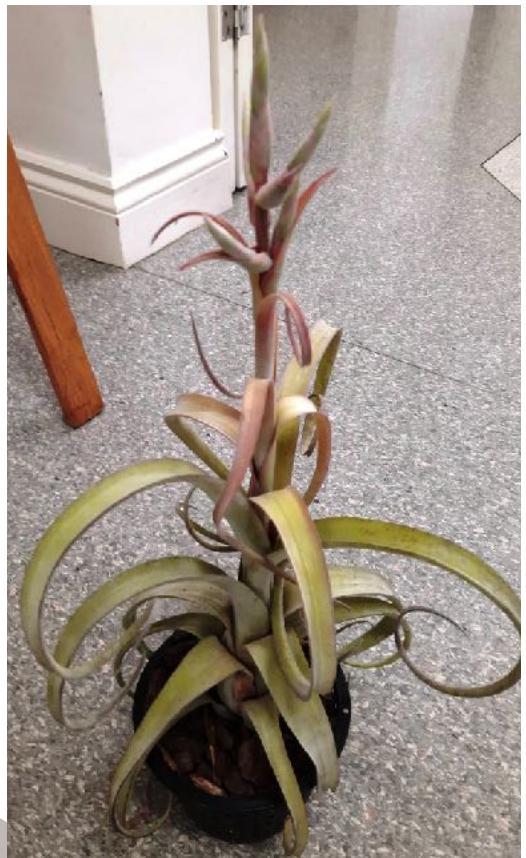
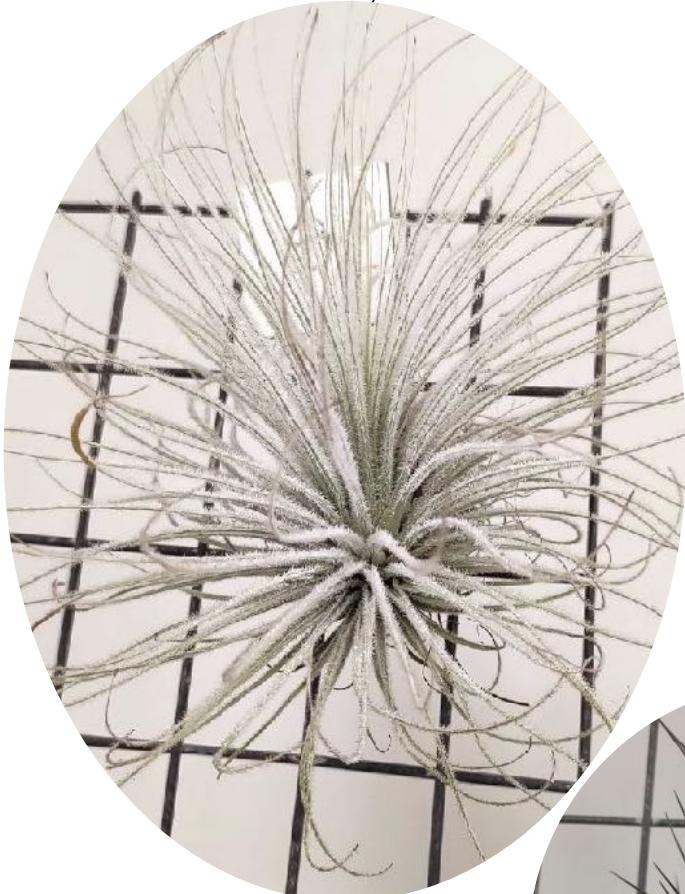




## More Exquisite Tillandsias

3rd. *Tillandsia tectorum* - Steven French

3rd. *Tillandsia 'Curly Slim'* - Josie Cannon >



*Till. tenuifolia 'Amethyst'* Josie ^

*Tillandsia albida* by Nalda Wilson V



## Tillandsias grown by Novice Chantel Soanes

*Tillandsia stricta* hard leaf

*Tillandsia caput medusea*



Well done Chantel, you have grown these beautifully. You obviously love and enjoy your tillandsias.

### Other September entries

*Hohenbergia burlemarxii* dark form  
grown by Aaron

*Neoregelia* ‘Maui Sunrise’ grown by Frances



## October Popular Vote

**Bromeliad** 1st *Billbergia 'Yassi 98'* - Dave Weston >>>

2nd. *Guzmania Tricolor* - Aaron Smythe

3rd. *Neo. 'Solar Storm'* - Darryl Lister



## Cryptanthus

1st. 'Pink Starlite' - Lynn Hudson

1st 'Thriller' Seedling - Dave Weston



3rd. *zonatus* Marg Sexton



## TILLANDSIAS

- 1st. *Tillandsia tenuifolia* - Lynn Hudson >>>  
2nd *Tillandsia 'Asombroso'* - Dave Weston  
3rd. *Tillandsia seleriana* - Marguerite Sexton



<- *seleriana*



*streptophylla*



*paucifolia*

^ Dave showed *Tillandsia 'Asombroso'*. We have seen many lovely and well grown tillandsias throughout this year and it is good to see a new one. It is a very neat looking plant and a hybrid of *paucifolia* and *streptophylla*.

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## Mini Show OCTOBER - Sincorea

- 1st. *Sincoraea naviooides* - Dave Weston 2nd *Sincorea burle marxii* - Aaron Smythe



## Sincoreae & Orthophytum

Dave presented an excellent slide show of Sincoreae and Orthophytum, with mainly habitat pictures. It showed how these plants flowered and produced offsets on stolons away from the parent area to obtain their need for light and sustenance. They enjoyed growing among rocks both large and small, using their roots to feed from the crevasses.

Dave showed an amazing range of Sincoreae that most of us did not know existed. We were surprised there were so many differently coloured ones and the changes when flowering. I am sure there will be members looking to add these beauties to their collections. Thank You Dave.



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### MINI SHOW - Orthophytum

- 1st. *Orthophytum 'Warren Loose'* - Frances Boyd >
- 2nd. *Orthophytum glabrum* - Lynn Hudson
- 3rd. *Orthophytum harleyi* - Aaron Smythe v



*Orthophytum disjunctum*  
grown by Dave Weston



*O. Warren Loose*



### *Orthophytum 'Starlights'*

This plant has flowered and produced offsets, each spike having several. In habitat these would grow where they fall in circular groups, Imagine a field full of plant circles!

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Did your *Tillandsia usneoides* flower this Spring? Those small lemon coloured flowers smell deliciously sweet.

**Carrots may be good  
for your eyes...  
but booze will double  
your vision!**



Be careful where you shop online. We ordered a german shepherd and now this guy lives with us.





## Did you know this?

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem....how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)



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Wife: I am so glad I booked this rainforest retreat

Husband: You are drunk again and surrounded by your houseplants.



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





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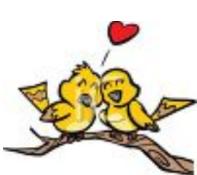
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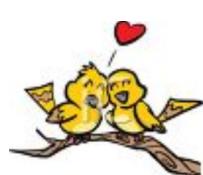
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## Bloomin' Broms & Cairns Society Show

Saturday 5th June 2022



**Cominos House, Greenslopes Street, Edge Hill**



Special Guest Speakers - George Stamatis & Neville Ryan

Plant Sales & Presentations

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### “Bromeliad Cultivation Notes” by Lynn Hudson

A little how-to book. Cultivation made easy. Basics in language anyone can follow

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