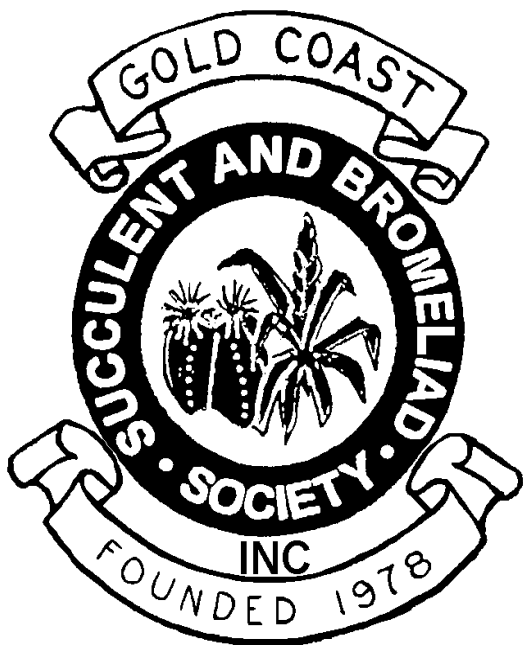


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MEETING DATES AND VENUE

Our meetings are held at the Uniting Church Hall, Elanora on the second Saturday of each month starting at 1.30 pm.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DATE	EVENT
Saturday, 10 May 1997	General Meeting
Saturday, 14 June 1997	General Meeting and Cent Auction
Sunday, 15 June 1997	Field Day at Flemmings
Wednesday, 18 June 1997	Set up at Pines Shopping Centre
Thursday, 19 June to Saturday, 21 June 1997	Display at Pines Shopping Centre
Saturday, 12 July 1997	General Meeting
Thursday, 17 July to Saturday, 19 July 1997	Treetops Shopping Centre

Committee Members:

Committee meetings are held at 1.00 pm on the day of Society meetings.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR MARCH & APRIL 1997

MARCH

The March meeting was held on the 8th with 35 members and three visitors. The members were told the sad news of the sudden death of Audrey McAlister. Expressions of sympathy were sent to Mac and his family. Olwen Ferris' book is autographed and on sale at the meetings. It was suggested that we have some home visits for our Field Days and Bobby Powell and Betty Page offered to be the first and open their gardens to members and friends on 19th April.

Life memberships were awarded to Mary Nicholson, Graham and Wendy Besgrove, John Catlan and Genny Vauhkonen. These were presented by our Patron, Olwen Ferris.

The Lucky Door Prize was won by Judy Borthistle.

The five-minute talks were by John Catlan on Aechmeas and Genny Vauhkonen on light factor for growing Bromeliads. John Catlan spoke on succulent bulbs for Monica Bailey who is overseas.

Genny Vauhkonen and Graham Besgrove spoke about the plants on the Plant of the Month (Vriesea) and Show and Tell Tables. Plants were:

Ananas bracteatus (fruit)

Canamea Jaspa

Neoreglia Bills Gift

Puya mirabilis

Tillandsia ionantha Feugo, tenuifolia, roezleii, fasciculata-type
spike, ehlersiana, scheidiana x brachycaulos, complanta

Vriesea fosteriana "Red Chestnut", Splendide, heiraglyphica,
Angela, gigantea x Red Chestnut, kupperiana, Natasha,
fosteriana hybrid, platynema variegata Green Form,
ospinae var gerberi, gigantea var siedeliana

APRIL

Forty members attended the meeting on 13th April with three new members - David Byster, and Graham and Tessie White.

Mac McAlister thanked all those members for their support on the loss of his wife, Audrey.

Car trip to Betty Page and Bobby Powell's was confirmed for Saturday, 20th April - today week. Flemmings Field Day is on Sunday, 15th June.

The Lucky Door Prize was won by Graeme Bullen.

The five-minute talks were given by Narelle Aizlewood who spoke on Nidulariums; Diana Hughes made a mini garden with *Cryptanthus*; and John Catlan told us that leaf burn on our plants could be from too much water, being too dry or lack of trace elements.

