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*A very Merry Christmas to all
and a
Safe, Happy New Year*



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**BROMELIAD plants will be on sale at the Club
from 12.30 p.m. before the monthly meeting.**

MEETING VENUE AND TIME

**SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE
BURWOOD R. S. L. CLUB,**
Cnr. Shaftesbury Road and Clifton Avenue, Burwood.
Meetings commence at 1.00 p.m.
in the First Floor Conference Rooms/Auditorium.

**PLEASE NOTE: AFTERNOON TEA WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE
CATERING STAFF, NO FOOD IS TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE CLUB**

MEETINGS PROGRAM

**November 8th - Show & Tell; Sales; Raffle; Competitions
Talk - Singapore Gardens - Robyn Firth**

**December 13th - Show & Tell; Sales; Raffle;
Competitions; Bromel-Dip,;Christmas Luncheon.**



EVENTS CALENDAR

November 8-9 - Bromeliad Fair - Concord Senior Citizens Centre

**April 16-19, 2015.
18th Australasian Bromeliad Conference,
Parramatta. NSW.**

Life Members:

Grace Goode O.A.M	Margaret Draddy
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SHOW & TELL

SEPTEMBER 2014

Peter Fitzgerald brought in a plant for identification. It was agreed that it was a *Neoregelia* which seemed to be elongated and green, possibly because of being grown in too much shade. A couple of suggestions were made, possibly *Green Apple*, others disagreed, but it was quite green but did have the pinkish tinge. Peter should bring it back after a summer of growing in better light.

Robyn Firth brought in some new pots that she has acquired called 'Skale Pots'. She was looking for half pots for her own plants and found this system which she thought might interest others in the society. They can be hung on a wall, or on mesh as the grooved hook prevents slipping. They can easily be arranged as a vertical garden as they are designed, like fish scales, to fit snugly together. Robyn has bought a box herself from the wholesalers and will sell them at cost (with the usual 10% going to the club, as when plants are sold). If they prove popular she may order some for the club, depending on future demand, A good deal of interest was shown and some members purchased pots to try. Feedback will be welcomed at the November meeting.

Helga Nitsche had a few plants for which she required identification. The first she has had labelled as *Neoregelia pineliana*, but was informed that it wasn't this. Terry has looked at it and believes it has 'keyed' closely to *Neoregelia Princeps*. Another plant won in a raffle, could be *Neoregelia burlemarxii* or a hybrid of this. A third brought in was possibly a hybrid of *Neoregelia carolinae*.

Terry Davis brought in quite a few *Tillandsias* in flower, many which we would not normally see at our meeting. It was interesting to see this well grown group of plants. Among the group of *Tillandsias* were: *myocura*, in flower (seed in the seed bank); *crocata*—*Rutschmann's Orange*, with a fragrant flower; a rare yellow flowering form of *usneoides*, also fragrant; *kirschnekii*, which has a relatively large purple flower;

16TH-19TH
APRIL 2015

UPDATE

BROMSMATTA

18TH AUSTRALASIAN BROMELIAD CONFERENCE

The Novotel Parramatta

The Conference Registration form is now available on the web. Early discount available till Jan 31 2015
www.bromeliad.org.au then click Bromsmatta Conference 2015.

If paying by cheque, please make them payable to 'The Bromeliad Society of Australia'

Remember, this does NOT include accommodation at the Novotel. This should be arranged by you, bookings are now open. (02-9630-4999)

Conference Registration: please refer to the website above.

Sales: Sales to ***Registrants Only:***- Thursday 6.45-9.00; Friday 3.45-5.00; Saturday 8.00-10.00; as well as during

Sales to the Public:-

Saturday 10-3.30; Sunday 10.00-1.00

Speakers: **Dennis Cartcart** - co-owner Tropiflora Nursery, Florida USA and collector of many new species.

Nigel Thompson - Dandaloo Nursery. Grows and develops outstanding Vriesea.

Bruce Dunstan - Widely published and respected grower. South America traveller and collector.

Dr. Theresa Bert - Biologist, BSI master Judge. Specialist in Bromeliad botany, ecology and evolution. Dr Bert will be giving two lectures.

Doug Cross - Director of Cryptanthus Society International and hybridiser.

Laurie Dorfer- Bromeliad Judge with extensive qualifications in Horticulture and Arboriculture.

