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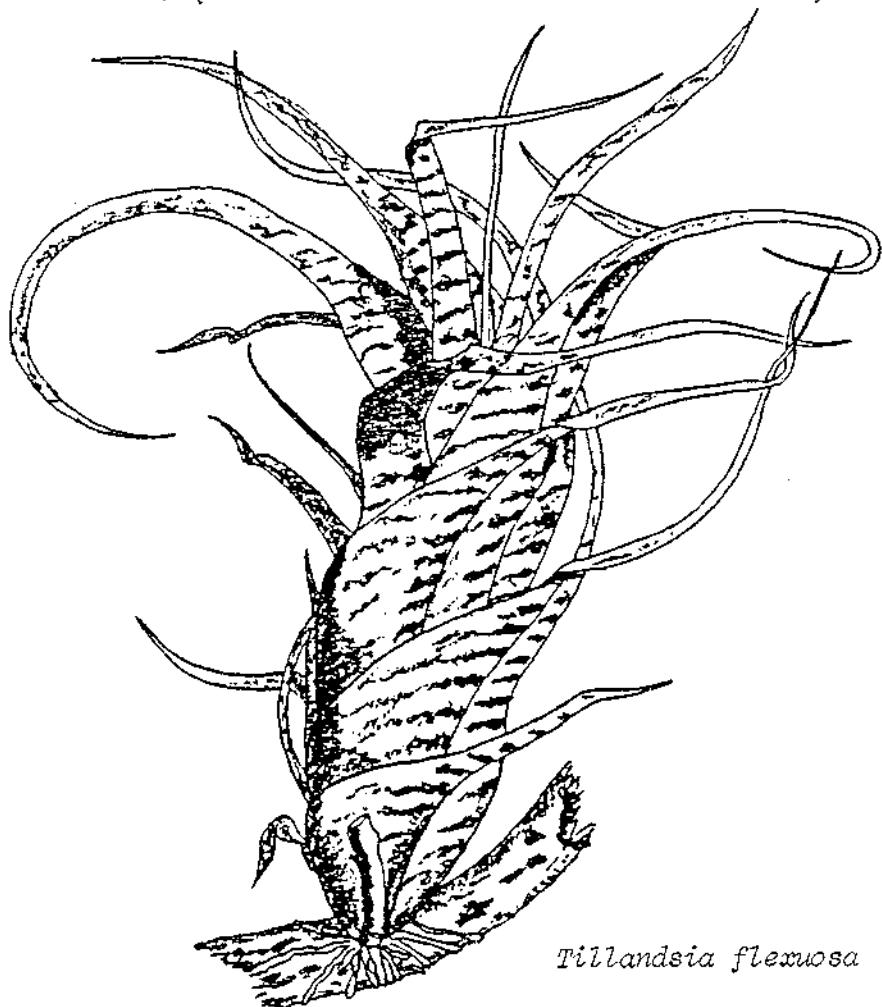
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*Tillandsia flexuosa*

## BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

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General meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month except December, at the Uniting Church Hall, 50 Merthyr Road, NEW FARM, commencing at 7.30 pm.

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PROGRAMME

General Meeting January 19th, 1989

Discussion on Vriesias by Olive Trevor  
Discussion on Tillandsias by Rolly Rielly  
Judges' Choice on Plant of the Month  
Plant Commentary by Peter Paroz

General Meeting February 16th, 1989

Discussion on Billbergias by Len Butt  
Judges' Choice on Plant of the Month  
Plant Commentary by Patricia O'Dea  
Annual General Meeting and ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bromeliad Society of Qld. Committee Meeting January 3rd, 1989.

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REMINDER - Your subscriptions for 1989 are now due.

EDITORIAL The long awaited bus trip to Palmwoods Bromeliad Nursery came to fruition on 22 October, 1988 with outstanding success. The day chosen was one of the hottest in memory for the month, so thank heaven for the air conditioning in that bus!

Scenery up towards Palmwoods is always a natural drawcard, as this circuit is a tourist 'must' if holidaying in Queensland. We arrived at Golinski's Bromagic Nursery and a roaring dry wind greeted us with as much enthusiasm as our two hosts! 'Bromagic' is only one year old, but already displays wonderful potential as a first rate venue for bromeliads, and is a great advertisement for how to grow them.