Graham Besgrove did the commentary on the Plant of the Month (*Tillandsias*) and the plants on the Show and Tell Table. Some of the plants were:

Billbergia amoena Giant Form

Guzmania wittmackii Orange (possible hybrid), Yum Yum, Jeanine

Tillandsia juncea (large form), *streptophylla* (small), *cyanea* (wild clone), *cyanea leiboldiana*, *viridiflora*, *ionantha* (special seed), *butzii*, Kin Kin, *velutina*, *tectorum* (5 forms) *usneoides*, *tricholepsis*, *elongata* (seeds grown by Roy Wenzel), *heteromorpha*, *exserta*, *exserta white*, *complanata*, *atroviridipetala* var *tonala*, *makoyana*, *xiphiodes*, *sucrei*, *caput medusea*, *seleriana* (2 forms), *ionantha Feugo*, *comparaensis*, Eric Knoblock, *harrissi*, *atroviridipetala*, *flexuosa vivipara*, *marnier lapostollei*, *leucolepis*, *hildae*, *butzii Blue*, *boliviensis*, *brachycaulos*, *capillaris*, *mima*, *mitlaensis*, *duratii*, *vernica*, *dura*, *comparapoensis*.

BUS TRIPS

Robina Garden Club Inc have invited any member who would like to attend the Nambour Flower Show on Friday, 4th July and/or Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers in September to please see Don Smith at our meeting to book a seat. First in best dressed as the saying goes. The cost is about \$15.00.

SHOPPING CENTRE DISPLAYS

We are looking into putting on displays in the Shopping Centres on the Gold Coast. For this we will need plenty of plants for Display and Sales. Now is the time to start preparing for what we hope will be something we will do each year. It all depends on you and your plants to make these shows a success.

Pines Shopping Centre, Elanora - Setup up is at 5.30 pm to 9.00 pm on Wednesday, 18th June. Times that the display need to be manned are: Thursday - 8.00 am to 9.00 pm; Friday - 8.00 am to 9.00 pm; and Saturday 9.00 am to 3.30 pm.

FIELD TRIP

Please bring your thermos, eats and a chair on this day - Sunday, 15th May. We will meet at 1.00 pm at 53 Westminster Boulevard, Elanora.

We have held these car trips to Neale and Kay Flemmings each year now for several years and it is amazing to see just how much everything grows.

RESULT OF FIELD DAY - 20TH APRIL

Betty and Duncan Page opened up their garden to the members and their friends on Saturday. Their garden was on a steep hillside sloping from low in the front to high at the back. The garden was terraced and as you stepped up to the next level there were many new things to catch your eye. This garden is on a cottage garden line but there were many, many Bromeliads peeping out at you.

Duncan and Betty then led us to Bobby Powell's by the short cut. We all arrived and Olwen Ferris was there to meet us with Bobby. One could not miss this home. The front is alive with Bromeliads. Berts lined the street side. This is another garden on a steep slope - but this time the slope is from one side to the other with north being much higher than the south side. Again this garden has many different plants growing happily together. People could be found down on their hands and knees peering under treefern to catch sight of one treasure or another.

Eddie and Dawn Collas were at Bobby's and they extended an invitation to all to come see their garden. This being two doors down. Their plants were a delight to see. They grow very happily by the pool side. Dawn has hoyas in flower which made many of us envious as she must have the right spot for them.

The bromeliads were in the trees, the palms and the treeferns growing happily with the Orchids, the Tillandsias, the Alocacias, the caladiums, the gingers, the heliconias. To set all these off was the crocodile in the pool and the Rhino standing under the tree. This is a true jungle.

Thank you all for making this an afternoon to remember.

UNDER THE MANGO TREE

John Catlan




Number One Son was at the stage of life when he could make coffee but not allowed to drink it, could wash a car but not old enough to drive, could develop social graces but only managed to pick up his mates bad habits. And the particularly bad habit that caused his father great embarrassment was the simple art of shaking the guts out of a can of Coke before he gave it to you, which meant when you cracked the can you and the surrounding area was drenched in Coke. The best defence was to point the can away from yourself and crack the can gently so you didn't lose the lot.

This particular day, I stopped at a strip shopping centre and sent Wonder Boy to get a couple of cans of Coke while I did my paperwork. Back he comes and hands me the can. Without thinking but being in automatic defence mode, stuck the can out the window and cracked it.

