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EDITORIAL DEADLINE FOR THE BROMLINK EDITION

Please have any articles for inclusion to me by January 12th, 2013.

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• **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



DATE	EVENT
<i>November</i>	Plants of the Month: Any bromeliad genus not previously featured & any Succulent.
<i>November 24</i> CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MONSTER PLANT RAFFLE	General Meeting – Carrara Community Centre, Nielsens Road, Carrara. Orientation for New members and visitors 11.50 a.m. Plant sales 12.00 p.m. Meeting at 1.00 p.m. Bring a plate of finger food to share at our Christmas Party and Santa hats, reindeer ears etc, should be worn by all!!
<i>January 26</i> General Meeting	General Meeting – Carrara Community Centre, Nielsens Road, Carrara. Orientation for new members and visitors 11.50 a.m. Plant sales 12.00 p.m. Meeting at 1.00 p.m. Aussie theme....thongs, shorts & cork-hat wearing lamington carriers very welcome - encouraged actually!

PINES SHOPPING CENTRE DATES CONFIRMED

The Pines Shopping Centre for 2013

7th to 9th March 2013 and 10th to 12th October 2013.



PLANT IDENTIFICATION

If you have a plant with no name or you are unsure of the name; bring it along to our monthly meetings and let the experts and audience possibly ID your plant.

With the wealth of experience and knowledge of our members, you might just go home with a name on that tag.

President's Report

*Hi all - welcome to Spring & Summer and all too soon...it will be...Christmas!
And I daren't mention 2013 just yet...*



For this, my first President's Report, I have a few things to let you all know of - food for thought you could say. However something about me first up; my name is Shane Weston and I am a Bromaholic! I have also been a 'Succulentaholic' in a previous life I'm sure, and still grow a few of those beauties. However my passion is bromeliads. (Although, in my role as President of the GCSBS I will work to ensure that Succulents are given their time in the spotlight and promoted proportionally!) I live in Lismore, Northern NSW, and have been a member of the GCSBS for about 5-6 years. I have recently retired from the workforce and now I have some the time to pay back this great Society - pay back for the good times I have had for the last 5-6 years. So, I am having a go at spreading the good words about Succulents & Bromeliads, but I need your help!

We need members to contribute, to speak up with their thoughts and ideas and to do. I in turn will ensure we all have a fair hearing and all are treated with respect as we should demonstrate towards each other. Your ideas may or may not be accepted by the majority, but that is what happens in groups where all are equal. I want us to enjoy ourselves while we share & learn about our beloved plants. So let's get on with the show!

The previous year was a tough one for the Society's finances; however a loss in 2010-11, was turned around significantly in 2011-12 revealing a profit of approx \$645. This demonstrates a committee & membership focused on value propositions and making the right, often tough decisions.

A full list of the current 2012-13 Volunteers is printed inside the front cover and I am thrilled to be involved with this dedicated group, and I thank them all for volunteering that little bit of time each month to support our Society. As this Bromlink goes out we may have someone who can assist with some Secretarial activities, we believe - so fingers crossed!

It was great to see many new members join recently. This then reminds me how important it is for all of us to say G'day to any visitors we see wandering the sales aisles. Ask them if they are after something special or where would they like to grow a succulent or bromeliad. You never know, they might just join because of your friendliness and we could make some new friends.

I would ask all members to please be co-operative in adhering to certain aspects of our general meetings. These are not new aspects; but effective with October's general meeting you may have noticed sellers were setup and reminded to vacate the venue by 11:45am. Visitor tours commenced at 11:50-11:55am with no visitor having any sales advantage over members. At 12 noon precisely we opened for sales. This is how it will be. And as a refresher for all sellers - at meetings and at off-sites, ie Shopping Centres - a reminder note containing points about the Society's expectations of sellers will be distributed soon. We ask for your cooperation in these matters so all sellers can have equal opportunities - as should the society. A win win!

Planning is under way for our "GCSBS Autumn Succulent & Bromeliad Expo" on Sat 13th April at our Carrara venue. Sales will only be for Succulents, Bromeliads and Tropical plants. So please start thinking about any table space you may require for this event. (Remember; members must have attended at least 6 General Meetings in the year prior to April 2013 to be eligible to sell at this 2013 Expo.) The 2013 popular vote competition will also be conducted at this Expo, so start preening your plants!

Included in this Bromlink is also an article about Electronic Information & Communications from the Society. Please have a look at what it says, and advise of your choices accordingly. But please do not worry that you will not receive the Bromlink if you do not have an email address or do not want it via email. Postage will still be available. The use of email for information is just another way we can get the message out - and it does save on costs and resources to email.

