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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alan Mathew gave the following details

Operating Account to 30 December 2015:

 Brought Forward
 \$34,574.59

 Plus Income
 \$ 1,692.98

 Less expenses
 \$ 907.52

 Bank Statement as at 30/12/2015
 \$35,360.05

Operating Account to 31 January 2016:

 Brought Forward
 \$35,360.05

 Plus Income
 \$ 2,226.00

 Less expenses
 \$ 3,169.61

 Bank Statement as at 31/01/2016
 \$34,416.44

WEBSITES

Bromeliads in Australia http://www.bromeliad.org.au/
Encyc. of Bromeliads http://encyclopedia.florapix.nl/
BSI Cultivar Register http://registry.bsi.org/
Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies http://fcbs.org/
Bromeliario Imperialis http://imperialis.com.br/

Facebook users, search for the group "Planet Bromeliad" & the associated Planets & Moon sub-groups for Bromeliad enthusiasts.

Plant of the Month Competition January 2016 (photos p.5)		
Open	Judge's Choice	
1st	Tillandsia fasciculata 'Percal'	Ron Farrugia
2nd	T/V aff. olmosana	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	Cryptanthus vitata	Ron Farrugia
Open	Members' Choice	
1st	Tillandsia fasciculata 'Percal'	Ron Farrugia
=2nd	T/V aff. olmosana	Carolyn Bunnell
=2nd	Tillandsia streptophylla	Lydia Hope
3rd	Cryptanthus vitata	Ron Farrugia
Novice	Judge's & Members' Choice	
1st	Neoregelia 'Skotak Pink'	John Schembri
2nd	Neoregelia 'Cheers'	John Schembri
Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition January 2016 (photos p.5)		
1st	"Rigged for the Sydney to Hobart"	Werner Raff
2nd	"Good Things Come in Small Package	es" Di Tulloch
3rd	"Portea"	Carolyn Bunnell

Meeting News January 2016

(photo p.5) continued on p.15 ...

Kerry McNicol brought in an inflorescence from a *Tillandsia somnians*, over a metre and a half tall with five viviparous pups. The mother had all but rotted away and the pups were still growing healthily. Terry commented that, if she was to split the sheaths carefully back to the stem, the buds of, as yet, un-grown pups could be seen and perhaps prompted into growth.

<u>Warril Evans</u> showed us an *Orthophytum vagans*, which is grown in a mix heavy with perlite, which has been attacked by *Dendrobium* Beetle, so BEWARE.

Warril also showed us a way to line hanging baskets with left over shade cloth, NEATLY!

Plant of the Month Competition January 2016



Tillandsia fasciculata 'Percal'



T/V aff. olmosana



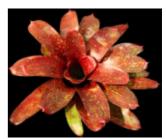
Cryptanthus vitata



Tillandsia streptophylla



Neoregelia 'Skotak Pink'



Neoregelia 'Cheers'



"Rigged for the Sydney to Hobart"



"Good Things Come in Small Packages"



"Portea"

Meeting News January 2016



Orthophytum
vagans attacked by
Dendrobium beetle
& Shadecloth
covered wire
basket.

MEETING VENUE AND TIME 1:00 pm SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

12 March & 9 April - News, Sales, Raffle, Competitions.

AT THE FEDERATION PAVILION CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND

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Apple: http://maps.apple.com/?q=-33.725349,150.984731



2016 EVENTS DIARY

lan Hook Open Day BSA March meeting (see map p.6)	28/02/16 12/03/16
Don Firth Open Day	03/04/16
BSA April meeting (see map p.6)	09/04/16
Clarendon Collectors' Plant Fair	09/04/16 - 10/4/16
Concord Bromeliad Fair	30/04/16 - 01/05/16
BSA Autumn Show	07/05/16 - 08/05/16
(see map p.6, Show held in the Ha	rvey Lowe Pavilion)
BSA May meeting (see map p.6)	14/05/16
BSA June meeting (see map p.6)	11/06/16
Kariong Plant Lovers Fair	24/09/16 - 25/09/16
BSA September meeting	03/09/16
(see map p.6, NB: 1st Saturday)	
BSA Spring Show,	24/09/16 - 25/09/16
(see map p.6, Federation Pavilion)	
Concord Bromeliad Fair	15/10/16 - 16/10/16
BSA October meeting	15/10/16
(see map p.6, NB: 3rd Saturday)	
BSA November meeting	19/11/16
(see map p.6, NB: 3rd Saturday)	
BSA Christmas meeting (see map p	o.6) 10/12/16