While concentrating on my paperwork I had failed to see a dinky white Mercedes sports convertible with the top down driven by a dinky platinum blonde wearing a little dinky white outfit. Now I have been monstered by a couple of bikies, I've been monstered by the police, I've been monstered by five New Zealanders from whose size could have easily been mistaken for the forwards from the All Blacks, but if you lumped the lot together, they could not put on the performance that this Coke-splattered blonde who owned a Coke splattered white Mercedes convertible dropped on me.

The platinum blonde was off her brain. Number One Son was doing the best he could to help things along by trying to drown out the blonde's tantrum with his laughter. After five apologies to the blonde and no let up in her verbal barrage, then Wonder Boy sliding off the seat in one of his moments of intense laughter, the best I could come up with was to drive off leaving blondie to entertain the gathering on-lookers by herself and


hope the Boy Wonder who was now sitting on the floor of the car still laughing his head off would be struck down by incontinence. Such is life.



Disyston 50 unfortunately is being withdrawn from sale. The Queensland wholesalers from whom we obtain stock were requested to return all unsold stock. Peter and Diana who live in New South Wales tried to obtain stock there but Disyston 50 has also been withdrawn from sale. Yates who had been without stock for some time released further stock of the 250 gram shaker containers to the retailers. I suspect when this has been sold it will be the end of supplies.

We used Disyston 50 on the top of the potting mix, in the mix when potting up or sprinkled in the Bromeliad cups. The only damage it ever seemed to cause was to miniature Neoregelias when used in the cups as their cups being very small would dry out between waterings and this resulted in burn marks on the foliage. We used Disyston 50 to control all types of scale and all types of mealy bugs on all types of Bromeliads and non-Bromeliads.

Thimet 100 - This product is twice as strong as Disyston 50, smells like Disyston 50, looks like Disyston 50, and cost half the price of Disyston 50 but is not exactly the same. It is available in bulk packaging but is not available to my knowledge in retail packs. We have tried this for control of all types of scale and all types of mealy bugs with excellent results. We have used it on top of the potting mix with good results but the plants have to have roots. We have used it in the soil mix when potting up with good results but the plants have to have roots. When Thimet 100 was sprinkled into the cups of Bromeliads, it has resulted in bad burn marks and a minor form of quilling of the foliage in some instances, but it did eradicate scale and mealy bugs. We were heavy handed.



They stuff you up, your Mum and Dad.
They may not mean to, but they do.
They fill you with the faults they had
And add some extra, just for you.

P. Larking



Our Billbergia shed is finished. Sprinklers in and operating. It will hold ten benches but have only finished two. As finances permit, the others will go in. It has worked out well. There is nothing so far that we would have liked to change and the Billbergias have their permanent home. Each bench is constructed of 25mm galvanised pipe and weldmesh and is approximately 1.2m (4') high and the same distance from the roof. Underneath the benches we hope to grow *Cryptanthus*, *Pitcairnia*s and old *Guzmania* mothers.

The benches being so high, they have been built into the framework of the shed to guarantee their stability. The top of the benches are 1.2m from the roof meaning the Billbergias grow in standard pots end up in the very hot zone close to the shade cloth (saron shade, knitted, medium, biscuit). These growing conditions would not be suitable for many types of Bromeliads but I believe the Billbergias will feel at home. One bench will be set aside for *Aechmea nudicaulis* and another for *Aechmea orlandianas*.



Mrs Bucket from “Keeping Up Appearances” must be in Bromeliads. The story line of one of the episodes revolved around a riverside picnic. On referring to a dictionary when finalising the invitations she came up with the word, riparian, meaning by the river or stream. so now she could add a bit of class to the invitations by adding with riparian entertainment. Amongst our Bromeliads we have *Pitcairnia riparia* (we haven’t flowered it yet). Remember *Pitcairnia*s do not like to dry out. Keep them moist. They typically grow by streams or rivers or in very moist situations.



