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Editorial

Welcome to the September newsletter and my first attempt at editing it, so I hope you enjoy.

At the August meeting, our guest speaker was John Byth from Woodford,.He presented an amazing slide show and commentary on Alcantereas, giving members a wonderful insight into the species, the cultivars, and its natural environment. For the newer members I've included an article on 'Raising Alcantarea via Seed.

Our August 'Popular Choice' competition saw some great Bromeliads brought in for judgement. Thanks to Karen for her dedication in sorting the paper-work for the end results.

How good was our 3 day coach trip to Rocky! The feedback I've heard has been positive and that it was enjoyed by all who participated.

Over the three days we visited gardens of members of the Rockhampton Bromeliad Society, had several opportunities to purchase plants to add to our collections and enjoy some the sights of Rockhampton on our scenic travels. Further in the newsletter is a photo montage recapping the weekend.

Thanks must go to Sue and the committee for the outstanding job organising our accomodation, meal venues and itinerary.

Special thanks also to the Rockhampton Bromeliad Society for the hospitality extended to us over the weekend.

Important note :

Please note the September Meeting will be held on Saturday September 18 ... one week early due to the Hervey Bay Orchid Show and Sale. See 2021 Diary Dates for further information.



Happy Birthday

to the following members for September...

Alan Conner

Michele Mapunda

Maxine O'Shea, and

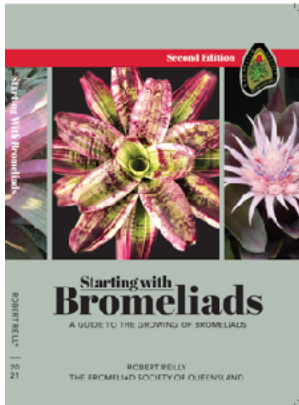
Sue Parker

Notes from the Executive Committee Meeting

Key items from the executive committee meeting were:

- The committee expressed disappointment of people dropping out of the bus trip costing the Club extra funding,.
- It was proposed that a non-refundable deposit be required when booking for future trips,
- Flyers for the Monster Sale are to be printed and members will be requested to distribute them, and
- Any members who have plants to display at the Orchid Show are requested to deliver them at 1:30pm on Thursday 23rd September.

New Bromeliad Book Available

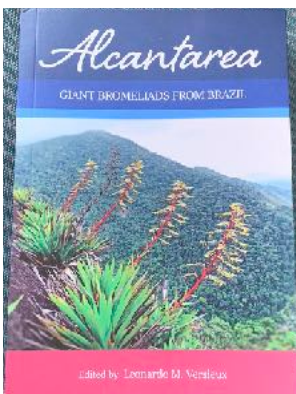


The Second Edition of BSQ's 'Starting with Bromeliads' book has been released and it is fantastic.

The author Robert Reilly and a small group of hard-working members have put hours of work into this new edition, this book isn't just a reprint of the 1st Edition that was published in 2006, but full of new information, new pictures, and it's been upsized to an A4 size book with 110 pages.

Copies of this publication are available at our monthly meetings for \$10.

Our Library



The reference book, **Alcantarea - Giant Bromeliads from Brazil** mentioned by John Byth is in our library. It is not exactly light reading but does provide some interesting insights into the species.

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

Hervey Bay Orchid Show

This annual orchid show will be held over Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September.

A number of members have indicated they wish to sell at this event. Given that a number of key volunteers will not be available for this activity, all sellers **MUST** be available to help over the weekend and not leave it to a few.

Further information will be discussed at the September monthly meeting.

Member input wanted

If you have a special plant or growing method you would like to tell your fellow members about, now is a good time to write it up and send it in.

Within the area our club covers there are many diverse micro-climates, even within different parts of Hervey Bay. It would be interesting to know what you find grows best and what growing methods you use.

You can also send in photos of your favourite Bromeliads to make us green with envy.

Plant Sales

Plant sales commence at 12.30pm and pause when the monthly meeting starts (usually 1.00pm), then recommence during afternoon tea. Please remember that all sales finish at afternoon tea.

Plants travel much better in boxes or recyclable bags than plastic bags

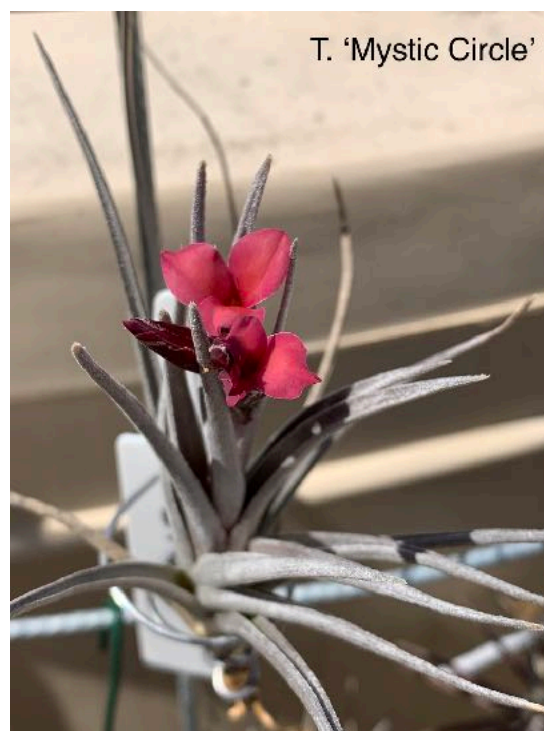
A request from the Editor

To give the editor some material to fill in white spaces in future newsletters, I'm requesting members to forward photos of Bromeliads that are/ or have flowered during the previous month.

