



Illawarra Bromeliad Society Inc.

July 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

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Subscriptions: Due 30th June each year.
\$20 single/\$30 family
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 should be sent to the Illawarra Bromeliad Society secretary by
email: 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 and literature Sales, Raffle, Library and Afternoon tea

Visitors are always welcome!

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NEXT MEETING

Date: Saturday 1st August 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

What's on: Annual General Meeting

Speaker: Stephen Wain will do a demonstration on separating Bromeliads and removing pups

Monthly Raffle Prize & Cleaning Roster for this month:

Stephen Wain, Dawn Harvey & John Boyd

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 bromeliad cultivation, for the raffle. Plant quality should meet the Society's "Plants for Sale" requirements. If you are unable to provide raffle items on your rostered day, please contact the Program Officer, Bob Stephens, on 0412 834 985 so alternative arrangements can be made.

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

Members listed on the monthly raffle roster are also asked to assist with the final tidy-up on the day. While members are very helpful with stacking and storing tables and chairs, a few last-minute tasks, such as checking that the floor is clean, need to be completed before we lock up.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2026

DATE	DETAILS
1 Aug 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting • AGM • Speaker: Stephen Wain will do a demonstration on separating Bromeliads and removing pups
5 Sep 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting • Speaker to be advised
26 & 27 Sep 2026	Bromeliad Society of Australia Spring Show, Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill
3 Oct 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting • Speaker – Bronwyn Holm from EARTHFOOD • If you have a perpetual trophy, please bring it to this meeting • Entries for Meri Stefanidakis Photograph competition to be submitted to Sharyn Baraldi at this meeting
17 & 18 Oct 2026 (Set up Fri 16/10/2026, from 12 noon)	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Annual Show Berkeley Community Centre, 40 Winnima Way Berkeley NSW 2506 Sat 9am-3pm, Sun 9am-2pm
7 Nov 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting • Speaker to be advised • All library books need to be returned at this meeting or prior to this meeting
21 Nov 2026	Workshop, Q&A Session and Garden Visit To be held at Sharyn Baraldi's residence
5 Dec 2026	Illawarra Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party • Venue: Berkeley Sports Club, 12 noon • Monthly competition trophies, Annual Show awards and trophies & Meri Stefanidakis Photograph competition trophy will be presented

NB – Society Garden Visits and Workshops to be included.

Right: There was a great selection of raffle plants at our July meeting



4th JULY 2026 MEETING SUMMARY

We enjoyed a lovely Sweets and Soups gathering at this month's meeting. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to bring soups and sweets, everything was delicious and very much appreciated.

Our speaker this month was Graham Kohler, who gave a fascinating presentation about his trip to Antarctica and Patagonia. Members enjoyed seeing the many beautiful photographs from his travels, and I am sure Graham's presentation inspired more than a few of us to consider making the trip ourselves. Thank you very much, Graham.



Above: Photos taken by Graham Kohler during his trip to Antarctica



Above left: Penguins in Antarctica, photo taken by Graham Kohler and Above right: Graham Kohler

Competition Plant Results – 4th July 2026

Novice:

- 1st Graham Kohler.....*Neoregelia* Sands of Time
 2nd Graham Kohler.....*Aechmea winkleri*

Open:

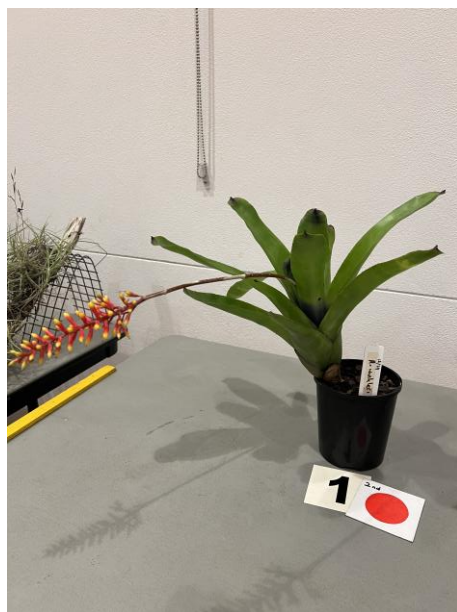
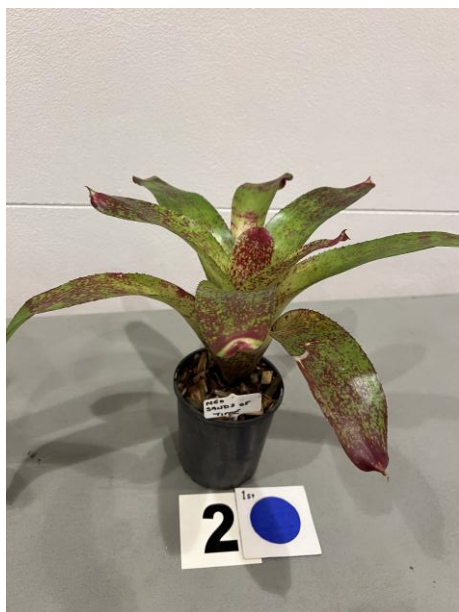
- 1st Bob Stephens*Billbergia* Our Rena
 1st Bob Stephens*Nidularium angustibracteatum*
 2nd Edwina & Stephen Wain*Vriesea* Candy Apple
 3rd Ann Kennon*Billbergia* Our Rena
 3rd Bob Stephens*Billbergia nutans*
 3rd Bob Stephens*Billbergia* (un-named)

