



Illawarra Bromeliad Society Inc.

December 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>
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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 7th February 2026

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

Speaker: Peter Nolan from Recycled Garden will talk to us about recycling items and frog habitat

Monthly Raffle Prize & Cleaning Roster for this month:

Graham Bevan, Sharyn Baraldi, Monica De Clouett

Afternoon tea:

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

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.

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.

SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2026

DATE	DETAILS
7 Feb 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Nolan from Recycled Garden will talk to us about recycling items and frog habitat
21 Feb 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Sale Day Berkeley Community Centre, 40 Winnima Way Berkeley NSW 2506 Sat 9am-3pm
7 Mar 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker to be advised
4 Apr 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker to be advised
15 – 18 Apr 2026	California Dreaming, World Bromeliad Conference. Costa Mesa, California USA
18 & 19 Apr 2026	The Collectors' Plant Fair, Penrith Showground
2 May 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker to be advised
2 & 3 May 2026	Bromeliad Society of Australia Autumn Show, Castle Hill Showground
16 May 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Sale Day Berkeley Community Centre, 40 Winnima Way Berkeley NSW 2506 Sat 9am-3pm
6 Jun 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker to be advised
4 Jul 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker to be advised
1 Aug 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker to be advised AGM
5 Sep 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker to be advised
3 Oct 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker to be advised
17 & 18 Oct 2026 (Set up Fri 16/10/2025, 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaker to be advised
5 Dec 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Society Christmas Party

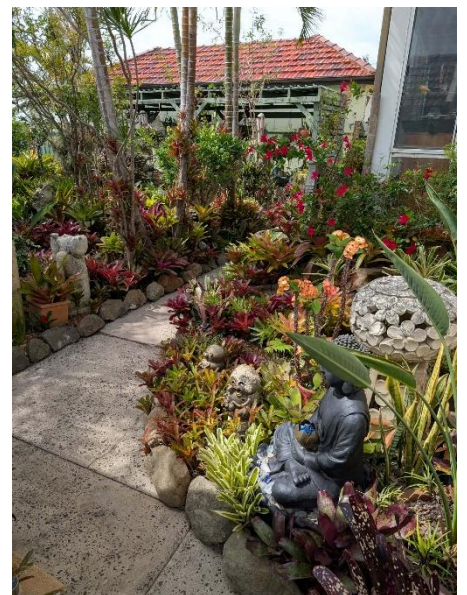
NB – Society Garden Visits and Workshops to be included.

OTHER EVENTS – 2026

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SOCIETY WORKSHOP – 15th November 2025

A society workshop was held at Sharyn Baraldi's home on 15th November 2025. 13 members attended and were able to discuss any questions regarding Bromeliads. They also had the opportunity to enjoy Sharyn's beautiful garden. Thanks to Sharyn for hosting this event. Below are a few photos taken on the day. Thanks to Bob Stephens for providing these photos.



ILLAWARRA ANNUAL SHOW RESULTS – 2025

The Illawarra Bromeliad Society, 31st Annual Show was held at Berkeley Community Centre on 18 & 19 October 2025. The hall looked beautiful and colourful with many Bromeliads entered into competition and for sale. The Bromeliad display was gorgeous. The theme this year was “Trick or Treat”, another beautiful creation by Sharyn Baraldi.

We had 14 competitors and 124 entries entered into the competition. The competition results are listed below.

Thank you to everyone who participated over the weekend including competition entrants, sellers, helpers and visitors.