Andy Siekkinen - Scientist, explorer, tour guide, discovering and collecting Tillandsia and terrestrials.

Pamela Koide Hyatt - Bird Rock Tropicals Nursery, extensive exploration and discoveries.

Peter Tristram - Forest Drive Nursery, collector and importer of rare Bromeliads.

Planning is progressing and, as news becomes available, we will update on the website and in this section.

AS ALWAYS these things don't just happen, so please when the time comes, think about **VOLUNTEERING** for a job or two, as we get closer to the big event.

DONATIONS

As you are aware running a Conference is a very expensive exercise. All donations are greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in this Journal.

Thank you Ron Farrugia

Plant of the Month Competition

September 2014

Open

1st
2nd
3rd

Judge's Choice.

Tillandsia Ormseby
Tillandsia dura
Neoregelia Amazing Grace

Kerry McNicol
Lydia Hope
Kerry McNicol

Open

1st
=1st
2nd
3rd
=3rd

Members' Choice

Tillandsia recurvifolia var subsecundifolia
Neoregelia Amazing Grace
Dyckia Warren
Tillandsia recurvifolia var subsecundifolia
Tillandsia Houston

Lydia Hope
Kerry McNicol
Helga Nitschke
Ron Farrugia
Ron Farrugai

Novice

1st
2nd
3rd

Judge's Choice

Aechmea True Blue
Neoregelia Baker's Tiger
Neoregelia Heart's Blood

Mark Belot
Mark Belot
Brian Smith

Novice

1st
2nd
3rd

Members' Choice

Neoregelia Heart's Blood
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Neoregelia Baker's Tiger

Brian Smith
Mark Belot
Mark Belot

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition.

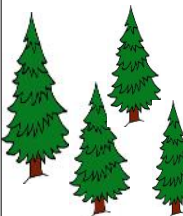
July

1st

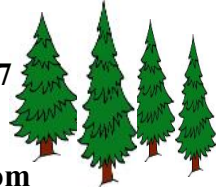
Tillandsia bergeri

Milena Della-Porta

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SPRING BROMELIAD SHOW

The Spring show this year was, once again, a huge success. The doors opened at 10.00a.m. on Saturday and the crowd poured in. The sales line was long, despite having up to eight people taking money. This 'crowd' was constant for the first two hours (it felt like four if you were 'on the till'). All thoughts of having lunch were abandoned, as the line was constant for another two hours. Though it was hectic, seeing the smiles on people's faces made it easy to 'carry on'.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up and pack down the sales room and especially the display, which was again, outstanding. The effort and planning involved was evident as the display took shape, thank you Joy.

The quality of plants for sale was excellent in all cases, thanks to those who put in the effort to get a variety of plants ready for sale.

Our competition was well patronised, with a great range of Genera on show. Competition results follow.

<u>Major Prize Winners</u>		
Grand Champion	Neoregelia Blushing Zebra	Carolyn Bunnell
Reserve Champion	Dyckia Talbot Pride	Robyn Firth
Novice Champion	Aechmea nudicaulis var aequalis	John Schembri
Species Award & Terry Davis Prize	Neoregelia lilliputiana	Lydia Hope
Certificates of Commendation	Cryptanthus Starlite Tillandsia Goomong	Robyn Firth Joy Clark

Individual Class Results

Pot of Aechmea

1st	Aechmea nudicaulis var. aequalis	Robyn Firth
2nd	Aechmea Nigre Nudicaulis	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	Aechmea Aztec Gold	Ian Hook

Billbergia Specimen

1st	Billbergia 1914	Kerry McNicol
2nd	Billbergia Nita	Robyn Firth
3rd	Billbergia Dangerous Dan	Kerry McNicol

Billbergia Colony

1st	Billbergia Groovy	John Cornale
2nd	Billbergia Virginia	Robyn Firth
3rd	Billbergia Gem	J & J Townsend

Individual Class Results (cont)

Pot of Cryptanthus

1st	Cryptanthus Starlite	Robyn Firth
2nd	Cryptanthus acaulis variegata	Robyn Firth
3rd	Cryptanthus Rainbow Star	Robyn Firth

Neoregelia Species

1st	Neoregelia lilliputiana	Lydia Hope
2nd	Neoregelia bahiana	Robyn Firth
3rd	Neoregelia olens cv Marie	Carolyn Bunnell