We cleaned up an area of the bush and put a sprinkler system in to cater for the bulbs we have collected. We used a type of Wingfield sprinkler that are black with a small control valve on the side of each sprinkler so you can regulate the flow of water from nil to full on or anything in between. They cost \$1 each. Some of the bulbs want to be on the dry side in summer, others in winter and some do not like to dry out at all. As each sprinkler overlaps by 100 percent, this sprinkler system will give us a very flexible control. The area is 10 metres by 5 metres and we covered it with hail mesh, black butterfly clips around the outside of the mesh and tied it to trees in an effort to keep the leaves off the plants. We ran out of rope and the last four clips we tied to the trees with wire. Big mistake. We had a hail storm and the weight of ice caused the wire to cut through the clips. All the ropes held.



We find in the March issue of *The Australian Gardener* a mention of Rob and Margaret Eggins are bulb growers within a garden setting. To the phone book, no such person but as there are eight Eggins so we try O and B. Yes, we can go and look at his garden but he specialises in dandelions. It seems that Grandad Eggins had 21 sons but he knows who we are looking for.

We leave home and 200 kilometres later we arrive and who should turn up but Don Smith and the Robina Garden Club. The Robina Garden Club is our local club and about 6 of its members belong to our club. Don Smith is the President and also our five-minute talk coordinator. Spring or autumn would be a good time for a field day.



Genny arrives in Queensland, pick her up from the airport and next morning before daybreak we are out on deliveries. It's about 6.30 am and we are at the end of the run where we have to drop off a number of boxes

of plants at a private residence. From here they are picked up and taken further north.

We unload the boxes and stack them along the edge of the driveway. Genny is starting to develop that slightly bewildered expression that the southerners get when they come to stare at us cool sophisticated Queenslanders, because the whole time we are unloading, we are tip-toeing through cabbage leaves which are scattered all over the front yard in various stages of desiccation. Some of the leaves are dry and crisp, others yellow while some have a little green left in them.

It is a two storey brick residence and there appears on the second storey balcony, a lady dressed in a pale pink peignoir with a drumhead cabbage tucked under her arm. We carry on a good morning, how are you type of conversation while the lady peels off the outer leaves of the cabbage and with a frisbee like throwing action, lobs them into the front yard.

Back into the van Genny wants to know why she is throwing cabbage leaves into the front yard. Welcome to Queensland.



The Empress of Brazil, *Worsleya Rayneri*, the Blue Hippeastrum. The modern hippeastrums were developed from the South American genus, but glue has been unknown to the family of hippeastrums so the Empress of Brazil most probably is a relic of an almost extinct plant family and it would be less confusing if the Blue Hippeastrum was dropped as a name. The bulb was introduced into Europe during the last century and was a sensation when exhibited in Holland and Belgium and then sadly disappeared from cultivation.

Now we get to the interesting bit. H. Blossfeld rediscovered the habitat which is at an elevation of 1000 metres above sea level on what could be described as very steep rock faces or cliffs completely exposed to the elements. During the day the rock face becomes so hot the plat collectors

can barely touch it. During the night, the rocks attract so much dew that by the morning it is actually flowing down the rock faces. This means the bulbs growing in the rock crevices are watered every day. They are in an area that receives summer rains and is drier during winter with a minimum 10°C but the run off from the dew would cancel out the dry in winter. When it rains, you are looking at a situation akin to a waterfall.

In nature the growing medium is acidic and consists of detritus made up of leaves and grass. To it is added fine gravel and is collected in rock crevices. The water flow and winds would have a tendency to remove any fine material.

The plant looks like a baseball bat with the bulb attached to the tick end and the leaves emerging from the thin end. In nature they are collecting plants with bulbs the size of soccer balls. The flowering plants I saw at a guess would have a bulb the size of a cricketball. In Brazil, the flowering time is winter. In Australia, its from February and extends into winter. The only explanation I can offer for this discrepancy would be they have the same characteristic as *Scadoxus multiflorus* (Blood Lillies). The smaller flowering size bulbs flowering first and then progressively to the largest bulbs which are last, and as the bulbs in Australia are not fully mature they flower early.

The leaves are sickle shape and hand in a graceful pattern and are shorter diameter-wise than the trunk-like stem. The length of the trunk would stop the leaves being bashed against the rock face by the wind and destroying them. The Empress of Brazil has white/silver bloom covering the foliage to protect it from the sun. The plants I saw growing in full shade are green but those in sunnier positions exhibit the bloom. I assume they are like Bromeliads - they can increase the bloom when they are exposed to sunnier positions to protect the foliage from burning. They are evergreen and seem to have no dormant period.

