

# BROMLINK



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**General meetings are held every 4th Saturday of the month at Carrara Community Centre, Nielsens Rd; Carrara.**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2012

### DATE

### EVENT

<b>January 28th</b>	General Meeting Carrara Community Centre, Nielsens Rd, Carrara. Plant Sales 12.00 p.m. Meeting begins 1.00 p.m.
<b>February 25th</b>	General Meeting – Carrara Community Centre Nielsens Road, Carrara. Beginners Class 11.30 a.m. Plant Sales 12.00 p.m. Meeting begins 1.00 p.m.

**P**lant of the month. A reminder to all members if you also have a good specimen from the nominated genera, please do not hesitate to bring it in to exhibit. The plant doesn't necessarily have to be in flower, we also grow for their foliage.

<b>January</b>	Aechmea, Flowering Vrieseas, Tillandsias, and Hohenbergias.
<b>February</b>	Ananus, Intergeneric plants, Tillandsias and full sun Neoregalias.
<b>March</b>	Cryptanthus, Tillandsias, full sun Aechmeas, and Canistrums.
<b>April</b>	Cryptanthus, Tillandsias and Succulents.
<b>May</b>	Spotted Neoregalias, Orthophytums, Tillandsias and variegated Bromilliads.

**P**rogram for Guest Speakers coming up over the next few months

Program for Guest Speakers for 2012 to be advised in Jan/Feb issue.

**NOVEMBER** - This is our Christmas Party and Giant Plant Raffle for 2011. **No Guest Speaker today.**

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2012 ARE NOW OVERDUE.**

This will be your last reminder that annual subscription fees for 2012 are now overdue and any member not renewing by 1/1/2012 will be deemed to be unfinanced and will receive no further copies of Bromlink.

To ensure your membership is current, subscriptions can either be paid to our Treasurer – Glenda Hodgson – at our last meeting for this year which will be on the 26 November at the Carrara Community Centre or alternatively cheques made payable to the GOLD COAST SUCCULENT AND BROMELIAD SOC. INC. can be posted to The Secretary, G.C.S. & B. Soc. Inc., P.O. BOX 94, Southport Business Centre, Southport Qld. 4215.

Subscriptions are \$25.00 per single membership and \$40.00 per family membership.

If you are wanting to continue with membership to the G.C.S. & B. Soc. Inc. please make prompt payment to enable members records and mailing lists for 2012 can be updated.

From the Management Committee.



## President's Report



Well what a surprise to be asked to be president to such a wonderful club. I was very happy selling raffle tickets but I suppose someone has to do it and step up, so I hope to be successful.

What an amazing bus trip, Karen excelled with her ideas and everybody had the very best time.

The year is coming to an end very fast with our Xmas meeting and a very big raffle with the club getting a great variety of Broms for the giant raffle. Next year will have lots of events and activities to keep us all on the go and very busy.

Our charity raffle was a great success but the number of people was down which was disappointing but on a whole I am sure with our normal raffle and the charity raffle the money raised it will help the children, and may turn out to be an annual event.

The club promotion at the street party at Mudgeeraba clashed with our last bus trip of the year but it still went ahead with lots of street performers and community groups represented with our club being the only garden club there. Big thanks to Narelle and Greg for all their wonderful work for representing the club. It was so successful it is now on the calendar for next year.

The committee will be working hard to make sure our next meeting which is our Xmas party will be the best with over \$2000.00 being spent on plants for the raffle. Don't forget to bring a plate and friends to help us celebrate the end of another successful year.

As this is the last edition of Bromlink for the year I would like to thank everybody who has helped during the year. On behalf of John and myself and all the committee members we all wish you and your families a Christmas to remember and a happy New Year.

*Judy Paterson*

### Thank you one and all!

It was wonderful to welcome such a happy group of members & friends to our garden for the Societies visit.

We were blessed with a pleasant day weather wise, despite some gloomy forecasts, & if you all enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having you, we will all be happy!

I was particularly pleased that the Clivias stayed long enough for you to see them. All those plants were from our own breeding from an original stock of a dozen plants purchased from a noted breeder fifteen years ago, & we are very proud of our achievement, so were pleased to be able to share that with so many of you. I had a lot of people comment on our ability to manage such a large garden at our age!

