



# Illawarra Bromeliad Society Inc.

May 2026 Newsletter

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\*Committee members are indicated with asterisk and in bold

### LIFE MEMBERS

Sharyn Baraldi, Margaret Bartley, Carol Burgdorf, Elizabeth & Graham Bevan, Beth Clague, Sylvia Clare, Monica De Clouett, Barbara Jones-Beverstock, Ann & Noel Kennon, Jarka Rehak, Phillip Robinson

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership Subscriptions: Due 30<sup>th</sup> June each year.  
\$20 single/\$30 family + \$2 joining fee  
Bank details for membership payment:  
Great Southern Bank;  
BSB No. 814 282; Account No. 50997160

### SOCIAL MEDIA & CORRESPONDENCE

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IllawarraBromeliadSociety>  
Facebook Member group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/illawarrabroms>  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/illawarrabroms/>

**Correspondence** to be sent to Illawarra Bromeliad Society secretary at email: [illawarrabroms@gmail.com](mailto:illawarrabroms@gmail.com)

## MEETING DETAILS

**Time & Date:** 12noon – 4pm, on the first Saturday of each month (February – November) and December Christmas party.

**Address:** Berkeley Community Centre, 40 Winnima Way Berkeley NSW 2506

**Activities:** Speaker, Competition, Bromeliad Sales, Pots/literature Sales, Raffle, Library and Afternoon tea

**Visitors are always welcome!**

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### NEXT MEETING

**Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Time: 12noon. (Doors open at 12noon for set up, competition entry and plant sales. Meeting starts at 1pm)**

**Venue: Berkeley Community Centre, 40 Winnima Way Berkeley NSW 2506**

**Speaker: Edwina will give 2 short presentations: “Preparing Bromeliads for our Annual Show” and “Bromeliads and the Supertrees at Gardens by the Bay, Singapore”**

**Monthly Raffle Prize & Cleaning Roster for this month:**

**Nina Woodcock, Graham Kohler & Glenn Martin**

**Afternoon tea:**

- **Bring only food that does not require heating & Please BYO cup/mug**

## MONTHLY RAFFLE PRIZE ROSTER

Each rostered member is asked to bring up to five bromeliad plants-- or goods related to the cultivation of bromeliads--for the raffle. The quality of plants should comply with the requirements of 'Plants for Sale' and should you be unable to provide items for the raffle on your rostered day please contact the Program Officer (Bob Stephens 0412 834 985) so that appropriate rearrangements can be made.

**June 2026:** Nina Woodcock, Graham Kohler & Glenn Martin

**July 2026:** Carol Burgdorf, Sandra Carnie, Katie Chin

**August 2026:** Stephen Wain, Dawn Harvey, John Boyd

**September 2026:** Bob Stephens, Perry Avnell

**October 2026:** Cheryl Mathews, Sandra Southwell, Ines Ryde

**November 2026:** Suzanne Burrows, Beth Clague, Laurie Irvine

**February 2027:** Graham Bevan, Sharyn Baraldi, Monica De Clouett

## CLEANING ROSTER

Those people listed for the monthly raffle are also asked to help with the final tidy up on the day as well. While our members are very good with helping to stack and store all the tables and chairs, it's just the last-minute chores of making sure that the floor is clean, etc. before we lock up for the day.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2026

DATE	DETAILS
6 Jun 2026	<b>Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker: Edwina Wain will give two short presentations, one on “Preparing Bromeliads for our Annual Show” and “Bromeliads and the Supertrees at Gardens by the Bay, Singapore”</li> </ul>
4 Jul 2026	<b>Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soups and Sweets</li> </ul>
1 Aug 2026	<b>Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGM</li> </ul>
5 Sep 2026	<b>Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker to be advised</li> </ul>
26 & 27 Sep 2026	<b>Bromeliad Society of Australia Spring Show,</b> Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill
3 Oct 2026	<b>Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker to be advised</li> </ul>
<b>17 &amp; 18 Oct 2026</b> <b>(Set up Fri 16/10/2026,</b> <b>from 12 noon)</b>	<b>Illawarra Bromeliad Society Annual Show</b> Berkeley Community Centre, 40 Winnima Way Berkeley NSW 2506 Sat 9am-3pm, Sun 9am-2pm
7 Nov 2026	<b>Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker to be advised</li> </ul>
21 Nov 2026	<b>Workshop, Q&amp;A Session and Garden Visit</b> To be held at Sharyn Baraldi’s residence
5 Dec 2026	<b>Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Society Christmas Party</li> </ul>

**NB – Society Garden Visits and Workshops to be included.**

# NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our new members who signed up at our Sales Day on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026. David Becker and Clare Tuckerman, we wish you a long and happy association with our society.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2026 MEETING SUMMARY

Louie Kelbert from Kel Bee Apiaries gave a wonderful and highly informative presentation on “Raising Bees and the Production of Honey”.

In addition to the presentation, Louie brought along a selection of his honey and honey products, which were available for purchase.

Thank you, Louie, for taking the time to speak at our May meeting and share your knowledge and experience with members.