I would like to recognise & thank Narelle A, Neville R, John C, Jennifer L, Monica M and John and Glenda H for supplying and setting up the display at the recent BSQ Show & Sales (3-4th Nov). It looked sensational in the pictures I saw - and published online in our Facebook group.

Also, many thanks to Marjorie G for her work in organising the recent bus & field trips. If anyone would like to help in this area pls see Glenda or myself.

Much work and thought is currently going into planning of events and activities for next year, your input of ideas etc would be welcomed & appreciated - as usual!

Ok folks, well it's time to move onto a break now. I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas if that is your thing - and a happy & prosperous 2013! Happy gardening, see you next year - Broms Away!

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2013 MEMBERSHIPS

A reminder that renewals are now due for GCSBS memberships for 2013
Your current membership will officially expire on 31/12/2012.



As a group we are quite dependent on membership and the fees they raise - and it is not just about the money. Your decision to join or renew your membership is a statement of support in the cause of promoting Succulents and Bromeliads.

I believe the 2011-12 Volunteers did a great job of providing members with a vast array of entertainment & knowledge. The quality of guest speakers was possibly the best ever - we travelled to many locations around the world and laughed ourselves all the way home again! Many members welcomed us into their amazing gardens. (Who hasn't copied something they have seen or heard of this last year?) We raised money for some worthy charities. The quality of sales plants available throughout the year was outstanding - and great value. And most importantly there is the camaraderie all these events created.

The current Volunteers are all committed to do our best and maybe, just maybe, improve upon some of these achievements where possible - BUT it takes members. People with different skills who will get in and help, help us all have fun while learning about and promoting the best darn plants on the planet! We further hope you will spread the good word about your Society with your friends. Bring them to some meetings and get them addicted to succulents & bromeliads, so they will hopefully join us also.

In recognition of the somewhat difficult financial situation of these times; the new Committee has voted unanimously in favour of NOT increasing our annual membership fees for 2013. Therefore they remain at: \$25 for singles & \$40 for families. Both include one bimonthly Bromlink per membership.

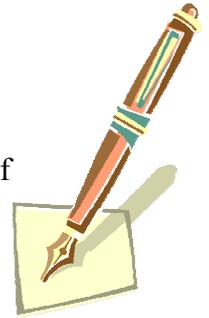
A membership renewal form is included loose-leaf with this Bromlink edition, or you can see Gwen at the front desk next meeting as well as email for a form to: GCSBS.Memberships@Gmail.com. and even download a form from our website.



OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS

The sun was softened with smoke haze for our open garden day on the 20th October. John & Julie Crawford had lucky door tickets on entry to an amazing whole garden display of countless bromeliad varieties.

The generously donated bromeliads were won by Marjorie and two visitors from the Rose Festival. Morning tea was taken care of by Julie, the "Perfect hostess".



A big thank you, for a friendly, informative morning - from all twenty-three of us

Then came the climb up to Mt. Tamborine to our, now new members, Bruce and Heather Condon. We were blown away by their display and variety of plants. Their knowledge of bromeliad growing after only three years of serious growing is astounding.

Bruce and Heather, we wish to thank you for sharing your garden and knowledge with us. It was said "the best ever" by all 12 of us who had such a lovely time at your property.

Let's all make it to your next open day, may friendship thrive along with our gardens.

It's "over & out" for me as organiser, but an active member I will remain.

Regards,
Marjorie Gale.

(Thanks Marjorie, Shane)

NEW MEMBERS TO OUR SOCIETY



A warm welcome to our new members, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Barry Bragg, Cameron Cooling & Catherine Smith, Heather & Bruce Condon, Lorraine Fox, Alvar Mould, Jenny Stefanowicz, Susan Mclean, Wendy Perske, Ilse Morrone, Jen Burrows, Wendy Scarce, Jeff Overell, Graham White, Leith & Merrilyn Whitehead

Garden Viewing for Beginners/Novices

Sat 24th Nov. 1030-1130am (Before monthly meeting at 12noon).

Dennis Mills, 21 Pappas Way, Carrara (10 mins walk from meeting venue)

Are you unsure of what bromeliads to plant in a garden situation?

What broms will take some full sun?

Want to see some neat ideas on how to plant mini Neos? And more.....

