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Hi everyone.

We had a good turnout for the February meeting despite the heat, and we would like to thank Gail Janke for allowing us to hold it at their property.

The A.G.M. was held and your new committee elected for 2019, and they are as listed on the left of this page. We look forward to another great year, and welcome input from you the members on anything you would like to see happen at our meetings. If you don't tell us we don't know, and chances are you won't be the only one interested.

There were also several non-committee positions which members put their hands up to fill: Karen Thomson – Plant Of The Month; Sue Casey – Afternoon Tea; Les & Jan Hutchins – Library and Sue & Stewart McDonald - Plant Sales, which we thank them for. Special thanks also to Burnice Fluerty (Afternoon Tea) and Roger Robertson (Purchasing Officer) for all their help in the past, without whom things wouldn't have run so smoothly.

As advised at the last meeting several members travelled to Brisbane for the Bromeliad Society of Queensland Tillandsia Seminar and Sale day on February 23rd, and it was a very informative and fun time. Details and photos are on page 5.

At this months meeting Sue Loughran will be giving a talk on preparing plants for competition, and Nigel Thomson will be talking on fertilisers.

The committee are organising details of the trip in May, with quotes being obtained for the bus. We will be heading south this time and visiting several growers, so if you're thinking of going please give your names to Sue so we have an idea of how many to cater for.

There are still some members who haven't renewed their membership for 2019, and in line with our constitution if this isn't done by 31 March each year you are deemed unfinancial. If you're unsure if you've paid or not please give our Treasurer Janine a ring and she'll let you know.

From Your Gardens



Tillandsia ehrlesiana



Tillandsia phoenix



Neo Dyn-O-Mite Albo



Neo Lorena Lector Variegated



Neo Maria



Cryptanthus Silver Zones



Orthophytum Starlight



Quesnelias

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 – unless notified otherwise meetings are on the fourth Saturday of the month, which may not always be the last Saturday.

March 23 rd	Janine & Giles Blaber 20 Manchester Court Dundowran
April 27 th	Pialba Memorial Hall 55 Main Street Pialba
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	Pialba Memorial Hall 55 Main Street Pialba
October 26 th	Ron & Elizabeth Southern 60 Serenity Drive Tinana
November 2/3	Monster Sale
November 23 rd	Christmas Breakup

Plant Of The Month Winners for February
Tillandsia

Open – Judge’s Choice – Denis Priston

1. Utriculata – John Casey
2. Rothi – Val Honeywood
3. Lorentziana – Ray Gough

Member’s Choice

1. Xerographica – Goff Loughran
2. Lorentziana – Ray Gough
3. Rothi – Val Honeywood
Ionantha – Maxine O’Shea

Novice – Judge’s Choice

1. Tectorum – Del Gough
2. Kin Kin – Del Gough
3. Inopinata – David Ward

Member’s Choice

1. Tectorum – Del Gough
2. Kin Kin – Del Gough
3. Paleacea Large Silver – Sue Casey
Inopinata – David Ward

Plant Of The Month For 2019

January	Non-variegated Neo (Non-mini)
February	Tillandsia
March	Aechmea
April	Foliage Vriesea
May	None
June	Mini Neoregelia (Cluster or single)
July	Sincoregelia
August	Quesnelia
September	Billbergia
October	Variegated Neoregelia

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR MARCH

Giles Blaber
Judy Caldwell
John Casey
Del Gough
Tori Gough
Sue Hagedorn
Barry Hagedorn
Bruce Hodgins
Elizabeth Hopper
Denis Priston

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Don't forget that unless notified otherwise sales start at 1.00 pm and finish at afternoon tea, and plants travel much better in boxes or recyclable bags than plastic bags.

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
FERTILISER	\$2.75 for 500 grams

Maxine has taken on the duties of Purchasing Officer, and 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.

Goff has potting mix for sale at \$8 for a 30 litre bag, and if you ring him on 0416783773 prior to the meeting he will have it there for you.

Upcoming Events And Sales

Tillandsia Study Day 24 March 9.00 am – 470 Petrie Creek Road Rosemount – Please bring a chair and a plate of goodies for morning tea.