The Empress of Brazil has flowers which resemble Hippeastrums in shape and size but are blue. It will be a little sad if the Empress is reduced to being called the Blue Hippeastrum.



God willing, you will hear from us next issue.

*Who ever described women as the weaker sex
has obviously never tried to get
a doona off one of them
at four o'clock in the morning.*

VISITORS TO OUR AREA

If anyone is visiting our area and would like to come to a meeting, please feel free to do so. If you need directions to the hall, there are phone numbers in the front of Bromlink where you can get help.

It is very easy to find the hall from either the Gold Coast Highway or the Pacific Highway.

If your visit does not fall at a meeting, maybe you would like to see some gardens where the bromeliads grow so well.



PLANT ROSTER

We are now operating a roster to share the responsibility of bringing in plants for the Lucky Door Prize and the Special Raffle. If anyone other than the people rostered for that month would like to donate a plant, please feel free to do so. The plants do not have to be succulents or bromeliads. The Lucky Door Prize is drawn first and has the pick from the table followed by the Special Raffle with a choice of the plants available.

MAY	Cath Chumbley, Eddie Collas, Sue Levine, Jan Browett
JUNE	Roy Wenzel, Graham Besgrove, Judy Borthistle, Mary Nicholson
JULY	Bill Bishop, Jeanette Henwood, Diana Hughes, Betty Page
AUGUST	Wendy Besgrove, John Catlan, Clarrie Morrow, Olwen Ferris

If you are unable to attend the meeting, either get the plant to someone to take it in for you or swap with someone else.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Library books are available on loan for one (1) month only. There are a wide range of books on succulents and bromeliads available for loan and Jeanette would be very happy to help you select an interesting book or folder of journals from other societies to read during the month. Please remember to return your selection the following month so someone else can enjoy it as much as you did.



!! CONGRATULATIONS !!

Happy Birthday to Margaret Dumble, Bobby Powell, Mary Toth, Marion Gardyne, Graham Besgrove, Jack Willows, Eddie Collas, Clarrie Morrow, Jum Daniels



Welcome to David Byster, Graham and Tessie White.

OLWEN IN THE GARDEN

When she retired from the Bromeliad Display Garden at Paradise Point, Olwen Ferris wrote a book on her life with plants. This is now in print. If anyone would like to buy a copy at \$15.00 each, please see or contact Olwen.

MONTHLY PLANT TALKS

MAY	Graham Besgrove Olwen Ferris Neville Ryan	Pots Plants for Packing and Posting Tillandsias
JUNE	Peter Ludowici Bobby Powell	Mounting Bromeliads on Logs Wind and Air Movement



TEA ROSTER



MAY	Cath Chumbley, Eddie Collas, Jum Daniels, Sylvia Benson
JUNE	Judy Borthistle, Irene Small, Don Smith, Clarrie Morrow
JULY	Phyllis King, Bobby Powell, Mike Levine, John Catlan
AUGUST	Narelle Aizlewood, Inge vom Bruch, Roy Wenzel, Graham Besgrove

PLANT OF THE MONTH

For Plant of the Month, could you please bring in some plants from the nominated genera for that month. Remember that the plant doesn't necessarily have to be in flower, we also grow Bromeliads for their foliage. This segment of our meeting is to help us to learn to identify the different genera and perhaps see the diversity within that genera. The genera for the coming months are:

MAY	Aechmeas
JUNE	Dyckias and Hechtias
JULY	Nidulariums and Canistrums
AUGUST	Vrieseas

FIND - A - WORD

M	O	R	F	M	E	K	I	L	T	E	K	S	A	B
F	O	L	I	A	G	E	A	R	E	V	L	I	L	E
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I	L	U	D	E	T	A	G	E	I	R	A	V	G	T
N	A	C	A	B	R	I	G	H	T	E	V	N	H	T
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C	A	N	I	S	T	R	U	M	S	H	E	C	R	A

CANISTRUMS

There are not VERY MANY CANISTRUMS in CULTIVATION. They DERIVE their NAME FROM the BASKET-LIKE form of their BRACTS and the GENERAL ARRANGEMENT of their FLOWERS. They prefer DAMP CONDITIONS. MEDIUM to BRIGHT FILTERED light suits them, with the PLAIN GREEN FOLIAGE FORMS BEST in the medium LIGHT. There ARE VARIEGATED forms. Canistrum LEAVES are SERRATED BUT could NOT be called SPINY. They often grow into large plants. LINDENII, FOSTERIANUM, AURANTIACUM, CYATHIFORME.

