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Sunday 24 September 2017



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BSA MEETING TIME CHANGES

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alan Mathew gave the following details

Operating Account to 30 April 2017:

Brought Forward	\$37,883.54
Plus Income	\$ 709.30
Less expenses	\$ 656.75
Bank Statement as at 30/04/2017	\$37,936.09

Operating Account to 31 May 2017:

Brought Forward	\$37,936.09
Plus Income	\$12,618.80
Less expenses	\$ 8,732.34
Transferred to Term Deposit	\$15,000.00
Bank Statement as at 31/05/2017	\$26,822.55

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/>

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Plant of the Month Competition May 2017

(photos p.5)

Open	Judge's Choice	
1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Small Fry'	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Blood Red'	Lydia Hope
3rd	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i>	Carolyn Bunnell
Open	Members' Choice	
1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Small Fry'	Kerry Mcnicol
2nd	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i>	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Georgia'	Kerry Mcnicol
Novice	Judge's Choice	
1st	<i>Tillandsia bulbosa</i>	Bruce Munro
2nd	<i>Cryptanthus bivittatus</i>	Bruce Munro
3rd	<i>Tillandsia punctulata</i>	Bruce Munro
Novice	Members' Choice	
1st	<i>Tillandsia bulbosa</i>	Bruce Munro
2nd	<i>Tillandsia punctulata</i>	Les Sterling
3rd	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i>	Bruce Munro
<i>Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition May 2017</i>		
1st	"Leftovers"	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	"Early Rise"	Ian Hook
3rd	"Blushing Tiger"	Di Tulloch



2017 EVENTS DIARY

BSA July meeting	08/07/17
BSA August meeting	12/08/17
BSA September meeting	09/09/17
BSA Spring Show	23 & 24/09/17
BSA October meeting	14/10/17
Bromeliad Fair, Concord NSW	11 & 12/11/17
BSA November meeting (NB: 3rd Saturday)	18/11/17
BSA December meeting	09/12/17

Plant of the Month Competition May 2017



Neoregelia 'Small Fry'



Cryptanthus 'Blood Red'



Tillandsia ionantha



Neoregelia 'Small Fry'



Billbergia 'Georgia'



Tillandsia bulbosa



Cryptanthus bivittatus



Tillandsia punctulata



Tillandsia ionantha



"Leftovers"



"Early Rise"



"Blushing Tiger"

Hohenbergia 'Karla'

Article by Graeme Barclay reprinted from BSNZ November 2016 Journal

From the moment I saw this plant in the flesh I fell in love, as do most people who end up getting close enough. The sculptural form of the scurfy, heavily spined olive-green leaves, marginated in cream, provides a wonderfully unique combination that captures the eye.



Photo Graeme Barclay

Interestingly, there are currently only twenty *Hohenbergia* cultivars registered in the BCR. Nineteen of these are man-made hybrids, while the only species cultivar and the only variegated plant is *Hohenbergia*

'Karla'. As we have seen with many other special variegated species, this plant also has an extensive history and an interesting story behind it. It was developed in the early 1990s by well known German bromeliad collector, Mr. Hermann Prinsler. Upon registration with the BCR in 2013, Hermann wrote an article for the German Bromeliad Society Journal, 'Die Bromelie' outlining the full story behind it. This is what he wrote...

'In 1987 I saw some nice looking tank-type bromeliads on a shelf at the Femo Tillandsia nursery in Langenfeld, Germany. Mr. Mowinski told me that these plants were collected by Prof. Werner Rauh and the Brazilian cactus specialist Leopoldo Horst on a trip in Brazil. I was able to buy all the plants at that time.

At home the plants were sorted and potted and put into my bromeliad collection. There were three different types. Whether they were three different species, was not known at that time. I found out that they belong to the genus *Hohenbergia*. One species was determined by me to be *Hohenbergia leopoldo-horstii*. In the next few years I began to propagate the plants to build a stock of them. I hit on the idea of cultivating them more like succulents because of their greyish scales that made them look like they were covered with flour, their large teeth and hard leaves.