Miniature Neoregelia

1st	Neoregelia Lillipet No. 1	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	Neoregelia Golden Jewels	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	Neoregelia Shamrock	J & J Townsend

Pot of Neoregelia Hybrid

1st	Neoregelia Groucho	Robyn Firth
2nd	Neoregelia Rosy Morn	J & J Townsend
3rd	Neoregelia Wild Tiger	Carolyn Bunnell

Nidularium / Canistropsis

1st	Nidularium kermesianum	Robyn Firth
2nd	Nidularium Species	Robyn Firth
3rd	Nidularium Ruby Lee	Ian Hook

Tillandsia Specimen

1st	Tillandsia Goomong	Joy Clark
2nd	Tillandsia duratii	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	Tillandsia cacticola	Carolyn Bunnell

Tillandsia Colony

1st	Tillandsia recurvifolia hybrid	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	Tillandsia olmosana	Robyn Firth
3rd	Tillandsia recurvifolia x tenuifolia	Carolyn Bunnell

Vriesea

1st	Vriesea racinae x hieroglyphica	Ian Hook
2nd	Vriesea Angela	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	Vriesea racinae	Robyn Firth

Foliage / Variegated Bromeliad

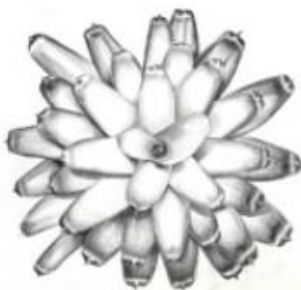
1st	Neoregelia Blushing Zebra	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	Neoregelia Empress (variegated)	David Scott
3rd	Vriesea Raphael	J & J Townsend

Pot of Other Genera

1st	Quesnelia Tim Plowman	Robyn Firth
2nd	Orthophytum Warren Loose	Lydia Hope
3rd	Hohenbergia loepoldo-hortsii	J & J Townsend

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Garry Flemming – 0265539868 / 0413178884

Peter Tristram – peter@bromeliads.com.au

Individual Class Results (cont)

Pot of Intergeneric

1st	xNiduregelia Namara	Robyn Firth
2nd	xNiduregelia Surprise	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	xNeophytum Gary Hendrix	Kerry McNicol

Mounted Bromeliad

1st	Aechmea orlandiana	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	Catopsis paniculata	Robyn Firth
3rd	Neoregelia Purple Grape	John Schembri

Terrestrial Bromeliad

1st	Dyckia Talbot Pride	Robyn Firth
2nd	Dyckia Fosteriana Silver	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	Deuterocohnia brevifolia	Robyn Firth

Artistic Arrangement

1st	'Twins'	Joy Clark
2nd	'Carmen'	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	"Ladies Day Out"	Joy Clark

Novice

1st	Aechmea nudicaulis var aequalis	John Schembri
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Monthly Meeting Competitions.

At every monthly meeting of the BSA a series of Competitions are held.

- for Open, Novice, and Artistic. ALL members are strongly urged to participate. Whether you are highly competitive to become this years Champion, feel a personal pride for a particular plant you have raised, or just bring in the plant that caught your eye, to share with other enthusiasts.

Make an effort, bring it along to the Competition, and join in the fun of the day.

The Competition is an important part of our meeting where experienced judges and growers get to openly discuss Bromeliads. - To everyone's benefit and education.

Do NOT feel embarrassed or scared of our discussion of these plants when the results are announced. It is a learning experience, not a personal judgement. When the judging points tally is explained, you will see that the results are justified.

Judging is done to an International standard system of points that are shown to work very well in finding the "best" entries. This shows up in the sum of points for ... right shape, low damage, healthy, well presented, etc, etc.

And yes, a few points in that list are for rarity, difficulty, Wow.

I urge you to enter our monthly competitions and learn how feedback on all these factors will help you grow the most spectacular and enjoyable Bromeliads.

PLANT OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2014.



Tillandsia Ormesby
Open-1st Judges
Kerry McNicol



Tillandsia dura
Open- 2nd Judges
Lydia Hope



Neoregelia Amazing Grace
Open- 3rd Judges ; =1st Members
Kerry McNicol



Aechmea True Blue
Novice -1st Judges; 2nd Members
Mark Belot



Neoregelia Baker's Tiger
Novice- 2nd Judges ; 3rd
Members. Mark Belot



Neoregelia Heart's Blood
Novice- 3rd Judges; 1st Members
Brian Smith



Tillandsia recurvifolia
var subsecundifolia
Open = 1st Members



Dyckia Warren Loose
Open—2nd Members
Helga Nitschke



Tillandsia recurvifolia
var subsecundifolia
Open =3rd Members
Ron Farrugia



Margaret Draddy Artist ic
1st
Milena Della-Porta

Tillandsia Houston
Open =3rd Members
Ron Farrugia



SPRING SHOW 2014.