SPECIAL PRIZE WINNERS

CHAMPION BROMELIAD: OPEN

Edwina & Stephen Wain - *Tillandsia gardneri* hybrid

CHAMPION BROMELIAD: NOVICE

Glenn Martin - *Tillandsia bergeri* x *aeranthos*

BEST SPECIES

Nina Woodcock - *Quesnelia* ‘Tim Plowman’

DULCIE DOONAN MEMORIAL AWARD

Elizabeth Bevan Basket - “Shades of Spring”

CATHERINE (RENA) WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL AWARD

Graham Bevan - *Tillandsia juncea*



Above left: Dulcie Doonan Memorial Artistic Award, for “Shades of Spring”
Entered by Elizabeth Bevan

CATEGORY I – DIVISION I: HORTICULTURAL – OPEN

Class A - Aechmea (4 entries)

1st	John Toolan	<i>Aechmea organensis</i>
2nd	John Toolan	<i>Aechmea organensis</i>
3rd	Edwina & Stephen Wain	<i>Aechmea orlandiana</i> x <i>correia-araujo</i>

Class B - Billbergia (12 entries)

1st	Ann & Noel Kennon	<i>Billbergia</i> hybrid
2nd	Ann & Noel Kennon	<i>Billbergia</i> Eve
3rd	Edwina & Stephen Wain	<i>Billbergia</i> Obi-Wan

Class C - Neoregelia/Hylaeaicum (14 entries)

1st	Nina Woodcock	<i>Neoregelia</i> Shanes Secret
2nd	John Toolan	<i>Neoregelia</i> Rosy Morn
3rd	Nina Woodcock	<i>Neoregelia</i> Broken Heart novar

Class D - Miniature Neoregelia (8 entries)

1st	Nina Woodcock	<i>Neoregelia</i> Chrissy
2nd	Edwina & Stephen Wain	<i>Neoregelia</i> Blushing Zebra
3rd	Nina Woodcock	<i>Neoregelia</i> pauciflora

Class E – Tillandsia & allies (20 entries)

1st	Edwina & Stephen Wain	<i>Tillandsia gardneri</i> hybrid
2nd	Edwina & Stephen Wain	<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i>
3rd	Graham Bevan	<i>Tillandsia juncea</i>
3 rd	Edwina & Stephen Wain	<i>Racinaea hamaleana</i>

Class F - Vriesea/Guzmania & allies (7 entries)

1st	Edwina & Stephen Wain	<i>Vriesea</i> 'White Line'
2nd	Edwina & Stephen Wain	<i>Vriesea</i> Abigail Gold
3rd	Beth Clague	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Tiger Tim'

Class G - Other Genera (12 entries)

1st	Bob Stephens	<i>Quesnelia</i> 'Tim Plowman'
2nd	Nina Woodcock	<i>Canistrum triangulare</i>
3rd	Ann & Noel Kennon	<i>Pitcairnia flammea</i>

CATEGORY I – DIVISION II: HORTICULTURAL – NOVICE**Class H – Aechmea (No entries)****Class I – Billbergia (1 entries)**

1st	Graham Kohler	<i>Billbergia</i> hybrid
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Class J – Neoregelia/Hylaeicum (4 entries)

1st	Graham Kohler	<i>Neoregelia</i> Morris Henry Hobbs
2nd	Graham Kohler	<i>Neoregelia</i> Predator
3rd	Perry Avnell	<i>Neoregelia</i> Black Onyx

Class K – Miniature Neoregelia (No entries)**Class L - Tillandsia & allies (5 entries)**

1st	Glenn Martin	<i>Tillandsia bergeri</i> x <i>aeranthos</i>
2nd	Perry Avnell	<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i>
3rd	Glenn Martin	<i>Tillandsia</i> Monkland

Class M - Vriesea/Guzmania & allies (1 entries)

1st	Graham Kohler	<i>Guzmania lingulata</i> hybrid
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Class N - Other Bromeliad (4 entries)

1st	Glenn Martin	<i>Alcantarea</i> Sunshine
2nd	Perry Avnell	<i>Cryptanthus</i> Glad
3rd	Graham Kohler	<i>Cryptanthus</i>

CATEGORY I – DIVISION III: HORTICULTURAL - DISPLAY AND MULTIPLE PLANTS**Class O - Colony (16 entries)**

1st	Nina Woodcock	<i>Quesnelia</i> 'Tim Plowman'
2nd	Ann & Noel Kennon	<i>Billbergia</i> hybrid
3rd	Nina Woodcock	<i>Neoregelia</i> Wild Rabbit

Class P - Mounted Tillandsias, 2 or more separate plants (4 entries)

