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At our last meeting we tried a new venue, the Dundowran Hall, and I'm sure those who attended would agree that it's an excellent place for the future. There's plenty of space for everything, with a great area for Plant Of The Month, no need to bring your own chairs, lots of parking and is easy to find.

We welcomed three new members last month, Michele Mapunda and Beth and Richard Payne. We look forward to seeing you at all our future events.

As we come towards the end of another year we still have two more events coming up to finish off with a bang. The first of course is our Monster Sale at the end of this month, details of which are at the end of the newsletter, and the other is our Christmas Party on November 7th at the Kondari Resort, commencing at 11.00am. Please also note that as the latter is early in the month we will have our last club meeting for the year on the 28th of November at the Dundowran Hall. There will be no Plant Of The Month competition on that day, but feel free to bring along any you'd like to show off to the members or talk about.

Don't forget if you're going to the Christmas Party the cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members, and your names must be in and the money paid at this meeting. If you can't make this meeting and wish to go please let Sue know and arrange to get the money to her.

With the new year not too far away you, the members, are asked to consider what you want to do as far as meeting venues are concerned. Do we continue as in past years meeting at different members houses each month, or do we meet somewhere like the hall and have bus trips during the year to visit some of your gardens? As our membership has continued to grow and we now have a much larger Plant Of The Month Competition, as well as needing space for our raffle, sales plants etc not all houses can accommodate us, so is it preferable to have one place instead? Please let us know your thoughts at this month's meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR OCTOBER

Michael Eather
John Hoffmann
Val Honeywood
Marie Irvine
Jacquie Robertson

Plant Of The Month Results For September

Neoregelia

- First – Bad Boy Brian – Ian Fluerty 11 Votes
- Second – Inferno – John & Narelle Hoffmann 5 Votes
- Third – Tangerine – John & Narelle Hoffman 4 Votes

Pattern Leaf Vriesea

- First – Waiakea Star – Nigel Thomson 17 Votes
- Second – Montezuma’s Gem – John & Narelle Hoffmann 7 Votes
- Third – Gigantea Nova Queen – Goff Loughran 4 Votes

Flowering Bromeliad

(Aechmea, Billbergia and Guzmania)

- First – Aechmea Fia – David Ward 18 Votes
- Second – Aechmea Nudicaulis Zebra – J & N Hoffmann 8 Votes
- Third – Guzmania Hybrid – Goff Loughran 4 Votes

Tillandsia

- First - Ionantha – Denis Priston 9 Votes
- Second – Deep Purple – Goff Loughran 7 Votes
- Third – Juncifolia Red/Green – Nigel Thomson 6 Votes

Other Genera

- First – Sincoregelia Galactic Warrior – Goff Loughran 17 Votes
- Second – Deuterocohnia Brevifolia – Ian Fluerty 9 Votes
- Third – Billbergia Birchwood Pinkien – Nigel Thomson 3 Votes



Why Do We Have Raffles

Like any club it costs money to do the things we do. When we hire a hall, buy the goodies for afternoon tea, subsidise a bus trip, have a guest speaker, buy new equipment or whatever, it all costs, and there are basically two regular ways to cover those costs. One is through your annual membership fees and the other is through the raffles.

We have some of the lowest fees of any club around. They haven't been changed in quite a few years and the committee would like to see it stay that way. So the other way is through the raffles, which you the members are asked to kindly contribute prizes to. The obvious benefits are two-fold, in that not only do we raise the much needed funds to keep the club running, but you get the chance to take home some of the prizes that have been donated. It's also a fun way to finish off each meeting.

While it may seem to some that we're always asking for your help with the prizes, we're only in fact asking you to help yourselves in a fairly painless way, rather than hitting you in the hip pocket through increased fees.

The cost of hiring the hall for the Monster Sale is fairly substantial, and to help to cover it we hold a raffle at the door, which is always popular. This year we'll have two prizes of tubs full of garden goodies, and so far we've had quite a few items donated, but if you'd like to add to it we'd love your help. Please bring gifts to this meeting or drop them at Sue's by the 29th.

Monster Sale Assistance Needed

As mentioned at the last meeting we need volunteers to help with running the raffle on both days. Time has been allocated in two hour slots, so if you can help please see Sue and put your name down. All sellers are expected to put in at least two hours selling tickets. Remember that all money raised goes back to you the members, and it's not fair that a few do all the work so the majority benefit. Thanks to those who have already volunteered.

If you're handy in the kitchen how about whipping something up for morning and afternoon tea? There will be a free sausage sizzle at lunch time for sellers and helpers, but we need some cakes/slices/scones etc for the other times.



DIARY DATES FOR 2020

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.

October 24th	Tinana
Oct 31st - Nov 1st	Monster Sale – Senior Citizens Centre Totness Street Torquay
November 7th	Christmas Breakup - Kondari Resort Elizabeth Street Urangan
November 28 th	Dundowran Hall Cnr Dundowran Road/Lower Mountain Road

OUR PRICE LIST EFFECTIVE MAY 2020

There have been some minor changes to the prices of labels, and the addition of the paper sleeves, as shown below.

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	\$1.80 for 25
LARGE WHITE LABELS	\$2.70 for 25
YELLOW SALES LABELS	\$6.00 for 100
LABELLING PENCILS	\$3.60 each
<u>Paper Sleeves</u>	
140mm x 10	\$2.90
170mm x 10	\$3.40
200mm x 10	\$3.60
FERTILISER	\$2.75 for 500 grams

Please note that some prices change from time to time depending on where the items can be purchased at the best value.

If you are running short and need something it would be appreciated if you could ring Maxine on 0404 244 819 to possibly make arrangements to pick them up from her home prior to the meeting, or let her know in advance and she will have them ready for you at the next meeting.

Goff has potting mix for sale at \$8 for a 30 litre bag, and if you ring him on 0416783773 you can also make arrangements to get some from him.

Library: All books and magazines borrowed are to be returned in good order to the following meeting. If they aren't on a wait list, they may be rebooked.

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SOCIETY INC.

MONSTER SALE 2020

Senior Citizens Centre

Totness Street Torquay

Saturday 31st October 8.00—4.00

Sunday 1st November 8.00—1.00

A huge variety of top quality
beautiful plants to choose from to suit all
tastes, with new stocks daily from
eighteen growers

Free Admission

Plenty of parking for cars and buses

For more information call

John on 0409 932 997

Or Sue on 0414 757 162

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