Part of our colourful Display



Neoregelia Blushing Zebra
Grand Champion & 1st Class 12
Carolyn Bunnell



Dyckia Talbot Pride
Reserve Champion & 1st Class 16
Robyn Firth



Neoregelia lilliputiana
Species Award & 1st Class 5
Lydia Hope



Aechmea nudicaulis var. aequalis
Novice Champion & 1st Class 18
John Schembri



Tillandsia Goomong
**Certificate of Commendation
& 1st Class 9** Joy Clark



Cryptanthus Starlite
Certificate of Commendation & 1st Class 4
Robyn Firth

SPRING SHOW 2014



Aechmea
Nigra nudicaulis

Aechmea Aztec Gold



Billbergia
1914

Billbergia
Dangerous
Dan



Billbergia Groovy



Billbergia Virginia

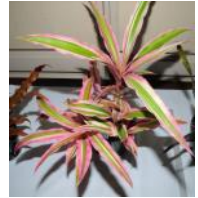


Billbergia Gem

Billbergia
Nita

Cryptanthus
Acaulus variegata

Cryptanthus
Rainbow Star



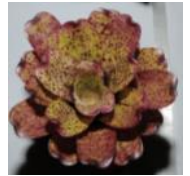
Neoregelia bahiana



Neoregelia Lillipet No.1



Neoregelia Shamrock



Neoregelia Golden Jewels



Neoregelia Groucho



Neoregelia olens 'Marie'



Nidularium species



Neoregelia Rosy Morn



Neoregelia Wild Tiger



Nidularium kermesianum

Tillandsia recurvifolia
hybrid



Nidularium Ruby Lee



Tillandsia cacticola



Tillandsia olmosana



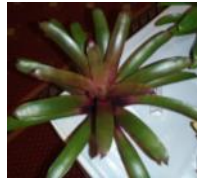
Tillandsia duratii



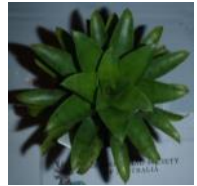
Tillandsia recurvifolia x tenuifolia



Vriesea racinae x hieroglyphica



Vriesea Angela



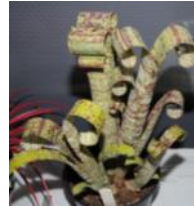
Vriesea racinae

Neoregelia Empress (variegated)



xNiduregelia Namara

Vriesea Raphael



Quesnelia Tim Plowman



Hoenbergia Leopoldo-horstii



xNiduregelia Surprise



xNeophytum Gary Hendrix

Aechmea orlandiana



Catopsis paniculata

Neoregelia Purple Grape



Dyckia fosteriana silver



Deuterocohnia brevifolia



'Twins'



'Carmen'



'Ladies Day Out'



SHOW & TELL (continued)

Terry's S & T continued

Tillandsia salmonae; two different forms of *cacticola*, one compact and the other a larger form which seems to only ever have one offset, which makes it tricky to separate in case it is damaged; an *Aff toropotensis*, (*aff= affiliated to, or close but not exactly*) and finally a large clump of *recurvifolia* var *subsecundifolia* in flower.

A question was asked of Terry regarding what pen/pencil he uses. He stated that he uses HB or 2B pencils as pens fade. Then Robyn stated that she has trialled the pens we have on sale. A label has been in full sun facing west for three years so far and is still as good as it was, when first written.

'Grandfathering in'

by Derek Butcher 12/2013

'Grandfathering in' is a term used to cover those hybrids that were not named or registered by the original hybridist but have been registered by another person at a later date. It is fraught with danger because many of the facts regarding parentage could well be guesswork. However, the hybrid is in existence and, as with anything botanical, is best recorded for future reference rather than being in someone's memory and therefore lost.