Tillandsia:

- 1st Ann Kennon*Tillandsia tenuifolia*
 2nd Graham Bevan*Tillandsia* Houston
 2nd Suzanne Burrows*Tillandsia caerulea*
 3rd Edwina & Stephen Wain*Tillandsia roezlii*

Thanks to everyone who entered the monthly competition.

Photos of Novice Competition plants – July 2026 meeting

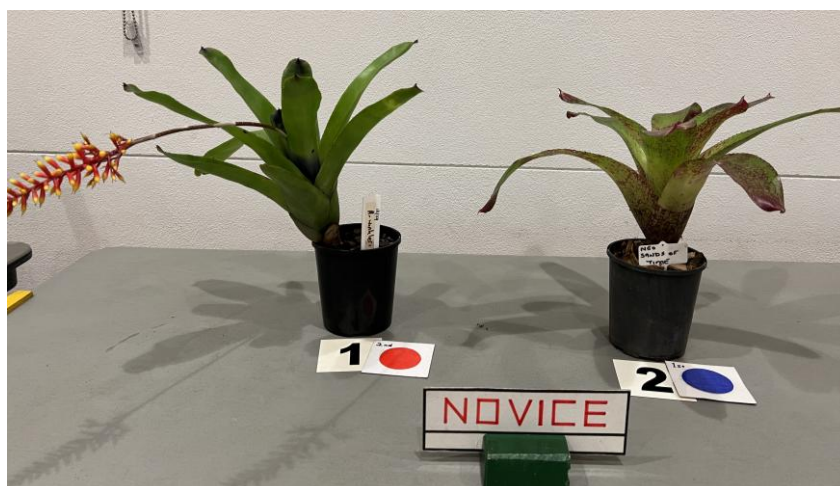


Novice Section

Left: First place –
Neoregelia Sands of Time

Centre: Second place –
Aechmea winkleri

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



Photos of Open Competition plants – July 2026 meeting



Open Section

Above left: Equal First place – *Billbergia Our Rena*

Above centre: Equal First place – *Nidularium angustibracteatum*

Above right: Second place - *Vriesea Candy Apple*

Below left: Equal Third - *Billbergia Our Rena*

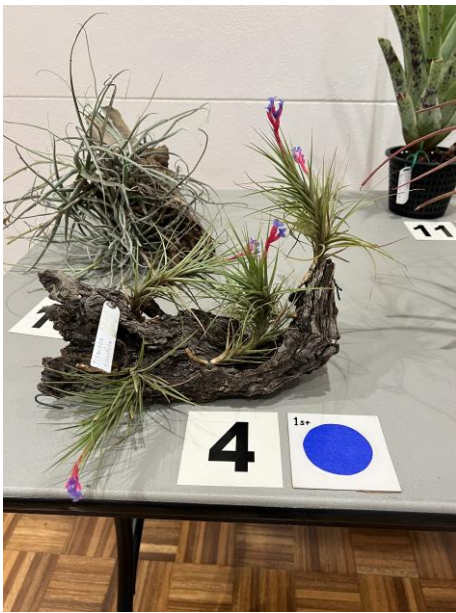
Below centre: Equal Third - *Billbergia nutans*

Below right: Equal Third - *Billbergia* (un-named)



Left: **Open Section**,
which had 8 entries

Photos of Tillandsia Competition plants – July 2026 meeting



Tillandsia Section

Above left: First place – *Tillandsia tenuifolia*

Above centre: Equal Second place - *Tillandsia Houston*

Above right: Equal Second place - *Tillandsia caerulea*



Above left: Third place - *Tillandsia roezlii*

Above right: **Tillandsia Section**, which had 9 entries