



Illawarra Bromeliad Society Inc.

September 2025 Newsletter

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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, John Toolan

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Subscriptions: Due 30th June each year.
\$20 single/\$30 family + \$2 joining fee
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 October 2025

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

Speaker: Mary Anglesea from Dapto Photographic Club will speak on “How to take photos of plants and equipment to use”

Monthly Raffle Prize & Cleaning Roster for Sept:
Cheryl Mathews, Edwina Wain, Sandra Southwell

Afternoon tea:

- **Bring only food that does not require heating & Please BYO cup/mug**

Reminders:

- **Meri Stefanidakis Photographic Competition entries are due this meeting**
- **Perpetual trophies are due this meeting**
- **Library books are due back by the November meeting**

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.

November 2025 - Suzanne Burrows, Beth Clague, Noel Kennon

February 2026 - 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 – Remainder of 2025

DATE	DETAILS
4 & 5 Oct 2025	Bromeliad Society of Australia Spring Show Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground Sat 9am-4pm Sun 10am-3pm
18 & 19 Oct 2025	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Annual Show Berkeley Community Centre, 40 Winnima Way Berkeley NSW 2506 Sat 9am-3pm, Sun 9am-2pm Set up on Fri 17/10/2025, from 12 noon
1 Nov 2025	Illawarra Bromeliad Society November Monthly Meeting Speaker TBA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All library books need to be returned to this meeting
4 – 7 Nov 2025	2025 Aussie Broms – Australasian Bromeliad Conference Eaton's Hill Hotel, Eaton's Hill (north side of Brisbane), QLD
15 Nov 2025	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Workshop, Q&A Session, Garden visit at Sharyn Baraldi's
6 Dec 2025	Illawarra Bromeliad Society December Monthly Meeting Christmas Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No competition, no general sales, no plant sales & no library
Date to be confirmed	Illawarra Bromeliad Society outing to Wollongong Botanic Gardens Details to be confirmed

2026 DATES

Here are some dates for Bromeliad events already confirmed for 2026

- **21 Feb 2026 - Illawarra Bromeliad Society Sale Day, Berkeley Community Centre**
- **18 & 19 April 2026 – The Collectors' Plant Fair, Penrith Showground**
- **2 & 3 May 2026 – Bromeliad Society of Australia Autumn Show, Castle Hill Showground**
- **16 May 2026 - Illawarra Bromeliad Society Sale Day, Berkeley Community Centre**
- **17 & 18 Oct 2026 - Illawarra Bromeliad Society Annual Show, Berkeley Community Centre**

6th SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETING SUMMARY

Speaker – Philip Snowden – Travels and Bromeliads

Thank you to Philip for his wonderful talk on Travels and Bromeliads. I'm sure many will be inspired to go on their own adventures.



Above left: Bob Stephens introducing Philip Snowden



Above right: Great assortment on the Raffle Table

Competition Plant Results – 6th September 2025

Novice:

- 1st Graham Kohler.....*Neoregelia* Predator
- 2nd Perry Avnell.....*Cryptanthus* Black Mystic

Open:

- 1st Nina Woodcock*Billbergia* Sweet Cherry
- 2nd Bob Stephens*Neoregelia* Predator
- 3rd Bob Stephens*Billbergia*
- 3rd John Toolan.....*Neoregelia cardinea hybrid*
- 3rd Suzanne Burrows*Billbergia nutans*

Tillandsia:

- 1st Perry Avnell.....*Tillandsia* Rosy Gem
- 2nd Ann Kennon*Tillandsia tenuifolia*
- 3rd Barbara Jones*Tillandsia*

NEW MEMBER

A very warm welcome to Jenny and Steve Penney, who signed up this month. We wish you a long and happy association with our society.

Photos of Competition plants – September 2025 meeting

Thanks to everyone who entered into competition at the September meeting. We had many beautiful entries.

Right top: Novice Section, first place – *Neoregelia* Predator

Right bottom: Novice Section, second place - *Cryptanthus* Black Mystic



Above left: Tillandsia Section, first place *Tillandsia* Rosy Gem



Above right: Tillandsia Section



Above left and centre: Open Section



Above right: Open Section, first place – *Billbergia* Sweet Cherry



BERKELEY NEIGHBORHOOD FAIR

The Illawarra Bromeliad Society took part in a new market at the Berkeley Community Centre on Saturday, 20th September 2025, hosted by Haven Hub Co. Our main goal was to promote our society in the local community and get people interested in our upcoming Annual Show. We sold some Bromeliads to cover the \$50 stall fee. We also got email addresses from three people who are interested to know about future meetings and shows.

