

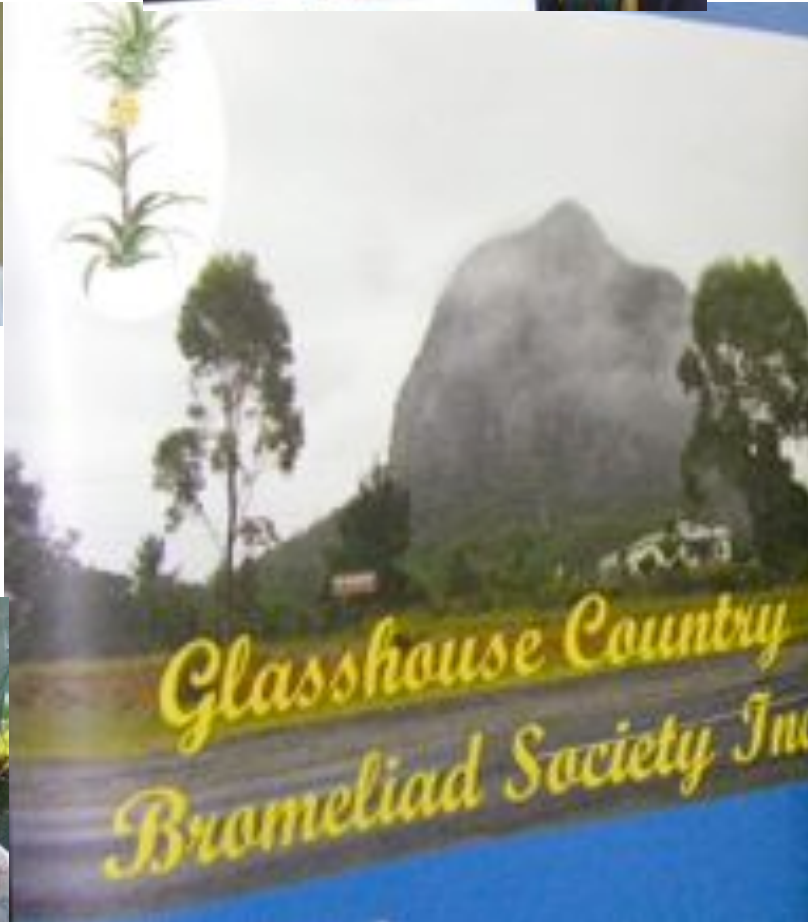


GLASSHOUSE GOUNTRY BROMELIAD SOCIETY Inc. NEWSLETTER



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To all our Presidents,
Norm Bailey. Bob McLean. Len Waite. Karen Binstead and Pat Pennell
Thank you



Glasshouse Country Bromeliad Society would like to thank the State Member for Glasshouse ANDREW POWELL M.P. for his assistance in the printing of this publication

From the President



Hello all members,

This is hard and sad for me!!

I took on the position of President to try and keep our Glasshouse Country Bromeliad Society going but our groups' interest and involvement has reduced and so the inevitable has happened.

You will all have received the official notice from secretary Keith about the society being wound up.

I have enjoyed working for the group.

My love of Broms will continue.

I hope those of you who enjoyed being involved with like-minded people will consider joining another group, for example, the Caboolture Society or the Sunshine Coast Society.

I, like a few others, am already a member of the Caboolture Society and if anyone would like to share transport I would be glad to help.

The Caboolture group meets on the last Saturday of the month with a 1.30 pm start. The meetings are held at the Combined Services Club at 21 Hayes Street, Caboolture. I like to get there at about 1.00 pm to give me the chance to look at the sales, the library and events list, the popular plant voting, buy raffle tickets and, of course, sign in. They also hold a photographic competition at each meeting. Being involved certainly brings it's own rewards.

If I can do anything to help, please give me a ring on 5438 7375.

Happy Brom Moments.

Pat Pennell

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A word from Len



Hi Everyone,

This feels more like an obituary than providing some sort of advice as I am used to doing.

I remember the first time Norm Bailey contacted Sheryl and I wanting some advice on how to start a Bromeliad club or society to learn more about Broms.

It took a while before we got involved but Bev, Norm's wife, continued to ring us and on one particular occasion, wanted us to do a talk on Dyckias.

I just about had kittens. NEVER had we done a talk on anything.

Sheryl gave me a little push and off to the Glasshouse Mountains we went to give the talk.

A lot of water has passed under the bridge since then.

Sheryl and I have made many friends as a result of joining this club. I am not going to mention names as I will forget someone, but you all know who you are.

The Glasshouse Bromeliad Club has always had a special place in my heart and I know Sheryl feels exactly the same.

Friendships last forever even if clubs don't.

Thank you to the people that accepted us as their friends and in later times sometimes mentors.

We will never forget that we were once members of the Glasshouse Country Bromeliad Society Inc.

We hope to see you at a sister club soon and please remember, our door is always open for advice or help of any sort.

Thank you one and all for your friendship.

God bless Norm and Bev Bailey for giving us the opportunity to be involved with this club.

Waitey.

Advanced Plant of the Month-June



1ST Ardie Baker's Vriesea Hybrid

2nd Len Waite's Orthophytum Argentum



Eq 3rd Lou Baker's Vriesea Bianca



Eq 3rd Pat Pennell's Vriesea Carolina x Tricolour



Novice Plant of the Month-June



1ST Bob Watkins' Aechmea 'Little Harv'



2nd Margaret McLean's Aechmea recurvata var. benrathii

Eq 3rd Margaret McLean's Vriesea Perropolitana Rubra



Eq 3rd Criss Button's Tillandsia lindenii



THE FINAL SAY

Well, I never thought I would be putting my efforts into writing this column.

Unfortunately our little family of bromeliad devotees has grown and matured over the last few years.

Some of us have packed our possessions and moved onto, hopefully, bigger and better things.

To each and every person that has been, or still is a member of the club, please keep in contact. It's a privilege to be your friend.

Having been a member of the Glasshouse Bromeliad Society for some 6 years I can only say

“Thanks for the good times everybody. “

I have made a lot of good friends, learnt heaps about bromeliads and even though I have uttered a **LOT** of profanities about being roped into doing the newsletter for the club, it has provided me with a lot of satisfaction doing it.

I 'm not going to start trying to understand why our little group has gradually grown apart and dwindled over the last few years to the point where the Glasshouse Country Bromeliad Society Inc. has been wound up. I leave that to higher and smarter authorities.

Some of you are already members of kindred clubs and to the people who are not, I would suggest you give consideration to joining one too and continue to expand your knowledge about these wonderfully addictive plants. Myself, I think I'll just wander out into the garden for a while, check a few plants and gather my thoughts.

Once again,

Thanks

Bob Watkins



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