I think everyone who came on the trip will agree that to have missed it was to have really missed something worthwhile. The nursery is built in large shaded bush houses on the terraced slopes of a hill and all plants catch the morning sunlight. One large area is beautifully landscaped to show the plants to full advantage.

Our stay after lunch was as long as could be managed, then regretfully the bus wended down to the second stop, a day lily farm at Forest Glen. Although the day lilies were gorgeous, by this time the heat of the day had put a dampener on our spirits. Numerous purchases were made and the tea and damper afternoon tea was very welcome.

In winding up I must comment that we would like to see more enthusiasm about future bus trips by way of participating member numbers.

Our annual Christmas breakup party was held at our new venue, the Merthyr Road, New Farm church hall. I can safely say, all who attended enjoyed a really splendid evening. Especially the members' children who were delighted with the Santa Claus with the nautical swagger!

A newer door prize style of raffle gave many members and visitors a chance to win and obtain really choice bromeliads especially purchased for the occasion.

The catering was superb, but definitely put a strain on waist lines

like mine. Further to this John Higgins' plant commentary on the plants displayed was very well handled.

I am pleased to announce that the B.S. of A. new book *Growing Bromeliads* will be available shortly for Queensland members.

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NOMINATIONS FORMS It is that time of year once again and your nominations are needed for office bearers for our Society for 1989. You will find enclosed with this Newsletter, a nomination form for your convenience; please give this matter your careful consideration and fill out a form for yourself or a friend, and hand it to the Secretary at the next meeting.

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BROMELIAD CONFERENCE - Conference date is fast approaching and the programme for the Conference is set out below:-

- Friday, March 24 - 6.00 pm. Registrations - Refreshments  
7.00 pm. Plant sales
- Saturday, Mar. 25 9.30 am. Official opening by Mr. Ken Allen, Asst. Superintendant of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens  
9.50 am. Morning tea  
10.15 am. 'Fun with Names' by D. Burcher, S.A.  
11.15 am. Introducing our friends to Australia by Peter Tristram, N.S.W.  
12.15 pm. Lunch  
1.45 pm. Some Problems Breeding Bromeliads by Bill Morris, N.S.W.  
2.55 pm. Afternoon tea  
3.15 pm. Black Spots & Mosquitos by L. Butt, Qld.  
6.30 pm. Happy Hour  
7.30 pm. Banquet. Cost \$30 extra.  
After Dinner Speaker Mr. Bob Whitman, to speak on 'The Rarer Species', together with a latin accompaniment.
- Sunday, Mar. 26 8.45 am. Bus trip to Melbourne Botanic Gardens and Gardenworld, the largest specialist nursery in Australia. Specializing in Cacti, Bromeliads, Orchids and Bonsai.

6.00 pm. Return to Townhouse Hotel. We have left this night free as you may wish to visit the many streets filled with restaurants in the Carlton area. Bus trip cost including all meals \$25.00.

Monday, Mar.27 9.30 am. Sunshine, the missing element by Kim Kellett, Vic.  
10.30 am. Morning tea  
10.50 am. Cryptanthus Culture & Judging by Bob Whitman, U.S.A.  
11.50 am. Lunch  
1.15 pm. A Caribbean Experience by Ros Buchanan, N.S.W.  
2.15 pm. Afternoon tea  
2.35 pm. Surprise Speaker  
3.35 pm. Final Address, General Business, Interstate Reports.  
4.00 pm. Approx. - Close.

If you are interested in attending the Conference complete the Registration form on page 9 and return it with Registration Fee to: Bromeliad Society of Victoria, P.O. Box 115, HURSTBRIDGE, 3099.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES Your Committee has decided to institute a Custodian's Book detailing where and by whom the Society's effects are held. Therefore we would appreciate the assistance of all members who are storing Society equipment to drop a line to the Secretary care of Box 565, Fortitude Valley, 4006.

Would those who have keys to the Warm Street Hall please return same to the Secretary as soon as possible?

The matter of incorporation is finally approaching fruition with the presentation of a final draft for discussion at the January General Meeting.

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TILLANDSIAS - by Rolly Reilly

Florida Littoral, Peruvian Desert and/or Brazilian jungle!! As we are not blessed with the above areas in our back yards we should study our Tills' growth carefully then give them a place as near to nature as possible by locating a suitable micro-climate on our property for them.

