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Where has the year gone?

Here it is the second half of 2019 already, and it seems like no time at all since we had our first meeting for the year. I'm not sure if the time is flying because we're having fun, or because we're getting older, so I'll leave you to decide that one.

It was great to see such a large turnout at our June meeting, and special thanks to Narelle and John for organising the sausage sizzle and dessert that followed. Their gardens were a picture as usual, especially the Vrieseas along the side of the carport. The raffle raised over \$200 for our charity "Drought Angels", and I think there must have been a record number of prizes on offer thanks to your generosity.

**This month Nev Ryan is coming from Brisbane, and will be speaking on his specialty Tillandsias, and having seen how well he grows them I'm sure he'll have a lot of wisdom to pass on to us. He will also be bringing some for sale, and no doubt they'll be in high demand.**

The workshop that was held last month was very successful, with a good turnout of members and ten non-members. Thanks go to Goff and John Hoffmann for giving talks and demonstrations on removing and potting pups from several types of Broms, as well as the different ways that they fertilise and grow their plants. The sausage sizzle and general chat session afterwards was enjoyed by all, and although we had a bit of rain it held off when we needed it to.

I'm not sure how many members went to Nambour for the three day Queensland Garden Expo, but I think there were nearly enough there to hold a mini-meeting. It seemed everywhere we turned we ran into someone else. If you haven't been before it's a fantastic way to not only get lots of beautiful Broms, but also see all the latest innovations in the gardening world and listen to talks by experts in their various fields.

**From The Gardens**

(As our talk this month is on Tillandsias they are our feature plant)



**T. Baelyi**



**T. Borumba**



**T. Bulbosa**



**T. Butzii**



**T. Gardnerii Var Rupicola**



**T. Dura Large Form**



**T. Pink Champagne**



**T. Goomong**



**T. Disticha**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR JULY**

Sue Casey  
Hildred Davies  
Sylvia Harris  
Indra Kingston  
John Lippross

## 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.**

July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ian & Burnice Fluerty 12-16 Arkarra Court Dundowran
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	David & Lorraine Ward 9 Hanover Drive Urraween
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Darian Ward 34 Coongul Court Urraween
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Elizabeth Southern 60 Serenity Drive Tinana
November 2/3	Monster Sale
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Breakup

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### Plant Of The Month Winners for June Mini Neo – Cluster or Single

#### ***Open – Judge's Choice – Natasha Musch***

1. Star Blast – Stewart McDonald
2. Dyno-Mite Variegated – Ian Fluerty
3. Red Waifex Tigercat – Nigel Thomson

#### ***Member's Choice***

1. Donger – Goff Loughran
2. Dyn-O-Mite – John Casey
3. Red Waifex Tigercat – Nigel Thomson

#### ***Novice – Judge's Choice***

1. Donger – Janine Blaber
2. Quasar – David Ward
3. Whirlwind – David Ward

#### ***Member's Choice***

1. Quasar – David Ward
2. Donger – Janine Blaber
3. Blushing Zebra – Sue Casey

### 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)
<u>July</u>	<u>Sincoregelia</u>
August	Quesnelia
September	Billbergia
October	Variegated Neoregelia

## NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

As previously advised, the Monster Sale is being held at the Senior Citizens Centre in Totness Street Torquay. It's an excellent venue that allows for a lot better set-out of the tables, as well as a better area for those sorting out the money from sales and general administration. Goff has made up a floor plan, and once we know the final number of sellers and how many tables you each want there will be an independent draw at our meeting for table allocations.

The Orchid Show is on the 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September, and we need to finalise the number of tables each seller requires, so if you're going to be selling please give your name and number of tables required to Goff at this month's meeting.

Have a no-name Brom you'd like identified, or one you'd like to show off? Bring it along for "Show And Tell" so we can all see and discuss it.

### 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)	\$5.50 for 10
SMALL WHITE LABELS	\$1.50 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.



## **Grace Goode OAM Celebrates Her 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday**



Grace was born on the Sunshine Coast on 23 July 1917, and has lived there most of her life. She was introduced to Bromeliads by her mother in her 50's, and started hybridising her own plants in the 1970's, largely due to the limited number available in Australia. She went on to produce close to 1000 plants, including Neoregelias, Aechmeas, Billbergias, Cryptanthus and Tillandsias. In 2004 Grace was awarded the Order



Of Australia Medal for her outstanding work in growing and hybridising her beloved Broms. She is an honorary trustee of The Bromeliad Society International and The Cryptanthus Society, and a Life Member of The Bromeliad Society Of Australia and The Bromeliad Society of Queensland, as well as several other groups. We wish her all the best for her birthday.

### **Coming Events For Your Info**

#### **The Olive Branch Bromeliad Nursery**

is opening for our special sales weekend!!

We have a wide range of Bromeliads from sun hardy to shade loving.

Something to suit every position in your garden, shadehouse or home.

We stock Alcantareas, Neoregelias, Guzmanias, Vrieseas, Aechmeas, Tillandsias, Billbergias and lots more!

Come and get a bargain in our \$5, \$10 and \$15 clearance areas!

27th and 28th July 2019

8am to 3pm

232 Canvey Road, Upper Kedron

For more info please call Bek on 0422 550 262

#### **Bromeliad Extravaganza**

Wavell Heights Community Hall

175 Edinburgh Castle Road Wavell Heights

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 8.00am – 3.00pm

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 9.00am – 1.00pm

Over 500 varieties for sale, including new releases

All display plants for sale – Raffle – The New 'In Plant' – Best water wise plant

Refreshments and lunch by Chermshire Guides – Free Admission

#### **Golden Broms**

#### **20<sup>th</sup> Australasian Bromeliad Conference**

To be held on the Gold Coast 17 – 20 October at the Sea World Conference Centre

International speakers and full day bus trip for delegates

Plant sales will be open to the public on 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00am – 12 noon

For more info go to [www.goldenbroms.com](http://www.goldenbroms.com)

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