Some of this past knowledge is contained in old letters but so many of these letters disappear on the death of the receiver. Some are retained as archival material in various Universities especially in the USA as is evidenced by the article on **Theodore L. Mead** in the *Journal of the Brom. Soc.* 62(5): 214-223. 2012. This opened my mind to the fact that he was probably the first American to really concentrate on hybridising in Bromeliaceae in the 1920's and probably succeeded in producing a bi-generic, although we have no living proof.

These days these letters can so easily be copied as 'pdf' and made available for any interested party to read. This is where **Alan Herndon** of Miami, Florida, USA comes into the picture, because he has plans for this type of material to be available via the BSI. He already has letters to Bill Morris here in Australia from writers in the USA in the 1960's, which I rescued from the 'silverfish' in Bill's garden shed!

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It was a great surprise to me a few days ago when Alan reported he had access to correspondence that Ralph Davis had had with Australians. Nothing like this had been found in the garden shed! You have only to read the Bulletin of the Bromeliad Society of this period to realise the high esteem that Ralph Davis held in this period. For some reason Ralph kept carbon copies of the letters he sent. In most cases you only have letters in and have to guess what was in letters out! There is one problem with such letters in that you don't know what you are looking for until you find it. For example I look for mentions of plants being sent to Australia to see if I can link them to plants being grown here. Then there are details about hybrids.

Wow! While Bill Morris was telling Ralph about his Bigeneric hybrids he had produced in Australia, Ralph let Bill know his success with a *Canistrum* and an *Aechmea*. This had me looking for more detail but alas I had to make-do with this snippet of information. However, in August, 1964 Ralph Davis did send a parcel of plants to Bill Morris care of Joan White (Bill Morris was in the middle of a move to Cairns) which included an *Aechmea chantinii* x *Canistrum fosterianum*. This is the only reference I can find and it was not recorded in later issues of the Australian Bromeletter so it is probable that this plant died in quarantine. There is vague information on this hybrid in the BSI but Herb Hill was the actual one to name this hybrid x*Canmea* 'RaRu' after Ralph and Ruby Davis. It seems some 20 years after the event! But, alas we do not even know what it looks like, so if anyone out there is growing this plant it would be great to have its photo. Because of this possible parentage I have found, I will be noting the official records.

The two bigenerics that Bill Morris was talking about are mentioned as follows:

x*Neobergia* 'Noddy' by D Butcher in Bromeletter 33(1): 9. 1995 .

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'Now to another bigeneric with *Billbergia nutans* as the seed parent and *Neoregelia carolinae* providing the pollen. Here again Mulford Foster was unconvinced but whether he received specimen details or was bypassed in favour of Lyman Smith, the archival records do not divulge. I do know that in November 1961, Lyman Smith believed that a bigeneric happening between *Billbergia* and *Neoregelia* had occurred but I cannot find the letter Lyman Smith sent to Bill Morris. This has probably been filed in a special safe place (not in the shed) never to be found again!

No reference appears in Flora Neotropica, Bromelioideae by Smith & Downs which is a pity but you cannot win them all. After all it is in my checklist under *Neobergia* 'Noddy'. If you have 'Noddy' then you will know it is like a robust *Billbergia nutans* which

goes red in the centre when ready to flower and produces a somewhat shortened, non-hanging, inflorescence. In fact, quite a talking point.

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xAechopsis 'Newk' by Butcher in Bromeleetter 33: 9. 1995

At the first Bromeliad Conference in 1981 I saw a plant in the Melbourne Botanic Gardens named *Aechmea miniata* v. *discolor*, but which looked like a robust *Nidularium burchellii*. I quizzed Olwen Ferris & she felt it was one of Bill Morris's hybrids. We now know this as xNidumea 'Newk' (the Newk to remind us of Newcastle rather than the tennis player).

Imagine my surprise when I found a letter from Julian Nally of Gotha, Florida, U.S.A. of date March 17, 1961, which reports on Bill's achievements. Apparently, Bill had been trying to set seed by crossing plants from different genera and believed he had achieved success in 2 such crossings. Julian was keen to acquire living proof of these successes because bigeneric hybrids were very rare at that time & many thought such crossings were impossible. Bill had been swapping seed with Julian at the time and this achievement put him into the positive side of the ledger.

At the same time, Bill was sending Cycad seed to Mulford Foster and also enjoying a supply of seed in a reciprocal arrangement. Mulford Foster was trying bigeneric hybrids but not having much success, so the fact that an Antipodean had supposedly broken the barrier was somewhat of a shock. Needless to say, yet another American wanted a specimen.

