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Aims of the Society

Promote and Develop Interest in Bromeliads through Friendship

To Co-operate with similar Clubs throughout the World

Membership Fee: \$15 Single, \$25 Family, Country Member \$25.

\$7.50 junior (if not in family membership)

Meetings start at 1.pm sharp first Saturday of the month.

Please bring a cup and a chair.

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

Plant Display/Sales: To participate, a member must be financial and circumstances permitting, have attended at least three meetings in the past six months.

Where the society is charged a stall fee - 20% of sales are deducted for club funds.

No charge venue & meetings - 10% of sales is deducted.

All plants to be clean, free of disease, named and price tagged.

Show Plants: Must be the property of and in the custody of the entrant for the past three months. For Society Shows the entrant must be financial and have attended at least three meetings during the past six months.

Pens, Plant Tags & Pots: available at each meeting.

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JULY: For me, the biggest surprise was to see Gloria & Max Smith signing the Attendance Book - just like normal - but they are all the way from Burrum Heads! A lovely surprise & great to catch up.

MINI SHOW *Vriesea*

1st *Vriesea hieroglyphica* x *intermedia* – Steven French

2nd. *Vriesea gigantea* var *seideliana* – Dave Weston

3rd. *Vriesea* 'Tiger Tim' – Kelly Knight



Vriesea. 'Tiger Tim'

Neoregelia 'Inkwell'

POPULAR VOTE-OPEN - Bromeliad

- 1st *Vriesea gigantea* var *seideliana* – Dave Weston
- 2nd. *Vriesea hieroglyphica* x *intermedia* – Steven French
- 2nd. *Neoregelia* ‘Inkwell’ - Steven French



Cryptanthus

- 1st *Cryptanthus* ‘Cosmic Storm’ – Dave Weston
- 2nd *Cryptanthus* ‘Strawberry Flambe’ - Brendan Leishman
- 2nd. *Cryptanthus fosterianus* – Kelly Knight



Tillandsia



- 1st *Tillandsia xerographica* – Steven French >>>>>>
- 2nd. *Tillandsia cacticola* x *purpurea* - Bob Hudson
- 3rd. *Tillandsia zebrina* – Marguerite Sexton
- 3rd. *Tillandsia bulbosa* monster - Bob Hudson



Above left *T. cacticola* x *purpurea* infloresc.
 centre *T. zebrina*
 < *T. zebrina* showing markings



Club Activities & Around the Members

AUGUST: Cairns Show Winners were Grinners and they deserved to grin as excellent bromeliads were entered into competition. Page 7

* **Neoregelia Mini Show** always attracts many well grown beauties.

Neoregelia Miniatures (pic at right)

1st. *Neoregelia* ‘Blushing Zebra’ – Nalda Wilson

2nd. *Neoregelia* ‘Pheasant’ – Dave Weston

3rd. *Neoregelia* ‘Palmares’ – Brendan Leishman

Neoregelia Mini clump (pic below)

1st. *Neoregelia* ‘Annick’ – Christel Venturi

2nd. *Neoregelia* ‘Cheers’ – Kelly Knight

3rd. *Neoregelia* NoID - Marguerite Sexton

Annick, Cheers, NoId



‘Lou Wilson’



‘Voyager’



‘Alcatraz’

Neoregelia

1st. *Neoregelia* ‘Lou Wilson’ – Steven French

2nd. *Neoregelia* ‘Voyager’ – Brendan Leishman

3rd. *Neoregelia* ‘Alcatraz’ - Dave Weston



5. More on neoregelias

Neoregelias thrive in our climate, especially when grown by Steven, Brendan or Dave - they have perfected the art of excellent growing and regularly turn up with plants that make us drool. The leaves are evenly shaped and evenly grown, strong and lustrous and the colours are amazing. These winners should send the pictures to Geoff Lawn, our BSI Cultivar Registrar - they are superior to those already depicted and Geoff is happy to add them.

Mini Clumps:

< Everyone loved the clump of *Neo.* 'Annick' very well grown by Christel - the colour was even and the plants were almost the same size - it was really lovely.

Kelly's pot of *Neo.* 'Cheers' was bright, the centres lighter with red spots. Marguerite's mini had no ID but the crisp lime green made the red markings appear more red.

Mini Singles: Nalda's 'Blushing Zebra' was a ripper - grown evenly, colour was bright and the red lines appeared to run as a complete circle. >>



Dave's *Neo.* 'Pheasant' had good shape and the rich deep maroon leaves cross banded green. Brendan's *Neo.* 'Palmares' is bright and crisp.

