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#### 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.

#### MEETINGS PROGRAM

May 9th- Show & Tell; Sales; Raffle; Competitions June 13th- Show & Tell; Sales; Raffle; Competitions.

#### EVENTS CALENDAR

10/11/12 July 2015.QLD Garden Expo. Nambour Showground.

#### Life Members:

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#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alan Mathew gave the following details regarding our:

#### Operating Account to February 28, 2015:

 Brought Forward
 \$51,463.41

 Plus Income:
 31,274.10

 Less expenses
 13,246.32

 Bank Statement as at 28/02/2015
 \$69,491.19

#### Operating Account to March 31 2015:

 Brought Forward
 \$ 69,491.19

 Plus Income:
 4,618.52

 Less expenses
 25,262.90

 Bank Statement as at 31/03/2015
 \$48,846.81

Please note: these totals include Conference receipts and expenses.

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#### March 2015

#### Plant of the Month Competition

<u>Open</u>	Judge's Choice.	
1st 2nd 3rd	Neoregelia Heart Music Tillandsia crocata Neoregelia Shelldance	Joy Clark Carolyn Bunnell Lydia Hope
<u>Open</u>	Members' Choice	, ,
1st	Neoregelia Heart Music	Joy Clark
=1st 2nd	Tillandsia crocata	Carolyn Bunnell
=2nd	Neoregelia Shelldance Tillndsia 'Wonga'	Lydia Hope Joy Clark
3rd	Cryptanthus Blood Red	Lydia Hope
=3rd	Tillandsia Repron	Joy Clark
=3rd	Tillandsia 'Nashville'	Kerry McNicol
Novice	Judge's Choice	·
1st	Tillandsia seleriana	Lindsay Munro
2nd	Neoregelia DeRolf	Warrill Evans
3rd	Neoregelia Franca	John Schembri
<u>Novice</u>	Members' Choice	
1st	Tillandsia seleriana	Lindsay Munro
2nd	Neoregelia DeRolf	Warrill Evans
3rd	Neoregelia Franca	John Schembri
	Margaret Draddy Artistic Competit	ion.
1st	Orange Delight	Joy Clark
2nd	Crocata Garden	Lindsay Munro

#### Show & Tell -- March 2015

Tan Hook

<u>John Schembri</u> opened our S&T segment with two plants he wished to have identified, both came from the garden of an elderly lady. Both were a little elongated and in need of some TLC. The first, marmorata type could be *Neo. Julian Nally* and the othersomething similar to Neo Green Bands or Fancy Pants. Growing on may clarify the identity.

<u>Ian Hook</u> showed a plant he got from our raffle table . It was thought to be an <u>Aechmea fasciata var purpurea</u>, though the leaves were a little narrow.

<u>Kerry McNicol</u> had two similar Vrieseas. One named Vriesea rodigaseana. A plant with green leaves with some red speckles under the leaves in high light. The inflorescence has a scarlet scape with bright yellow floral bracts and flowers. This keys correctly with Vr. rodigaseana. The 2nd plant is very similar, red speckles under the leaves, tall green/pink scape with yellow floral bracts and flowers. The second plant is almost 2x the width and height of the first. The secong plant could not be identified. **Comments and ideas greatfully received!** 

<u>Werner Raff</u> showed us the loop hook rug, which was made by Grace Goode, raffled at the world conference in Cairns, 2008, won by Margaret Draddy and now

donated to the club for auction at Bromsmatta by her family.

Marconae Tree

#### **OPEN**

Neoeregelia Heart Music



Tillandsia 'Wonga'



**NOVICE** 

Tillandsia seleriana



Plant of the Month - March

Tillandsia crocata



Cryptanthus 'Blood Red'



Neoregelia DeRolf



Neoregelia Shelldance



Tillandsia 'Repton'



Tillandsia 'Nashville'



Neoregelia 'Franca'













#### Bromelains:

## Medicinal uses of the Bromelaceae Family

Compiled by Editor from :-Wikipedia; 'Bromelain / University of Maryland Medical Center' + other readings

Bromeliads have long been a food source for the native peoples of Central and South America. There is also a long traditional use of these plants for medicinal purposes. Pineapple has been used for centuries by the indigenous people to treat indigestion and reduce inflammation

<u>Bromelain</u> is a protein extract derived from the stems and fruits of pineapples. The term 'bromelain' may also refer to either of two protease enzymes (leaf & stem) extracted from the plants of the family Bromeliaceae, or it may refer to a combination of those enzymes along with other compounds produced in an extract

The first isolation of the enzyme was recorded by the Venezuelan chemist Vicente Marcano in 1891 by fermenting the fruit of pineapple. In 1892, Russell Henry Chittenden, assisted by Elliott P. Joslin and Frank Sherman Meara, investigated the matter more completely, and called it 'bromelin'. Later, the term 'bromelain' was introduced and originally applied to any protease from any member of the plant family Bromeliaceae.