Example:- *T. hildae* (on a mount two years) would not grow. Leaf tip die back, etc. After one year in a pot of sharp sand, it is now a gem. The other clone that was left on a mount has not done nearly so well.

To the Editor, Q.B.S.: Ref. *T. somnians*. Bromeliaceae, Nov. Dec. issue. Have hack-sawed 300 cm. off same scape!! Oh my!!

Rolly Reilly

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BOOK REVIEW - Len Butt

With the new book *Growing Bromeliads* to hand, it gives me much pleasure reviewing it in this column for readers of 'Bromeliaceae'.

Here is a much needed volume, compiled by quite a number of experienced growers and covering a comprehensive range of facts gathered in Australia about the growth, culture, care, propagation, disorders and diseases surrounding the plants we all love!

There are sections on morphology, plant history, leaf variegation and a very good glossary of plant terms. The centre section of about 96 colour photos is very well done and the colours are quite brilliant and this serves to enhance the aesthetic value of this book.

Barry Williams, the editor deserves praise for the obvious effort involved in putting into print what is undoubtedly the best Australian effort as yet to produce a cultural handbook for all brom. growers.

The list of Bromeliad societies is quite comprehensive, but I would have liked to have seen a better update on nurseries selling bromeliads here in Queensland.

All in all a 'Must' for every bromeliad grower.

Our copy - Kangaroo Press. Your Society has books available for \$11.00 each.

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LETTER RE NOMENCLATURE - received from The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 811 South Palm Ave., Sarasota, Florida 33577.

"The following listing of *Tillandsia* species are those that frequently are misnamed in horticulture. The first column is the wrong name, the second column is the correct name. These name changes are the result of studies by several specialists. In some cases the changes are because an older, valid name has been discovered, in others the name applied to cultivated plants was simply wrong and in certain cases species previously synonymized by previous specialists have been found to be distinct and worthy of recognition. These name changes have been published in a number of works and if anyone wishes the reference please request it from me.

<i>Tillandsia rosea</i> Lindley	<i>Tillandsia stricta</i> Solander ex Ker-Gawler
<i>Tillandsia rosea</i> sensu hort.	<i>Tillandsia carminea</i> Till
<i>Tillandsia rutschmannii</i> Rauh	<i>Tillandsia dyeriana</i> Andre
<i>Tillandsia nubis</i> Gilmartin	<i>Tillandsia hamaleana</i> E. Morren
<i>Tillandsia kruseana</i> Matuda	<i>Tillandsia xerographica</i> Rohweder
<i>Tillandsia velickiana</i> L.B. Smith	<i>Tillandsia matudae</i> L.B. Smith
<i>Tillandsia intumescens</i> L.B. Smith	<i>Tillandsia langlasseana</i> Mez
<i>Tillandsia mexicana</i> L.B. Smith	<i>Tillandsia dugesii</i> Baker
<i>Tillandsia maritima</i> Matuda	<i>Tillandsia rolandgosselini</i> Mez
<i>Tillandsia fasciculata</i> Var.	<i>Tillandsia rotundata</i>
<i>rotundata</i> L.B. Smith	(L.B. Smith) C.S. Gardner
<i>Tillandsia fasciculata</i> var.	<i>Tillandsia buchii</i> Urban
<i>venosispica</i> Mez	OR
(2 distinct species have been lumped under this variety by past authors.	<i>Tillandsia compressa</i>
<i>Tillandsia valenzuelana</i>	Bertero ex Schultes
A. Richards	<i>Tillandsia variabilis</i> Schlectendal

<i>Tillandsia circinnata</i> sensu hort.	<i>Tillandsia paucifolia</i> Baker
<i>Tillandsia benthamiana</i>	<i>Tillandsia erubescens</i>
Klotzsch ex Baker	Schlectendal

Bromeliad growers are requested to forget the names in the first column as quickly as possible and use the correct names. Bring correctly labelled examples to meetings and shows so that everyone can see the plants with their valid epithet.

Harry E Luther  
Director, BIC;  
Curator of Bromeliaceae"

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HISTORY OF EARLY BROMELIANS by Len Butt

Soon after the Bromeliad Society of Queensland was formed I was introduced to Grace Goode. Both Nick Kemp and I were surf fishermen and Nick often spoke of the work being done in the hybridising field by a lady on our north coast. Nick emphasised how Grace's garden sported many tree stumps where she grew her plants magnificently.

