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**Our meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday**

**18TH NOVEMBER**

**Back to normal in DECEMBER (2nd Sat)**

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Income:	781.40
Expenses	85.45

**Bank Statement as at August 31, 2017 \$ 26 269.48**

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Opening cash at bank	\$ 26 269.48
Income:	10 574.73
Expenses	7 480.80

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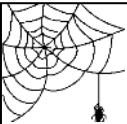
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Bromeliads in Australia <http://bromeliad.org.au>  
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**Plant of the Month Competition September 2017**

**Open**

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd

**Judge's Choice.**

- Tillandsia rothii* x *concolor*
- Tillandsia bulbosa*
- Aechmea recurvata*

- Ron Farrugia
- Ron Farrugia
- Helga Nitschke

**Open**

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

**Members' Choice**

- Tillandsia caerulea*
- Aechmea recurvata*
- Tillandsia rothii* x *concolor*
- Tillandsia recurvifolia* var *subsecundefolia*

- Carolyn Bunnell
- Helga Nitschke
- Ron Farrugia
- Ron Farrugia



*Tillandsia caerulea*



*Tillandsia rothii* x *concolor*



*Aechmea recurvata*

*T. recurvifolia* var *subsecundefolia*



*T. straminea*



*Tillandsia streptophylla*



*Tillandsia bulbosa*

**Novice**

1st  
2nd  
3rd

**Judge's Choice**

*Neoregelia* 'Tiger Head'  
*Tillandsia straminea*  
*Guzmania* 'Matilda'

Liz Mudriczki  
Bruce Munro  
Lyn Ivanov

**Novice**

1st  
2nd  
=2nd  
3rd

**Members' Choice**

*Tillandsia straminea*  
*Guzmania* 'Matilda'  
*Aechmea nudicaulis* variety  
*Tillandsia streptophylla*

Bruce Munro  
Lyn Ivanov  
Peter Blackburn  
Audrey Williams

**Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition.**

1st  
2nd  
3rd

'Caudata'  
'Spring has Awoken'  
'Red Rock'

Carolyn Bunnell  
Pauline Blanche  
Peter Blackburn



Neoregelia Tiger Head



Guzmania  
Matilda



'Caudata'



Aechmea  
nudicaulis  
variety



Red Rock



'Spring has Awoken'

## SEPTEMBER ASK - SHOW - TELL

**Bob Maclay** brought in a sad looking Dyckia and wondered whether or not it could be saved. It had been a bit neglected but they are tough and once it was cleaned up and repotted into a suitable mix –cactus mix is suitable and easy to find if you only have one or two Dyckias. Dyckia plant are definitely terrestrial plants only and must be grown as such. They will not survive if tried to be grown as an epiphyte. This was grown in orchid bark and was languishing.



**Ian Hook** introduced us to an article written by **Kerry Tate**, showing how she grows her plants much further north in NSW than Sydney. The text is very informative and the photos are spectacular. This is an article well worth reading through.

This article can be found on our website [www.bromeliad.org.au](http://www.bromeliad.org.au) click on "Club News" then click "Australia" then scroll down our page to table of past articles for 2017. Look for '**Growing Bromeliads Epiphytically**'  
The direct link is <http://www.bromeliad.org.au/news/BSA1708.pdf>

## **Aechmea 'Pie in the Sky'**

by Peter Franklin in Bromeletter 37(5):10. 1999

It may seem repetitious since Derek Butcher wrote a similar article to this in January/February 1996 but it seems there is still sufficient confusion in Australian growing circles to warrant another 'Pie in the Sky' article.

*Aechmea* 'Pie in the Sky' is a name that has been coined to identify a variegated plant that is commonly grown as *Aechmea pimentii-velosii variegata*. The name *Ae. pimentii-velosii variegata* is in widespread use around Australasia. I suspect this name is used world-wide. The reason that a new name was needed was that the plant has very little in common with any description or botanical drawing of the real *Ae. pimentii-velosii*.

*Aechmea pimentii-velosii* was first described by Raulino Reitz in 1952 from a plant collected in 1951 in the State of Santa Catarina, Brazil. This type plant was supported by another three collections later in 1951 and then by a further two. They were eventually named *Ae. pimentii-velosii var. glabra*. The plants were placed in subgenus *Ortgiesia* in Smith's 1979 monograph. This is the subgenus that includes *Ae. recurvata*, *Ae. gamosepala*, *Ae. caudata* etc.



I have been able to find only three illustrations of *Ae. pimenti-velosoi* in the literature. A colour drawing is in Reitz (1983). Another is a line drawing in Smith and Downs (1979) which seems to have been a copy of the painting in Reitz. Descriptions appear in both these publications. Baensch (1994) has a photograph of an *Ae. pimenti-velosoi* var. *glabra* (but in reality this seems to be a non-variegated 'Pie in the Sky'). There have been mentions of *Ae. pimenti-velosoi* from time to time in the BSI Journal but no description or illustration has ever been included.