POPULAR VOTE

JUNIOR – Nil entries

NOVICE

Bromeliad *Aechmea* 'Jackson' - Maurice And

Cryptanthus 'Black Mood' - Maurice Anderson

Tillandsia 'Eric Knobloch' – Maurice Anderson

OPEN - Bromeliad

1st *Neoregelia* 'Alcatraz' - Dave Weston

2nd. *Neoregelia* 'Annik' – Christel Venturi

2nd. *Guzmania sanguinea* – Lynn Hudson

Cryptanthus

1st *Cryptanthus* 'Thriller – Lynn Hudson

2nd *Cryptanthus* 'Witchdoctor' - Brendan Leishman

2nd. *Cryptanthus* 'Kakadu – Dave Weston



Tillandsia

1st *Tillandsia streptocarpa* – Bob Hudson >

2nd *Tillandsia* ‘Cotton Candy’ – Paul Venturi

3rd *Tillandsia caulescens* – Glenn Jodner



The past two meetings have been heavily weighted with tillandsias - maybe we should have a Till Group? All the sweet *streptocarpa* perfume should have been sniffed out of the delicately shaped mauve flowers of Bob's plant.

The very healthy ‘Cotton Candy’ was grown perfectly by Paul - leaf shape was good and the white flowers just starting to emerge and the white tips on the flower bracts people find fascinating.

Glen's *caulescens* was young, we look forward to seeing it in flower.

Nalda showed ‘Curley Slim’ & another attractive clump - *bulbosa* x *pseudobaileyi*.

Marguerite showed *roland-gosselinii* in spike but not yet flowering. >

Bob also showed a neat flowering *ionantha* var. *stricta*. v



From Jodie: In July Marguerite brought a tray full of caulescent (having an obvious leafy stem) tillandsias in for Bob to clean up for her. Bob demonstrated how to remove any damaged/dead leaves and how much stem could be removed before remounting. In August Nalda brought in tillandsias for identification and advice on mounting.

The Novice members are showing well grown plants - Maurice showed a pendulous flowering *Aechmea* ‘Jackson’, *Cryptanthus* ‘Black Mood’ and *Tillandsia* ‘Eric Knobloch’. Well grown plants and it is good to see the ‘old’ aechmeas still being grown.



Cairns Show

Winners are Grinners and they deserved to grin as excellent bromeliads were entered into competition. We were really happy to have Nev Ryan here as our Judge. He did a sterling job, especially with the neoregelia section. There were lots of really well grown plants to show the public how good we are. I received many good compliments on the array of soul food.

Congratulations to **Dave Weston - Champion Bromeliad & Runner Up !!**
Werauhia kupperiana *Vriesea gigantea* var. *seideliana*.







The Large Spikeys - where did they come from?

Notes from Chester Skotak May 2010. (from BCR)



Neoregelias 'Tiger', 'Macho', 'Silver' & 'Rainbow'

These four Neoregelia 'species' (16 plants total) were sent to the U.S.A. by me in the 90s to: Michael Kiehl, Dennis Cathcart, Wally Berg and Harry Luther. They each received four plants, one plant of each new 'species'.

Since they were all being called carcharodon at the time, I wanted to distribute these neoregelias in hopes of getting a valid species name on them and also get them into collections. Maybe one day this group will be sorted out. It should also be noted that these species are usually not found in colonies but as individuals or only a few plants and seem to be quite rare where they are found, leaving one to wonder how they even manage to propagate in the wild.

Neoregelia 'Tiger' (now 'Skotak's Tiger') was found in Rio de Janeiro state, Estrada Estrada Marica, Itaborai on the road to Rio Bonito at the 10 km marker. The true location was first discovered by Rafael Oliveira de Faria and Chester Skotak in 2004. These plants grow on rocks or as epiphytes. When I first saw this plant growing in a very tall tree I remember thanking God that goats can't fly. In the end it didn't really matter as last I heard, that road has now been paved and the forest severely cut.

Neoregelia 'Macho' was grown and collected by Luiz (Luis) Correia de Araujo. He had them growing in giant clay pots around the restaurant he owned at the time. Several people brought back pups in the 90s, including me. The plant was found in Vargem Grande, Rio de Janeiro state.

Neoregelia 'Silver' was being grown at Pedro Nahoum's nursery. I spoke with him recently about this Neo and he told me he acquired the plant from Roberto Menescal. It was collected in Vargem Grande also.