Bromelain is present in all parts of the pineapple plant (Ananas sp.), but the stem is the most common commercial source, presumably because large quantities are readily available after the fruit has been harvested.

Use in Meat Tenderizing

Along with papain, **bromelain** is one of the most popular proteases to use for meat tenderizing. **Bromelain** may be used in a powdered form, which is combined with a marinade, or directly sprinkled on the uncooked meat.

Cooked or canned pineapple does not have a tenderizing effect, as the enzymes are 'heat-labile' and destroyed in the cooking process. Some prepared meat products, such as meatballs and commercially available marinades, include pineapple and/or pineapple-derived ingredients.

#### Potential Medical Uses

Available in some countries as a product under the name 'Ananase', bromelain began its reputation for various uses in folk medicine.

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**Bromelain** can be used to treat a number of conditions, but it is particularly effective in reducing inflammation from infection and injuries.

Surgery, Sprains and Strains, and Tendinitis

Although studies show mixed results, bromelain may reduce swelling, bruising, healing time, and pain after surgery and physical injuries. It is often used to reduce inflammation from with tendinitis, sprains and strains, and other minor muscle injuries. Studies of people having dental, nasal, and foot surgeries found it did reduce inflammation. In Europe, bromelain is used to treat sinus and nasal swelling following ear, nose, and throat surgery or trauma.

#### Wounds and Burns

Some studies of animals suggest that bromelain, when applied to the skin, may be useful in removing dead tissue, a process called debridement, from third-degree burns. One preliminary study using a debridement agent that is derived from bromelain to treat people with second- and third-degree burns showed a benefit. Severe burns require a doctor's care. Do not apply bromelain to broken skin.

#### Sinusitis (Sinus inflammation)

Although not all studies agree, **bromelain** may help reduce cough and nasal mucus associated with sinusitis, and relieve the swelling and inflammation caused by hay fever. (Ever been told to drink pineapple juice for a sore throat?)

#### **Arthritis**

Studies show mixed results, but one study suggested that a combination of *bromelain*, rutosid, and trypsin worked as well as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, which are commonly used pain relievers, for reducing knee pain from osteoarthritis. NSAIDs include ibuprofen (Advil or Motrin), naproxen (Aleve), and diclofenac (Voltaren), among others.

Some early studies suggest that **bromelain** may also help reduce pain in people with rheumatoid arthritis, but the results are not certain.

#### Infection

Some evidence from test tube and animal studies suggests that **bromelain** can kill some viruses and bacteria. But more research, including human studies, is needed to see whether it truly works.



Well, BROMSMATTA has come and gone, not without some last minute hitches, but, seemingly by all accounts it was a resounding success, with a great time being had by all.

The committee would like to thanks all those, registrants and volunteers who attended for making the experience so memorable. The Novotel was a great venue for all proceedings, with the staff being very accommodating of any late changes that were needed to be made.

It was very fortuitous that we did not choose the following week in which to hold the event The rain had already begun to fall as the last of us were leaving on Monday morning.

The Harbour Cruise proved a great hit, with the weather being 'perfect' for the event, even locals thought it was 'great'.

Our speakers all proved that there is always more to be learnt about the amazing world of growing bromeliads. There were many chances to chat to everyone and answer any questions we might still have for them. Many speakers and registrants renewed old friendships and, of course, made new ones.

The competition plants were of an outstanding quality. A good number of the awards went to our local members, as well as to those Australia wide. Results of the completion will be displayed in the following pages.

Sales were very lively, with many of us going back again and again, just in case we had missed that plant that we really needed! Public sales on both Saturday & Sunday were hectic, with quite a few local sellers having to go home and replenish their stock. Quite a few of the interstate sellers were very nicely surprised at how few plants they were taking home.

