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Caboolture & Districts Bromeliad Society

2015—May/June
Supplement

Hawaii Highlights

During our May meeting, Peter Ball shared with us the highlights from the trip he and Denise took to Hawaii for the Bromeliad Society International – World Conference in September last year.

Following a pre-conference cruise, Peter and Denise enjoyed the week of conference activities which included some amazing visits to both gardens and tourist destinations.

The photos of the competition plants were amazing – with Hawaii being very difficult to get plants into, the plants on show were from local growers so weren't judged as they would normally be. One plant of note for Peter was a variegated *Werauhia*. The plants sales were also phenomenal with

varieties including cordylines, orchids and tillandsias.

Some of the places visited over the week were:

◇ Lyon Arboretum

◇ Pearl Harbour

◇ Kilauea Volcano

◇ Lava tubes

The Gardens visited included:

◇ David Fell – biggest collection of variegated *Vrieseas*

◇ David Shiigi – a lot of interest in variegated *Alcantareas*

◇ Sharon Petersen – focus on tillandsias and neos

Peter finished his enlightening talk with a slideshow of amazing photos from his trip.



Peter Ball giving us his Hawaii highlights

May Feature Plant - *Neoregelia*



Ron with his *Macho x DeRolf*.



Lenette with her neo, ? *Pendula*, which has everyone baffled as to if it is a species.



Len talked to us about his *Passion x Grace*, one of the gorgeous pink pups.

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Combined Services Hall, 21
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1:30pm start

Meeting Dates

<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>PLANT OF THE MONTH</i>
July 25	Barbara McCune – Courtyard Gardens “Spiky”	Intergenerics
August 22	Len Coglean – Collecting in Bolivia “Group”	Billbergia
September 26	Roma Street Parklands	
October 24	Len Waite – Working with Dyckias “Ornament” and “Voting for winner 2015”	Dyckia/Orthophytum/Puya/Hechtia/Pitcairnia
November 28	Christmas Party	



Welcome to Our New Members for 2015

June Blaschek
 Kay & John Bryan
 George & Barbara Kennedy
 Denise Storey
 Cheryl Fahey



Study Group Meeting Dates

9am start. Remember to bring a plate to share along with your questions and plants. Contact details announced at the meeting before the study group.

Date	Host	Topic
16 July	Perry	Pattern Vriesea/Alcantarea
20 August	Deanna	Orthophytum/Dyckia
17 September	Sue & Ron	Flowering Guzmania/Vriesea
15 October	Jeanette & Pat	Billbergia
19 November	Sheryl & Len	Christmas Party

There is no gardening without humility. Nature is constantly sending even its oldest scholars to the bottom of the class for some egregious blunder.

[Alfred Austin](#)

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

With advanced notice of these dates, members can plan ahead, and hopefully sign on the roster which will be available at the meeting. We will need 3 or 4 people on each shift (one morning, one afternoon).



If you can manage to do a shift or two over the course of the year, your help will be much appreciated. We cannot expect

the same people to work each time. Upcoming Sausage Sizzle Dates

Tuesday August 4

Tuesday September 1

Tuesday November 3

Special Recognition – Len & Sheryl Waite



We started our June meeting with a special recognition of Len & Sheryl Waite.

Kayleen and Lorraine took great pleasure in presenting Len & Sheryl with their awards from the recent BSQ show where they were successful in taking out a number of categories, including Champion of Show.



Photo Comp Winners



May – Flower
Guz Sanguinea X Wittmackii
Denise Ball

June – Leaf
Tiger Tim F2
Jules Grange



I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journey-work of the stars.
Walt Whitman

What Else Is On in 2015

August 29	Laidley Bus Trip
September 19-20	Toowoomba & Districts Bromeliad Show in conjunction with Carnival of Flowers
October 3-4	CDBS Foliage Frenzy (Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday 8am-1pm)
November 28	Christmas Party
November 28	Grange View Gardens Open Day, 9am-3pm



Mother's Day Stall, Morayfield Shopping Centre



Once again we held a stall at Morayfield Shopping Centre on Mother's Day weekend. Not only was it successful as a fundraising venture for the Society, it was also a great opportunity to spread the word amongst the local community of our Society.

June Study Group



June's study group was held at Len & Sheryl's house with the focus being on Tillandsias and Cryptanthus. There was some great discussions among the group over a cuppa and wander through the garden.



We still do not know one thousandth of one percent of what nature has revealed to us.

Albert Einstein

Inside Story, June Feature Plant—Alcantarea



Once again, Mick Grange provided us with an informative presentation, this time on the genus of Alcantarea.

He took us on a journey through all things Alc, starting with their natural habitat characteristics. From there we saw the range of imperialis family specimens, moving from the stunning colours of Rubra, Purpurea, Skotak, Arno, Silver Plum and Landsendt Red through to the green shades of Landsendt Blue Green and finishing with the much sought after variegate forms.

From here our journey continued through the various species, again covering the 'colours of the rainbow' from heloisae to odorata and

nahoumii.

Mick gave us some insights into the unknown with discussion around the likes of Grace Goode, Imbe and Wardell Orange then finished off with some photos of different crosses that have been done.

Popular Vote Winners—May



NOVICE

Barrie Brown—Tillandsia Stricta



ADVANCED

Jeanette Robertson—Neoregelia
'Voodoo Doll'

Earth laughs in flowers.

[Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

Popular Vote Winners—June



NOVICE

Denise Ball—Billbergia Talbot Amanda



INTERMEDIATE

Sue Murray—Neoregelia DYN O MITE



ADVANCED

Carol Button—Tillandsia bulbosa
Hooker

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Plant Sales	Kayleen Courtney & Carol Button
Popular Vote	Barrie Brown & Pat Pennell

Our society has posted our Club News on the website of the Bromeliad Australia. Other clubs are also listed there and have posted their newsletters as well. There is also a photo index which is growing every month and well worth bookmarking. Check it out at www.bromeliad.org.au via the front page, Clubs, Caboolture or the direct link is <http://www.bromeliad.org.au/news/CBS.htm>



Queensland Organics donate a bag of Organic Xtra and ECO88 for our raffle every month. Please consider their products when purchasing for your needs.

Monster Raffle



Our inaugural 'Monster Raffle' was the feature of the June meeting. With \$2000 worth of beautiful plant specimens to choose from, everyone walked away with a new delight for their collection and the raffle was an astounding success. Mick and Ron couldn't believe the looks of anticipation on everyone's faces as they drew the numbers out!