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

Lynette & Mark Pfeiffer Jesika Farcic

If you would like to become a member please see Membership Appilcation on p. 14

Neoregelia 'Bossa Nova' versus 'Sheba'

by Derek Butcher 2002 (see photos of Kerry McNicol's talk p.9)

This all started in November 2001 when I pointed out to Keith Golinski of Bromagic, Queensland, that I could not tell the difference between these two cultivars and Keith assured me he could. He even sent me photographs of plants he had received from Tropiflora in Florida and which had been growing under identical cultural conditions. He was quite clear in his own mind that the plant with a pale pink flush was 'Sheba' and the other, 'Bossa Nova'. Both, of course, are albo-marginate. This was despite the fact that the Bromeliad Cultivar Registry shows that 'Bossa Nova' has pink tinges too! The photograph in Baensch's 'Blooming Bromeliads (1994 p.128) shows no pink tinges either so I was keen to correct the information in the BCR!

I sent the photograph showing both 'Sheba' and 'Bossa Nova' to the Brazilians for their comments. Because 'Bossa Nova' came to America from Brazil in the first place in 1988, and, the Brazilians would not know much about 'Sheba' I would have expected a clear cut answer. Their verdict is that 'Bossa Nova' can have pink flushes too! So, the BCR is not wrong after all but it does show that these two cultivars are very similar indeed. We know that 'Sheba' is of hybrid origin, whereas 'Bossa Nova' is claimed to be a variegated form of *N. compacta* even though it is acknowledged to be different in shape to this species. No comparison has been done, as far as I have been aware, of the parts of the inflorescence.

So we have two very similar plants from different sources. What is all the more intriguing is that we understand a PBR or plant patent has been taken out on 'Ultima'. This is a medio-picta form in the same group so how it would be proved in court that this 'Ultima' is unique is a puzzle to me.



N. compacta cv. 'Bossa Nova', N. 'Sheeba', N. macwilliamsii, N. 'Martin'







Kerry McNicol's Talk Clockwise Top Left:

- 1. N. 'Bossa Nova',
- 2. N. compacta,
- 3. N. 'Martin',
- 4. N. 'Bossa Nova' & N. 'Sheeba' look very similar unless grown in bright light,
- 5. N. macwilliamsii,
- 6. N. 'Martin'.







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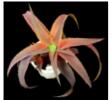
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Plant of the Month Competition February 2016



Orthophytum 'Starlights'



Cryptanthus bivittatus



Nidularium campos-portoi



Aechmea alenii



Neoregelia 'Mojo'



Tillandsia stricta



Tillandsia stricta



Aechmea recurvata

P	lant of the Month Competition	February 2016 (photos p.?)
Open	Judge's Choice	
1st	Orthophytum 'Starlights'	Ron Farrugia
2nd	Cryptanthus bivittatus	Ron Farrugia
3rd	Nidularium campos-portoi	Kerry McNicol
Open	Members' Choice	
1st	Nidularium campos-portoi	Kerry McNicol
2nd	Cryptanthus bivittatus	Ron Farrugia
3rd	Aechmea alenii	Michael Ferenczi
Novice	Judge's Choice	
1st	Neoregelia 'Mojo'	Mark Belot
2nd	Tillandsia stricta?	Warril Evans
3rd	Tillandsia stricta	lan Hook
Novice	Members' Choice	
1st	Aechmea recurvata	Di Tulloch
2nd	Tillandsia stricta	lan Hook
3rd	Tillandsia stricta?	Warril Evans

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition February 2016

1st	"Aussie Day"	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	"Hanging Rock"	Werner Raff
3rd	"Home Is Where The Heart Is"	Felice Houweling



"Aussie Day"



"Hanging Rock"



"Home Is Where The Heart Is"

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION renewal is due 1st January for membership year January to December.

Annual Membership: Australia A\$25,

Asia/Pacific Zone A\$40, Rest of the World A\$45.

New Memberships required to pay a \$5 joining fee, plus Annual Membership. (Those joining after 1st October are covered for the following year.)

Note: Unfinancial members must add \$5 rejoining fee when reapplying for membership. Members will become unfinancial if renewals have not been received by the end of our Autumn Show.

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- * CARDHOLDER signature (essential).
- * Payment details (membership renewal, book purchase, postage, etc.) with \$A amounts for each item.