I don't know if you have xNidumea 'Newk' or have seen it but it does look like a larger stiffer leaved, bluish petalled *Nidularium burchellii* and has hybrid vigour. Bill assures me that the mother was the *Aechmea miniata* var. *discolor*. Anyway Noreen, Bill's wife, must be the artist in the family, because she had the job of drawing up the specimen parts to send away to Mulford. Mulford would have been in a defensive mood but he could not see any *Aechmea miniata* in the crossing and suggested other possible parents which Bill had never had! Perhaps I should have a go with the razor blade and butcher one of my plants under this name just to see what differences there are. Another way to check would be to set seed but the plant seems to be a "mule" which all bigenerics seem to be!

So here you have three bigeneric hybrids that were quite an achievement at the time but went unnamed for some 20 years. Not awe inspiring plants but worthy of naming and recording. These days you see the same problem with some hybridists creating new hybrids and not finishing up with the necessary paper work of naming and registering. BUT then you also see the other side of the coin where naming and registering is done and yet there is very little difference in the supposed new creation other than name.

Meet some new faces!



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

We continue to attract new members into the Society and we would like to welcome **Will Bowen, Greg Cawthorn & John Spencer, Diara Curtin, Janey Prott-Keys, Carole & Alan Taylor, Felice Houweling, Di Tullock** and **Judith Williams** who joined at our Spring Show, and are the latest to come to admire, enjoy and learn about the wonderful world of Bromeliads.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alan Mathew gave the following details regarding our :

Operating Account to August 31, 2014:

Brought Forward	\$23,937.62
Plus Income:	2,133.25
Less expenses	2,791.09
Bank Statement as at 31/08/2014	\$23,279.78

Operating Account to September 30, 2014:

Brought Forward	\$23,279.78
Plus Income:	2,450.63
Less expenses	2,471.65
Bank Statement as at 30/09/2014	\$23,258.76

Please note: these totals include Conference receipts and expenses.

FATHER CHRISTMAS – ‘FICTIONAL FACTS’

Father Christmas (alias *Santa, Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, Saint Nicholas, Sinterklaas*) brings gifts to all good children (or a piece of coal to those who've been naughty - distributed by his helper, *Black Peter*) at Christmas to celebrate the birth of Christ on December 25th (formerly the date chosen for a pagan mid- winter ritual in the northern hemisphere, later hi-jacked by Christians wanting to convert pagans to



Christianity as no-one really knew the real date of the birth of Christ). **Santa was a large man in green and scarlet robes lined with fur, who rode a goat** (now a large jolly bearded character in a red suit lined with white fur - an advertising coup by

the Coca Cola company, who rides in a sleigh pulled by reindeer since the 1820's until a red nosed reindeer was added in the 1930's).



Whatever beliefs and traditions we all observe at this time of year, it is a time for family, happiness and goodwill to others. We hope all bromeliad enthusiasts have an enjoyable Christmas season and a safe New Year.

The Editor

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Note: Un-financial members must add \$5 rejoining fee when re-applying for membership.

Members will become 'un-financial' if renewals have not been received by the end of our Autumn Show.

LITERATURE

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Growing Bromeliads - 3rd. Edition.	Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc.	\$10.00
Bromeliads for the Contemporary Garden.	Andrew Steens	\$35.00 Now \$20.00
Bromeliads, A Cultural Manual.(Rev.) Edition 2007)	BSI	\$5.00
Bromeliads- The Connoisseur's Guide, 2007.	Andrew Steens	\$20.00

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The Seed Bank provides a service to members of the Bromeliad Society of Australia, supporters of the Seed Bank and other interested enthusiasts, for the collection and distribution of all types of Bromeliad seeds from local and overseas sources.

Thanks go to all those who have donated seed.

Seeds cost 50¢ per packet for Members and Seed Bank supporters (plus postage) or \$1 per packet (plus postage) for all other enquiries:

Enquiries for seeds should be directed to

Terry Davis
(02) 9636 6114 or 0439 343 809

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<i>Vr. hieroglyphica</i>	Aug 2014	Laurie Dorfer
<i>T. bartramii</i>	Aug 2014	Terry Davis
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<i>T. fasciculata</i> (nice red bracts)	03/09/14	Bob Hudson
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