Bromeliad Society Of Queensland Autumn Show
April 6-7 Genesis Christian College
12/16 Youngs Crossing Road Bray Park



Bromeliad Society Of Queensland Tillandsia Day 2019



Pamela Koyde-Hyatt
Birdrock Tropicals
California



Martin Siaw
Curator Tropical Collections
Botanical Gardens Xiamen China

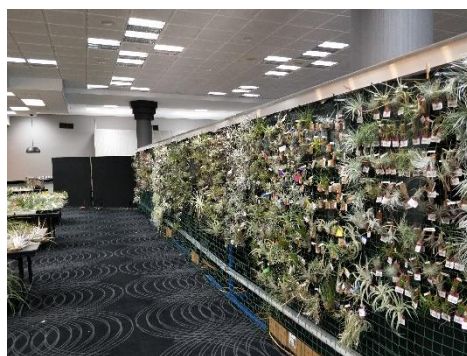
Eleven members travelled to Brisbane for the annual Tillandsia Day, and what a day it was. The change of venue to the Kedron Wavell Services Club meant we could relax in the air conditioning, and the facilities were first class. With numbers limited to 100 it was fairly intimate, and it was great to catch up with other Tillnuts, especially those who we only knew through Facebook.

The two guest speakers, Pamela and Martin, were a fountain of information and I'm sure if time had permitted it they would have talked for a lot longer, as well as answered a lot more questions. Other speakers included Peter Tristram, Leslie Bayliss and John Olsen.

The sales tables were well stocked, with plenty to tempt all tastes, and thanks to the auctioneers the Rare Plant Auction was a good laugh, and some top prices were paid. I think we all came home a lot lighter in the wallet, but with some great plants to add to our collections. If you love Tillandsias then make sure not to miss next years event, which will be advertised later this year.



Before the sale started



After the hordes left

Displaying Plants For Judging

At the February meeting some members asked how to go about properly preparing plants for competitions or displays. At our July 2017 meeting Narelle Aizlewood gave a talk on the proper way to do this, and the following is a reprint of the information she gave. These tips can also be used for plants entered in our Plant Of The Month Competition.

INFORMATION ON JUDGING.

I would sincerely like to thank you for the opportunity to attend your meeting recently for the purpose of informing your members regarding what the Judges might be looking for when judging plants tabled for Competition.

Judging at the next Australasian Bromeliad Conference will be conducted according to the B.S.I. method of judging, and as I pointed out to you this is with an Award of Merit ribbon (95-100) being awarded for the top plants, Blue ribbon (90-95) and a Red ribbon (85-90). Plants for the Head Table are only selected from Purple Award of Merit ribbons.

Handouts were provided including Summary of point scoring for competition plants, Suggestions to Exhibitors, and Cheat sheets for Foliage Plants, Blooming Plants and Decorative pots. These are all good resource material and worthwhile referring to from time to time.

As I pointed out not all plants make the cut when it comes to Competition Plants and great care needs to be given to encourage good colour and markings and cultural perfection. As I discussed Cultural Perfection, Conformation, Colour and Markings, Inflorescence and Maturity are all different aspects, with different points scored, that are considered by the judging teams.

I tried to endorse that all plants tabled for competition needed to be free of water and also free of any pests and disease i.e. scale. If a plant was tabled with visible signs of scale, then it would be marked as 'Has been judged' with no ribbon awarded. Pots need to be clean, and I showed how by simply using a pair of cotton gloves and a bit of baby oil that an old pot can become new again. Whilst it is acceptable that pots are cleaned in this way by no means is it acceptable for leaves of competition plants to be oiled or artificially sheened. As I explained some Bromeliads have a natural sheen i.e. Neoregelia 'Lorena Lector' whilst others have a more dull sheen. Care and attention needs to be given to trimming of damaged leaf tips keeping in mind the shape of the leaf and trying to emulate the same when trimming. Trimming should be done as close to Competition as possible with a little egg white wiped onto the fresh trimming to prevent the possibility of browning.

The plant needs to be growing in the centre of the pot, and if this is not the case then perhaps you would need to look at either repotting or simply repositioning in the existing pot. Whatever you decide please do not do it the day before competition leaving the plant with the possibility of instability. Do it some weeks prior to the show to enable it to resettle and possibly re-root. Double potting is another option to position the plant into the centre providing that the original pot is not obvious to the judging teams. Whilst double potting is not a particularly acceptable method, I am sure that we have all done it from time to time. All judges should not handle any competition plant and if need be a steward can be asked to move or display the plant for better viewing either from the top or the bottom. Judges might like to view the larger Neoregelias and/or large Foliage Vrieseas from above and therefore would ask for the plant to be placed on the floor for better viewing of the conformation. I would encourage you all to have a go at competing in a Judged Show. It is a lot of fun. You learn a lot, and at the end of the day you might collect a ribbon or a placing for your efforts.

Narelle Aizlewood.
Accredited International Judge B.S.I.