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Meeting News January 2016 continued

Mark Belot had 3 unknown plants. #1 was a large Neoregelia which seemed to have cruenta in its mix. Green with red fingernails on the quite long (50cm) erect leaves, with many groups of leaves, more than a normal cruenta, grown in almost full sun. Consensus agreed that it may be a cruenta hybrid. #2 was another large Neoregelia, 40 -50 cm across with a flat rosette of green wide cuspidate (rounded) leaves, with a pinkish red 'fingernail', again grown in almost full sun. #3 A large Aechmea hybrid, grown in full sun with bronze tones to the leaves. Ian felt he has a similar plant at home, but the name escaped him. Ian will check and bring it along to the next meeting.







Mark Belot's 2 Neoregelias ? & Aechmea ?

Meeting News February 2016

Di Tulloch brought in a well grown, variegated *Neoregelia* for identification. She believed it was won in a raffle in the past, One suggestion was *N.* 'Shining Light', however Dave

recognised it as one of his plants *N.* 'Shining Example'. Ian suggested now it has been 'identified', Di should continue her research looking up the various databases, BCR, BSA and FCBS photo galleries, to see a good variety of photos in different growing conditions to verify identification.



THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC. 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT EXTRACT ONLY

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2015

THE TEAR ENDED SIST DECEMBER 20	15	
	2015	2014
REVENUE		
MEMBERSHIP FEES	\$4,455	\$3,605
SALES	\$11,558	\$14,854
OTHERS	\$6,466	\$5,224
BANK INTEREST	\$2.184	\$3,501
TOTAL REVENUE	\$24,663	\$27,184
EXPENSES		
PURCHASES	\$4,099	\$4,462
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	\$5,777	\$5,131
OTHER	\$9,429	\$11,021
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,305	\$20,614
TOTAL EXILENSES	\$15,505	<u>\$20,017</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/LOSS	\$5,358	\$6,570
LOSS ON BROMSMATTA CONFERENCE		
SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR YEAR	-\$15,150 -\$7,800	<u>\$ </u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS 1 JANUARY 2015	\$121,041	\$0,570 \$114,471
ACCUMULATED FUNDS 31 DEC 2015	\$113,241	\$121,041
ACCUMULATED FUNDS 31 DEC 2015	\$113,241	\$121,041
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBI	ED 2015	
CURRENT ASSETS	EK 2015	
CASH ASSETS	¢26 200	¢46 100
INVENTORY	\$36,288	\$46,199
	\$3,353	\$4,017
INVESTMENTS	\$72,701	\$84,378
OTHER	\$ -	\$21,789
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$112,342	<u>\$156,383</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS	+ 000	+1 200
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 899	\$1,280
OTHER	\$	<u>\$</u>
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	<u>\$ 899</u>	<u>\$1,280</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$113,241</u>	<u>\$157,663</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS	\$ -	\$2,429
OTHER	<u> </u>	<u>\$34,193</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u> </u>	<u>\$36,622</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$113,241</u>	<u>\$121,041</u>
EQUITY		+======
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	<u>\$121,041</u>	<u>\$121,041</u>

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Bromeliads for the Contemporary Garden.	Andrew Steens	\$20.00
Bromeliads, A Cultural Manual. (Rev. ed. 2007)	BSI	\$5.00
Bromeliads, The Connoisseur's Guide, 2007.	Andrew Steens	\$20.00

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Billbergia brasiliensis	01/10/15	Ted Boon
Tillandsia minutiflora	06/10/15	Terry Davis
Tillandsia vicentina		
(ex Jack Robertson)	09/10/15	Scott Dearden
Tillandsia viridiflora		
(Red leaf form)	17/10/15	Terry Davis
Guzmania remyi	01/10/15	Greg Aizlewood
Vriesea philippo-coburgii	16/10/15	Sharn Taylor
Tillandsia schiedeana	28/10/15	Terry Davis
Tillandsia pohliana	31/10/15	Terry Davis
Tillandsia cryptantha	01/11/15	Terry Davis
Tillandsia tricolor	04/11/15	Terry Davis
Tillandsia belloensis	04/11/15	Terry Davis
Tillandsia hammeri	04/11/15	Terry Davis
Catopsis floribunda	05/09/15	Lydia Hope
Tillandsia festucoides	09/11/15	Greg Aizlewood
Dyckia platyphylla	03/12/15	Terry Davis
Tillandsia brachycaulos	15/12/15	Scott Dearden
Tillandsia limbata	18/12/15	Terry Davis
Vriesea malzinei		
(red form ex Ken Woods)	18/12/15	Terry Davis
Tillandsia pauciflora	23/01/16	Terry Davis