



# FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC.

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### **EDITORIAL**

Welcome to the November newsletter and the last for 2021.

This month has been busy for club members preparing for, organising and running the Society's Annual Monster Sale which has been a huge success.

Also this month we saw the Bromeliad Society International Judges School in the Fraser Coast as well as the the Bromeliad Society of Queensland purchasing some plants for their Christmas raffle from several of our members.

I've also added a new section listing the bromeliad cultivars and hybrids registered by Australian growers over the past month. It is great to see one of our own members and a couple of our guest speakers feature in this list.

As usual there will be no December meeting. Our first meeting for 2022 will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January with plant sales at 12:30pm and the meeting commencing at 1:00pm at the Dundowran Hall.

The next Newsletter will be issued in January.

See you all at the November General Meeting and Christmas Party.

### **Happy Birthday**

to the following members for November...

Natalie Bexton

Pamela Frederiksen

Elizabeth Wray

Megan Perkins

and for the month of December

Maureen Conner

Deborah Kruger

Elizabeth Southern

David Ward

Debra Macra

## NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to our new members :

**Pam Duddy**

**Jennifer Webb**

We hope you enjoy a long and happy association with the society, growing and spreading the love we all have for bromeliads.



## DID YOU KNOW ...



While we may complain about insects attacking our bromeliads here in Queensland, the genera in its natural habitat in South America has a bigger pest to contend with ... the Spectacled Bear also known as the Andean Bear.

They are found almost entirely in the Andes Mountains through Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia in a wide variety of habitats and altitudes including cloud forests, high-altitude grasslands, dry forests, and scrub deserts.

Spectacled bears are more herbivorous than most other bears and bromeliads can make up 50% of their diet which also includes palm nuts, bamboo hearts, orchid bulbs, and unopened palm leaves. They also eat cultivated plants, such as sugarcane, honey, and corn.

The spectacled bears are classified as Vulnerable on the Endangered Species List and their numbers are decreasing.

## WINNERS ARE GRINNERS ...

The winners of the Monster Sale Raffle were :

**1<sup>st</sup> : Maureen Conner ( left centre )**

**2<sup>nd</sup> : Veronica ( far left, top )**

**3<sup>rd</sup> : Wilma ( far left, bottom )**

Thank you to Bunnings, Springvale Nursery, Hervey Bay Garden Centre for their donations to our raffle

Also a big thanks to the members for their donations and support of the raffle. All proceeds go toward the hire of the venue for this major event in our calendar.



## **IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR CLUB MEMBER'S ACTION AND INFORMATION :**

- ❖ **2022 Monthly Meeting Dates** ... These are listed in the Diary section of the Newsletter to reserve in your home calendars and diaries. c
- ❖ **Library Books**... Library books will not be available at the November meeting. It is requested that all books be returned to Les either at the Christmas Party or by drop off at his place. ( please call to arrange a time ) so that maintenance and stocktake can be done.
- ❖ **Christmas Breakup** ... Our November meeting is combined with Christmas Party at the Kondari Hotel. Proceedings will kick off at 11:00am with the Monthly General Meeting.

Don't forget your contributions to the prize pool for the raffle. Add a little wrapping paper to add to the fun of the day. The Society have added some plants and surprises.

- ❖ **Membership 2022** ... membership fees are due by the 31st December 2021 to ensure your FCBSI membership remains active for 2022.

Annual Membership fees are:-

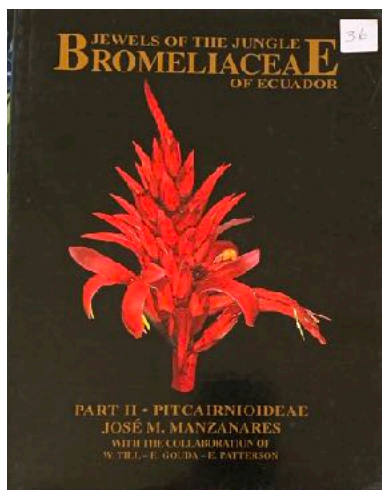
- Single Membership - \$10
- Family Membership - \$15.

Fees can either be paid direct to the Treasurer or via electronic banking. For the society's bank details, please contact Janine.





## BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY



### Jewels of the Jungle - Bromeliaceae of Ecuador

#### (Part 2 - Pitcairnioideae)

by José M. Manzanares (2005).

This is the second volume in the series and summarises the 15 genera in the subfamily ... **Pitcairnioideae**. The two genera that occur in Ecuador are **Pitcairnia** and **Puyu**.

Each species is shown in detail with a description of the plant, collections studied, distribution, etymology, keys and detailed photographs.

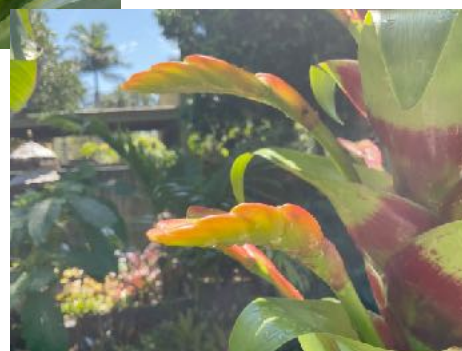
It is a large hardback edition with 303 pages and many color illustrations.

