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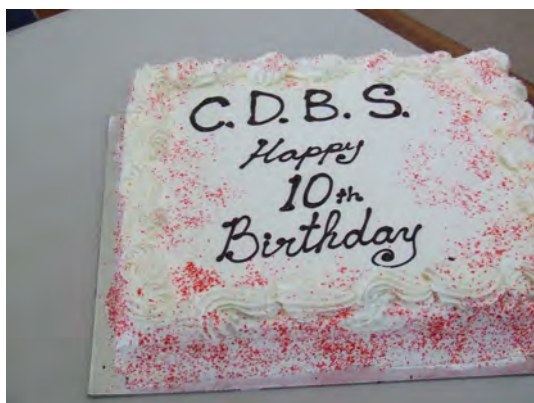
2016— January Issue

WELCOME 2016

Welcome back everyone to 2016—it's amazing to believe that the first month has gone passed already!

This year, our Society celebrates its 10th Anniversary. To commemorate this milestone, we were joined at our meeting by Doug and Gwen Parkinson, founding members of the Society and Gwen was the first President, as well as Gary May who was also a President from previous years.

The photos below are of Gwen and Gary along with Gwen cutting the delicious cake that was enjoyed by all.



Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.

Sam Keen

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1:30pm start, 4th Saturday
of each month

Meeting Dates

<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>PLANT & PHOTO OF THE MONTH</i>
February 27	Greg Aizelwood—Ecuador trip	Neoregelia
April 23	Val Honeywood	Billbergia
May 28	TBC	Aechmea & Hohenbergia
June 25	Ron Murray	Mini Neos
July 23	Mick Grange—home garden visit	Alcantarea
August 27	Barry Genn	Dyckia & Orthophytum
September 24	Bruce Dunstan	Guzmania & Flowering Vriesea
October 22	Margaret Paterson	Neoregelia
November 26	Christmas Party	



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
18 February	Kayleen	Neoregelia
17 March	Bernie	Intergenerics
21 April	Carol	Tillandsia/Cryptanthus
19 May	Barb	Aechmea/Hohenbergia
16 June	TBA	Mini Neos
21 July	Perry	Pattern Vriesea/Alcantarea
18 August	Sheryl	Orthophytum/Dyckia
15 September	TBA	Flowering Vriesea/Guzmania
20 October	TBA	Billbergia
17 November	TBA	Christmas Party

Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower.
[Hans Christian Andersen](#)

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

Our fundraising barbecues at Bunnings are kicking off again. As discussed in previous meetings, this year we have reduced the number of sausage sizzles to 1 each quarter with the first one being on a Saturday with the remainder on Tuesdays—see below for dates. Please let Kayleen know if you are able to assist with either the morning shift or afternoon shift on these days.

Saturday, February 20

Tuesday, May 3

Tuesday, August 2

Tuesday, November 1



Photo Comp Winners



Robin Holland



Jules Grange

What Else Is On in 2016

March 4-6	Queensland International Orchid Fair [Beenleigh], 8am-4pm (Fri-Sat) 8am-3pm (Sun)
March 12 & 13	Ipswich Plant Expo, 8am-4pm (Sat) 8am-3pm (Sun), \$7 entry
March 19 & 20	BSQ Autumn Show, 8am-4pm (Sat) 9am-3pm (Sun)
April 9 & 10	Bromeliad Extravaganza, 8am-3pm (Sat) 9am-2pm (Sun)
May 21 & 22	Brisbane Plant Collectors Fair, 8am-4pm (Sat) 8:30am-3pm (Sun)
June 4 & 5	Lindmar Open Garden and Plant Fair, 10am-4:30pm, \$5 entry
July 8-10	Queensland Garden Expo, 8am-5pm (Fri-Sat) 8am-4pm (Sun), \$18 entry
September 16-21	Clivea Show [Carnival of Flowers], 9am-5pm, gold coin entry
September 23-25	Springtime on the Mountain, Mt Tamborine, trail passes \$20
November 26	Christmas Party
December 3	Grange View Gardens Open Day, 9am-3pm



Gardening is the work of a lifetime: you never finish.
Oscar De La Renta

2016 AGM—Important Information

With our regular meeting date falling on the Easter weekend in March, there will not be a meeting held meaning our AGM will now happen in April.