The distinguishing feature of *Ae. pimenti-velosoi*, as compared with 'Pie in the Sky' is the scape that is 'wholly covered by the leaf sheaths'. This is the characteristic that is used in Smith's key to *Ortgiesia* and is evident in the illustrations of Reitz and Smith. Therefore, the real *Ae. pimenti-velosoi* looks rather like a slightly larger *Ae. recurvata* var. *benrathii* in terms of overall plant shape and conformance: with the flowering part pushed down in the throat of the plant. The leaves are relatively narrow. The petals are pale yellow with a reddish-violet tip.

On the other hand, *Ae.* 'Pie in the Sky' in cultivation has a scape that greatly exceeds not only the leaf sheaths but also the leaf blades. The leaves are relatively broad. The petals are yellow with no extra colour at the tip. There is a strong similarity between *Ae.* 'Pie in the Sky' and *Ae. comata* except that 'Pie in the Sky' is about half the size of even the smallest cultivated *Ae. comata*.

I believe that there are plants of the real *Ae. pimenti-velosoi* in cultivation (in NSW at least), almost all of which are simply labelled *Aechmea* unknown, *Aechmea* ? or *Aechmea recurvata* hybrid? They match the drawings and descriptions of *Ae. pimenti-velosoi* perfectly. Unfortunately no one seems to know where these unnamed *Aechmeas* came from).

*Ae.* 'Pie in the Sky' is a nice little plant worthy of a spot in any collection. It may be a species or a hybrid - we may never know - but whatever the case, we shouldn't use the *Ae. pimenti-velosoi* name for it particularly when the real *Ae. pimenti-velosoi* exists in collections.



## SPRING SHOW - RESULTS

<b>Grand Champion</b>	<i>Aechmea nudicaulis var aequalis</i>	Carolyn Bunnell
<b>Reserve Champion</b>	<i>Billbergia 'Grand Finale'</i>	David Scott
<b>Species Award</b>	<i>Tillandsia duratii var saxitilis</i>	Kerry McNicol
<b>Novice Champion</b>	<i>Tillandsia straminea</i>	Bruce Munro

**CLASS 1. AECHMEA** May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.

<i>Ae.nudicaulis var. aequalis</i>	1st	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Ae.correia-araujoi dark form</i>	2nd	Kerry McNicol
<i>Ae.disticantha var. glaziovii</i>	3rd	Phillip La

**CLASS 2. BILLBERGIA** Single specimen only. Pups allowed PROVIDED they are obviously too immature for removal. Potted.

<i>Billbergia 'Hallelujah' x 'Golden Joy'</i>	1st	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Billbergia 'Tarantella'</i>	2nd	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Billbergia 'Ellen'</i>	3rd	Carolyn Bunnell

**CLASS 3. BILLBERGIA COLONY** May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.

<i>Billbergia 'Grand Finale'</i>	1st	David Scott
<i>Billbergia 'Pink Champagne'</i>	2nd	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Billbergia 'Fascinator'</i>	3rd	Carolyn Bunnell

**CLASS 4. CRYPTANTHUS** May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.

<i>Cryptanthus 'Blood Red'</i>	1st	Lydia Hope
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**CLASS 5. NEOREGELIA SPECIES** May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.

<i>Neoregelia guttata</i>	1st	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Neoregelia ampullacea</i>	2nd	John Schembri

**CLASS 6. MINIATURE NEOREGELIA** May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted or mounted.

<i>Neoregelia 'Aurora'</i>	1st	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Neoregelia 'Lillipet' No 11</i>	2nd	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Neoregelia 'Chrissy'</i>	3rd	Kerry McNicol

**CLASS 7. POT OF NEOREGELIA** May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.

<i>Neoregelia 'Big O'</i>	1st	Jan & Jon Townsend
<i>Neoregelia 'Kahala Dawn'</i>	2nd	Helga Nitschke
<i>Neoregelia marmorata hybrid</i>	3rd	Carolyn Bunnell

**CLASS 9. TILLANDSIA** Single specimen only . Pups allowed PROVIDED obviously too immature for removal. Potted or mounted.

