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Hi everyone.

Well it was good to see a large number of members at Ron and Elizabeth Southern's for the October meeting, and I'm sure a lot of us were surprised at all the shade-houses they have hiding out the back. I was impressed by what they had at the end of the house, but that was only a small taste of what else was there. The combined Tillandsia and Orchid house shows how well the two can grow in similar climates, and I can understand why it seems that quite a few members combine the two.

The bus trip to the BSQ Sale in Brisbane was a huge success, and there was no more room under the bus once all the plants we'd bought were squeezed in. I think there might have even been some taking up empty seats in the bus. The rare plant auction was a real eye-opener, with one going for \$1050, and two others for \$550 and \$500, with the remainder not far behind. A long day for sure, but Carmel's trivia quizzes kept us entertained on the bus.

As you know the [Monster Sale](#) is on this weekend at the [Neighbourhood Centre in Charles Street Pialba](#), and for those who aren't selling it will be a great chance to pick up a Brom or ten that you don't have. Remember that if you still have space in your car on the way home you didn't buy enough ☺

The Christmas Party is on next Saturday the 25th starting at 11.30am. If you haven't paid yet could you please get the money to Sue ASAP so she can finalise numbers. As usual there will be a raffle held on the day, with all proceeds going to Drought Angels, so if you can donate an extra prize or two it will all help this worthy cause.

As usual there will be no December meeting, and the first one for 2018 will be on Saturday 27th January. The venue hasn't been set as yet, but you will be advised in plenty of time.

On the subject of venues some members have already made their homes available for 2018 but more are still needed, so if you would like to host a meeting and showcase your gardens please see your committee and let them know. The sooner these can be finalised the better.

Carmel's Candid Camera at the BSQ Sale



PLANT OF THE MONTH RESULTS FOR OCTOBER

A Neoregelia – Non-Mini

Open - Judge's Choice – John Parker

1. Lucifer – Ian Fluerty
2. Vangee Go - Ian Fluerty
3. Black Opal – Goff Loughran

Members' Choice

1. Lucifer – Ian Fluerty
2. Black Opal – Goff Loughran
3. Vangee Go – Ian Fluerty

Novice – Judge's Choice – John Parker

1. Carolina – Sue McDonald
2. Painted Delight – Janine Blaber
3. Princess Grace x Chloristricta – John Casey

Member's Choice

1. Orange Burst – John Casey
2. Carolina – Sue McDonald
3. Painted Delight – Janine Blaber

Plant Of The Month For January 2018

A collection of Minis

DIARY DATES 2017

November 18 – 19 Monster Sale Neighbourhood Centre Charles Street Pialba
November 25 XMAS Party Neighbourhood Centre Charles St Pialba 11.30am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS

NOVEMBER

Natalie Bexton
Ray Catford
Carmel Hodgins

DECEMBER

Maureen Conner
Cheryl Hyde
Debbie Kruger
Esmay Neilsen
Elizabeth Southern
David Ward



See you next meeting – John