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It's that time again

The change of venue last month proved popular, with a very good turnout of members, large numbers of entries in the "Plant Of The Month" competition, and plenty of prizes on offer in the raffle. There was also a good number of quality plants for sale, and some members managed to add to their collections.

Our special thanks go to Peter and Denise Ball, who travelled from Brisbane to give us an insight to the beautiful plants at the World Conference last year, as well as a travelogue on their tour through parts of South America. Seeing the marvellous sights must have given some of us the travel bug. Now to get the right numbers in Lotto!!

We would like to extend a welcome to our new members, Jan McCart, Stan Walkley and Michael and Elizabeth Wray. We hope to see a lot of you at future meetings.

This month we have the bus trip on instead of a regular meeting, and for all of you who are going pickup is near the Chronicle offices in Pialba at 6.30 and McDowell Carpark in Maryborough at 7.00. Lunch will now be at the Twin BP's at Caboolture due to the high cost to have it at Woodford, and as advised if time permits we'll be stopping at the Yandina Ginger Factory for afternoon tea. There will be a raffle held on the bus, so if you could donate a prize it would be great. Don't forget that due to the space under the bus each person can take a limit of two boxes/crates to bring home your prize buys. **Cheryl's place is very wet so closed in shoes or galoshes are recommended.**

With the Orchid Society Show in September and our Monster Sale in November, if you're planning on selling at either event don't forget that according to our Constitution you must have attended at least three monthly meetings during the year to do so. We are always on the lookout for new sellers, so if you haven't done it before now's your chance, and you don't need to have hundreds of plants to do so. See Goff for details.

From The Gardens

(If you have any plants you'd like to show off please email me photos and I'll feature them)



**Till. Arujei
(Greg Menzies)**



Pitcairnia Smithiorium



Wallisia Cyanea



Till. ionantha



Deuterocohnia Brevifolia



Till. Dimmit's Talent



Vriesea Astrid



Neo Cockabell



Till. streptophylla

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR MAY

Gail Grimsey
Burnice Fluerty
Narelle Hoffmann
Hans Kruger
Jason Pailthorpe
Stewart McDonald

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.

May 25 th	Bus Trip – Eumundi and Yandina
June 22 nd	John & Narelle Hoffmann 287 John Street Maryborough – 11.00 am start
July 27 th	Ian & Burnice Fluerty 12-16 Arkarra Court Dundowran
August 24 th	David & Lorraine Ward 9 Hanover Drive Urraween
September 21 st	Darian Ward 34 Coongul Court Urraween
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 April Foliage Vriesea

Open – Judge's Choice – Peter Ball

1. Cherlette Shigii Platynema Variegated – Ian Fluerty
2. Colcerto Hybrid – John Hoffmann
3. Celestial Jewel – Ian Fluerty

Member's Choice

1. Black Flamingo – John Hoffmann
2. Celestial Jewel – Ian Fluerty
3. Jean – Goff Loughran

Novice – Judge's Choice

1. Goudea B – David Ward
2. Highway Beauty – David Ward
3. Gultz - Darian Ward

Member's Choice

1. Heiroglyphica – Janine Blaber
2. Goudea B – David Ward
3. Gultz - Darian Ward

Plant Of The Month For 2019

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

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Pop-up Workshop

As a new initiative we will be holding a workshop on Saturday 6th July from 10.00 am to 12 noon, where Goff will be giving a hands-on demonstration of removing pups and potting them, and a discussion on potting mix and fertiliser, and you're invited to bring plants of any species that you'd like a hand with. It will be followed by a sausage sizzle and general chat session. Just bring along your plant/s, a chair and a mug for tea/coffee to 24 Southerden Street Torquay. If this day is successful more will be scheduled later.

(Note that this is not in place of the normal monthly meeting)