• So, What Exactly Is A Succulent?

by L. Maynard Moe. (Reprinted with permission from 'The Cactus Patch,' the newsletter of the Bakersfield (USA) Cactus & Succulent Society, March/April 1998)

I am a field botanist (taxonomy and ecology) by training and only recently became interested in cacti and (other) succulents. After reading popular gardening and collecting books, and talking with other collectors, I realized that my notion of a succulent plant and the collector's notion are not the same. Maybe others in our club share this confusion, so here is an article that may be informative.

Many are quite familiar with the term 'succulent,' but misconceptions abound. Comments such as "This aloe plant is in the succulent family," or "I don't grow cacti, I only grow succulents," reveal some of these misunderstandings. Of course, our own society's name, "Bakersfield Cactus and Succulent Society," as well as some books such as 'Succulents: the Illustrated Dictionary,' which do not include cacti, contribute to this confusion by implying that cacti are somehow different from other succulents. The basis for this confusion appears to be a misunderstanding of the term 'succulent,' which is a descriptive term, not a scientific classification. Generally a succulent is a plant that has developed (through evolutionary adaptation to water stress) swollen, water-storing tissues which protect it from desiccation. This includes plants such as pickleweed (*Salicornia*) adapted to high salinity, as well as cacti and aloes which are adapted to hot, dry climates.

Note that the definition of succulent does not specify what organ of the plant has the water-storing tissue. There are three broad categories of succulents - leaf succulents, stem succulents, and caudiciforms - depending on the part of the plant that is succulent. Most species in the stonecrop family (Crassulaceae) are leaf succulents. These include such common plants as *Sedum* (stonecrop), *Sempervivum* (hen-and-chickens), *Aeonium* (aeonium) *Crassula* (Jade plant), *Dudleya* (live forever), and *Echeveria* (hen-and-chicks). Very interesting plants that display highly specialized succulent leaves are members of the ice plant family (Aizoaceae). These include such genera as *Argyroderma*, *Cheiridopsis*, *Conophytum*, *Faucaria*, *Lithops*, *Titanopsis*, and *Trichodiadema*. Some of these, such as *Lithops* and *Conophytum*, have no stem and consist of a pair of succulent leaves. Some are called "living stones."

Most (but not all) species in the cactus family (Cactaceae) are stem succulents as are many species in the genus *Euphorbia* (Euphorbiaceae) and some species in the milkweed family (Asclepiadaceae). These plants often have reduced or absent leaves and the stem is photosynthetic. Caudiciforms are also stem succulents but differ in that the stems are not photosynthetic. Instead they have a swollen base, or caudex, which is usually the lower part of the stem but may also be the exposed upper part of the root. Several plant families have species that are caudiciform such as ponytail palm (*Beaucarnia* - Liliaceae), dorstenia (*Dorstenia* - Moraceae, the mulberry family), elephant-foot (*Dioscorea* - Dioscoreaceae, the yam family), cissus (*Cissus* - Vitaceae, the grape family), pachypodium (*Pachypodium* - Apocynaceae, the dogbane or oleander family), adenia (*Adenia* - Passifloraceae, the passionflower family), oxalis (*Oxalis* - Oxalidaceae), geranium (*Pelargonium* - Geraniaceae), and othona (*Othona* - Asteraceae, the sunflower family).

Some plants cross boundaries and are succulent in more than one way. For example, some *Cassulas* and *Anacampseros* (Portulacaceae, the purslane family) have both succulent stems and leaves, and some *Anacampseros* and *Trichodiadema* (Aizoaceae, the ice plant family) are caudiciform with succulent leaves.

By convention some plants that display succulence are not considered succulents, such as impatiens and some orchids even though they have fleshy stems and leaves. Plants with fleshy underground bulbs (lilies, daffodils, tulips), corms (gladiolus, freesia, crocus), rhizomes (iris, calla) or tubers (dahlia, begonia, potato) are also not considered succulents. An exception is pregnant onion (*Bowiea*) which has a large, green, above-ground bulb and is often found in succulent collections.

Find - a - Word

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A NATURAL LOOKING SUPPORT FOR EPIPHYTIC BROMELIADS can be FORMED FROM a REAL tree or a TREE branch. The BRANCH MUST be FIXED FIRMLY INTO a CONTAINER. The PLANTS are then GROWN in CUSHIONS of SPHAGNUM MOSS TIED to the branch so THAT the ROOTS are HELD SECURELY in PLACE. The EFFECT is natural and STRIKING. These plants are FULL of surprises, with SPECTACULAR COLOURS that do NOT APPEAR in MANY other plants. THEY are FAIRLY EASY to GROW.

Find the **CAPITALISED** and **UNDERLINED** words.

