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Monthly meetings are held at the Millwell Road Community Centre, 11 Millwell Road (East) Maroochydore. (Behind the Plaza Shopping Centre.
Meeting preparation starts prior to 1.30pm with proceedings beginning at 1.40pm .

Afternoon tea is available and members should bring their own cup. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each; proceeds from the raffle help offset the clubs meeting expenses.

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Message from the editor Newsletter: Ralf Schenk

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Meeting Programme 2016

Format for the General Meeting is:

1. Set up Popular Choice
2. Opening and intro by President
3. The ABC of Bromeliads
4. Tea Break and Plant sales
5. Popular Choice Results
6. Guest Speaker—Presentation
7. Raffle and Conclusion

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
January 16th	Plant of the month Aechmeas	Committee
February 20th	AGM Julie Flood –Neo day Tillandsias	Members Guest Speaker Peter Tristram
March 19th	Hall unavailable Council Elections Alternative venue to be advised	
April 16th	Cryptanthus Show	Committee and

Julie Flood Memorial Neoregelia Day.

February 20th at our General Meeting.

In honor of our Very Special Friend and Member
Popular Choice at this meeting will be Neoregelia Plants ONLY.
These were Julies favourite Lets put on a great display.
We would like ALL members to bring along one or two plants.
Yes, You have a plant that is good enough to bring,
This is a display, Not a show bench
Plants can be minis, baskets. Pots. Just neoregelias
Doug Cross has made a perpetual trophy for this special event.
It will be on display at the January Meeting.
Lets make this a great tribute to Julie
We can do it if we all do our bit.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

A kindly reminder that membership for 2016 became due as of the 1st December.
We thank those members who paid their renewal back in November. For those of you who are still to pay please place registration fee in and envelope provided by the secretary on the day of our meeting with name clearly marked. To ensure the club has your details correct please complete a renewal form should alterations be required.
An email address and mobile number is most helpful to keep you as a member updated with the news Flash and club Newsletter.

Family Membership \$25, Single membership \$15

President's Report

Hope you all had a enjoyable Christmas with family and friends and arrived in the New Year with enthusiasm and energy to see the new year in.

Not unlike last year we did get rain but this time around not much We did get follow a follow up last week. As they say better some then none.

As you will see from our Newsletter the club once again participated in a Fund Raiser in December for our Sunnybroms Bromeliad Conference in 2017. Many thanks to members who took the time to help out. Carol 's administrative skills and our success in running a efficient sausage sizzle has been a major factor in Bunnings being recognised as helping out not for profit organizations.

A year closer to our conference event, with this in mind it's wonderful to hear from Peter that paid up registrations have already been received. Payment by credit card over the phone is available.

Our AGM is next month given any thought to taking on a position on the committee?

All positions become vacant but you may have to fight for them, well not really, any position Contested will be decided by ballot. Note applications to be in by end of January.

Once again we are in a year where council elections are being held so regretfully we are unable to have our meeting at the hall in March. An alternative venue or garden meeting is being discussed. Would your place be suitable? if so let our secretary know.

A reminder that Ralf our Newsletter Editor is eager for good jokes or any material worth Of interest to our members for inclusion into the Newsletter. Contribution can be kept anonymous if so requested.

Cheryl Basic

Guest Speaker

Peter Tristram lives at Repton south of Coffs Harbour. Peter will be in our area and has agreed to be a guest speaker on the subject of Tillandsia's of which he has a lot of knowledge. Peter will be doing a presentation and will also bring plants for sale, so save up to purchase some.

A reminder the club no longer has Eftpos facilities.

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that all committee positions become vacant at our AGM in February, thinking of a committee position than make sure your application is signed and seconded and into the secretary prior to the Meeting.

Application forms will be available from the secretary at our January General meeting.

Not sure, then why not nominate someone you may think would be interested.

Meeting Attendance

	Nov 2015
Members	59
Visitors	3
Apologies	3

Nov. General Meeting-Christmas Breakup and Monster Plant Raffle



A feast of food and great section of plants for the Monster Raffle

Conference Fund Raising-Bunnings BBQ



A Wednesday at the new Bunnings Store in Maroochydore and though the pictures would suggest that we were barely active in selling but more in discussion the result was surprising. Carol had anticipated the purchase of sausages down to a tee., we sold our last sausage just after 2.30pm. Still plenty of drinks left over but that can be stored for our sausage sizzle. Peter called past with the grand children in tow, with Gaye and Carol handling the food , Cheryl was busy collecting the money whilst Nigel and Ralf kept the sausages turning over and heating up the onions. Another sausage sizzle is set down for Sunday 24th January.

Coming Events

SCBS General Meeting
Millwell Road Hall
Community Centre
Saturday 16th January 2016

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Annual General Meeting**
Millwell Road Hall
Community Centre
Saturday 20th February 2016

Saturday 19th March
Hall unavailable
Council Elections
Venue to be announced

SCBS—Cryptanthus Show
April 16th
Millwell Rd Community Centre

BSI
World Bromeliad Conference
13th—19th June
Houston, Texas—USA

Membership

Do you know of anyone that is enthusiastic about Bromeliads and would possibly be interested in joining our Bromeliad Club why not let one of our committee know so that we can follow up with an invitation to come to one of our meetings or just invite them to come along yourself. Great friendship, a wealth of knowledge about the plants can be attained first hand .

Time for Some Humour

Harry was at a bar and the barman said
“How was your Christmas, Harry”
Harry: “Quiet! I spent it in the garden.”
Barman: “Doing a bit of weeding, eh”
Harry: “No, I fell in it the night before!!

Time for some Humour “- Cont.

A mother passing by her son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made, and everything was picked up. Then, she saw an envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow.

It was addressed, 'Mum'. With the worst premonition, she opened the envelope and read

the letter, with trembling hands. ...

'Dear, Mum.

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend, because I wanted to avoid a scene with Dad and you. I've been finding real passion with Stacy, and she is so nice, but I knew you would not approve of her, because of all her piercings, tattoos, her tight Motorcycle clothes, and because she is so much older than I am..

But it's not only the passion, Mum. She's pregnant.

Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods, and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves, and trading it with the other people in the commune, for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want.

In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS, so Stacy can get better. She sure deserves it!!

Don't worry Mum, I'm 15, and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit, so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Love, your son, Nicholas.

PS: Mum, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on my desk.

I love you!

SCBS - Millwell Road Community Centre – Christmas Break Up



All seated before the big fall



Ticket sales for Monster Raffle



How's this OK



Sausage selection



Lucky door prize



Great Food selection



Smorgasbord BBQ