#### **Please note:**

All books & magazines borrowed are to be returned in good order to the following meeting. If not on wait list, they may be rebooked.

## AROUND OUR CLUB MEMBER GARDENS

Sue Mcdonald sent in these pictures of her 2 year old ... **Alcanterea brasiliana**. It is a species that grows on cliffs at approximately 500m and is a native to Brazil. It looks very healthy in Sue's environment at Dundowran Beach.



Come on all you budding photographers...share a corner of your garden with your fellow club members. Send your photos to the [tintenters@bigpond.com](mailto:tintenters@bigpond.com). Please include names if known so I can caption the photos.

## PLANT OF THE MONTH - RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 2021

	NEOREGELIA - LARGE		
	First : ⇐	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Julia'	Ian Fluerty ( 10 points )
	Second :	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Atomic Blast'	Ron Southern ( 4 points )
	Third :	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'The Mouse'	Goff Loughran ( 3 points )
	PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA		
	First : ⇐	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Abigail Jean'	Goff Loughran ( 6 points )
	Second :	<i>Vriesea</i> 'In-fell-able'	Goff Loughran ( 5 points )
	Third :	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Celestial Jewel' F2	John Hoffman ( 4 points )
	FLOWERING BROMELIADS		
	First : ⇐	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Vogue'	John & Narelle Hoffman ( 9 points )
	Second :	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Marzana'	Goff Loughran ( 5 points )
	Third :	<i>Orthophtum</i> 'Gold Dust'	Val Honeywood ( 4 points )
	TILLANDSIA - POTTED		
	First : ⇐	<i>Tillandsia xerographica</i>	Goff Loughran ( 8 points )
	Second :	<i>Tillandsia lorentziana</i>	Jan Hutchins ( 3 points )
	Third :	<i>Tillandsia juncea</i>	Allan Miller ( 2 points )
	OTHER GENERA		
	First : ⇐	<i>Quesnelia</i> 'Tim Ploughman'	John Casey ( 7 points )
	Second :	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Owen Quinn'	Val Honeywood ( 6 points )
	Third :	<i>xNidumea</i> 'Pepe'	Goff Loughran ( 5 points )

**January meeting** : Neoregelia is **"Mini - Under 200mm"** and Tillandsia is **"Potted"**



## ***FCBSI MONSTER SALE 2021***

Well that's it ... another Monster Sale done and dusted.

We had a very successful event with record sales and buyers coming from as far away as Brisbane, Beaudesert and Rockhampton. So the word is spreading about the wonderful plants we have on offer here on the Fraser Coast.

Some important stats about the weekend are:

- ❖ **16** sellers selling on the weekend;
- ❖ **1758** plants / items were sold; and
- ❖ **17** membership enquiries.

A big thank you to the organising committee, the club volunteers for their time, and the sellers for growing and preparing the amazing plants. A special thanks to Maxine for the wonderful display and all the members who supplied plants for inclusion in the display.

You all helped to make the weekend an outstanding success and to inspire new and old bromeliad lovers...

Here's a recap of the colourful weekend:



***The Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Inc. Monster Sale 2021 Display***

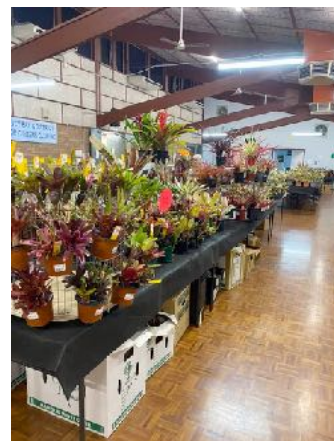


***And the display all starts here ... Thanks Maxine!***



## FCBSI MONSTER SALE 2021 (CONT)

*All is ready for the 8:00am start next day*



*8:00am ... the doors are open*



*Customer Service*



*The "Counting House"*



*The Kitchen*



## **BROMELIAD SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL JUDGES WEEKEND**

Over the last weekend in October, the Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society hosted the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) Judges school. A special 'thank you' to our members, Megan & Matt Perkins, Sue & Stewart McDonald, Burnice & Ian Fluerty, Nigel & Rosalie Thomson, and Jan & Les Hutchins, who opened their gardens to everybody to enjoy. What a great privilege for our Society.

Two of our Society members, Sue Loughran and Megan Perkins are currently student judges. To be an accredited BSI judge, certain minimum requirements must be met.

These include:

- ❖ being a member of the BSI and an affiliate of the BSI
- ❖ growing at least 50 different bromeliads in at least 10 different genera,
- ❖ successfully complete 6 bromeliad schools over 3 years and passing the points scoring examination at the end of each school;
- ❖ passing a final exam on the required reading material;
- ❖ serve as a clerk or co-chair on one of eight committees;
- ❖ served as a judge at three BSI standard shows; and
- ❖ must have won five blue ribbons in BSI Standard or Judged shows.