(Re-printed from Bromlink May-June 2001, puzzle by Mary Nicholson)





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• **ELECTRONIC INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION from the Society**



A new initiative for our Society in the way we (the GCSBS Management Committee) distribute information and communicate with members - and by this I mean electronic communication - email and the Internet.

Firstly though, for those that do not have access to the Internet, this does NOT mean you will necessarily miss out on Society information or communications. Current practices like a printed Bromlink and General Meeting announcements will continue - the electronic medium is just another avenue of communication - just like online banking is another way to bank.

The Internet is a great tool - when used correctly. There is so much information available on the net. Information to help us understand and grow succulents & bromeliads better. There are comments & advice available from successful home garden growers to many experts. Jack Koning, Peter Tristram, Chester Skotak, Olive Trevor to name only a few of regulars - on Facebook. There is also the BSI BCR & FCBS Species database. The BSI BCR (Bromeliad Society International Bromeliad Cultivar Registry) is THE source of information on cultivar & hybrid registration. The FCBS database (Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies) is at this time, the source of species information. Both have great pictures and are great resources.

What we have made available now for members;

A/ the option to receive your Bromlink via email in PDF format. This means you could easily save your copies electronically for future reference - no physical space required! (A regular Bromlink is approx 3.7mb in size for those that need to be aware of download volume etc.) It would also assist the Society & environment. Less paper, printing & postage and the associated costs. If you ONLY want to receive your Bromlink via email, please email your name & email address to; gcsbs.memberships@gmail.com, or myself at; gcsbs.president@gmail.com. You do not have to do anything if you still want to receive a printed copy posted to your mailing address.

B / the option to join the Society email list. Members of this list will receive emails advising of any upcoming events and news etc. They will NOT receive junk/spam mail; only succulent, bromeliad and/or GCSBS related material. If any member would like to be on our Society's emailing list, pls send your name and email address to: gcsbs.memberships@gmail.com, or myself at; gcsbs.president@gmail.com. If you do not join this emailing list, you will still receive information in the current manner. General Meetings, Bromlink etc.

C / Members can join a Facebook group called 'Gold Coast Succulent & Bromeliad Society Inc.' This is a SECRET group. Secret meaning: that ONLY GCSBS financial members who choose to join us on Facebook can see the group & communicate with the other members of the group and see what is posted in our Facebook group by its members. Facebook is a great place to share your plant pictures, discuss & make comments & suggestions on Society matters, others' pictures, ask, receive & share advice on growing our plants - a whole raft of activities. The group would be moderated by myself, with adherence to normal code of conduct behaviour expected and enforced. Facebook does not have to be the nasty invasive monster that certain media and the ill-informed make out. If you stick to, say your bromeliad interest, it can be a great source of information and friendships. Chester Skotak and many other Australian and international hybridizers belong and comment on many Facebook bromeliad sites. If you wish to join, you will have to join Facebook yourself, and then 'friend' me (Shane Weston) and ask me to join you to our Facebook Group.



Any questions on these matters to Shane Weston.

* As with all information you provide to the Society, your email address will also NOT be shared with any other member or 3rd party. This is in line with the Privacy Act regulations.



BROMELIAD ANT PLANTS

Author Peter Paroz (Reprinted from BROMELIACEAE VOL. XLV – No. 1 Jan/Feb 2011)

Tillandsia bulbosa, *T. caput-medusae*, *T. butzii* and a few related atmospherics are bulbous in shape with an attractively swollen onion-like base from which a dozen or more twisted leaf blades protrude.

Rather than trapping rain water and debris, these small dark lens shaped chambers at the base of the shoot, house ants and other arthropods.

Occupants of these cavities enter and exit through holes chewed in the bulb, or if small enough, crawl up and down the narrow groove produced by the up-rolled leaf blade.

Because of this frequent association with ants, these species should be considered myrmecophytes – literally ant plants.

These pseudo-bulb producing tillandsias with their inflated leaf bases, constricted at the top, form cavities with little access from the exterior. Most grow ageotropically (no orientation due to gravity), frequently from vertical surfaces or undersides of tree trunks and limbs. Since the swollen basal part of the shoot is mostly dry, empty space, its potential for water storage is negligible.

Although prevented by structure and orientation from impounding plant litter and moisture, the leaf base enclosures are accessible by holes chewed by animals and are routinely inhabited by ant colonies. There are advantages to be gained by harbouring ants: and these probably provided the impetus for the evolution of the bulbous form.