Firstly, we love gardening, so don't think of it as work but something we both enjoy & can do together, & secondly it keeps us healthy & fairly fit, & we have a few very wonderful friends who are always on hand to help us from time to time. Plus, I never realised that we had become old, so that came as a shock, which I am slowly recovering from as we speak!!!

Seriously tho, I have to thank Rosie & Rob for their support for the weekend, which meant so much to us, & Rosie for her lovely slices she made when she knew I was doing some for lunch, our friend Robyn, for selling for us, & our daughter Shireen & Ian, cousin Jill & Ian, for managing the food side, which everyone appeared to enjoy!

I can recommend opening your garden to the society, they are a great group to have visit, non critical & very appreciative of any effort made by the owners, & there is always so many different ideas that can be seen from garden to garden!

Thank you all for coming!  
Tom & Gloria Dunbar

**P.S no we don't have a musical Jacaranda tree! That was the multi talented Kerry Tate playing her musical instrument as she does so beautifully!**

## COMPETITION REPORT 2011

Competition plants were a joy this year. We had 84 entries, and the standard was very high. Congratulations to all members who participated by entering their plants. Sitting at the registration desk, I was able to hear the favourable comments passed by visitors and club members alike.

Once again, we were shown many plants which have gone onto our 'wish lists' for future acquisition. Beautifully coloured plants such as x neophytum Galactic Warrior and Aechmea nidularioides x biflora, Neoregelia Groucho and Hoya Krimson Princess and the variegated aloe distans were admired by many. The foliage Vrieseas were also spectacular, with some large specimens being shown – Vriesea Montezuma's Gem, Vriesea Snows of Manua Kea F2, Vriesea hieroglyphica and Vriesea Sweet Success among them.

It was pleasing to see more entries in the succulent classes this year, with well-grown examples the standard.

The specimen entries featured many miniature Neoregelias, which looked great as a group and have the advantage of being less bulky and easier to transport.

Dyckias and hectias had more entries too, with some lovely plants on display. The overall favourite, though, was the stunning yellow and green dyckia brevifolia, which drew many comments and went on to take first place in this category.

Many of our visitors took the time to vote for their favourite plant this year, so counting was a big task. My sincere thanks go to Kerry, Elva, Shane and Neville for their help and input into what is still essentially, a 'work in progress.' This is only the third year we have run the competition and each year brings up a new issue to deal with to enable the competition to run smoothly. With the increasing numbers of plants each year, the need to keep the voting simple, but inclusive, becomes even more important.

Special thanks to Cheryl who was a great asset in the crucial early morning 'set-up' stage. Her able assistance and management meant we could place the entries quickly and efficiently when the plants were registered.

Thanks to the competitors for their patience when registering their plants. This process has to be orderly to be successful and can only be accomplished methodically. Well done those people who took the time to write out their entries and the classes – fewer problems with spelling and placement when this occurs.

Overall, I feel the competition was a success this year, and congratulate our section winners and show champions. I'm looking forward to next year's competition and hope you too are inspired by what you saw.

Jeanette Henwood (Plant Steward)



**COMPETITION RESULTS – ANNUAL SHOW - 2011**

Popular Vote Winner – Kerry Tate – Aechmea Nidularioides x biflora

Judges Choice Winner – Bob & True Grant – Vriesea Montezuma's Gem

Kathleen Henderson Trophy Winner – Ruth Dixon – Silver Ball Cactus

(mammillaria)

**RESULTS – 2011****Succulent classes**

	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Peter Wright Agave Victorian Regina</b>	<b>Barb Adams Sansevieria Kirkiiv pulchra “copertone”</b>	<b>Barb Adams Agave Leopoldii</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Ruth Dixon – Silver ball cactus (mammillaria)</b>	<b>Peter Wright – mammillaria plumosa</b>	<b>Barb Adams – mammillaria plumosa</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Billie – Aloe specimen</b>	<b>Barb Adams – Agave polyanthaflora</b>	
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Carmon Burke</b>	<b>Carmon Burke</b>	<b>Jeanette Henwood</b>
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Barb Adams – peperomia variegata</b>	<b>Peter Wright – Aloe distans variegata Barb Adams – hoya “Krimson Princess”</b>	<b>Jeanette Henwood – aeonium ‘Sunburst’</b>