1st	Edwina & Stephen Wain	<i>Tillandsia fuchsii</i> forma <i>gracillis</i>
2nd	Ann & Noel Kennon	<i>Tillandsia karwinskyana</i>
3rd	Ann & Noel Kennon	<i>Tillandsia</i> But Rob

Class Q - Mounted Bromeliad(s) (2 entries)

1st	Nina Woodcock	<i>Neoregelia</i> Witchcraft
2nd	Nina Woodcock	<i>Neoregelia</i> Red Bull

CATEGORY II – ARTISTIC**Class R - Basket or Decorative Container (4 entries)**

1st	Elizabeth Bevan	“Volcano Eruption”
2nd	Elizabeth Bevan	“Overflow of Colour”
3rd	Bob Stephens	“Our Rena”

Class S - Bromeliad Garden (4 entries)

1st	Graham Kohler	“Bromeliad Garden – <i>Deuterocohnia/ Cryptanthus</i> ”
2nd	Ann & Noel Kennon	“Bromeliad Garden”
3rd	Ann & Noel Kennon	“Bromeliad Garden”

Class T - Artistic Arrangement (2 entries)

1st	Elizabeth Bevan	“Shades of Spring”
2nd	Elizabeth Bevan	“Shades of Autumn”



Above: Sharyn Baraldi with her Bromeliad Display. The theme was “Trick or Treat”



Above left: Awards table



Above right: Champion Bromeliad Novice, *Tillandsia bergeri* x *aeranthos*, entered by Glenn Martin



Above left: Champion Bromeliad Open, *Tillandsia gardneri* hybrid, entered by Edwina & Stephen Wain



Above centre: Best Species, *Quesnelia* 'Tim Plowman', entered by Nina Woodcock



Above right: Catherine Wainwright Memorial, *Tillandsia juncea*, entered by Graham Bevan



Above left: The sales tables were full of beautiful bromeliads



Above right: Another view of the Bromeliad display



Above and below: Tables full of gorgeous bromeliads entered into our annual competition



MERI STEFANIDAKIS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The entries for the **Meri Stefanidakis Memorial Trophy Photographic Competition** were displayed at the November meeting and we were able to vote for our favourite photo. The winner was announced at our December meeting. Below left is the winning entry photo “Bromeliad Blues” (*Quesnelia seideliana*) taken by Edwina Wain. Below right is President Carol Burgdorf presenting Edwina her award at the Christmas party meeting on 6th December 2025.



6th DECEMBER 2025 MEETING SUMMARY

At our final meeting of the year, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch and entertainment by Italo Baraldi. Thanks Italo and to everyone that was able to attend. It was a fun day. The December meeting is also the time when we present all our awards. The captions on the photos outline the award and recipients. Our president, Carol Burgdorf presented the awards.

Monthly Competition Pointscore winners

The monthly competition is held during the February to November general meetings. There are three categories: Tillandsia, Open (all other genera) and Novice (all other genera). It's a popular vote by members at each meeting and points are allocated to first place (3 points), second place (2 points), third place (1 point). The member with the highest cumulative score for the year, wins the award.



Above left: Tillandsia trophy awarded to Edwina & Stephen Wain



Above centre: Open (all other genera) trophy awarded to Bob Stephens



Above right: Novice (all other genera) trophy awarded to Graham Kohler

Annual Show Awards



Above left: Champion Bromeliad Open, Edwina & Stephen Wain



Above centre: Champion Bromeliad Novice, Glenn Martin



Above right: Best Species, Nina Woodcock



Above left: Catherine Wainwright Memorial, Graham Bevan



Above right: Dulcie Doonan Memorial Artistic Award, Elizabeth Bevan



**Above left: Illawarra Bromeliad Society Trophies Above right: Thanks Italo for keeping us entertained.
Below: our hall at our December meeting**





The Illawarra Bromeliad Society Inc.

Bromeliad Sale Day 21st February 2026

Time: Saturday 9am – 3pm

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



Free Entry



Huge variety of Bromeliads for Sale



Raffle Prizes to WIN!

For more information:

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