Ants can service a bromeliad in two ways: by protecting it against plant eating predators and providing nutritional supplements. Many species of ant capture prey on or beyond the host and bring it into the nest. Once in the leaf chambers, captured bounty or any ant excrement containing needed minerals, will come in contact with the absorbing trichomes that line the interfolia cavities.

Wet pieces of cotton swabbed into the chambers of *T. caput-medusae* in Costa Rica yielded significant amounts of nitrogen.

Radio-active calcium applied to the surfaces lining the bulb cavities of *T. caput-medusae* was rapidly absorbed and translocated throughout the plant body.

Aechmea brevicollis and *Ae. mertensii* and some other bromeloids commonly root in arboreal ant nests in habitat from which they undoubtedly acquire significant amounts of moisture and nutrients. In extreme cases, this reliance on ants seems to be obligate and more complex than that described for the pseudo-bulbous tillandsias.

Ae. Mertensii is difficult to grow in cultivation. A study of the conditions in the ant nest indicates a very acid condition; and this may be the clue to successful cultivation along with avoiding alkaline water. In my own collection in Brisbane, I have only ever noticed ants consistently colonising plants of *T. streptophylla*, even half developed offsets. These are shiny black ants – to about 7 mm – which swarm at the slightest disturbance of the plant; and fortunately do not sting. Occasionally there is evidence of ant activity in *T. caput-medusae* and *T. seleriana*. I have not observed any ant activity in any of the smaller pseudo bulbous tillandsias – *T. bulbosa*, *T. disticha*, *T. butzii* and *T. pseudobaileyii* etc.

Technical information from David Benzing's 'The Biology of Bromeliads'

Ant plants are correctly known as mymecophytes; plants adapted for housing ant colonies. *T. caput-medusae* was so named because the leaves are contorted, producing a likeness to the mythical Greek Medusae, the drier the plant the more twisted the leaf blades.

Note:

For bromeliads growing in dry open potting mixture or in dry ground, the presence of ants in or around the pot may be an indication of a potential mealy bug infestation. Mealy bugs have been a cause of problems – mealy bug wilt in pineapples, but I am not aware of any problems in potted ornamental bromeliads. However, with the increasing use of bromeliads as landscape specimens, a regular inspection is a reasonable precaution.



T. caput-medusae



T. bulbosa



T. disticha

BUS (Day) TRIP

Sat 16th March. Pickup Carrara Community Centre & Tugun. \$25pp, Visiting: Kathleen Henderson, Allan Ladd and PineGrove Nursery - all Northern NSW. More details: Glenda or Shane.

Speaker Presentations & Meeting Event Program - Jan 13

- January General Meeting - Sat 26th.

Main Event: "The GCSBS Annual Quiz!" with Quizmaster Kerry Tate.

Members are invited to participate in another fun, multiple-choice quiz about our beloved succulents and bromeliads. This event promises to be an entertaining, educational and relaxing way to start the new year. The 2013 quiz winner will be presented and adorned with the perpetual, champion crown. Who will that be? NB. Please bring a pen or two.

Feature Event: "Hohinfatuation" with Matthew O'Brien.

Hohinfatuation [*hoh-infat-uation*] : Is the state of being completely carried away by unreasoned passion or love for the *Hohenbergia* genus.

Matt will reveal and entice us with his obsession and knowledge of this unusual genus of bromeliads. WARNING - prepare to become a converted Hohnut!



Plants of the Month

Members are encouraged to bring their specimens of these plants to the applicable month's meeting for brag/show and tell. They do not have to be in flower - we also grow specifically for foliage! (This list has recently been revised.)

January	Catopsis, Hohenbergia, Neoregelia & any Succulent
February	Aechmea, Billbergia & any Succulent
March	Tillandsia, Vriesea & any Succulent
April	Alcantarea, Cryptanthus, Neoregelia & any Succulent
May	Bigeneric, Guzmania & any Succulent
June	Quesnelia, Tillandsia & any Succulent
July	Dyckia, Hechtia, Puya & any Succulent
August	Aechmea, Orthophytum & any Succulent
September	Billbergia, Vriesea & any Succulent
October	Canistrum, Neoregelia, Nidularium & any Succulent
November	Any bromeliad genus not previously featured & any Succulent.

Library and book sales open at 12.00 p.m. meeting days

BOOKS FOR SALE

- Bromeliads - A Cultural Manual \$ 5.00
- Bromeliad Cultivation Notes \$ 8.00
- Starting with Bromeliads \$25.00



We have a wide range of books and magazines available for you to borrow. Our friendly librarians Jennifer Laurie and Tobiano will be on hand to help.

The aims of the society are:

- (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.*