



Illawarra Bromeliad Society Inc.

June 2026 Newsletter

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*Committee members are indicated with asterisk and in bold

LIFE MEMBERS

Sharyn Baraldi, Margaret Bartley, Carol Burgdorf, Elizabeth & Graham Bevan, Beth Clague, Sylvia Clare, Monica De Clouett, Barbara Jones-Beverstock, Ann & Noel Kennon, Jarka Rehak, Phillip Robinson

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Subscriptions: Due 30th June each year.
\$20 single/\$30 family
Bank details for membership payment:
Great Southern Bank;
BSB No. 814 282; Account No. 50997160

SOCIAL MEDIA & CORRESPONDENCE

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IllawarraBromeliadSociety>
Facebook Member group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/illawarrabroms>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/illawarrabroms/>

Correspondence to be sent to Illawarra Bromeliad Society secretary at email: illawarrabroms@gmail.com

MEETING DETAILS

Time & Date: 12noon – 4pm, on the first Saturday of each month (February – November) and December Christmas party.

Address: Berkeley Community Centre, 40 Winnima Way Berkeley NSW 2506

Activities: Speaker, Competition, Bromeliad Sales, Pots/literature Sales, Raffle, Library and Afternoon tea

Visitors are always welcome!

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NEXT MEETING

Date: Saturday 4th July 2026

Time: 12noon. (Doors open at 12noon for set up, competition entry. Meeting starts at 1pm)

Venue: Berkeley Community Centre, 40 Winnima Way Berkeley NSW 2506

What's on: Soups & Sweets. This meeting is a social event. We will have the competition and raffle as usual, but there won't be any plant or pot sales

Speaker: Graham Kohler will give a presentation about his trip to Antarctica and Patagonia

Monthly Raffle Prize & Cleaning Roster for this month:
Carol Burgdorf, Sandra Carnie & Katie Chin

MONTHLY RAFFLE PRIZE ROSTER

Each rostered member is asked to bring up to five bromeliad plants-- or goods related to the cultivation of bromeliads--for the raffle. The quality of plants should comply with the requirements of 'Plants for Sale' and should you be unable to provide items for the raffle on your rostered day please contact the Program Officer (Bob Stephens 0412 834 985) so that appropriate rearrangements can be made.

July 2026: Carol Burgdorf, Sandra Carnie, Katie Chin

August 2026: Stephen Wain, Dawn Harvey, John Boyd

September 2026: Bob Stephens, Perry Avnell

October 2026: Cheryl Mathews, Sandra Southwell, Ines Ryde

November 2026: Suzanne Burrows, Beth Clague, Laurie Irvine

February 2027: Graham Bevan, Sharyn Baraldi, Monica De Clouett

CLEANING ROSTER

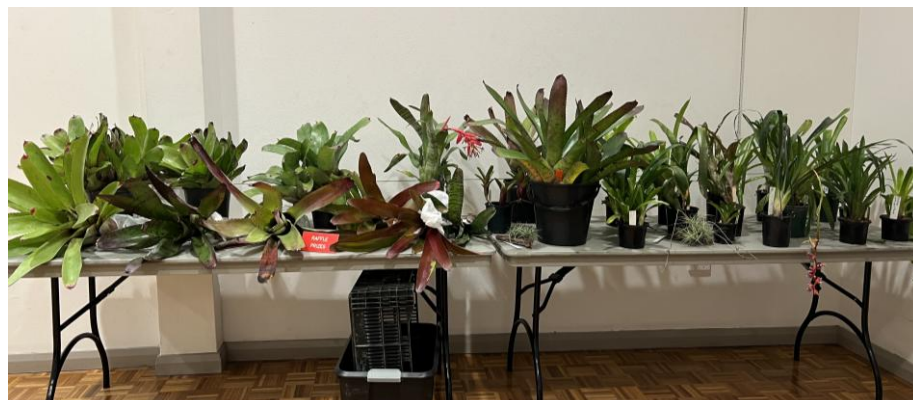
Those people listed for the monthly raffle are also asked to help with the final tidy up on the day as well. While our members are very good with helping to stack and store all the tables and chairs, it's just the last-minute chores of making sure that the floor is clean, etc. before we lock up for the day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2026

