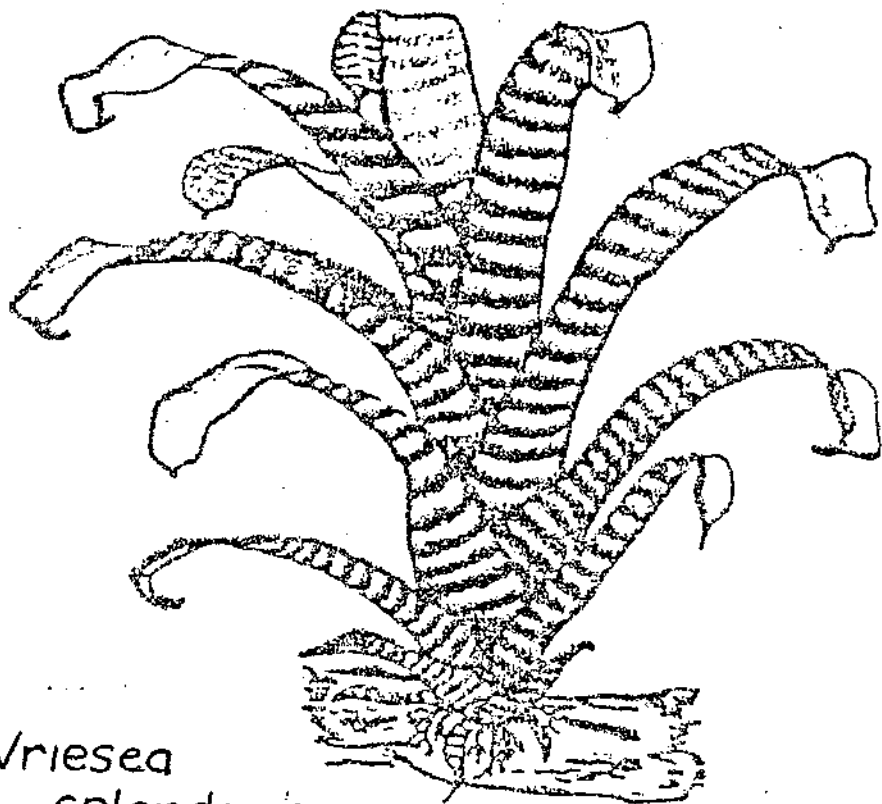


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splendens*

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General meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month except December, at the Uniting Church Hall, Warner Street, Fortitude Valley, commencing at 7.30 p.m..

PATRON:

Mr. H. Caulfield

PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY:

Mr. Greg Stewart

2779965

TREASURER:

Mrs. Ruth Higgins

2002561

EDITOR:

Mr. Greg Stewart

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PROGRAMME:

MARCH 20th.

General Meeting

Slides - Part II Costa Rica.

MARCH 22nd.

Field Day - Hosted by Olive & Len Trevor.

APRIL 17th.

General Meeting.

APRIL 20th.

Field Day - Hosted by Jean & Joe Dunlop.

EDITORIAL:

At the annual general meeting of our society in February, we inadvertently put our society in great jeopardy by not being able to find a president for the society. The very essence of this uncomfortable and somewhat embarrassing situation rests squarely on the shoulders of the membership at large. The fact that we could not get a willing president from the 61 members present supports this argument. The committee of the society however, in hindsight probably recognises that more could have been done to groom a successor for the job and

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EDITORIAL (cont.)

at least some prior nominations should have been canvassed before the meetings.

I call on members to attend the March general meeting to try and get a nominated and elected president. The appointee however, must want to do the job as an unwilling incumbent is probably just as damaging as a vacancy. This situation must not be allowed to arise again and prior discussion and canvassing amongst members must take place before the next A.G.M. where the sitting president has declared he will be standing down.

Greg Stewart

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

JANUARY:- The main topic of general business was partaking in this year's R.N.A.. Ruth Higgins moved a motion that the society not participate at this years Show. The motion was discussed at length, for and against, ending with a vote taken and the motion being defeated.

POPULAR VOTE:

ADVANCED:	Vriesea hybrid	Olive Trevor
NOVICE:	Till. flabellata (giant form)	Paul Clarke

FEBRUARY:- John Higgins moved a motion that we erect a display at the Logan Flora in September, and man it for the two days. The President informed the general meeting that 6 dates had been decided upon in 1986 for field days to be held. The first is March 22nd. and Olive & Len Trevors residence will be the venue. On April 20th., Jean & Joe Dunlop will be the hosts followed by Thelma & Laurie Muller on May 18th.. All members are urged to support these field days as they are the results from calls from the floor of the general meetings for more social participation. The subject of printing of 'Bromeliaceae' was raised and approval to have the magazine printed privately was sought by the general meeting. As cost of production

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SECRETARY'S NOTES (cont)

on our antiquated machine is becoming excessive it was decided professional printing was the answer.