Hohenbergia 'Karla' continued...

The plants got more light and a less humus-rich substrate. Under these conditions the leaves coloured light grey and the shape of the plants got more bulbous.

A few years later the stock of these plants had grown and I gave away the first plants to people who were interested in them. One day I saw on one of the plants a leaf which had a white longitudinal stripe. The following year I took off the pups from this plant. The pup that had been growing in the axil of the striped leaf already showed some leaves with white variegation. In the following years, the progeny of this one was propagated and a type with uniform white marginal variegation was selected.

After a long time, 25 years by now, I have a stock of 150 uniformly variegated plants. I am very happy about my success since in my collection I already grow many species and hybrids with white variegation and I always had an eye out for these.

Three years ago, Uwe Scharf from Leipzig Germany told me that my *Hohenbergia leopoldo-horstii* was actually a *Hohenbergia magnispina*. I got a true *Hohenbergia leopoldo-horstii* from him.

The plant I am introducing here is named for my wife Karla: *Hohenbergia magnispina* 'Karla'. The two other types of *Hohenbergia* that I bought long ago are *Hohenbergia utriculosa* (det. W. Till 2007) on the one hand and a *Hohenbergia* sp., that still has to be identified, on the other hand. All three types have similar inflorescences. Sometime in the future a scientist must determine if these three types are really three different species. The plants should be grown quite bright. The substrate should not be too humus-rich but more like a substrate for succulents. This is closer to their terrestrial life habit in their natural environment. After hardening the plants off in spring they can be grown outside in full sun during the summer.'

It remains to be seen whether this cultivar will be an 'outside' plant year round for us in New Zealand. Perhaps with some careful adapting, minimal watering in winter and positioning in a warm and sheltered location, it will hopefully become an outdoor plant of exceptional form and beauty.



The Bromeliad Society of Australia Autumn Show ~ May 2017

This year we had a very good crowd for most of Saturday. It was a Growers' Market Day plus plenty of repeat visitors from last year. Sunday's weather was "OK", but no doubt would have put some people off coming. There was a good crowd of volunteers each doing their bit for set-up and pack-away. Many hands make light work.

Thank you to everyone who helped. There were the regular dependables, but luckily also a few more to make it easier for all, both set-up and those who found jobs throughout the weekend. I hope the rewards were worth it and you had a good time. As often is the case the number of helpers is more important than over-exertion by a few individuals, when everyone contributes a little it makes things flow easier.

A special thank you goes to the Competition Judges led by Terry Davis. There were 13 competitors in our show, entering 84 plants. Which are not very good statistics. In fact there were NO Novice entries! All novice growers are encouraged to bring your plants along to the next show.

Congratulations to all of the winning entries..... and the trophy winners are:

Carolyn Bunnell, **Grand Champion**, *Vriesea* 'Red Chestnut' x *fenestralis*,

Elizabeth Mudriczki, **Reserve Champion**, *Quesnelia* 'Tim Plowman',

Carolyn Bunnell, **Species Award**, *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *aequalis*.



BSA Autumn Show Results May 2017

(photos pp. 11 - 13)

Class 1 Aechmea

1st	<i>Aechmea nudicaulis</i> var. <i>aequalis</i>	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Aechmea recurvata</i> var. <i>benrathii</i>	P. La
3rd	-	-

Class 2 Billbergia Specimen

1st	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Etty Bay' cv. 'Naughty Norm'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Domingos Martins' x 'Georgia'	C. Bunnell
3rd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Hallelujah' x 'Golden Joy'	C. Bunnell

Class 3 Billbergia Multiple

1st	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Pink Champagne'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Poquito Mas'	P. La
3rd	-	-

Class 4 Cryptanthus

1st	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Blood Red'	L. Hope
2nd	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Corinne'	L. Hope
3rd	-	-

Class 5 Species Neoregelia

1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Marie'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Neoregelia ampullacea</i>	J. Schembri
3rd	-	-