This will not only provide some "eye candy" but allow members to see the diversity and variance in the flowing patterns across the membership. Please send you photos to Les Hutchins at email address < tintenters@bigpond.com >.

If you don't want to be bombarded with Tillandsias, I suggest you send in some photos.

Note : this month's photos are from Jan Hutchins' collection located in Urraween.



PLANT OF THE MONTH RESULTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

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|  | NEOREGELIA - MIDI | | |
| | First : ← | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Wild Child' | Goff Loughran (5 points) |
| | Second : | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Strawberry Cream' | John & Narelle Hoffman (4 points) |
|  | Third : | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Donger' | Goff Loughran (3 points) |
| | PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA | | |
| | First : ← | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Abigail Jean' | Nigel Thomson (10 points) |
|  | Second : | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Yandina Pink Star' | John & Narelle Hoffman (8 points) |
| | Third : | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Lemon Surprise' | Nigel Thomson (3 points) |
| | FLOWERING BROMELIADS | | |
|  | First : ← | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Astrid' | Nigel Thomson (14 points) |
| | Second : | <i>Guzmania</i> 'Firedragon' | Nigel Thomson (5 points) |
| | Third : | <i>Bilbergia</i> 'Audrey' | Val Honeywood (3 points) |
|  | TILLANDSIA - MOUNTED | | |
| | First : ← | <i>Tillandsia ionantha</i> | Maxine O'Shea (12 points) |
| | Second : | <i>Tillandsia springeliana</i> | Goff Loughlan (4 points) |
|  | Third : | <i>T. recurvifolia</i> var. <i>secundifolia</i> (large form) | Maxine O'Shea (3 points) |
| | OTHER GENERA | | |
| | First : ← | <i>xSincoregelia</i> 'Cosmic Blast' | Nigel Thomson (8 points) |
| | Second : | <i>Orthophytun vagans</i> Variegated | David Ward (7 points) |
| | Third : | <i>xSincoregelia</i> 'Birchwood Sunrise' (A218) | Nigel Thomson (6 points) |

Next month : Neoregelia is **"Midi up 450mm"** and Tillandsia is **"Potted"**

Diary Dates for 2021

Events:

September 24/25/26

Hervey Bay Spring Orchid and Garden Spectacular 2021 will be held at Xavier Catholic College, Eli Waters

September 25/26

Bromeliad Society of Queensland's Spring Show & Sale is being held at Bray Park.

November 6/7

Our Monster Sale to be held at Senior Citizens Hall, Torquay.

Meetings:

September 18 : Dundowran Hall

Note : One week earlier than usual.

October 23 : Elizabeth & Ron Southern

Address : 60 Serenity Drive, Tinana.

November 27 : Christmas Party

Kondari Resort, Elizabeth Street, Urangan

Note:

Unless notified otherwise, monthly meetings are on the fourth Saturday of the month, which may not always be the last Saturday.

Please BYO mug, plants you need help with, sales plants, Plant Of The Month entries, and raffle donations to our meetings.

Diary Dates for 2022

Events:

April 2/3

BSQ's Autumn Show & Sale is being held at Belmont Shooting Complex.

Editor's Note

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OUR LATEST PRICE LIST

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| 125mm SQUAT POTS | \$2.70 for 10 |
| 140mm SQUAT POTS | \$3.75 for 10 |
| 165mm POTS | \$3.00 for 5 |
| 200mm POTS | \$3.50 for 5 |
| HANGERS (4 PRONG) | \$3.30 for 10 |
| SMALL WHITE LABELS | \$1.25 for 25 |
| LARGE WHITE LABELS | \$1.50 for 25 |
| YELLOW SALES LABELS | \$3.00 for 50 |
| LABELLING PENCILS | \$3.60 each |
| FERTILISER | \$3.10 for 500grams |
| PAPER SLEEVES, 140mm (Pack of 10) | \$2.90 |
| PAPER SLEEVES, 170mm (Pack of 10) | \$3.40 |
| PAPER SLEEVES, 200mm (Pack of 10) | \$3.60 |

If you are running short and need something, it would be appreciated if you could ring Sue and Stewart on 07 4128 6217 to possibly make arrangements to pick them up from their home prior to the meeting or let them know in advance and they will have them ready for you at the next meeting.

Goff has potting mix for sale at \$8 for a 30 litre bag, and if you ring him on 0416783773 you can also make arrangements to get some from him.

More photos ...



At the August Meeting



A Photo Collage of the Rocky Trip



In and around James Lester's shade houses.



Around the sales tables at James' place.



Enjoying the shade house and having afternoon tea at Vikki and Pete Smith's house



Rockhampton Bromeliad Society's display



Maxine & Sue taking in Richard Cornale's presentation



Some of the sales activity at the Rockhampton Bromeliad Society's Annual Show and Sale

A Photo Collage of the Rocky Trip



Rockhampton Botanic Gardens



Waiting for the bus driver at the Gardens.



Peek-a boo, you are being watched!!



Afternoon relaxing in Chris Hunt's wonderful garden.