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Hi everyone.

What a great day our Christmas Breakup was, with over forty members and guests enjoying a delightful meal at the Kondari Resort. I tried to count the raffle prizes but gave up after 100, so many thanks to everyone who donated gifts, and to all those who so generously bought tickets. I know there were a lot of excited winners. The number sold far exceeded expectations and we had to rush out and buy some more. It was also good that everyone was able to just walk out after it was finished and not have to worry about cleaning up, and the staff did a wonderful job.

A special part of the day's proceedings was the presentation of Life Membership to Narelle and John Hoffmann, who have worked tirelessly for your club over many years, and it is an honour well deserved. Congratulations to you both.

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. Please note that because most of the committee as well as some other members will be at the Tillandsia Day this meeting will be held a week earlier than normal

Membership fees are due in January, and can either be paid to the Treasurer or through internet banking. For the society's bank details please contact Janine.

To be able to expand the newsletter next year I need your ideas. Do you have a favourite plant or part of your garden you think others would appreciate seeing? If so then please send me a photo or two and I'll include them, perhaps as a full page spread from several members. We only get to a limited number of gardens during the year, so there must be a lot of unseen gems out there.

MERRY MUGSHOTS



Narelle and John Hoffmann being presented with their Life Membership badges by President Goff Loughran



As it was the Christmas Breakup there was no Plant Of The Month competition for November.

The Plant Of The Month for January is a Non-Variegated Neoregelia (Non-Mini)

Plant Of The Month Winners For 2018



Open Section – Goff Loughran 1st, Val Honeywood 2nd (absent) and Ian Fluerty 3rd.
Novice Section – Sue McDonald 1st, Janine Blaber 2nd, David Ward 3rd.

Congratulations to all of you, as well as the other members who entered plants during the year. It would be great to see a big increase in entries next year, and if you haven't entered before maybe it could be you holding the Novice Trophy next year. After winning Novice this year Sue now steps up to the big league, but as all the Novice entries were as good as those in Open all the entrants could give them a run for their money 😊

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 th	John & Sue Casey 24 Southerden Street Torquay
February 16 th	Sue & Stewart McDonald 8 Sempfs Roads Dundowran AGM
March 23 rd	Carmel & Bruce Hodgins 25 Ramsay Court Dundathu
April 27 th	Janine & Giles Blaber 20 Manchester Court Dundowran
May 25 th	Bus Trip – Destination to be advised
June 22 nd	John & Narelle Hoffmann 287 John Street Maryborough
July 27 th	Ian & Burnice Fluerty 12-16 Arkarra Court Dundowran
August 24 th	David & Lorraine Ward 9 Hanover Drive Urraween
September 28 th	Maxine O'Shea 12 Rosedale Drive Wondunna
October 26 th	Ron & Elizabeth Southern 60 Serenity Drive Tinana
November 10/11	Monster Sale
November 23 rd	Christmas Breakup

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR JANUARY

Carmel Catford
Ian Fluerty
Sue Loughran
Irene Lipross
Anne Venning
Delmai Winnett

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.

There was a small aluminium water bottle left at a recent meeting, so if it's yours Sue is babysitting it for you. Please contact her and she'll arrange its return.

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

In 2019 Maxine will be taking on the duties of Purchasing Officer, and as before if you require anything it would be appreciated if you could give her a ring on 41245128 prior to the meeting so she can have your order ready on the day.