All in all, the Conference was a great success and a fantastic time was had by all. See you in 2017 at 'Sunnybroms'.

#### BSA display—BROMSMATTA





A good crowd for Morning Tea

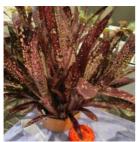
#### BROMSMATTA—Champions of the Show



Grand Champion / 1st in Class Till. Silver Queen. Greg Aizelwood



Species Award / 1st in Class Deuterocohnnia brevifolia ssp chlorantha Ron Farrugia



Reserve Champion /1st in Class Billbergia Hallelujah







Class 1a. Aechmea Single Specimen	'A Show Results	
echmea 'Shining Light'	1st Class 1a	Doris Keirnan
echmea 'Fatso' F2	2nd Class 1a	Carolyn Bunnell
echmea nudicaulis var. aequalis	3rd Class 1a	Terry Davis
lass 1b. Aechmea Multiple		
echmea 'Red Ribbon'	1st Class 1b	Joe De Gabriel
echmea 'Aztec Gold'	2nd Class 1b	Joe De Gabriel
lass 2a Billbergia Single Specimen		
illbergia 'Owen'	1st	Carolyn Bunnel
illbergia 'Domingos Martins' x 'Georgia'	2nd	Carolyn Bunnell
illbergia 'La Vie En Rose'	3rd	Greg Aizlewood
lass 2b Billbergia Multiple		
illbergia 'Hallelujah'	1st	Barry Kable
illbergia 'Dippin Dots'	2nd	Greg Aizlewood
illbergia 'Fascinator'	3rd	Terry Davis
class 3 Cryptanthus Single Specimen or	· Multiple	
Cryptanthus 'Strawberries Flambe'	1st	Doug Cross
Cryptanthus 'Thriller'	2nd	Pam Butler
Crypthanthus 'Silver Zones'	3rd	Margaret Cross
class 4 Best Nidularium/Canistropsis		
Canistropsis burchellii	1st	Joe De Gabriel
lidularium rutilans	2nd	Joe De Gabriel
lidularium atalaiaense	3rd	Doris Keirnan
lass 5a Vriesea Single Specimen		
′riesea 'Highway Beauty'	1st	Ross Little
riesea 'Enchanted Forest'	2nd	Becky Trevor
riesea 'Enchanted Forest'	3rd	Len Trevor
lass 5b Vriesea Multiple		
riesea lubbersii	1st	Terry Davis
riesea triligulata	2nd	Terry Davis
Class 6a Terrestrial Bromeliad Single Sp	ecimen	
yckia 'Red Planet'	1st	Doris Keirnan
yckia 'Red Devil' F2	2nd	Terry Davis
Dyckia 'Dragon's Nest'	3rd	Terry Davis







