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Hi everyone.

Well here we are heading for our first meeting of 2021. Who'd have thought this time last year what the next twelve months would bring upon the world, but now we've got through the worst of it all hopefully this year will be one full of friendship and good times.

Next month is, of course, our Annual General Meeting, and the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Committee Members are now open for nominations. If you would like to get more involved with the running of your club, nomination forms will be available at this meeting and must be returned to the Secretary no later than February 1st.

Three guest speakers have already been arranged so far for this year. Rebekah Trevor will be with us next month, Michelle and Mal Cameron in May and Nev Ryan in June, and the committee are investigating the possibility of at least two more, so it certainly looks like being a very informative year.

The Plant Of The Month Competition will of course begin again this meeting, and it would be great to see a lot of members bring along your beautiful plants. Although there are five sections, you don't have to enter them all, but the more you do enter the better chance you have of winning.

What plants are you going to bring along for Show And Tell? It could be something a little quirky, or maybe one or more you don't have a name for or are having trouble growing. And if you'd like to give a short talk on how you first got into Bromeliads and your journey over the years since we'd love to hear it.

Don't forget that meetings now start at 1.00 pm, with plant sales at 12.30.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR JANUARY
Ian Fluerty, Sue Loughran, Irene Lippross, Trish Magee,
Richard Payne, Stan Ray, Pete Smith

CARNIVOROUS BROMELIAD

Brocchinia Reducta (bro'kinia ridukta) is one of few carnivorous bromeliads. It is native to southern Venezuela, Brazil, Colombia, and Guyana, and is found in nutrient-poor soil. *B. Reducta* adapts to different environments: when growing on rocks it uses its roots as anchors.

Like many other bromeliads, it forms a water-storing cup with its tightly overlapping leaves. The leaves surrounding the cup are coated with loose, waxy scales. These scales are highly reflective of ultraviolet light. Since many insects are attracted to ultraviolet (it is also reflected by many flowers), this is an efficient lure.

The water in the cup also emits a sweet odour, which may serve to attract ants and other insects.

B. Reducta absorbs its nutrients from the outer cell wall, which is covered in trichomes that can transport molecules as small as 6.6 nm.

The loose scales provide a poor foothold for landing insects, causing them to slip into the water-filled cup and eventually drown.

It has been argued that this plant is not actually carnivorous because the production of digestive enzymes could not be found. However, in 2005 it was shown that the plant produces at least phosphatase enzymes in its glandular structures and is thus considered a true carnivorous plant. The enzymes and bacteria digest the trapped insects and release the nutrients for absorption by the leaves.



DIARY DATES FOR 2021

BYO 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.

All monthly meetings except June and October will now be held in the Dundowran Hall at the corner of Lower Mountain Road and Dundowran Road.

June 26th Narelle and John Hoffmann 287 John Street Maryborough

October 23rd Elizabeth and Ron Southern 60 Serenity Drive Tinana

OUR LATEST PRICE LIST

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
FERTILISER	\$3.10 for 500 grams
<u>Paper Sleeves</u>	
140mm x 10	\$2.90
170mm x 10	\$3.40
200mm x 10	\$3.60

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.

(If reprinting an article, wholly or in part, please acknowledge the author and newsletter.)

Me coming home with a new plant after I said I wasn't going to get any more