SOLUTION TO MARCH-APRIL PUZZLE

Terrestrially grown.

SEEDY CAPERS

The following seeds are available:

<i>Aechmea retusa</i>	JG 10087
<i>Neoregelia</i> Hot Gossip	F2
<i>Dyckia fosteriana</i>	
<i>Vriesea psitticina</i>	JG 11050
<i>Aechmea chantinii</i> x <i>Aechmea retusa</i>	JG 13057
<i>Aechmea retusa</i>	JG 30006
<i>Aechmea survitensis</i>	JG 16064
<i>Aechmea ilse</i>	JG 18057
<i>Aechmea chantinii</i>	JG 4009
<i>Aechmea tessmanii</i>	JG 10056
<i>Aechmea mulfordii</i> var	JG 18005
<i>Aechmea mulfordii</i>	
<i>Acanthostachya strobilacea</i>	
<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i> var <i>scaposa</i> x <i>Tillandsia bulbosa</i>	

Seeds are 50¢ per packet. When placing your order, please also enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Send all orders to:

Mrs Bobby Powell
7 Coolibah Street
SOUTHPORT Q 4215

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due at the October meeting. If you have not paid, you are currently unfinancial. Please pay as soon as possible to stay financial.

Family - \$6.00

Single - \$4.00

If you require postage of your newsletters, please forward 6 (six) current-price stamps.

For all postal members, please send your subscription to:

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Mrs Mary Nicholson
Secretary
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NAME TAGS

If you have a name tag, will you please wear it to the meetings. Wearing a name tag makes for a more informal meeting which is what we are striving to offer.

WHO AM I? OR HELP!!!



Don't forget, anyone who has a mature plant or one in flower but doesn't know its name, our panel of experts are here to help identify it for you.

Or if you have a plant that you are not happy with the way it is growing, bring it in and our panel will help with ideas on what you can do different.

ORDINARY RAFFLE

This is one way of making money for the Society. It is up to all of us to help by bringing in some plant/s when we have extra ones. It doesn't have to be a bromeliad, just something you would like to win yourself. Let us see if we can make it a good continuous raffle.

CENT AUCTION

It is wonderful how much fun can be had by our Cent Auction every March, June and September. Remember to bring in some plants that can be placed in the groups for the auction. The money raised goes to help build up our Library.

Please remember not to throw all your tickets into the lots but retain the No. 1 ticket for the draw.

ITEMS FOR SALE

POTS	105 mm squat pot	20c
	125 mm	25c
	140 mm	30c
	165 mm	45c
	200 mm	65c

OSMOCOTE 500g \$2.50 (9 month)

LABELS	Regular:	10 for 35c	100 for \$3.50
	Larger:	5c each	10 for 50c

PENCILS \$2.20 each

PHOSTROGEN 625g - \$18.00

PLANT LADDERS 25c

PLANT HANGERS 25c

SALES STICKERS 5¢ each or 10 for 50¢

SOCIETY BADGES \$3.00 each
Available from the Treasurer,
Diana Hughes

BOOKS

"Bromeliads for Everyone" by Bea Hanson - \$3.50

"Growing Bromeliads" - \$12.00

"Bromeliads for Modern Living" - \$8.50

"Bromeliads - A Guide to the Beautiful Neoregelias" - \$20.00

The objects of the Society shall be:

- (a) To stimulate interest in the conservation, and to promote the culture and development of succulents and bromeliads
- (b) To acquire and disseminate information regarding these plants, and to encourage their production and propagation.
- (c) To ban totally from our collection any such plants which become noxious.
- (d) To enlighten members and the public on the dangers of cultivating certain noxious species.
- (e) To give exhibitions, arrange field days, and other events, and to make such publications as are deemed desirable.
- (f) To associate, affiliate or otherwise joint or connect ourselves with similar bodies or societies.
- (g) To make seeds and plants available to members under the control of the Society.
- (h) To foster family membership and members.