As discussed at the Christmas Party and again at January's meeting, all Committee members and Stewards are stepping down from their positions and **a number of them will not be re-nominating**. Everyone has been given a copy of the nomination form, either attached to the email with this newsletter or in the envelope for those who receive hard copies. Please take some time to think about any position you may be interested in (all positions are listed on the back page of the newsletter) and complete the form.

N.B. The Society needs to have the position of Secretary filled to be able to continue operating therefore this is a vital position that will need to be filled at the AGM.

Speaker of the Month—Nigel Thompson

Nigel and Rosalie Thompson joined us at our kick off meeting for 2016 and the group were treated to a presentation from Nigel that provided an insightful look at the trials and tribulations of importing bromeliads. Given recent decisions nationally on this topic, the timing of this presentation was ideal.

Nigel shared with the group photos of some of the beauties he has attempted to import and discussed the difficulties he faces with this including the bureaucracy and had photos of items that had been marked 'Fragile' that had arrived in a damaged state. He talked about the treatment of plants by AQIS with methylbromine which is highly destructive to bromeliads. Importation carries with it a high plant loss rate particularly given the costs associated with this. The new regulations from the Australian Government/AQIS are likely to lead to the cessation of importing bromeliads and were also topics for discussion. At the end of Nigel's informative presentation, the group had a greater understanding into the factors that lie behind the cost of new release imports.

Popular Vote Winners—January



Decorative
Bernie Polzin



Novice
Kayleen Courtney
VR Correia Argujo



Intermediate
Sue Murray
Sanguinea Tri Colour



Advanced
Ron Murray
Chantiniie Black Goddess

Proposed Thailand Trip for 2016

By now everyone should have received the email with the information regarding the proposed trip to Thailand this year. A big THANK YOU to Carol Button for the time and effort she had invested in putting this together for us.

The itinerary is for a 12 day fully guided tour. Pricing was also sent out with the itinerary for the land component which also included a number of meals. With airfares, the total cost will be approximately \$3000/person, twin share.

Expressions of interest are required at the next meeting with a deposit to be paid also. A minimum of 14 people are needed for the trip to proceed so if we are unable to fill numbers from our Society, we will be opening it up to fellow members from other Societies.

A couple of people have enquired about the weather, this has been provided by our travel contact:

Temperature in November in Chiangmai normally quite cold, in Bangkok it'd be a nice period but some year it's still hot although we claim that November is winter period in Thailand.

Wheelchair service to the plane will also be available if required.

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

Audrey Hepburn

Sunny Broms Update

Registration for the Sunny Broms conference next year is now open. For those of you who use social media, there is a Facebook page you can have a look at. There are a range of registration options available from the full package (\$300) to daily passes (\$100). Daily passes do not include the garden visits—these are an additional cost for people purchasing day passes.

Nigel gave us some insight into the line up of speakers. Internationally we will have the following speakers: Chester Skotak, Eloise Beech, Peter Coyle and Terry Birt, along with a range of local speakers as well.

www.sunnybroms.com or <https://www.facebook.com/sunnybroms/>

Proposed Bus Trips for 2016

2015 proved to be a challenge to be able to secure adequate numbers for our bus trips despite members requesting the trips.

A proposal was put forward for an overnight trip to either Toowoomba during Carnival of Flowers or to Bundaberg. Being an overnight trip, if we were to book the smaller bus for 28 people, the trailer would be full of luggage and there would be no room for plants therefore we need to fill a bus for 55 to do an overnight. A show of hands from members present at the meeting indicated a preference for a trip to Bundaberg.

Prices are going to be looked into and when the Expression of Interest is called, there will be a non-refundable deposit to be paid. The deposit will be dependant on overall costs for the trip.

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Catering	Jude Pullin
Hall Set-Up	Pat Robertson
Librarian	Sue Murray
Official Laminator	Cris Perry
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>

Public Notices

- ❖ Membership renewals are due from January – we have envelopes for you to fill in the required information then payment can be placed inside.
- ❖ Our February meeting is an 'Open Sales' meeting.
- ❖ We will be having our Monster Raffle in April to coincide with our AGM.

The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses.

Hanna Rion

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