xVrieslandsia Inca Chief





xNeophytum Ralph Davis

xCryptbergia 'lt' rubra







Tess



**Orange Delight** 



**Pink Delight** 





Portea peteropolitana extensa



Lindenii

Class 6b Terrestrial Bromeliad Multiple	e			
Deuterocohnia brevifolia ssp. chlorantha	1st	Ron Farrugia		
Dyckia 'Red Devil' F2	2nd	Terry Davis		
Orthophytum 'Starlights'	3rd	Barry Kable		
Class 7b Bromeliad Other Multiple				
Quesnelia marmorata 'Tim Plowman'	1st	Terry Davis		
Class 8a Tillandsia Single Specimen				
Tillandsia 'Silver Queen'	1st	Greg Aizlewood		
Tillandsia ionantha hybrid	2nd	Carolyn Bunnell		
Tillandsia complanata	3rd	Terry Davis		
Class 8b Tillandsia Multiple				
Tillandsia crocata	1st	Terry Davis		
Tillandsia paleacea (Knize)	2nd	Chris Larson		
Tillandsia tectorum	3rd	Terry Davis		
Class 9a Neoregelia Single Specimen				
Neoregelia 'Enchanment'	1st	Ross Little		
Neoregelia 'Heart Music Too'	2nd	Joy Clark		
Neoregelia 'Aussie Dream Glorious'	3rd	Jon & Jan Townsend		
Class 9b Neoregelia Multiple		·		
Neoregelia 'Mini Skirt'	1st	Terry Davis		
Neoregelia 'Lyda's Pride'	2nd	Carolyn Bunnell		
Neoregelia 'Storm Bird'	3rd	Joe De Gabriel		
Class 9c Neoregelia Single Specimen Mi	niature (le	ss than 200mm)		
Neoregelia 'Marie'	1st	Carolyn Bunnell		
Neoregelia 'Strawberry Cream'	2nd	Terry Davis		
Neoregelia 'Cheers'	3rd	Terry Davis		
Class 10 Intergeneric Single Specimen o	r Multiple			
xVrieslandsia 'Inca Chief'	1st	Ross Little		
xNeophytum 'Ralph Davis'	2nd	Joe De Gabriel		
xCryptbergia 'It' rubra	3rd	Joe De Gabriel		
Class 11a Basket of Bromeliads/Decorat Bromeliads)	Class 11a Basket of Bromeliads/Decorative Container (Featuring majority of			
'Frilly'	1st	Joy Clark		
'Daffy's Fast and The Furious'	2nd	Joe De Gabriel		
'Tess'	3rd	Carolyn Bunnell		
Class 11b Floral Arrangement (featurin				
Container	1.4	C1 D 11		
'Orange Delight'	1st	Carolyn Bunnell		
	'Pink Delight' 2nd Carolyn Bunnell  Class 11c. Original Artwork by the exhibitor(Photograph, drawing/Painting etc)			
'Tillandsia collage'	1st	Lesley Baylis		
'Portia petropolitana extensa'	2nd	Julie Evans		
'lindenii'	3rd	Carolyn Bunnell		

# Vale Laíla Astíll



Passed away 3rd April 2015

Sadly, we have lost another of our valued members, Laila Astill. Laila passed away in her sleep on 3rd April 2015, leaving everyone who knew her, stunned, and much poorer for her passing.

Laila was born in Italy and, with her family, moved to Australia when she was 4 years old. Laila was a nurse, when she and Stephen met. They had one son, Tristraum, who grew up to be a strong family man, presenting her with two grandchildren, Tyrone, and Elanor who was born early on Thursday 2nd April. It would be of some comfort

to Stephen and Tristraum, to know that she had been able to welcome her grand-daughter into the world.

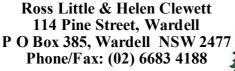
Laila and husband, Stephen, were regular attendees at our monthly meetings, travelling from the Woolongong area where they lived. Laila was also active members of the Illawarra Bromeliad Society, as well as in many horticultural societies and other garden clubs. They include, the Rose Society where she was a member for over 30 years, the Royal Horticultural Society, The Dahlia Society, as well as her beloved Oak Flats Gardening Club.

Laila loved the ABC radio gardening program, where she was on every week winning competitions or giving advice and had made friends with a number of the presenters. She could always be found at a party or function in the corner talking with one of them. They, along with members of the program's audience, were there to farewell her.

There was a spare chair at our Bromsmatta Conference, for Laila. Both she and Stephen were looking forward to attending, and both were remembered and greatly missed.

Laila is now at peace, and will continue on in our memories.

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Helga Nitschke; Lydia Hope

Peter Fitzgerald Ron Farrugia

Terence Davis
Terence Davis

Ian Hook; Terence Davis

Robyn Firth Joy Clark

LITERATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	AUTHOR	PRICE	
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 \$5.0		
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The sales tables were packed with bargains . .



**Displays** 

1st - The Olive Branch





2nd - Our Billy Cart - Greg Aizelwood

3rd - BSQ



H.C. Gold Coast Succulent & Bromeliad Society



H.C. - SUNNYBROMS 2017



There was lively bidding for Margaret's crocheted blanket, but Len Trevor was determined to get it for Becky. She and Margaret became firm friends at Coolbroms in NZ, and kept in touch when they returned to Australia.



Rob & Marie Giddins of Bulguru Bromeliads are thrilled to have taken the Grace Goode/Margaret Draddy wall hanging 'back home' after the auction.



