

FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

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It was great to visit David and Lorraine's house for the first time, and see the amazing progress they've made in their gardens over the twelve months they've been there. They are a testament to what can be achieved in a short time, and how listening to and getting advice from local gardeners can help you make the right decisions on what to plant. Twelve months down the track it will be interesting to see how much they've developed. All those who saw Lorraine's paintings and drawings will agree she's a wonderful self-taught artist, and her works would look good in any house.

This month's meeting is our annual "Clean Up The Bromeliad Gardens Day" at the Botanical Gardens in Elizabeth Street Urangan, commencing at 11.00am. There will be a Sausage Sizzle lunch provided, and for catering purposes if you haven't already could you please let Sue know you'll be there. If you have any to spare, donations of plants to help replenish the gardens will be gratefully received. The raffle will be held as usual, but there will be no Plant Of The Month competition.

Those who attended the July meeting now know first hand what our new club shirts look like, and it was good to see quite a few members putting in orders. At only \$30 each they are a great buy, and at future events like the Orchid and Garden Spectacular in September will help people identify who we are at a glance.

As Goff mentioned at the meeting the quality of the entries for Plant Of The Month last month were the best in a long time, and are a credit to the growers. Congratulations to all who entered. They all would have made worthwhile winners.

(The newsletter is coming out a week early this month because Sue and I will be away for four weeks from the 17th, so don't worry about the meeting maybe being earlier than normal, it's still on the 25th!!)

Plant Of The Month Entries



PLANT OF THE MONTH RESULTS FOR JULY

A Foliage Vriesea

Open - Judge's Choice - Ron Southern

- 1. Black Flamingo Gough Loughran
- 2. Gigantea Nova Maxine O'Shea
- 3. Red Chestnut Hybrid Maxine O'Shea

Member's Choice

- 1. Maroochy Arctic Star Ray Gough
- 2. Black Flamingo Gough Loughran
- 3. Snakeskin Mocaccana Goff Loughran

Novice – Judge's Choice Highway Beauty – Sue McDonald

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DIARY DATES FOR 2018

BYO chair, 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 <u>fourth</u> Saturday of the month, which may not always be the last Saturday.

August 25th Botanical Gardens Urangan – Sausage Sizzle and Clean-up

September 22nd Carmel & Bruce Hodgins 25 Ramsay Court Dundathu October 27th Ron & Elizabeth Southern 60 Serenity Drive Tinana

November 10 - 11th Monster Sale, Charles Street Pialba

November 24th Christmas Party – Venue TBA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR AUGUST

Warren Bexton
Len Jensen
Stewart McDonald
Sue McDonald
Allan Miller
Daphne Miller
John Parker
Nigel Thomson
Bon Winnett
Hazel Wolstencroft

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Don't forget that unless notified otherwise sales start at 1.00 pm and 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 to put your name on the waiting list.

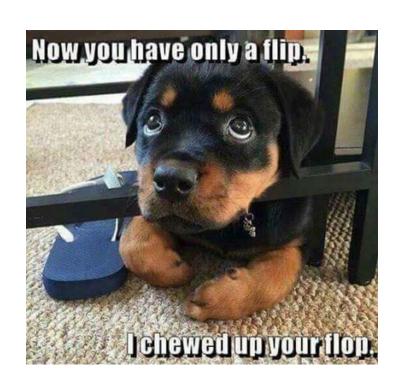
As shown on the attached flyer the Orchid Show is on again this year. As usual some of our members will be selling there, and if you are one of them please let us know so the committee can work out how many tables we need. If you haven't been before mark these dates in your diary because there are always lots of interesting things to see and buy.

The club now has a Code Of Conduct that relates to all members, and if you haven't as yet signed it could you please see the committee at the meeting and we will give you a copy.

OUR 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.



Hervey Bay Spring Orchid and Garden Spectacular 2018

Fri 28 Sept - 8am to 4pm Sat 29 Sept - 8am to 4pm Sun 30 Sept - 8am to 2pm



Now 3 days!

New venue!



At Xavier Catholic College

1, Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters, Hervey Bay Entry \$5 incl Devonshire Tea / Coffee Wheelchair-friendly / Plenty of parking

- ❖ 6 Large Orchid Displays
- ❖ Garden Club Displays
- Bonsai and Bromeliad Displays
- Floral Art and Foliage Competitions
- Orchid sales and supplies
- Plant sales and supplies
- Many regional orchid vendors
- ❖ Plant cloakroom
- Talks, demonstrations and workshops
- ❖ Raffles great prizes!