Class 6 Miniature Neoregelia

1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Small Fry'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Golden Jewels'	C. Bunnell
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Shamrock'	C. Bunnell

Class 7 Neoregelia Hybrid

1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Wally'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Walking Tall'	A. Beard
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Tess'	C. Bunnell

Class 8 Nidularium / Canistropsis

1st	-	-
2nd	-	-
3rd	-	-

Class 9 Tillandsia Specimen

1st	<i>Tillandsia fasciculata</i>	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Tillandsia carrilloi</i>	C. Larson
3rd	<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i>	L. Hope

BSA Autumn Show Results May 2017

(photos pp.13-14)

Class 10 Tillandsia Colony

1st	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Califano Too'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i>	R. Farrugia
3rd	<i>Tillandsia harrisii</i>	R. Farrugia

Class 11 Vriesea

1st	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Red Chestnut' x <i>fenestralis</i>	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Vriesea sucrei</i>	C. Bunnell
3rd	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Sunset'	R. Farrugia

Class 12 Foliage / Variegated

1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Aquarius'	C. Bunnell
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Blushing Zebra'	C. Bunnell
3rd	<i>Neoregelia</i> unknown	P. La

Class 13 Pot of Other Genera

1st	<i>Quesnelia</i> 'Tim Plowman'	E. Mudriczki
2nd	<i>Canistrum triangulare</i>	C. Bunnell
3rd	<i>Quesnelia marmorata</i>	C. Bunnell

Class 14 Pot of Intergeneric

1st	x <i>Neophytum</i> 'Ralph Davis'	K. McNicol
2nd	-	-

Class 15 Mounted Bromeliad/s sans Tillandsia

1st	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Purple Grape'	J. Schembri
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Quoll'	J. Schembri

Class 16 Terrestrial

1st	<i>Dyckia</i> 'Ruby Ryde'	L. Hope
2nd	<i>Deuterocohnia</i> 'Chlorantha'	C. Bunnell
3rd	<i>Dyckia fosteriana</i> silver form	C. Bunnell

Class 17 Artistic Arrangement

1st	"Framed"	C. Bunnell
2nd	"May Time"	C. Bunnell
3rd	"Shining"	C. Bunnell

Class 18 Novice

1st	-	-
2nd	-	-
3rd	-	-

BSA Autumn Show Results May 2017



Aechmea nudicaulis var. *aequalis*
SPECIES AWARD



Aechmea recurvata var.
benrathii



Billbergia 'Etty Bay' cv.
'Naughty Norm'



Billbergia 'Domingos Martins' x
'Georgia'



Billbergia 'Hallelujah' x
'Golden Joy'



Billbergia 'Pink Champagne'



Billbergia 'Poquito Mas'



Cryptanthus 'Blood Red'



Cryptanthus 'Corinne'



Neoregelia 'Marie'



Neoregelia ampullacea



Neoregelia 'Small Fry'

BSA Autumn Show Results May 2017



Neoregelia 'Golden Jewels'



Neoregelia 'Shamrock'



Neoregelia 'Wally'



Neoregelia 'Walking Tall'



Neoregelia 'Tess'



Tillandsia fasciculata



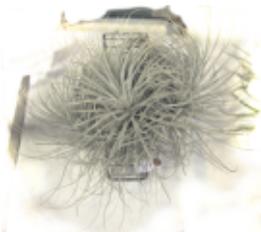
Tillandsia carrilloi



Tillandsia tectorum



Tillandsia 'Califano Too'



Tillandsia tectorum



Tillandsia harrisii



Vriesea 'Red Chestnut' x *fenestralis*
GRAND CHAMPION

BSA Autumn Show Results May 2017



Vriesea suerei



Vriesea 'Sunset'



Neoregelia 'Aquarius'



Neoregelia 'Blushing Zebra'



Neoregelia unknown



Quesnelia 'Tim Plowman'
RESERVE CHAMPION



Canistrum triangulare



Quesnelia marmorata



xNeophytum 'Ralph Davis'



Neoregelia 'Purple Grape'



Deuterocohnia 'Chlorantha'

BSA Autumn Show Results May 2017



Neoregelia 'Quoll'



Dyckia 'Ruby Ryde'



Dyckia fosteriana silver form



"Framed"



"May Time"



"Shining"



Meeting News May 2017

(photos p.20)

Pamela Munro a new member, brought in a few plants for identification. Ian Hook had already seen photos and, though he didn't know exactly what each plant was, it was thought that they could be grouped into the *Neoregelia marmorata* family.