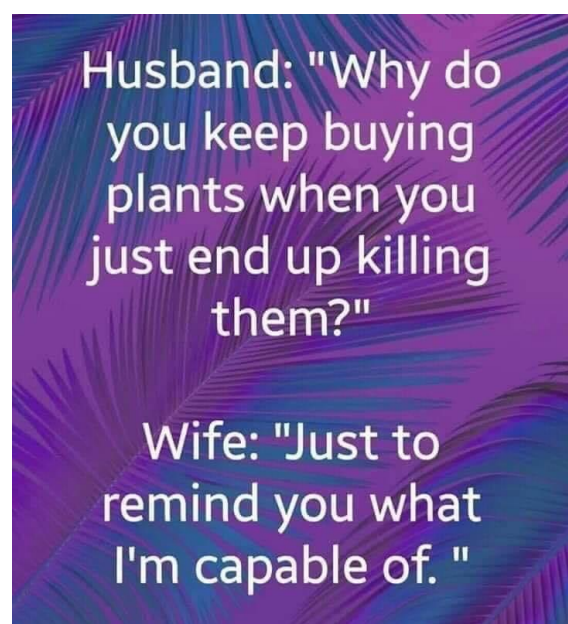
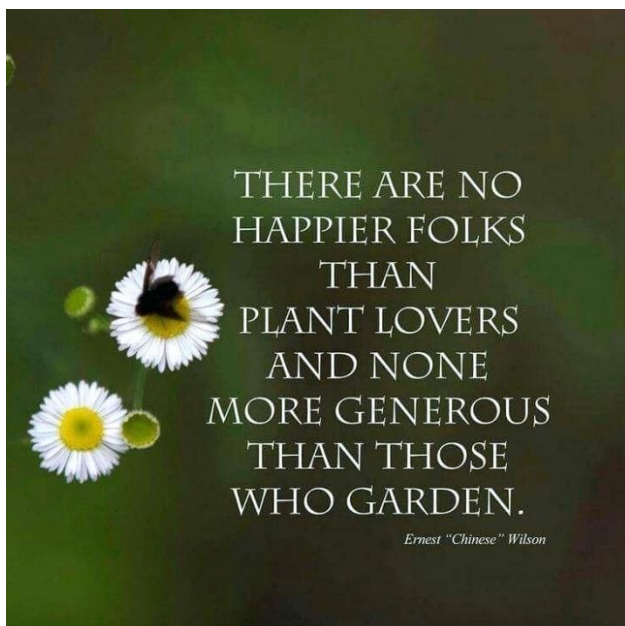
Don't forget that unless notified otherwise sales start at 1.00 pm and finish at afternoon tea, and plants travel much better in boxes or recyclable bags than plastic bags.

OUR PRICE LIST EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2019

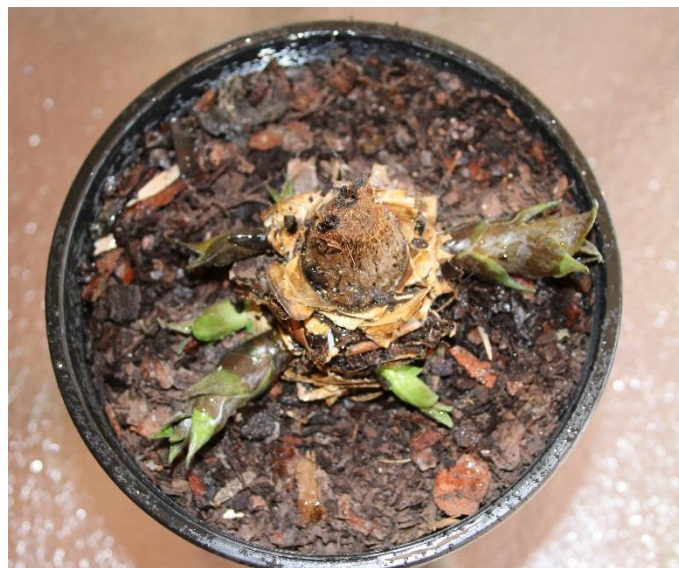
125MM SQUAT POTS	\$2.90 for 10
140MM SQUAT POTS	\$3.75 for 10
165MM POTS	\$3.00 for 5
200MM POTS	\$3.50 for 5
HANGERS (4 PRONG)	\$3.00 for 10
SMALL WHITE LABELS	\$1.25 for 25
LARGE WHITE LABELS	\$2.00 for 25
YELLOW SALES LABELS	\$6.00 for 100
LABELLING PENCILS	\$3.60 each
FERTILISER	\$2.75 for 500 grams

If you are going to purchase items it would be appreciated if you could ring Maxine on 41245128 prior to the meeting so she can have your order ready on the day. If you discover you need them just prior to the meeting don't worry, there will still be plenty available.

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.



Dead? Not Likely!!



I found this very sad looking Vriesea hidden underneath others and was going to throw it out until I took a closer look. And what I found was six pups of various sizes growing from the base, showing just how hardy most of the Bromeliad species are. Will they all make it to full size plants? Probably not, but I reckon some of the stronger ones will, so it'll be interesting to watch them grow.

An Alternative Weed Killer

If you don't like using chemical weed killers like Roundup, there's a natural alternative.

Mix 4 litres of Vinegar with 2 cups of Epsom Salts and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of Dishwashing Liquid together. Spray in the morning after the dew has evaporated and it's reputed to kill just about all weeds.



Homemade Aphid Trap:

Place a YELLOW Solo cup upside down on a wooden stake. Attach with a pin or nail. Cover the outside of the cup with a thin layer of Vaseline. Aphids are drawn to the yellow, stick to the cup, and die. The trap is easy to make and will save your plants from aphid damage.