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Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society Inc NO 1 January / February 2012

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members

Well another year is upon us. A good start with some worthwhile rain.

The AGM is only 2 months away and I ask you to please think of taking up a position on the committee or nominating for one of the other jobs that keep your club running smoothly.

Any help you need will be gladly given if you are a bit hesitant.

Committee members, and other people working during afternoon tea break, are allowed to choose 2 broms from sales before the meeting, otherwise they miss the sales.

Kayleen

Our December Planning Meeting attended by the dedicated committee. Come to our January meeting to assist us in finalising our suggestions for an enjoyable and bromelicious year.



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the 4th Saturday of the month (except December) at The Combined Services Club, 21 Hayes Street, Caboolture. 1:30pm start.

MEETING DATES FOR 2012

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| January | 28 | Guest Speaker Tegan Murray |
| February | 25 | |
| March | 24 | AGM |
| April | 28 | Guest speaker ARNO KING |
| May | 26 | |
| June | 23 | |
| July | 28 | |
| August | 25 | |
| September | 22 | |
| October | 27 | |
| November | 24 | Christmas Party |

Our society has posted our Club News on the website of the Bromeliad Australia – check it out at www.bromeliad.org.au

STUDY GROUP

All members are welcome. Just remember to bring a notebook, a pen and a plate for Morning Tea.

Last year Study groups were held at different venues. Many enjoyed the experience of different gardens. If you are interested in holding a study group in your garden contact Sheryl or Jeanette. Please check this newsletter for the dates and venues as sometimes last minute changes occur. Every effort will be made by email and phone to contact attendees.

When: 3rd Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

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| February | 17 | Jude Pullin 192 Moreton Terrace Beachmere 5429 0146 |
| March | 17 | Talbot Lodge 4 Prudence Court, Upper Caboolture.5496 7795 |

Study Group Moments



Christmas Party at the last study group. Thank you to Jeanette and Pat Robertson for hosting the day. I took heaps of photos and I will present them in future issues. Lovely ideas for presentation of bromeliads. Below is a photo of the beautifully organised and well maintained bush house.



Working hard at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle



BROMMOMENTS

Brommoments will be returning this year. Anyone who has any interesting items to share contact our President Kayleen and she will arrange a time.

Brommoments was instigated by members requesting time in the meeting to cover basic information on anything to do with Bromeliads. In 10 minutes a topic is discussed or demonstrated. Last year we looked at neglected plants, cleaned up plants for presentation, mounted Tillandsias, sowed seeds, looked at different genus within the Bromeliaceae family, noted diseases to be found. Any suggestions of topics can be placed in our suggestion box and we will endeavour to cover the topic.

POPULAR PLANT COMPETITION WINNERS 2011

NOVICE SECTION Jude and John Pullin
INTERMEDIATE SECTION Barbara Murray
ADVANCED SECTION Sheryl and Len Waite
ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD Pat Pennell

Presentations made by our lovely Patron Carryn Sullivan MP



POPULAR PLANT COMPETITION 2012

Join in our Popular Plant Competition. Bring 1 or 2 plants and enter in the Novice Section if you are a first timer. It is so easy. Remember to bring your plants for the competition. 2 per member.

MEMBER NEWS

Remember Ray & Martha Richards? Look what they are growing now!! Can't keep a good gardener down.



SILHOUETTES

A line marking and shaping the outer form of an object: contour, delineation, outline, profile.

Jude Pullin will be asking questions of members during our afternoon break.

Members Jude and John Pullin

Where do you currently live?

BEACHMERE

How long have you lived there?

TWO YEARS

Where did you move from?

MACKAY

How long have you had an interest in plants?

DECADES. We owned an indoor plant rental business in Mackay and spent lots of our time collecting plants and growing them on suitable for indoor use. During this time we had not discovered Bromeliads - that came about by accident a little later on. We bought a very neglected Bromeliad collection from a friend in Mackay and started out with plants in very poor condition and little or no name tags. Over a period of time we were able to grow these poor plants on to be lovely healthy and colourful specimens and that began our quest to collect more and expand our collection of different Bromeliads. You could say the collection got out of control within a few years and when the workload became too much we sold the collection and the count up was 5,000 potted Bromeliads. We kept around one hundred when we moved to Beachmere and we also held onto our Tillandsia collection as they had become lovely bunched specimens and it was too hard to let them go.

