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Hi all

Some very good news to start with this month. Bunnings have allocated us Sunday August 15th to hold a Sausage Sizzle, with funds raised going towards the trip to Rockhampton in September. We will need a minimum of four people at all times to run it, and would love to have enough members volunteer so that we can split it into four two hour shifts between 7.30am and 7.00pm. Let's not leave it up to just a few, because as they say many hands make light work.

It was great to see Michelle and Mal Cameron back with us once again. They gave an enlightening talk on the growing and hybridising of Vrieseas, and showed us some beautiful specimens of what they've managed to achieve. It's certainly a long process from fertilising in the middle of the night to the finished plant available to the public, and their dedication is to be admired.

This month's meeting will be at Narelle and John Hoffmann's in Maryborough, and the guest speaker will be Nev Ryan who will be giving a talk and presentation on Tillandsias. No doubt he'll be bringing a host of beauties for us to look at as well as buy, so make sure you get along. This meeting will start at 11.00am and a BBQ lunch will be provided. Don't forget to bring a chair and a mug for liquid refreshments.

The lucky ones who went to the Tillandsia Day in Brisbane had an informative day, hearing from guest speakers Pamela Koide-Hyatt (from the U.S. by Zoom), Andrew Fowler and John Olsen, a Q & A session with Peter Tristram, Bruce Dunstan, Pam Butler and John Olsen, and a sale of a huge number of plants. I'm sure a lot of them came home lighter in the wallet but with smiles on their faces. Some photos are on page four.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR JUNE
Janine Blaber, Elaine Priston, Lorraine Ward, Tara Casey,
Anne Walsh, Ron Southern, Matthew Perkins

This meeting starts at 11.00 am, with plant sales at 10.30

Plant Of The Month Competition

Neoregelia - Mini

First – Bumble Bee – Nigel Thomson	7 votes
Second – Harpo – Nigel Thomson	6 Votes
Third – Donger - Goff Loughran	5 Votes

Pattern Leaf Vriesea

First – Hunua Fireburst – Nigel Thomson	9 Votes
Second - Maunakea x Paho Beauty J & N Hoffmann	5 Votes
Third – Eureka – Goff Loughran	4 Votes

Flowering Bromeliad

First – Guzmania Tola – Nigel Thomson	10 Votes
Second – Pifred – Goff Loughran	9 Votes
Third – Conifer – Goff Loughran	5 Votes

Tillandsia - Potted

First - Roy Ford Hybrid – Nigel Thomson	6 Votes
Second – Dimmits Talent – Ian Fluerty	5 Votes
Third – Moreana – Goff Loughran	4 Votes
Xerographica - Megan Hurst	4 Votes

Other Genera

First – Sincoria Alba Picta – Goff Loughran	12 Votes
Second – Aech Orlandiana Pink Form – David Ward	6 Votes
Third – Hohenbergia Leopoldi Horstii – J & N Hoffmann	4 Votes

(This month – Neoregelia is Midi (250mm – 500mm) and Tillandsia is mounted)



Rockhampton Bromeliad Show And Sale 3-5 September

There are still places available for our Bus Trip to Rockhampton in September; so please give your names to Sue if you would like to go. The price at this stage for the bus trip and motel accommodation is \$150 per person as the club is subsidizing \$50, and hopes to be able to subsidize more. Even at the full price it's still cheap for a weekend's getaway.

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

September 18th 1 week early due to the Hervey Bay Orchid Show And Sale

October 23rd Elizabeth and Ron Southern 60 Serenity Drive Tinana

OUR LATEST PRICE LIST

125MM SQUAT POTS	\$2.70 for 10
140MM SQUAT POTS	\$3.75 for 10
165MM POTS	\$3.00 for 5
200MM POTS	\$3.50 for 5
HANGERS (4 PRONG)	\$3.30 for 10
SMALL WHITE LABELS	\$1.25 for 25
LARGE WHITE LABELS	\$1.50 for 25
YELLOW SALES LABELS	\$3.00 for 50
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

If you are running short and need something it would be appreciated if you could ring Sue and Stewart on 41286217 to possibly make arrangements to pick them up from their home prior to the meeting or let them know in advance and they 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.)

Member Input Wanted

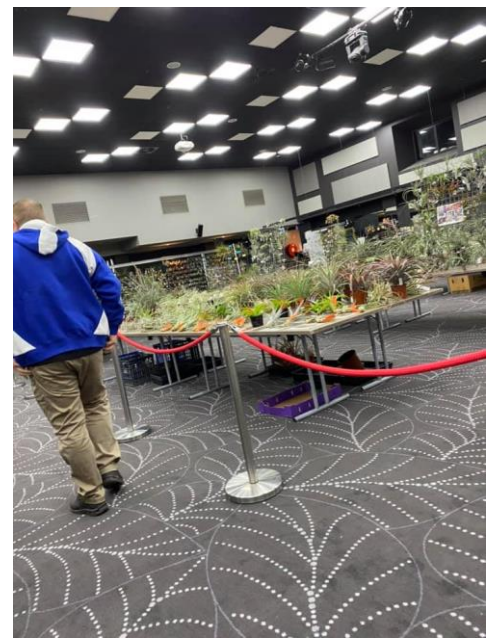
If you have a special plant or growing method you would like to tell your fellow members about, now is a good time to write it up and send it in. Within the area our club covers there are many diverse micro-climates, even within different parts of Hervey Bay, and it would be interesting to know what you find grows best and what growing methods you use. You can also send in photos of your favourite Bromeliads to make us green with envy.

Library

How many members avail themselves of the many books in the library? If you haven't done so check out what's on offer at this meeting. Some months ago we ordered a new book from Brazil on Alcantareas, and this is now available. It's not exactly light reading, but should provide some interesting insights into this particular species, so check it out. We try to add books and other publications on a regular basis, so don't forget to see Jan and Les Hutchins our dedicated librarians to see what's new.

Tillandsia Day

If you missed out this year and are interested in Tillandsias, make sure to keep an eye out for next year's event.



ME: I'm only getting one house plant
ME Six months later