<i>Tillandsia duratii var saxitilis</i>	Species Award & 1st	Kerry McNicol
<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i>	2nd	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Tillandsia crocata x duratii</i>	3rd	Kerry McNicol



## SPRING SHOW WINNERS



*Aechmea  
nudicaulis var aequalis*



*Billbergia  
'Grand Finale'*



*Tillandsia straminea*



*Tillandsia  
duratii var saxitilis*



*Ae. correa-araujo  
dark form*



*Ae. disticantha  
var. glaziovii*



*Billbergia  
'Tarantella'*



*Billbergia 'Hallelujah'  
x 'Golden Joy'*



*Billbergia 'Ellen'*



*Billbergia 'Pink Champagne'*



*Cryptanthus  
'Blood Red'*



*Billbergia 'Fascinator'*

# SPRING SHOW WINNERS



*Neoregelia guttata*



*Neoregelia ampullacea*



*Neoregelia 'Aurora'*



*Neoregelia 'Lillipet' No11*



*Neoregelia 'Chrissy'*



*Neoregelia 'Big O'*



*Neoregelia 'Kahala Dawn'*



*Neoregelia marmorata*  
hybrid



*Tillandsia tectorum*



*Tillandsia crocata x duratii*



*Tillandsia lorentziana*





*Tillandsia capillaris*



*Tillandsia streptocarpa*



*Vriesea hieroglyphica x platynema*



*Vriesea 'Purple Panther'*



*Neoregelia 'Wally'*



*Neoregelia 'Blushing Zebra'*



*Neoregelia 'Aquarius'*



*Canistrum triangulare*



*Quesnelia 'Tim Plowman'*



*Quesnelia edmundoi var. rubrobracteata*

**SPRING SHOW WINNERS**



*xSincoregelia 'Cosmic Blast'*



*xBitanthus 'Red Burst'*



*Xincoregelia 'Galactic Warrior'*



*Eoregelia 'Purple Grape'*



*Neoregelia 'Quoll'*



*Dyckia hybrid*



*Dyckia 'Ruby Ryde'*



*Dyckia 'Warren'*



*Tillandsia cacticola*



*'Caw Data'*

*'Goldie'*  
(below left)

*'Dried Offering'*  
(below right)



*Tillandsia scheideana*



**SPRING SHOW - RESULTS ... cont****CLASS 10. TILLANDSIA COLONY May consist of multiple connected plants.****Potted or mounted.**

<i>Tillandsia capillaris</i>	1st	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Tillandsia streptocarpa</i>	2nd	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Tillandsia lorentziana</i>	3rd	Bruce Munro

**CLASS 11. VRIESEA May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.**

<i>Vriesea hieroglyphica</i> x <i>platynema</i>	1st	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Vriesea</i> 'Purple Panther'	2nd	John & Jan Townsend

**CLASS 12. FOLIAGE / VARIEGATED May be multiple connected. Potted/mounted.****Immature inflorescence only, not above leaves.**

<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Wally'	1st	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Blushing Zebra'	2nd	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Aquarius'	3rd	Carolyn Bunnell

**CLASS 13. OTHER GENERA May consist of multiple connected plants.****Potted, or mounted if appropriate.**

<i>Canistrum triangulare</i>	1st	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Quesnelia</i> 'Tim Plowman'	2nd	Liz Mudriczki
<i>Quesnelia edmundoi</i> var <i>rubrobracteata</i>	3rd	Kerry McNicol

**CLASS 14. INTERGENERIC May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.**

<i>xSincoregelia</i> 'Cosmic Blast'	1st	Kerry McNicol
<i>xBiltanthus</i> 'Red Burst'	2nd	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>xSincoregelia</i> 'Galactic Warrior'	3rd	Lydia Hope

**CLASS 15. MOUNTED BROMELIAD/S Various plants, but NOT Tillandsia, connected or not.****Suitably mounted.**

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

**CLASS 16. TERRESTRIAL BROMELIAD Not elsewhere included. May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.**

<i>Dyckia</i> hybrid	1st	Carolyn Bunnell
<i>Dyckia</i> 'Ruby Ryde'	2nd	Lydia Hope
<i>Dyckia</i> 'Warren'	3rd	Helga Nitschke

**CLASS 17. ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENT Mostly Brom. material. May be multiple plants, or parts of. Embellishments allowed.**

'Caw-Data'	1st	Carolyn Bunnell
'Goldie'	2nd	Carolyn Bunnell
'Dried Offering'	3rd	Christine Johnson

**CLASS 18. NOVICE May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted or mounted.**

<i>Tillandsia straminea</i>	Novice Champion & 1st	Bruce Munro
<i>Tillandsia cacticola</i>	2nd	Bruce Munro
<i>Tillandsia scheideana</i>	3rd	Bruce Munro



