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An Early Merry Christmas And Happy New Year To
Everyone

Well another great meeting last month, with a very good turnout of members. Our thanks to Ron and Elizabeth Southern for hosting it again.

The Monster Sale has come and gone, and what a sale it was with plants just about flying out the door. I don't as yet have the final figures on total sales or the overall number of plants sold, but we'll let you know at this month's meeting. The venue proved to be a lot better than last year, with more room and much easier to set out, and we already have it booked for 2020.

The sale couldn't have been a success without the help of those who worked in the background. Special thanks go to Maxine for the beautiful display of Broms that got rave reviews, John and Irene Lippross and others who manned the raffle desk all weekend, Sue and Tara who kept the food and drink coming as well as those members who donated food, and of course the sellers who presented a great variety of excellent plants.

This month's meeting is the Christmas Party at the Kondari Resort, with the meeting commencing at 11.00am and lunch at 12.00 noon, so don't be late.

As we did this year the committee will be looking at having another bus trip next year, possibly in May again. First we have to line up a venue or venues, so if there's anywhere in particular you'd like to see please let us know.

As previously advised we will be doing a presentation at Bunnings on Thursday the 28th at 10.00am with demonstrations on how to remove pups, proper potting etc. It begins at 10.00am, so let your friends know.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome Megan and Matthew Perkins from Burrum Heads who joined our society last month. We look forward to seeing a lot of you in 2020.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Wesley Cameron
Natalie Bexton
Pamela Frederiksen
Elizabeth Wray
Megan Perkins

Maureen Conner
Cheryl Hyde
Debbie Kruger
Elizabeth Southern
David Ward

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.

November 23rd Christmas Breakup Kondari Resort, Elizabeth Street Urangan

DIARY DATES FOR 2020

January 25th Dundowran
February 15th Torquay - AGM
March 28th Dundowran
April 25th Yengarie
May 23rd TBA
June 27th Maryborough
July 25th Urraween
August 22nd TBA
September 26th TBA
October 24th Tinana
October 31st - November 1st Monster Sale
November 28th Christmas Breakup



Plant Of The Month Winners for October
Variegated Neoregelia

Open – Judge’s Choice – Debbie Kruger

1. Tour De Repton – Goff Loughran
2. Black Opal – Val Honeywood
3. Goldilocks – Val Honeywood

Member’s Choice

1. Dynamite Variegated – Goff Loughran
2. Bodacious – John Casey
3. Carolina x Painted Lady – John & Narelle Hoffmann

Novice – Judge’s Choice

1. Predator – David Ward
2. Ultima – David Ward

Member’s Choice

1. Ultima – David Ward
2. Predator – 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

OUR PRICE LIST EFFECTIVE AUGUST 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.

Golden Brooms Conference Gold Coast 2019

As you know some of us were lucky enough to attend the 20th Australasian Bromeliad Conference on the 17th – 20th October, and we all had a great time. There were literally thousands of plants on sale by growers from just about all parts of the country, with quite a few new releases available, and I think we all came home with lighter wallets but smiles on our faces.

Congratulations to Val, Nigel and Goff who entered competition plants. They were up against some high quality opposition, and proved just how good they are, as you can see from these photos.



*Sincoregelia "Birchwood Golden Eye" – Nigel
Best Individual Foliage Bromeliad*



Neo "Shamrock" – Val Purple Ribbon



Neo "Gizmo" – Val Blue Ribbon



Billbergia "Bubblz" – Goff Purple Ribbon



Neo "Dynamite Variegated" – Goff Blue Ribbon Neo "Tour De Repton" – Goff Blue Ribbon



"Best In Show - Banquet" – Hervey Bay

There will be quite a few changes to the "Plant Of The Month" competition in 2020, and there will be a newsletter sent out next month explaining them all once the committee have finalized it. We believe it will be for the better, and give more members a chance to enter each month as there will be more classes of plants.