DATE	DETAILS
4 Jul 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting • Soups and Sweets • Speaker - Graham Kohler will give a presentation about his trip to Antarctica and Patagonia
1 Aug 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting • AGM
5 Sep 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting • Speaker to be advised
26 & 27 Sep 2026	Bromeliad Society of Australia Spring Show, Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill
3 Oct 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting • Speaker – Bronwyn Holm from EARTHFOOD • If you have a perpetual trophy, please bring it to this meeting • Entries for Meri Stefanidakis Photograph competition to be submitted to Sharyn Baraldi at this meeting
17 & 18 Oct 2026 (Set up Fri 16/10/2026, from 12 noon)	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Annual Show Berkeley Community Centre, 40 Winnima Way Berkeley NSW 2506 Sat 9am-3pm, Sun 9am-2pm
7 Nov 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting • Speaker to be advised • All library books need to be returned at this meeting or prior to this meeting
21 Nov 2026	Workshop, Q&A Session and Garden Visit To be held at Sharyn Baraldi's residence
5 Dec 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party • Venue: Berkeley Sports Club, 12 noon • Monthly competition trophies, Annual Show awards and trophies & Meri Stefanidakis Photograph competition trophy will be presented

NB – Society Garden Visits and Workshops to be included.

Right: There was a great selection of raffle plants at our June meeting



6th JUNE 2026 MEETING SUMMARY

Edwina Wain gave 2 short presentations, “Preparing Bromeliads for our Annual Show” and “Bromeliads and the Supertrees at Gardens by the Bay, Singapore”.

Thank you Edwina for speaking at our June meeting.



Above left and centre: Supertrees at Gardens by the Bay, Singapore and Above right: Edwina Wain

Competition Plant Results – 6th June 2026

Novice:

- 1st Ines & Stephen Ryde*Aechmea recurvata* var. *benrathii*
- 2nd Ines & Stephen Ryde*Neoregelia* mini (un-named)
- 2nd Linda Molloy*Neoregelia* Lili Marlene

Open:

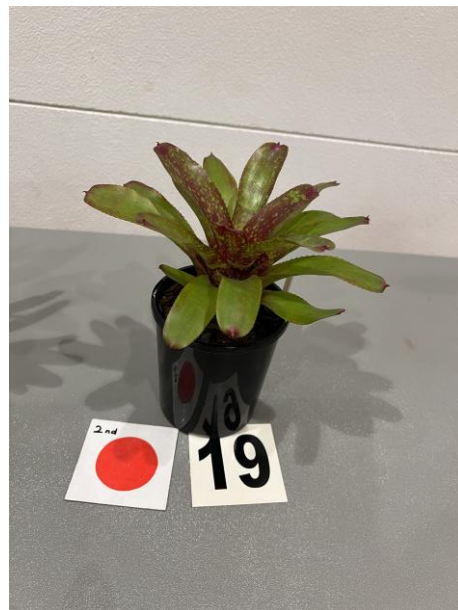
- 1st Edwina & Stephen Wain*Aechmea orlandiana* ‘Snowflakes’
- 2nd Bob Stephens*Aechmea recurvata* var. *benrathii*
- 3rd Bob Stephens*Billbergia* Hoelscheriana

Tillandsia:

- 1st Edwina & Steve Wain*Tillandsia stricta*
- 2nd Nina Woodcock*Tillandsia disticha*
- 3rd Perry Avnell*Tillandsia cacticola* x *duratii*
- 3rd Ines & Stephen Ryde*Tillandsia* (un-named)

Thanks to everyone who entered into the competition.

Photos of Novice Competition plants – June 2026 meeting



Novice Section above, left to right

Above left: First place – *Aechmea recurvata* var. *benrathii*

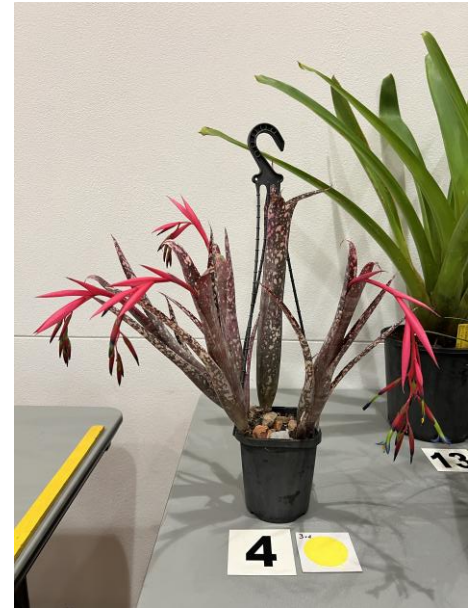
Above centre: Equal Second place – *Neoregelia* mini (un-named)

Above right: Equal Second place - *Neoregelia* Lili Marlene



Above: **Novice Section**, which had 3 entries

Photos of Open Competition plants – June 2026 meeting



Open Section above, left to right

Above left: First place – *Aechmea orlandiana* 'Snowflakes'