Neoregelia 'Rainbow' (Now 'Rainbow Carcharon') was found around 1995 near Santa Maria de Madalena, Rio de Janeiro state. It was growing on rocks at the garbage dump. I was travelling with Rafael Oliveira, Pedro Nahoum, Jorge Gastin and Giorgio Croce. On this same road 2 kilometers further along we found *Vriesea croceana*, and named in honor of Giorgio Croce. //

These majestic plants are now used in many hybridising ventures and it is worth knowing how they first became available to cultivators.

Responses from some 'Bromelcairns' 2016#3 recipients

Rei Irizarry, USA: great work on the tree project!!

Betty Dovey, Mackay: Thank you Lynn really enjoy your newsletters

John Byth: I love receiving 'Bromelcairns'. I wish I had a work team as big as the one which made the beautiful bromeliad garden beneath the fig tree on the Esplanade.

Robyn Forrester: Great newsletter full of wonderful info...very well produced and now I shall settle down to read it...

Lyn Gook: I really enjoyed 'Bloomin Broms' as did my other mates. Congratulations.

Herb Plever:#3 was chock full of interesting and informative material and great photos.

Rob & Susie Branch: That's a nice booklet you put out. I noticed you had me in there.

Penrith Goff, Michigan: Great newsletter! I would like to use the meristemming article in our newsletter -- it is very clear and easy to understand.

Wot a Mess!



Our home has an easement on one side and backs onto a drain that meanders around, finally going beside the Botanic Gardens and out to sea. The easement hides many pipes, both stormwater and sewerage. The Council advised they needed to replace/upgrade the pipes and would need to use part of our property for at least a week to enable the huge excavator to operate. They would remove the fence and replace it when done - 3 metres x 20 metres! This involved moving several hundred potted plants and stashing them 'somewhere'! Then the large screening crotons etc were trimmed and the fence removed, the plants dug out, the shade cloth dropped down and the noisy GIANT moved in for 7 weeks!!



^ All new!

Good bye
Noisy Giant!
I do not miss you

My fence screening plants died and my bromeliads have really suffered from lack of light and air circulation - yes it is spring and many have sprouted offsets.

I have put back half and I have donated plenty to the council via the wheelie bin! It all looks fresh and tidy and can only get better, if I survive it!

We spend so much time working on & in our 'greenhouses'.

What happens to them after life changes and we abandon our venture?

Abandoned glasshouses - thanks Rei - worth having a look.

<http://www.messynessychic.com/2015/01/15/a-compendium-of-abandoned-greenhouses/>

11.

I was not here to wave the Giant goodbye as I was at the Sunshine Coast partying.

Yes it was Grace Goode OAM's 99th Birthday!

A happy time with family & friends, pictured here with friends Carol & Kendall who are vey good to Grace.



A little giggle from the Olympics

It's hard to believe these things were actually said due to time delay. Is nobody monitoring the transmission?

Here are the top nine comments made by sports commentators during the Olympics that they would like to take back:

1. Weightlifting commentator: "This is Gregoriava from Bulgaria . I saw her snatch this morning during her warm up and it was amazing."
2. Dressage commentator: "This is really a lovely horse and I speak from personal experience since I once mounted her mother."
3. Paul Hamm, Gymnast: "I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father."
4. Boxing Analyst: "Sure there have been injuries, and even some deaths in boxing, but none of them really that serious."
5. Softball announcer: "If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again."
6. Basketball analyst: "He dribbles a lot and the opposition doesn't like it. In fact you can see it all over their faces."
7. At the rowing medal ceremony: "Ah, isn't that nice, the wife of the IOC president is hugging the cox of the British crew."
8. Soccer commentator: "Julian Dicks is everywhere. It's like they've got eleven Dicks on the field."
9. Tennis commentator: "One of the reasons Andy is playing so well is that, before the final round, his wife takes out his balls and kisses them . . . Oh my God, what have I just said?"



* Think this through... " Will glass coffins be a success?" Remains to be seen.

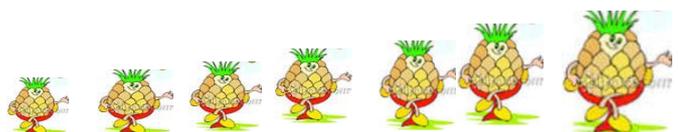
* Mother Superior called all the nuns together and said to them, 'I must tell you all something. We have a case of gonorrhoea in the convent.'

'Thank God,' said an elderly nun at the back. 'I'm so tired of chardonnay'.

Ha Ha Ha!



Nothing just happened or just gets done,
Someone has to make it happen or do it.





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