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Hi everyone.

For the last meeting of the year we again visited Ron and Elizabeth Southern, and it was great to see their new shadehouse literally bursting with Tillandsias, as well as look over the rest of the property. We had another good turnout of members, and the weather was very kind to us, so it all made for a very convivial afternoon.

**It seems like no time at all since the last one, but this Saturday is the Christmas Breakup. As previously advised it's at the Kondari Resort, Elizabeth Street Urangan and commences at 11.00am. Don't forget we'll be holding our end of year raffle, with all money raised going to charity, so please dig deep and bring along an extra present or two.**

The Monster Sale was a huge success, with sales up on last year. This was of course helped by the extra number of members who were selling, and the quality of the plants presented. We had a large number of people through the doors over both days, and I think that even some who turned up for a Cent Sale that wasn't on there bought as well. In the coming months the committee will be looking at ways to make it bigger and better next year, so if you have any ideas they'd love to hear them.

If you went to Brisbane for the Tillandsia Day last March it's on again next year. There's been a change of date and venue, now Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Kedron Wavell Services Club at Chermside, from 8.30am to 4.00pm. The cost is \$35 a person, which includes morning tea and lunch, and the venue is air-conditioned so will be a big improvement. Numbers are limited to, I believe, 120, so it'll pay to get in early and book your place by visiting <https://www.trybooking.com/ZMYV>. For any enquiries please email John at [treasurer@bromsqueensland.com.au](mailto:treasurer@bromsqueensland.com.au).

**As usual our AGM will be held in February and all positions will be vacant, so if you wish to nominate for the Committee forms can be obtained from Sue.**

**Membership fees are due in January, and can either be paid to the Treasurer or through internet banking. The society's bank details will be provided in the next newsletter.**

## **Plant Of The Month Results for October**

### **An Inter-Generic Species**

#### ***Open – Judge’s Choice – Ron Southern***

1. Powder Puff – Goff Loughran
2. Chantinii Green Leopoldo Horstii – Ian Fluerty
3. Sincoregelia Ralf Davis Wide Wings – Val Honeywood

#### **Member’s Choice**

1. Powder Puff – Goff Loughran
2. Sincoregelia Ralf Davis Wide Wings – Val Honeywood
3. Neomea Eruption – John Casey

#### **Novice – Judge’s Choice**

1. Hohenmea Ninja Star Wars – David Ward

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## **DIARY DATES FOR 2019**

**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.**

January 26<sup>th</sup>            John & Sue Casey 24 Southerden Street Torquay

There are other members who have volunteered to host meetings during the year, and we will be finalising the list of venues later this week and notifying you next month. We are still a couple of places short, so if you'd like to have us at your house please let Sue know at the Christmas Breakup and we'll organise it. It's always great to see what members are doing in their gardens, and how they grow their plants, so if you haven't hosted a meeting before now's your chance to do so.

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

Natalie Bexton  
Ray Catford  
Carol Evans  
Carmel Hodgins

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

## 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 2019

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
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.

### SALE SNAPS





Here's an interesting way to display Ionanths and Usenoides using coconuts. You could also use other small Tillandsias for a different effect, or even try a mini Neo cascading from the top.