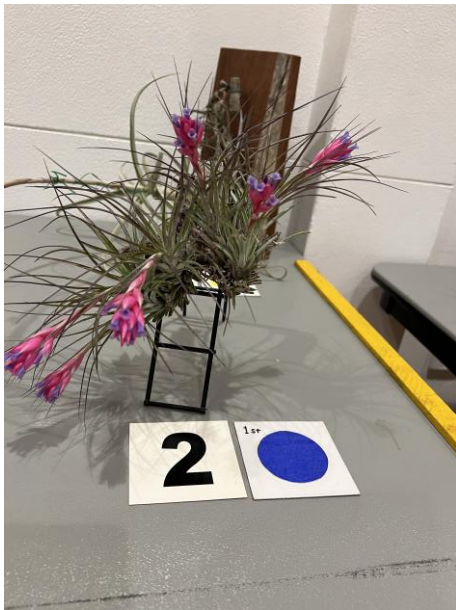
Above centre: Second place – *Aechmea recurvata* var. *benrathii*

Above right: *Billbergia* Hoelscheriana



Above: **Open Section**, which had 7 entries

Photos of Tillandsia Competition plants – June 2026 meeting

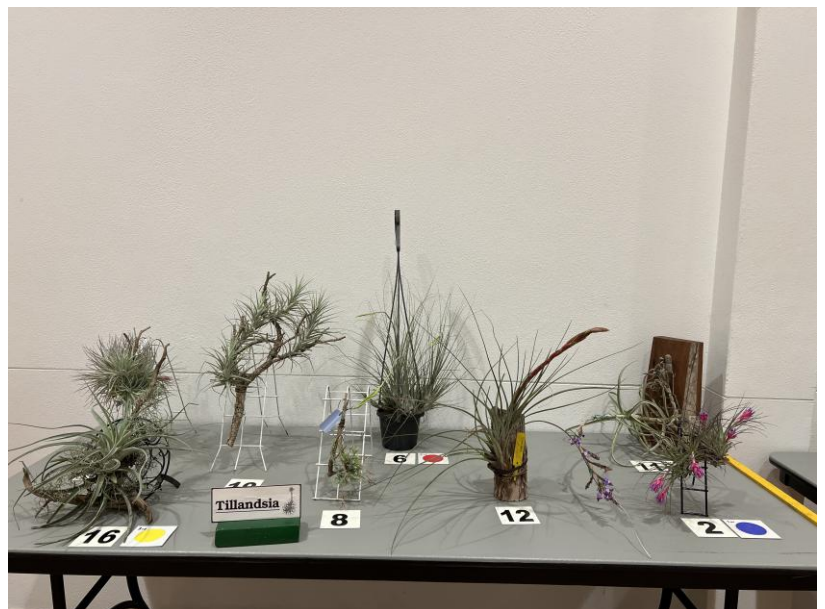
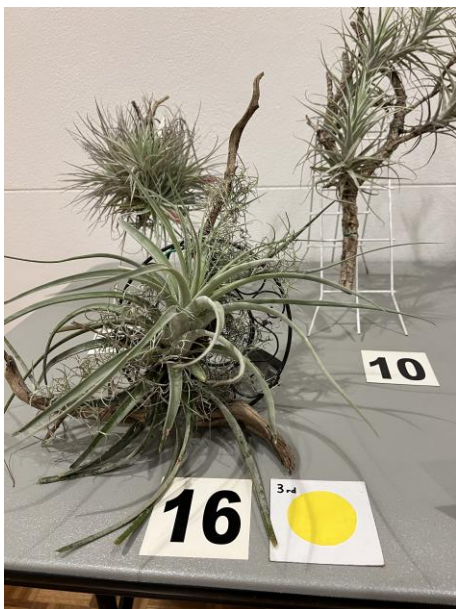


Tillandsia Section above, left to right:

Above left: First place – *Tillandsia stricta*

Above centre: Second place - *Tillandsia disticha*

Above right: Equal Third place - *Tillandsia cacticola* x *duratii*



Above left: Equal Third place - *Tillandsia* (un-named)

Above right: **Tillandsia Section**, which had 8 entries



The Illawarra Bromeliad Society

Annual Show & Sale

17th & 18th October 2026

Time: Saturday 9am – 3pm
Sunday 9am – 2pm

**Where: Berkeley Community Centre Hall,
40 Winnima Way Berkeley, 2506
(Entry and parking via back)**



Free Entry



Huge variety of Bromeliads for Sale



Competition Plants on Show



Bromeliad Display 🎟️ Raffle Prizes to WIN!

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