Peter Paroz gave a small talk on the raffle plants so kindly donated by Rob Phillips of Coffs Harbour. These were three rarer Tillandsias; T. ampla, T. somnians and an unnamed Tillandsia. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

POPULAR VOTE:=-

ADVANCED:	T. jalisco - monticola	Greg Stewart
NOVICE:	T. moorieana	Paul Clarke
JUDGES CHOICE:	T. jalisco - monticola	Greg Stewart

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

The year has been a big and I believe a successful one for the society.

Our most important activity was undoubtedly the Third Australian Bromeliad Conference conducted last Easter. To those who attended I do not need to report, to those who were not in attendance I say you missed a treat because it was an unqualified success. I base this on compliments and congratulations received from our interstate visitors, these were overwhelming. The most valued compliment came from our visiting speaker from America, Mr. Harry Luther. This came in the form of a simple question. "When are you people going to run a World Conference?"

The rest of the year went according to plan. To the committee the Combined Show appeared to be very close to the conference and the Exhibition followed alltoo soon. The year seemed too short for all the things we wished to fit in.

Looking back I feel quite contented with the year's results. I am very grateful that I had such a skilled and hard working committee. I ask members of my committee to now stand. I congratulate you and thank you for a job well done.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont)

I commend them to you the membership and ask you to show your appreciation.

I will talk about critics for a very short time. To our critics, and I am well aware that there is no shortage of them, just let me say that everybody has some friends and I believe that every criticism given in confidence has found its way back to the person concerned. Just ponder that for a short time..... My point is that criticism not delivered eyeball to eyeball is negative and divisive.

Last year is history and 1986 looks like being a good year with some new innovations already on the drawing board. The most important of these is field days or day meetings and I ask you all to support this concept by attendance and participation.

I wish you all good will, good friends, good meetings, good shows and good growing for 1986.

Len Trevor

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The annual general meeting was held after our normal February General Meeting.

The outgoing president Mr. Len Trevor gave a very enthusiastic report on the years activities, the high light of which was the staging of Bromeliads III Conference.

Trophies for the popular vote for 1985 were presented to Rolly Reilly for the advanced class and Thelma Muller took the trophy for the novice section.

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BROMELIAD SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

ACCUMULATED MEMBERS FUNDS 1985

Balance brought forward 1.1.85		21850.76
Capital Purchases for Year -		
B.S.I. Slides	<u>206.19</u>	206.19
Capital Sales for Year -		
Sale of Typewriter (Depreciated Value)	<u>(29.16)</u>	(29.16)
Purchase of Stock for Resale -		
Name Badges	<u>7.50</u>	7.50
Return of Advance - Social Organiser		15.00
Adjust Value of Stock on Hand -		
Pots etc.	(1677.30)	
Sales Stickers	(108.00)	
Society Badges	(45.00)	
Books	<u>(86.95)</u>	(1917.25)
Adjust Equity Combined Show		129.78
Excess Income/Expenditure 1985 -		
Society	3084.23	
Bromeliads III Conference	<u>1277.78</u>	4362.01
		<u>24624.83</u>
LESS Depreciation Adjustment		312.66
		<u>24312.17</u>
LESS Subscriptions in Advance		143.00
		<u>24169.17</u>

I hereby certify that this Balance Sheet represents a true & correct record of the financial affairs of the Bromeliad Society of Queensland as at 31.12.85

Ruth Higgins

[Signature]

[Signature]

OF QUEENSLAND

S AT 31.12.85

ASSETS 1985

Typewriters - 1 x 236.92		
1 x 225.00		+ 461.92
Cupboard		+ 114.24
Recorder		+ 46.94
Projector		+ 36.36
Display Materials		+ 518.80
Pool Pump		+ 29.61
P.A. System		+ 292.59
Gestetner		+ 430.83
Raffle Equipment		+ 96.80
Trailer		+ 1012.50
Calculator		+ 86.00
B.S.I. Slides		206.19
Library		800.00

Goods for Resale -

Books	1880.87	
Tea Towels	57.75	
Sales Stickers	388.20	
Society Badges	610.36	
Name Badges	<u>7.50</u>	2944.68

Term Deposits - A.N.Z. Bank 10500.00

N.A.B. A/c as at 31.12.85 -

Society	732.96	
Bromeliads III Conference	<u>2506.96</u> *	
	3239.92	
Cash Banked 31.12.85	<u>2780.77</u>	
	6020.69	

LESS Subscriptions in Advance 143.00 5877.69

Advances -

Petty Cash	75.00	
Seed Bank	<u>100.00</u>	175.00

Share Equity Combined Show 851.68

24481.83

LESS Depreciation on items marked + (10% of \$3126.59) 312.66

24169.17

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (cont.)

