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Hello everyone I hope you have all enjoyed this beautiful rain we have been getting. Unfortunately we can't make today's meeting due to our son getting married in Brisbane, we hope you have a great meeting.

Did everybody enjoy the bus trip to the Sunny Broms conference we had a fantastic time. For a very small club three of our members won prizes in the competition. Nigel got several places with his Tillandsias, Neos, and Vrieseas. Ian got first place with his Aechmea Chantini Ebony Angel, and Goff got first place with his XHohenmea Pysco.

I have attached a link for everybody to click on to see the winning plants but for those without computers I have published Ian's and Goff's photographs. The standard was very high and was judged by international judges so we should be very proud of our small club and its members.

Link for photos :

<https://sunnybroms.com/competition-results/>

The displays were amazing and several clubs and sellers did displays. The BSQ display celebrated their 50 year anniversary. Michelle and Mal Cameron did a display of Chester Skotak's new releases and as he was there as a speaker he was very impressed. One of the speakers Eloise Beach from Florida who grows Chester's plants for exporting gave a great talk on growing Chester's Bromeliads. One of the things Eloise impressed on us was that if you get a non variegated or partial variegated pup that isn't up to scratch then you discard it as this will

not keep the blood line good and we will get second rated plants if you don't

Here are a Goff and Ian's plants that won prizes at the show



Here is the link to all the displays at the conference
If you click on this link you will see all the displays

<https://sunnybroms.com/display-photos/>



PLANT OF THE MONTH RESULTS FOR March Not Competition this month

Plant of the Month for May to be decided at today's meeting and an update sent to you

DIARY DATES 2017

BYO chair, coffee mug, plants you need help with, sales plants, plant of the month entries, and raffle donations to our meetings
Please note – meetings are on the fourth Saturday of the month, which may not always be the last Saturday.

We need more members to open their gardens for a meeting

April 22

Janine Blabers 20 Manchester Court Dundowran

May 27

Ian & Burnice Fluerty 12-16 Akara Court Dundowran

June 24

Gayle Barnes 35 Bayrise Drive Urangan

July 22

Venue TBA

August 26

John and Narelle Hoffman Johns Road Maryborough

September 23

Venue TBA

October 28

Venue TBA

November 25

Venue TBA

Please remember that all sales now finish at afternoon tea, plants travel much better in boxes or recyclable bags than plastic bags, and you can borrow books from our library for one month. If the book you want is not available, please ask Rosie to put your name on a waiting list. If you can't return your books when they are due, please phone Rosie on 4124 8658.

See you next meeting Sue