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Hi everyone.

I'm sure you'll agree that January's meeting at Sue and Stewart's was a great way to start the year. Their gardens were a picture, and the Bali inspired hut really had the committee feeling like royalty for the day. Quite a few people wondered if Stewart was trying to catch dinner in the pond when he got the fishing rod out, but no he was only trying (successfully) to retrieve a wayward sign ☺

As you know this month's meeting is the AGM, so make sure you come along and see who your new Committee for 2018 will be. Depending on the number of nominations received for the various positions your vote may be needed to decide the outcome, so it's important that as many as possible are present. Yearly membership fees of \$10 a single or \$15 a couple are now due, and it will greatly help the Treasurer if you can pay them as soon as possible.

Rebekah Trevor from The Olive Branch Bromeliad Nursery in Brisbane will be the guest speaker at next months meeting. This young lady is a fountain of knowledge, having learnt from some of the best, so let's see a monster turnout. You won't be disappointed.

The May bus trip to Bundaberg and surrounds is one not to be missed, with stops organised at Val Honeywood's, Ray and Del Gough's, Lois and Dave Pollard's and possibly Russell Holzheimer's. What a marvellous chance to see how others do things, and possibly add some more beauties to your collection too. Let's face it, there's always room for a few more at home isn't there ☺ If you're going please get your names into Sue as soon as possible.

At this months meeting there will be a selection of NOID's (mostly Neos) that need a name, so if you know what any of them are please help by labelling them and end the confusion.

Parking for this meeting is also available in the Day Care Centre across the road.

Mugshots Of The Month



PLANT OF THE MONTH RESULTS FOR JANUARY

A Colony Of One Mini Neo

Open – Judge's Choice – Nigel Thomson

1. Donger – Goff Loughran
2. Groucho – Goff Loughran
3. Pauciflora – Val Honeywood

Member's Choice

1. Dyn-O-Mite – Val Honeywood
2. Donger – Goff Loughran
3. Pauciflora – Val Honeywood

(There were no entries in the Novice Section this month)

Plant Of The Month For February

Aechmea In Or Out Of Spike

DIARY DATES 2018

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.

February 17 th	John & Sue Casey 24 Southerden Street Torquay
March 24 th	Ian & Burnice Fluerty 12/16 Arkarra Court Dundowran
April 28 th	Janine & Giles Blaber 20 Manchester Court Dundowran
May 26 th	Bus trip to Bundaberg
June 23 rd	David & Lorraine Ward 9 Hanover Drive Urraween
July 28 th	John & Narelle Hoffmann 287 John Street Maryborough

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR FEBRUARY

Helen Davies
Ray Gough
Beth Jewell
Rosemary Loos
Roger Robertson
Rosalie Thomson

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

A volunteer is needed to take over from Roger so that the club can continue to provide you with essential items at a very good price. Please give this serious consideration because it would be a shame to see it cease.

Most months the amount of plants for sale can be quite large, and running the sale table becomes very hard for one person, so an extra member to help Goff out will make it so much easier. It's not an onerous task, and your assistance will be greatly appreciated and help to speed things up.

If you have a favourite plant you'd love to show off why not bring it along to a meeting so the rest of us can see it and possibly add it to our "Wish List". If you have a problem one there are some very experienced growers in the club who can advise you how to fix it. If you have a pesky "No Name" you'd like identified chances are someone will be able to help.

What would you like to see discussed at future meetings? Perhaps it's what types of potting mediums different members use and why, or what the best way is to tackle fly speck, scale, insects or other problems. Maybe you'd be prepared to give a talk on a particular topic you feel would help others. Let the committee know so it can be included in future meetings.

If you're going to be in the Brisbane area on 24/25 February there's a Bromeliad Extravaganza being held at the Community Hall, 175 Edinburgh Castle Road Wavell Heights. Over 500 varieties including new releases for sale, so a chance to add something special to your collection.

The Bromeliad Society of Queensland is holding the 2018 Tillandsia Day at the Newmarket State School in Brisbane on Sunday March 4th. Starting at 9.00am and finishing at 4.00pm it's a full day of workshops with expert speakers, sales and a lot of camaraderie. Entry is only \$5, and if you're into Tillies it's a day not to be missed.

THE FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY'S PRICE LIST
Effective January 2018

125MM SQUAT POTS	\$2.90 for 10
140MM SQUAT POTS	\$3.75 for 10
165MM POTS	\$3.00 for 5
200MM POTS	\$3.50 for 5
HANGERS (4 PRONG)	\$3.00 for 10
SMALL WHITE LABELS	\$1.25 for 25
LARGE WHITE LABELS	\$2.00 for 25
YELLOW SALES LABELS	\$6.00 for 100
LABELLING PENCILS	\$3.60 each
CELLOPHANE SLEEVES FOR PUPS OR POTS	\$3.65 for pack of 50 (both sizes)
POTTING MIX	\$8.00 per bag
FERTILISER	\$2.75 for 500 grams

To make things easier for Roger, if you want to buy anything could you please phone him on 41290444 before the meeting day so he can have your items ready. That way sales will run a lot smoother and quicker.

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 isn't available, please ask Rosie to put your name on the waiting list. If you can't return your books when they are due, please phone her on 4124 8658.

JEST A MINUTE

A young couple got married and went on a cruise for their honeymoon. When they got back home the bride immediately called her mom, who lived three hours away.

“Well, darling,” said her Mom, “How was your honeymoon?”

“It was wonderful, and so romantic. We had a great time,” said the bride, but as soon as we got home he started using really horrible language. Words I have never heard before. Really horrible four-letter words! You’ve got to come get me...PLEASE.” Then the bride began to sob over the phone. “PLEASE, mom come get me!” she begged.

“But honey what did he say, what four-letter words, you have to tell me what’s troubling you,” said her mom.

Still sobbing the bride said to her mother... “Words like.... DUST, IRON, COOK, WASH!”