All positions were declared vacant and the following people were elected to prospective positions.

PRESIDENT:	vacant
VICE PRESIDENT:	vacant
SECRETARY:	Greg Stewart
TREASURER:	Ruth Higgins
SHOW ORGANIZER:	Joe Dunlop
SOCIAL ORGANIZER:	vacant
EDITOR:	Greg Stewart
COMMITTEE:	John Higgins
	Peter Faroz
	Rolly Reilly

NON - COMMITTEE POSITIONS

PATRON:	Harold Caulfield
LIBRARIAN:	Patricia O'Dea
PLANT SALES:	Olive Trevor
	Ian Sunderland
	Paul Clarke
AUDITOR:	John Wilkins
DISPLAY TABLE:	Rolly Reilly
HALL ORGANIZER:	Doug Reilly
HOSTESS &	Jean Dunlop
HOST:	Ray Ayres
PROPERTY SALES:	Yvonne Boorman

PLANT OF THE MONTH:Tillandsia jalisco - monticola

This plant may be a stranger to many growers because it does not appear in a lot of the latest Botanical printings.

It has, however, been around for a long time under the guise of T. fasciculata var. jalisco - monticola. Luther tells me that the varietal name was given seperate species recognition recently, therefore the confusion.

The plant is a beauty! It grows to approx. 60cm. in diameter and looks like a T. fasciculata in both leaf colour and form. The inflorescence, however, is the highlight, with a huge paddle shaped inflorescence starting with a flushed orange at the base easing to a vibrant yellow at the top. Flowers are blue.

Cultivation can be by mounting on cork or tree fern or by potting in an open mix such as bark or pumice. Fertilize weekly in summer and monthly in winter.

TILLANDSIA COMPLANATA:

I was most interested to read Lorraine Wiltons piece about T. complanata. One of these beautiful plants resided in my bush house for approximately 10 years, and at the time of it's demise was estimated at 14 years of age.

This plant is quite variable both in size and in colour. My particular plant was small with lettuce green leaves. It flowered every year producing a dozen or more spikes.

Unfortunately, it developed some sort of fungus and rotted off. It threw about 4 pups, but despite frantic efforts treatment failed and they all died. I was indeed sorry to lose this prized plant.

P. O'Dea.

TO THE EDITOR:

During discussion time at the January Bromeliad Society General Meeting on cultural problems led by Peter Paroz, my answer to a question by Greg Stewart on how many times a day did I water my Tillandsias & seedlings was " up to five times a day". Now a few of my friends reckon that, as being an old fisherman, I have stretched my watering times like my catch.

Well, now here is what I should have answered in the first place! I do not water in that sense. Using a multi jet high pressure nozzle on the hose, I take it through the plant house (45' X 20') quickly and often during hot days, creating a dewlike fallout.

During December and early January there were quite a few very hot and windless days where the temp. in the plant house peaked at 45 degrees C. (70% shade cloth). After a few minutes misting the temp. fell to 38 degrees C. with a likewise drop in humidity. I have found that by misting my Tillandsias in this manner keeps the floor of the plant house a lot drier (wood chip) . Also I do not have many fungal problems. My normal watering is twice a week of two half hour periods on that day by means of a controlled watering system - less in winter.

R. Reilly.

FIELD DAYS:

As part of our twentieth year birthday celebrations field days will be held throughout the year. The first of these will be on March 22nd. at Olive and Len Trevors place - 232 cnr. Levitt & Canvey Rds. Ferny Grove. Arrival time is approx. 2 p.m. and workshop activities such as mounting tillandsias and potting and mixes will be held. Also if you have any plants which need identifying, bring them with you and all effort will be made to give them a name. Members are asked to bring their own seat.

The second field day will be hosted by Jean & Joe Dunlop - 84 Kingsley Pde. Yeronga on Sunday April 20 th..
