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Hi everyone.

Well I was away for the August meeting at the Botanical Gardens and haven't had a chance yet to get an update on how it went, but am assuming it was another worthwhile day tidying up and adding to the Bromeliad collection. A special thanks to all those members who attended and helped out.

This month's meeting is at Carmel and Bruce's in Dundathu, and from memory it will be our first visit to their gardens, and a great chance to see how they grow and present everything. Let's see a big turnout to show them both how much we appreciate them opening up their home to us, something which hopefully will happen again in the future.

If you're not sure where their house is, go along the Maryborough/Hervey Bay Road to the small suburb of Dundathu, turn left (from Hervey Bay) or right (from Maryborough) into Prawle Road, then left into Ramsay Court. Go to the end and through the turn-around and you'll see the club banner.

Your society is always in need of new gardens to visit, so if you've thought in the past that you might like to do it please give it serious consideration. It won't be long now before next year's meeting schedule is worked out, so don't be afraid to put your hand up for a visit, whether your collection and gardens are large or small.

Don't forget to put the word out to your friends that the Hervey Bay Orchid and Garden Spectacular is on at Xavier College from the 28th – 30th of September. It's always a great event, and several of our members will be selling Broms there so make sure you come along to take the chance to grow your collection.

It's also only seven weeks until our annual Monster Sale at the Neighbourhood Centre in Charles Street Pialba on 10 – 11 November. Seems like no time at all since it was last on, and a lot of members are getting their plants in tip-top condition to sell, so make sure this is marked on your calendar. As with the Orchid Show tell everyone you know that it's on.

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 fourth Saturday of the month, which may not always be the last Saturday.

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

Plant Of The Month For September

Your favourite Bromeliad – any species

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Pam Boardman
Alan Conner
John Grimsey
Colleen Maher
Maxine O'Shea
Sue Parker
Yvonne Scanlan
Kay Shaw

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.

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.

A Few Things Of Interest

Some of our members went to the Sunshine Coast last weekend to hear Andrew Devonshire, a well known hybridiser, give a talk on Minis and present some of his new ones for the first time. It would be great if we could get him up here as a guest speaker at some time.

The Olive Branch Nursery at 234 Canvey Road Brisbane are having a massive sale on October 21 – 22. It's open to the public, and even though it's not just around the corner, with the excellent and wide range of Broms they have for sale is well worth the trip. (Hmmm, I wonder if there's a few pennies left over from our holiday so I can justify a road trip 😊 😊)

Welcome to the GOLDEN YEARS

They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realised I must have left them in the car. Frantically I headed for the parking lot.

My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition, because he's afraid that the car could be stolen.

As I looked around the parking lot I realised he was right, it was empty.

I immediately called the police, gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen".

There was a moment of silence as I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said "Well can you come and get me?"

He retorted "I will, just as soon as I convince this cop I didn't steal your damned car!"



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!



FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC.

MONSTER SALE 2018

Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre

22 Charles Street Pialba

Saturday 10 November 8.00—4.00

Sunday 11 November 8.00—12.00

**A huge variety of top quality
beautiful plants to choose from to
suit all tastes, with new stocks daily**

Free Admission

**For more information call Sue
on 0414 757 162**

(Cash and EFTPOS sales will be available)