When first I went to Grace Goode's home in Kate Street, Alexandra Heads, I was amazed with the T.L.C. she adopted over her charges. Parts of the garden were for plant nurseries and others described as geriatric wards. *Cryptanthus* seemed to be a particular love of this lady.

That visit was not all about plants as Grace confessed she had become an expert on pulling sea-worms from the beach. Every fisherman admires that ability. I think in those days the cross 'Foster's Chant' was just becoming known.

Grace attended the Silver Anniversary of the Bromeliad Society Inc. in California 1975 and in 1980 went across to the World Conference in Orlando, Florida. Already her prowess as a hybridiser was spreading and acknowledgements came from Lyman B. Smith, Victoria Padilla and Adda Abendroth.

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## Registration for Bromeliad Conference V

Please complete Registration form, detach and return with  
 Registration fee to: Bromeliad Society of Victoria,  
 P.O. Box 115, Hurstbridge, 3099.

Surname (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_

Initials or preferred first name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Mode of travel - I/we will be arriving on ...../...../1989  
 by: Car/Air/Train/Bus.

1. ACCOMMODATION - Concessional tariffs apply at Easter and we have  
 been able to obtain the following rates:

Townhouse Hotel \$80 per day per room

Travel Inn \$70 to \$75 per day per room

Lygon Lodge \$75 per day per room

Date in..... Date out..... Total No. of nights .....

Special Dietary Requests .....

Note: Please pay 3 nights (Fri.Sat.Sun.) with registration.

Pay remainder at hotel of choice on arrival.

2. REGISTRATION FEE - Single \$70 Double \$120

Fee includes: Lectures, Friday evening meal, morning & afternoon teas,  
 lunch on Saturday and Monday, copy of proceedings.

EARLY BIRDS - Please deduct \$5.00 single, \$10 double if payment is  
 received by Registrar before January 31, 1989.

3. BANQUET (Enter number attending) .....\$30 each.

Fee includes: 3 course meal, drink subsidy, after dinner  
 speaker.

4. BUS TRIP (Enter number attending) ..... \$25 each.

Fee includes: Bus fare, all meals.

## SUMMARY OF COST

1. Accommodation (3 days) .....
2. Registration .....
3. Banquet .....
4. Bus Trip .....

Please enclose cheque/money  
order TOTAL \$ .....

made payable to:

Bromeliad Society of Victoria Inc.

Signature .....

Please Note: Participation in Banquet and Bus Trip is open to registered delegates, their partners or family only. NO REFUNDS will be made without consent of the Bromeliad Society of Victoria Inc.

From page 8.....

By the early 1970's Grace Goode settled down to serious generic and biogeneric crossing and by the time the Australian Check List by Derek Butcher came to fruition she had crossed nine Aechmeas, 12 Billbergias, 37 Cryptanthus and 75 Neoregelias, achieved six biogenics, some Dyckias, one Nidularium and one Tillandsia. However, up to date she has added to this list. Interested people can find details of these from B.S.I. Journal Jan.-Feb. 1986, p.3 and the Cryptanthus Journal, Vol.3, No.3, 1988, p.6.

Grace is a charter member of the Cryptanthus Society, and first international National Director. In 1987 she also became Honorary Trustee of that society for her work amongst Cryptanthus.

In 1982 a further honour of Life Membership of the Bromeliad Society of Australia was given to Grace. Added to this is the position of Honorary Trustee to Bromeliad Society Inc. conferred on her at the World Conference in Miami, 1988.

She is often seen at our combined shows and our festive occasions and has acted as host to many of us during private visits and organised bus trips to her seaside home. Special videos have been made of her dream garden, which is a kapeidoscope of bromeliad colour.

I believe she has attended all our Australian Conferences and been speaker at at least two of them. Bromeliads 3 in Queensland was enhanced greatly by a showing of her garden videos.

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

NOMINATION FORM - Office bearers for the year 1989.

President	Treasurer
Vice-President	Social Organiser
Secretary	Show Organiser
Editor	3 Committee Members

I wish to nominate for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

If nominated, I agree to stand for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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