Bromeliad classes

	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3RD
Class 6 –	Jeanette Henwood – Till. ionantha clump	Bob & True Grant – Till. wagneriana	Shane Wes- ton – Till. deppeana
Class 7 –	Kerry Tate – Vr. Snows of Mauna Kea F2	Bob & True Grant – Vr. Montezuma's Gem	Bob & True Grant – Vr. Living in Paradise
Class 8 –	Shane Weston – Guzmania lindenii	Kerry Tate – Guzma- nia Tessa Bob & True Grant – Guz. Bernie's Gold	Bob & True Grant – Guzmania Sheila
Class 9 –	Barb Adams – Cryptanthus Ruby	-	-
Class 10 –	Bob & True Grant – Bill. Groovy 1	Bob & True Grant – Bill. Groovy 2	Alan Ladd – Bill. Domin- gos Martins x (D.M. x Win- digig Special) Kerry Tate – Bill. Virginia
Class 11 –	Kerry Tate – Ae. Nidulariodes x biflora	Jennifer Laurie – Ae. Recurvata Buchanans' Black	Pam & John Gaddes – Ae. Chantinii x fasciata
Class 12 –	Jennifer Laurie – Neo. Abso- lutely Fabulous	Shane Weston – Neo. Norman Bates	Bob & True Grant – Neo. Hidden Dragon
Class 13 –	Shane Weston – Neo. Groucho	Bob & True Grant – Neo. One and Only	Kerry Tate – Neo. Gold Jewellery
Class 14 –	Bob & True Grant – Canis- tropsis 'Plum'	Bob & True Grant – quesnelia liboniana	Bob & True Grant – Nidularium Chantrieri

Bromeliad classes cont.

	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>
Class 15 –	Brad Prestwich – dyckia brevifolia	John Crawford – Dyckia Jimmy's Magic Flute	Bob & True Grant – dyckia unknown
Class 16 –	Josie & Chris Un- derhill – Neo. Pau- ciflora Jennifer Laurie – Neo. Shamrock	Karin & Paul van Tol – Vriesea White Cloud	Berice Bragg – Neo. Red Waif
Class 17 –	Brad Prestwich - Deutrerocohnia bre- vifolia		
Class 18 -	Kerry Tate – x neomea Zydeco	Karin & Paul van Tol – x neophytum Galactic Warrior	

**BROMELIAD MEGA SALE****SAT 3rd & SUN 4th December 2011 7am - 3pm****\*\*1000'S TO CHOOSE FROM\*\*****\*LARGE COLLECTIONS ON SALE FROM SEVERAL  
GROWERS****\*RARE AND HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER VARIETIES  
AVAILABLE****FULL SUN LANDSCAPING PLANTS TO SHADE LOVERS  
VRIESEAS, NEO'S, AECHMEAS, ALCANTAREAS,  
TILLANDSIAS, CRYPTANTHUS, BILLBERGIAS &  
MORE****\*TRUCK LOADS OF BARGAINS\*****Mal & Michelle Cameron's****11 APOLLO CRT VICTORIA POINT**

**FIELD TRIP SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

Over 40 very enthusiastic people started out on our bus trip, this time heading down south to Northern New South Wales. Being only my second field trip Pat Darcy thought it was a good idea for me to write up the day for the Bromlink, so liking a challenge here I am.

Through much chatting on the way we were ready for our morning tea stop at Brunswick Heads for a much needed cuppa expertly supplied by our coach driver Jim, who produced numerous thermoses of hot water for us to make a tea or coffee and a lovely cake supplied by him as well.

Back on the road and off to Kerry Tates garden situated in a little town called Channon where the properties are nestled in amongst hills and dales of lovely green pastures and tall trees. On arrival we walked the driveway, unsuitable for the large bus and found numerous plots of gardens underneath shady trees, bromeliads of all kinds displayed expertly under and onto the trees.

One particular tree with no leaves and only branches left was covered with a huge variety of broms and some I had never seen growing on branches before eg. Vriesias, Bilbergias, Aechmias, Neoreglia to name a few. Together with grandfather's whiskers floating in the breeze and a twisty glass ball added another interesting addition.

To the right of this tree was another quirky Kerry touch, a well camouflaged subtle pottery face stuck on the bark of a tree, quietly observing us while we looked at the Tillandsias growing off the tree trunk.