Big thanks to John Toolan, Bill Homer, Edwina and Stephen Wain and Perry Avnell for helping set up the stall and bringing plants. A special shoutout goes to Graham Bevan for putting up our society flags and banner—this helped to draw people in. A number of members came out to support us, including Carol Burgdorf and Bob Stephen, who both wore society shirts and stayed for the whole day.



DAPTO COUNTRY SHOW

The Illawarra Bromeliad Society were invited have a display at the Dapto Country Show on Saturday, 27th September 2025. This was another opportunity to promote our society and upcoming Annual Show.

Thanks to Graham Bevan, Perry Avnell, Edwina and Stephen Wain for setting up the display and special thanks to Carol Burgdorf, Perry Avnell and Graham Bevan for their time supporting the display during the show. They gave out many flyers for both our society meetings and Annual Show.



WIN NEWS ILLAWARRA – SPRING GARDEN SERIES

On 18 September 2025, John Toolan's garden was featured in the final episode of the Spring Garden Series on WIN News Illawarra. Perry Avenell organised and participated in the segment with John Toolan which promoted the Illawarra Bromeliad Society. Well done Perry and John!

If you missed seeing the segment on TV, you can view the video on Facebook at this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BencNF9Hw/>



ILLAWARRA BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC.'S
Thirty-first Annual Show
18 & 19 October 2025
SCHEDULE



• CATEGORY I - DIVISION I: HORTICULTURAL - OPEN

Class

A	Aechmea - Individual specimen plant
B	Billbergia - Individual specimen plant or multiples permitted
C	Neoregelia/Hylaeaicum - Individual specimen plant
D	Neoregelia - miniature - Individual specimen plant (Not to exceed 200 mm/8" diameter)
E	Tillandsia and allies - Individual or multiples permitted – May be potted or mounted
F	Vriesea/Guzmania and Vriesea allies - Individual specimen plant
G	Bromeliad not listed in 'A' to 'F' - Individual specimen plant or multiples permitted

• CATEGORY I - DIVISION II: HORTICULTURAL - NOVICE

Class

H	Aechmea - Individual specimen plant
I	Billbergia - Individual specimen plant or multiples permitted
J	Neoregelia/Hylaeaicum - Individual specimen plant
K	Neoregelia - miniature - Individual specimen plant [Not to exceed 200 mm/8" diameter]
L	Tillandsia and allies - Individual or multiples permitted - May be potted or mounted
M	Vriesea/Guzmania and Vriesea allies - Individual specimen plant
N	Bromeliad not listed in 'H' to 'M' - Individual specimen plant or multiples permitted.

• CATEGORY I - DIVISION III: HORTICULTURAL - DISPLAY AND MULTIPLE PLANTS

Class

O	Colony of Multiple or Clump Plants--e.g., Aechmea, Neoregelia, Vriesea
P	*Mounted Tillandsias – minimum of two (2) established plants which may be the same or different
Q	Mounted Bromeliad(s) other than Tillandsias – Established plant(s) which may be the same or different.

• CATEGORY II - ARTISTIC

Class

R	Basket or Decorative Container – minimum of three (3) plants which may be the same or different. No embellishments.
S	Bromeliad Garden – Any Container – Embellishments may be used.
T	Artistic Arrangement – to consist of predominantly bromeliad material – Embellishments may be used.

- Tillandsia and allies includes those species that were previously *Tillandsia* and are affected by the recent name changes, including *Barfussia*, *Josemania*, *Lemeltonia*, *Pseudalcantarea*, *Racinaea* and *Wallisia*.
- These classes -'F' and 'M'- include *Vriesea* and allies--i.e., those species that were previously *Vriesea* and are affected by the recent name changes, including *Cipuropsis*, *Goudaea*, *Lutheria*, *Stigmatodon* and *Zizkaea*.
- In classes covering "Individual Specimen Plants", pups are permissible on the adult plant only if they are so small that their removal might jeopardize their survival.
- When allowing for multiple plants the key word is "interconnected"—i.e., they must all have a common root system.
- In horticultural parlance the key word is 'home', meaning that this is where the plant(s) has been growing in a natural fashion, either potted or mounted.
- In Category I individual specimen plants (excepting tillandsias) should be potted, unless otherwise noted.
- Pots for entries in Category I, Divisions I, II and III, must be either plain black or dark green plastic. However, exceptions are provided for classes 'G' and 'N' where non-decorative terracotta [clay] pots may be used for succulent bromeliads such as dyckias, hechtias, etc. and in Division III, class 'O', hanging (non-decorative) baskets are acceptable.