What do you enjoy about our club the most?

THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE and the informative meetings. The mix is good and the meetings are something we both look forward to.

Do you think our club could improve in any way?

MAYBE MORE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BEYOND SATURDAY'S MEETINGS. Perhaps a mid year dinner or Sunday outing.

WAITEYS WORDS OF WISDOM

We are pleased to welcome back Len and his words of wisdom. Len's last check up with his specialist confirmed that he is progressing at an impressive rate. It is not just Bromeliads that prosper at Talbot Lodge! There are 2 little hurdles that Len has to jump before he is given the all clear but his heart is not one of them. Editor.

(1) First we have to make up our minds whether we are growing to beautify our gardens, we are collectors or we want to be a commercial grower. Growing for your own garden is by far the easiest path to take. You can pick only the best of the best and let someone else worry about starting from scratch. If you are a collector you may have to gain some extra knowledge to protect your investments. The other option would be commercial. I would prefer not to discuss this option other than say hang on for a bumpy ride.

(2) One of the questions I get asked more times than anything else is 'Where do I put this plant when I get it home?' Without knowing the exact conditions of a stranger's property, advice is generally - if it is a soft plant (Guzmania Vriesea Nidularium etc) as much light as possible without direct sun. As for the rest (Aechmea Neoregelia Canistrum etc) as much sun as possible without burning. Morning sun is much kinder to bromeliads than a west facing aspect.

(3) Another question asked frequently is, 'How often do I water my plants?' This is a tough question to answer with just a general comment on paper, as the answer depends on the type of plant and the mix used by the grower you purchase from. The time of year also has a lot of influence on the answer. My common answer is to treat your bromeliad as you would any other plant in your garden - when you water give a complete drink, saturate the plant and then let it almost dry out before watering again. Commonsense should prevail.

(4) Pests are not a major problem with bromeliads; with a little care they can be easily controlled. I guess fly speck scale and soft scale are the major problems. Everybody tends to use something a little different when it comes to spraying poisons. This is probably best discussed at your study group or meetings. You can help the situation naturally by giving your bromeliads room to get fresh air circulation around them. There are natural remedies available also that are very effective. I am always happy to discuss whatever problems you may have one-on-one if you need a little more clarity on a subject and if I can't help I will find you someone who can.

Cheers Waitey



MAJOR RAFFLE

This beautiful Cristinite and sterling silver pendant has been donated to the society by Anonymous. We encourage everyone to support the raffle, by not only buying tickets for yourself but selling to all your friends and neighbours. The drawing will be just before Mother's Day. Tickets will be available at the January meeting.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

SNAP-A-BROM

The rules

Open to all members of the Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society.

The photograph must be taken by the member.

The photograph must be of a bromeliad – not necessarily owned by the member.

One entry per month per member.

Entries submitted for the January to September meetings must be received by midnight on the 3rd Saturday of the month to Barbara or Rob Murray by email yarrumai@bigpond.net.au or post 41 Alvisio Court Narangba 4504

These entries are put on the computer to be judged in a secret ballot by members present at the next meeting.

All winners of the monthly meetings are in the October Display. Members vote for the overall winner at the October meeting.

Prize of \$50.00 for winner presented at the Christmas Party in November.

CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATIONS







**Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Caboolture and District Bromeliad Society
Inc**

NOMINATION FORM for the Executive Committee of CDBS 2012

Any two members of the association may nominate another member to serve as a member of the Executive Committee. Nominations should be given to the secretary as least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

We, the undersigned, wish to nominate

Print
Name _____

For the position of (print) _____

Signature Member

1 _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature Member

2 _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

I accept the nomination (signed)

_____ Date: _____

Please send completed form to the secretary, P O Box 748, Caboolture, 4510

WHERE:

The Combined Services Club
21 Hayes Street, Caboolture.

WHEN:

Saturday 24 March 2012
1:30pm start