We would also like to thank Stephen Wain for taking the photos at the May meeting.



Above: Louie Kelbert and some of the honey products he had for sale at the meeting

## Competition Plant Results – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

### Novice:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Graham Kohler.....*Aechmea recurvata* var. *benrathii*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Kohler.....*Cryptanthus*

### Open:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Stephens .....*Neoregelia* Heat Wave
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cheryl Mathews.....*Nidularium fulgens* ‘Orange Bract’
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Kennon .....*Orthophytum*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cheryl Mathews.....*Neoregelia* Bullis’s Margaret

### Tillandsia:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Edwina & Steve Wain.....*Racinaea dyeriana*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzanne Burrows .....*Tillandsia tenuifolia* ‘Emerald Forest’
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Suzanne Burrows .....*Tillandsia streptophylla*

Thanks to everyone who entered into the competition.

Photos of Novice Competition plants – May 2026 meeting



**Novice Section** above, left to right

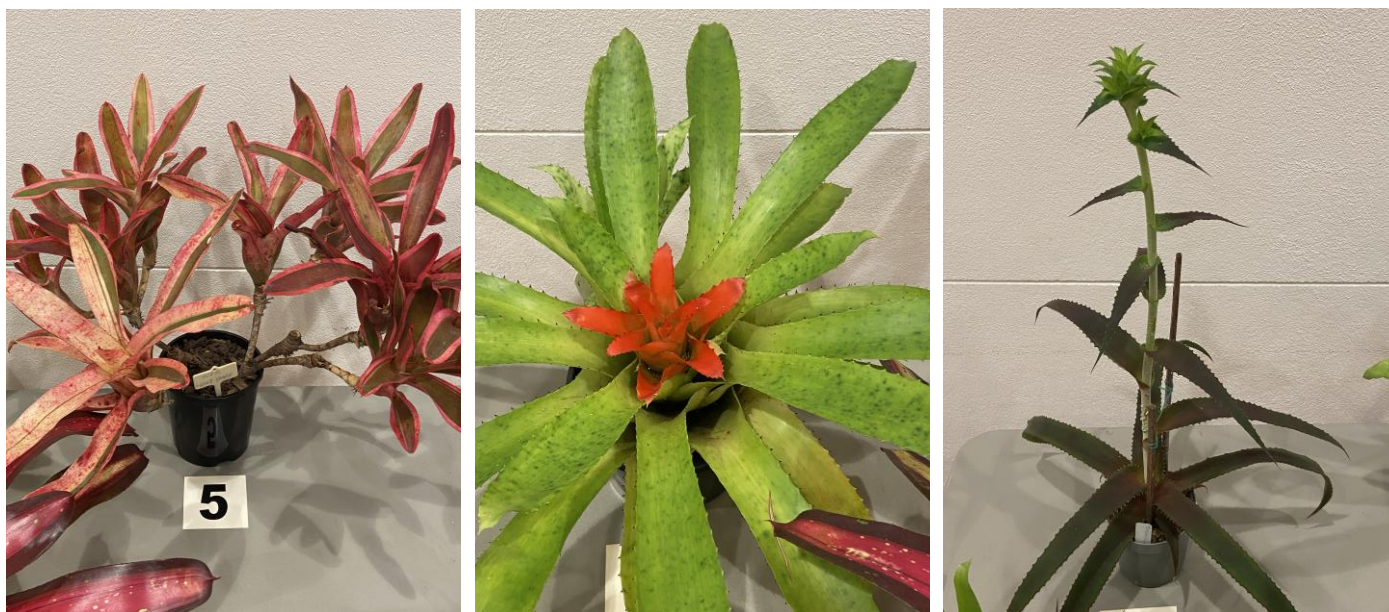
Above left: First place – *Aechmea recurvata* var. *benrathii*

Above right: Second place - *Cryptanthus*



Above: **Novice Section**, which had 2 entries

## Photos of Open Competition plants – May 2026 meeting



**Open Section** above, left to right

Above left: First place – *Neoregelia* Heat Wave

Above centre: Second place - *Nidularium fulgens* 'Orange Bract'

Above right: Second place - *Orthophytum*



Above left: Third place – *Neoregelia* Bullis's Margaret

Above right: **Open Section**, which had 7 entries



## Photos of Tillandsia Competition plants – May 2026 meeting



**Tillandsia Section** above, left to right:

Above left: First place – *Racinaea dyeriana*

Above centre: Second place - *Tillandsia tenuifolia* 'Emerald Forest'

Above right: Third place - *Tillandsia streptophylla*



Above: **Tillandsia Section**, which had 3 entries

# SALES DAY - 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

Here are a few photos from our Sales Day held on 16 May 2026, shortly before the doors opened. The hall looked wonderful, filled with a beautiful display of Bromeliads, and we were pleased to see a strong turnout of customers throughout the day.

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, we welcomed two new members who signed up on the day, and a further 11 people provided their details to join our general email list. Overall, the event was a great success.

Events such as these are only possible with the support and dedication of our members. A very big thank you to all of our sellers and volunteers for their hard work and contribution to the day.