## How to Ease Sunburnt Bromeliads

by Paul Turvey 2015

*Taken from FNCBSG Dec 2016* written by Ross Little

A response by Paul to a sunburnt Bromeliad query on a forum: I reckon you've done extremely well to only get that much damage!! Well done indeed. Apart from a bit more misting, the only other thing I can suggest is a bit more nitrogen in the fertiliser, or, if the pH of your water is alkaline, something added to it to bring the pH back to neutral or slightly acid. This is something I'm trying myself, since I have a few Vrieseas that routinely do this. Low nitrogen levels can increase susceptibility to burning (established scientifically for at least some bromeliads) and this would occur especially in leaves that don't produce a red/purple sunscreen e.g. plenty of foliage Vrieseas. Nitrogen shortage in older growth can result if a plant is pushing all of its nutrients into new growth (which is what they seem to do) and there isn't enough nitrogen available to support the whole plant. This overall shortage might just be because there isn't much nitrogen fertiliser in the medium or in the water, but it can also occur if there is plenty of nitrogen fertiliser but the pH is also high i.e. up above 7.2 or so, because as the pH gets up much above that (my tap water has pH = 7.8), the bromeliads mechanisms for taking up nitrogen fertilisers do not work. So, they get starved of nitrogen by the high pH, even though there is plenty of nitrogen fertiliser around. I have no idea if this might apply to you or how it might work in your situation, but I thought I'd mention it since it's something I'm giving a go for my bromeliads.

Certainly in my case, I've established that I get much more growth using the same fertiliser mix and concentrations if I acidify the water to bring it down from 7.8 (quite alkaline) to about 6.5 (slightly acidic). I think I've made a few good inroads on the leaf-tip burning and die-back, but I'm still getting a bit. Calcium hardness of the water is also something that has been linked to leaf damage in Vrieseas. My current plan (just starting) is to use citric acid rather than other acids to bring the pH of the tap water down, since citric acid also chelates the calcium in the water so it can be used to eliminate calcium hardness. Do you have hard, limey water, which is very possible in your area? That could also be a contributor affecting just some Vrieseas. Hope this helps Paul





## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

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

*Judy-Ann Armstrong, Margaret Carter and Maree Kalitis*  
have recently joined our group. If you would like to become a Member, please see details below.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:** Renewal is due **1st January** for membership year January to December.

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	<b>Rest of the World</b>	<b>A\$45.</b>

New Membership requires a \$5 joining fee, plus Annual Subscription.  
(Those joining after our spring Show 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.

### MAIL ORDER PAYMENTS BY MASTERCARD/VISA. (Subject to A\$10.00 minimum.)

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- Mastercard/Visa **number** and **expiry date**.
- **CARDHOLDER** signature (essential).
- Payment details (membership renewal, book purchase, postage, etc.) with \$A amounts for each item.
- A 3% surcharge for this service will be made.



**Plant of the Month Competition October 2017**

**Open**

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd

**Judge's Choice.**

- Canistrum triangulare*
- Vriesea 'White Cloud'*
- Tillandsia cacticola*

- Carolyn Bunnell
- Kerry McNicol
- Carolyn Bunnell

**Open**

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

**Members' Choice**

- Bill.bergia 'Georgia'*
- Tillandsia cacticola*
- Canistrum triangulare*
- Goudaea 'Sons of Tiger Tim'*
- Vriesea 'White Cloud'*

- Kerry McNicol
- Carolyn Bunnell
- Carolyn Bunnell
- Ron Farrugia
- Kerry McNicol



*Canistrum triangulare*



*Tillandsia cacticola*



*Vriesea 'White Cloud'*



*Goudaea 'Sons of Tiger Tim'*

**Judge's & Members' Choice**

**Novice**

1st  
2nd

*Guzmania 'Gold'*  
*Aechmea recurvata*

Christine Johnson  
Pamela Munro

**Margaret Draddy Artistic Competition.**

1st

'Planet Tillandsia'

Pauline Blanch



*Guzmania "Gold"*



'Planet Tillandsia'



*Aechmea recurvata*

2nd 'It's Raining'

Car-  
olyn Bun-  
nell



*Billbergia*  
'Georgia'



'It's Raining'

**LITERATURE for Sale**

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

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
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	Lyn Hudson	\$10.00

**Growing Bromeliads– 3rd Ed. by BSA** is out of stock.

Reprinting negotiations are under way. Watch this space!

**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 **some** of the **most recently** added seed to our Seed Bank. For a full list please go to [bromeliad.org.au](http://bromeliad.org.au)

Tillandsia botteri	24/07/17	Steve Molnar
Tillandsia guatemalensis	14/08/17	Terry Davis
Tillandsia gardneri	20/08/17	Terry Davis
Vriesea saundersii	09/09/17	Michael Drury
Tillandsia caulescens	04/10/17	Terry Davis
Tillandsia stricta (hard leaf)	08/10/17	Terry Davis
Vriesea rodigasiana	08/10/17	Kerry McNicol
Puya mirabilis	24/09/17	Bob Maclay
Tillandsia tricolor	13/10/17	Terry Davis
Tillandsia depeana	10/10/17	Kerry McNicol

Seed has been moving quickly, especially the more recent additions.

**SO if you have seed to donate please send it in or bring it to our next meeting.**

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