The first was a definite *Neoregelia marmorata*. Others were varieties of the maroon with green spots or the green with maroon spots. One was thought to be *Neoregelia* 'Wild Ruby', but did not fit with the BCR description. Ian has had a similar plant for many years, bought as "Wild Ruby", however, we now realise that this is not correct. A very good reason to always check the name on every plant you purchase with BCR (<http://registry.bsi.org/>) or some other database, to make sure. Ian went on to discuss the varieties he had brought in cross checking with our own photo library and BCR.

Warril Evans showed us a classic little *Tillandsia complanata* in flower. Always a joy to see. This plant will not usually throw pups but needs to be grown from seed. Warril purchased her plant about 10 years ago as a seedling! They are not self-pollenating so two separate clones are needed to get seed.

Kerry McNicol brought in a *Canistropsis seidelii* var. *welteri* in flower, a plant which is not often seen in shows or displays and could be of interest to the many new members.

Meeting News June 2017

(photos p.20)

Alan Beard showed us a *Vriesea gigantea* in which the centre had rotted. He cleaned it up and put it aside, eventually resulting in a new pup. So if you have a special plant that rots, there may still be hope..

Ian Hook had entered a nicely grown *Aechmea* 'Flavomarginata' (was *nudicaulis albomarginata* or 'Albo Marginata' into the competition and there just happened to be a few more *nudicaulis* varieties on display. It was pointed out to new members that *nudicaulis* have a dimple or knuckle on their lower leaves which is quite distinctive which in this species.

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Plant of the Month Competition June 2016

(photos p.19)

Open Judge's Choice

1st	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Pink Champagne'	Carolyn Bunnell
2nd	<i>Tillandsia rothii concolor</i>	Ron Farrugia
3rd	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'MacFoster'	Ron Farrugia

Open Members' Choice

=1st	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Pink Champagne'	Carolyn Bunnell
=1st	<i>Tillandsia rothii concolor</i>	Ron Farrugia
2nd	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Heat Wave'	Kerry McNicol
3rd	<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Corrinne'	Ron Farrugia

Novice Judge's Choice

1st	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Tanya Maree'	Ian Hook
2nd	<i>Nidularium nana</i>	Ian Hook
3rd	<i>Aechmea</i> 'Flavomarginata'	Ian Hook

Novice Members' Choice

1st	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Tanya Maree'	Ian Hook
2nd	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Penito'	Warril Evans
3rd	<i>Nidularium nana</i>	Ian Hook

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition June 2016

1st	"Nirvana"	Pauline Blanch
2nd	"Leftovers II"	Carolyn Bunnell
3rd	"Neo punctatissima"	Peter Blackburn



Meeting News June 2017

continued from p.15 (photos p.20)

It is thought that this knuckle may assist in limiting breakage of leaves if the plant is put under pressure from nature or animal movement. Other varieties on show were; A giant green *nudicaulis* (un-named); *Aechmea* 'Xavante' (cv. of *nudicaulis*) a medium sized 'brown' variety; and lastly a medium grower which turns quite red in good conditions. Anyone reading this who may have a names for these described, is welcome to inform us – please!

Plant of the Month Competition June 2017



Billbergia 'Pink Champagne'



Tillandsia rothii concolor



Cryptanthus 'MacFoster'



Neoregelia 'Heat Wave'



Cryptanthus 'Corrinne'



Tillandsia 'Tanya Maree'



Nidularium nana



Aechmea 'Flavomarginata'



Tillandsia 'Penito'

Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition June 2017



"Nirvana"



"Leftovers II"



"Neo punctatissima"

Vale

It is with sadness that we are informing you of the death of two of our members, as well as that of a well-known past member.