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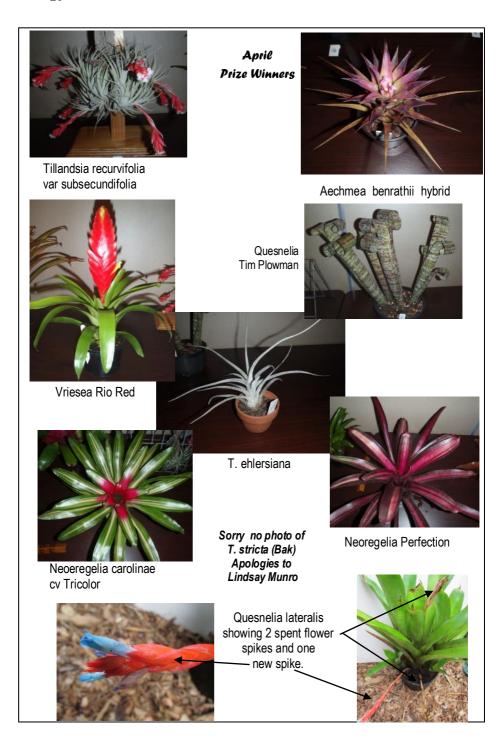
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#### **April** 2015

#### Plant of the Month Competition

<u>Open</u>	<u>Judge's &amp; Members' Choice.</u>	
1st	T. recurvifolia var subsecundifolia	Sandra Southwell
2nd	Ae.benrathii hybrid	Caroline Bunnell
3rd	Vr. Rio Red	Helg Nitschke
<u>Novice</u>	<u>Judge's Choice</u>	
1st	Ques. Tim Plowman	Warril Evans
2nd	T. ehlersiana	Lindsay Munrow
3rd	Neo. Carolinae	Eugene Morris
<u>Novice</u>	Members' Choice	
1st	Ques. Tim Plowman	Warril Evans
2nd	T. stricta (Bak)	Lindsay Munro
3rd	Neo. Perfection	Eugené Morris

#### Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition.

No entries this month

#### Show & Tell

<u>Werner Raff</u> displayed two beautiful tillandsias in flower. The first T.copanensis which he got from Michael Ferenczi a few years ago. The other, and an unknown cross from Ken Woods, a tall capitata type plant which, Ken Woods noted that he might not have parted with it if he knew how it would turn out.

<u>Helga Nitschke</u> had plants for identification, the first easily recognised as *T.stricta var nigra*, and another stricta type plant. Helga will bring it next month when it flowers.

<u>Kerry McNicol</u> showed *Quesnelia lateralis*, which had its 3rd flower spike. This quesnelia flowers several times from the one plant, from different 'buds' on the central core of the plant. The plant has grown well under trees, but doesn't like the heat of summer.

<u>Terry Davis</u> showed us how to trim leaves acceptably. The trimming template he uses is cut, from venetian blind, to the exact leaf shape. This should be done on the morning of the competition as the cut will brown off in a few days.



#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

We continue to attract new members into the Society and would like to welcome our most recent enthusiasts:

#### Howard & Leanne Martin, Ron & Beryl Brown, Jasmina Hazrolaj,

have recently joined our group. If you would like to become a Member, please see details below.

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

<u>ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION</u>: Renewal due <u>January 1st</u> for membership year January to December.

Membership: Australia A\$20

Overseas Membership: Asia/Pacific Zone A\$30. Rest of the World A\$35.

<u>New Membership</u> requires a \$5 joining fee, plus Annual Subscription. (Those joining after October 1st are covered for the following year.)

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 (Bromsmatta in 2015)

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- Mastercard/Visa number and expiry date.
- CARDHOLDER signature (essential).
- Payment details (membership renewal, book purchase, postage, etc.)
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# SEED BANK 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

Below is the list of *most recently* added seed to our Seed Bank.

For the full list please go to bromeliad.org.au

T sabiadana	40/44/44	Tama Davis
T. schiedeana	13/11/14	Terry Davis
T. limbata	27/11/14	Bob Hudson
T. pseudo-baileyi	27/11/14	Bob Hudson
Alc. imperialis rubra	10/11/14	Laurie Dorfer
Vr. hieroglyphica	10/11/14	Laurie Dorfer
Vr. racinae	15/11/14	Laurie Dorfer
Guz. sanguinea var. brevipedi- cellata	17/11/14	Laurie Dorfer
Tillandsia australis	Dec 2014	Gordon Slack
T. polystachia	21/12/14	Sandra Southwell
Vr. racinae	20/12/14	Terry Davis
Dyckia niederleinii	20/12/14	Terry Davis
Neo. kautskyi (or hybrid)	21/12/14	Terry Davis
Till. Dylan	29/12/14	Bob Hudson ex Chris Larson
Till. moronensis	29/12/14	Bob Hudson ex Chris Larson
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