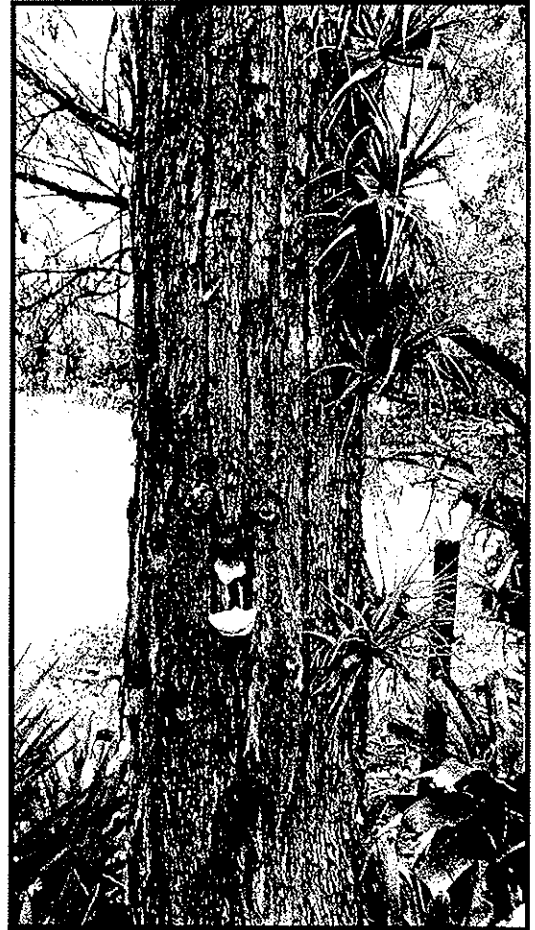
A green house nestled in the back yard with some amazing broms in different stages of growth and importance. Overall, we all enjoyed the magnificent specimens of broms growing in harmony with the natural bushland of the property.

We were off again after many minutes trying to prize people out of Kerry's garden to head onto Gloria and Tom's garden. We all enjoyed walking their many pathways under shady trees, with magnificent Clivias in full bloom orange and the rare yellow in abundance. Some bought bulbs to take home from these specimens. Gloria and Tom supplied us with a sausage sizzle, salad and bread lunch where we could sit and enjoy their garden and view of the rolling hills down in the valley with Macadamia Nut plantations. Some of us (me included) had to try every slice

that was offered for dessert by Glorias helpers, they were delicious.

This stop was a lovely ending to a very enjoyable trip. We thank Kerry for the privilege of viewing her garden and to Gloria and Tom for their hospitality and to open their home to us all for lunch.

*By Diane Monk*



2 of Kerry's kwirky trees,  
amazing what one can do  
with an old tree!


From the Editor.

Another year has come and gone. Hard to believe we are almost into 2012.

I hope you have all enjoyed your copies of Bromlink and found the articles to be of interest. I would like to thank those of you who have contributed with articles but, we do need more of you, after all this is your magazine.

A lot of you new comers to the club are probably thinking that I am a figment of your imagination, but trust me I am real. As you are probably all aware I have been unable to tend any meetings due to illness but, God willing and the creek doesn't rise I should be up and about mid 2012.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Xmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

	<p>PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES TO ME NO LATER THAN <u>8TH JANUARY 2012</u> WHERE POSSIBLE COULD YOU PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO ME IN WORD FORMAT. MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS; <a href="mailto:brommad@optusnet.com.au">brommad@optusnet.com.au</a> PH; 0733883575</p>
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A warm welcome to our New members.

We hope you enjoy learning more about Bromeliads & Succulents from our meetings with our guest speakers, and look forward to seeing you on our field trips we organize through out the year.

GUIDELINES FOR BORROWING FROM THE LIBRARY.

New members must be financial for three months before borrowing books.

1. Books are on loan for (1) month only.
2. Members are responsible for replacement of lost or damaged books.
3. Members are advised that the above guide lines are part of the by-laws approved by the members of the society.

**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

There are plenty of other books available for members to take out on loan.

Our friendly librarian Jennifer Laurie along with assistant librarian Jan Tobiano will be on hand to help you.

*The aims of the society are:*

- (A) To stimulate interest in the conservation, and to promote the culture and development of the 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.*