Firstly the passing of **Brian Smith** in February this year, who did not always make it to our meetings but enjoyed participating in our shows. He proudly allowed us to display his canvas of an Aechmea in our Burwood displays. He had not attended meetings or shows at Castle Hill as he was a bus traveler and found it difficult to attend. We have only just heard of his passing.

A gentleman who was active in both the NSW and Australian Societies in past years was **David Barton**, who passed away in March. Many older members may remember David and the work he did.

Lastly, and perhaps the person most current members knew was **Stellio De Villecourt**. Stellio joined our club in 2008 and was almost immediately 'hooked'. He has been a dedicated member since, coming to meetings and shows at Burwood as well as Castle Hill. His attendance was less regular over the past year as he had to deal with dialysis on many of our meeting days. He had a big smile on his face when he told me he had finally been able to change his days and had Saturdays free to attend meetings. However this was only for a short time as he fell ill with heart troubles and had by-pass surgery. He seemed to be progressing well and told his daughter to let me know that he would be well for our Autumn Show. Sadly, this was not to be. His condition deteriorated and he passed away just after our show in May. Stellio will be sadly missed by those of us who knew him and how much he loved his Bromeliads.



by Kerry McNicol

The Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc.

Spring Show



NEW LOCATION



Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground.

Saturday 23 September 2017 10am - 5pm

Sunday 24 September 2017 10am - 3pm

***** Free Admission *****

Ample Parking, More Show Space



Bromeliad Displays

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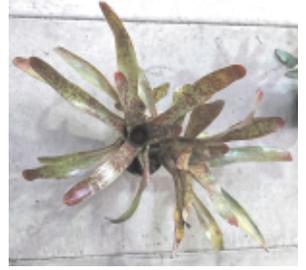
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Meeting News photos May 2017

Neoregelia marmorata hybrids



Aechmea weilbachii forma *viridisejala*

Canistropsis seidelii
var. *welteri*

Meeting News photos June 2017



Vriesea gigantea



Vriesea fosteriana



Tillandsia complanata



MEET SOME NEW FACES



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

Penny Prott, Lilla Wylie, Pamela Munro,
Elizabeth & Ian Jenson

If you would like to become a member please see
Membership Application below.

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.**

Joining Members are required to pay the **\$5 joining fee**, plus Annual Membership fee. (Those joining after 1st October are covered for the following year.) Go to <http://www.bromeliad.org.au/Contacts/Subscription.pdf>

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

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LITERATURE for Sale

<http://www.bromeliad.org.au/Contacts/BSALibrarian.htm>

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Growing Bromeliads - 3rd. Ed.	BSA	\$10.00
Bromeliads for the Contemporary Garden.	Andrew Steens	\$20.00
Bromeliads, A Cultural Manual. (Rev. ed. 2007)	BSI	\$6.00
Bromeliad Hybrids: 1:Neoregelias.	Margaret Paterson	\$25.00
Bromeliads Under the Mango Tree.	John Catlan	\$10.00
Bromeliad Cultivation Notes.	Lynn Hudson	\$10.00

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Seed Bank

Thanks go to all those who have donated seed.

Seeds cost 50¢ per packet for Members & Seed Bank supporters
(plus postage) or \$1 per packet (plus postage)

For Seed Bank enquiries contact Terry Davis 0439 343 809.

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

Alcantarea 'Devine Plum' F2	25/09/16	Alan Beard
Vriesea gigantea	17/11/16	Werner Raff
Dyckia platyphylla	10/12/16	Laurie Treanor
Tillandsia juncifolia	21/12/16	Peter Henssler
Tillandsia fasciculata 'Don Hobbs'	21/12/16	Peter Henssler
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Pseudalcantarea macropetala (ex. T.)	01/11/16	Mark Belot

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