*Garden Visit @ Sue McDonald's*

## **NEW REGISTRATION :**

### **TILLANDSIA 'PINK PATCHES' ( BCR 16970 )**

**Tillandsia 'Pink Patches'** is a Neville Ryan cultivar registered by Dale Dixon. It is a cultivar of *Tillandsia recurvifolia* var. *subsecundifolia* x *Tillandsia sprengeliana*. Neville, who is an annual visitor to the Society's meetings, made the cross in 2005. It was named after his sister's dog.

The Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR) description is:

*Secund, scurfed dark green leaves, narrowly-triangular, each tapering to a point. Short, compact inflorescence to 13cm. long with rosy red floral bracts, sparsely covered with lepidote scales. Cerise pink / mauve flowers.*

A nice little plant to look out for ... definitely on my wishlist.





## DIARY DATES FOR 2021

### Meetings:

<i>November 27</i>	<b>Christmas Breakup</b>	<i>Kondari Resort Elizabeth Street, Urangan</i>
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## Diary Dates for 2022

### FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event / guest Speaker</b>	<b>Venue / Location</b>
<i>January 22</i>	Monthly Meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>February 26</i>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> followed by our normal monthly meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>March 26</i>	Monthly Meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>April 23</i>	Monthly Meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>May 21</i>	Monthly Meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>June 25</i>	<b>BBQ Lunch</b> incorporating Monthly Meeting and Charity Raffle	<i>Narelle &amp; John Hoffman 287 John St, Maryborough</i>
<i>July 23</i>	Monthly Meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>August 27</i>	Monthly Meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>September 24</i>	Monthly Meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>October 22</i>	Monthly Meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>November 27</i>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<i>tba</i>

### Events:

<i>April 2/3</i>	<b>BSQ Autumn Show &amp; Sale</b>	<i>Belmont Shooting Complex</i>
<i>September 23/24/ 25</i>	<b>Hervey Bay Orchid Show</b>	<i>Xavier College - Eli Waters</i>
<i>September 24/25</i>	<b>BSQ Autumn Show &amp; Sale</b>	<i>Genesis College - Bray Park</i>
<i>November 5/6</i>	<b>FCBSI Monster Sale 2022</b>	<i>Senior Citizens Centre Totness Street</i>

### Note:

Unless notified otherwise, monthly meetings are on the **fourth** Saturday of the month

Please BYO mug, plants you need help with, sales plants, Plant Of The Month entries, and raffle donations to our meetings.

## EDITOR'S NOTE











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## NEW REGISTRATIONS

Of the latest 50 cultivar registration, ten are from Australian growers as per the following Table

<b>Photograph</b>	<b>Cultivar Name</b>	<b>Hybridist</b>	
	Seed Parent X Pollen Parent	BCR No.	State
	<b>Tillandsia 'Pink Patches'</b> <i>recurvifolia</i> var. <i>subsecundifolia</i> X <i>sprengliana</i>	<b>Neville Ryan</b> BCR_16970	QLD
	<b>Vriesea 'Albatross'</b> Dillings Black Beauty X Patrice	<b>Mal &amp; Michelle Cameron</b> BCR_16969	QLD
	<b>Neoregelia 'Lavish Delight'</b> The Rose X Strawberry	<b>Grace Goode / Geoff Lawn*</b> BCR_16967	QLD
	<b>Neoregelia 'Eloquence'</b> Bill's Beauty X Princeps	<b>Vic Przetocki</b> BCR_16958	WA
	<b>Neoregelia 'Somerset Tubby'</b> <i>cruenta</i>	<b>Robert Marks</b> BCR_16957	QLD
	<b>Vriesea 'Ruby Pendant'</b> <i>guttata</i> X Hawaiian Ruby	<b>Mal &amp; Michelle Cameron</b> BCR_16945	QLD
	<b>Billbergia 'Pandora'</b> Talbot Eve X ?	<b>Neill Bain / Amanda Barbe*</b> BCR_16940	QLD
	<b>Billbergia 'Wild Cherry'</b> Grand Finale X Firebird	<b>Stuart Beasley</b> BCR_16932	QLD
	<b>Alcantarea 'Byron Sunset'</b> <i>vinicolor</i> X Totara Orange	<b>Bob Grant / Mitch Jones*</b> BCR_16931	N.S.W.
	<b>Tillandsia 'Roy's Pride'</b> <i>rothii</i> ? X <i>jalisco-monticola</i> ?	<b>Roy Ford / Nigel Thomson*</b> BCR_16930	QLD

Data and photographs courtesy of the Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR)



## **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	\$3.20 for 500grams
PAPER SLEEVES, 140mm (Pack of 10)	\$2.90
PAPER SLEEVES, 170mm (Pack of 10)	\$3.40
PAPER SLEEVES, 200mm (Pack of 10)	\$3.60

If you are running short and need something, it would be appreciated if you could ring Sue and Stewart on 07 4128 6217 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.

## **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. 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 all green with envy.

## **PLANT SALES @ MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Plant sales commence at 12.30pm and pause when the monthly meeting starts (usually 1.00pm), then recommence during afternoon tea. Please remember that all sales finish at afternoon tea.

Plants travel much better in boxes or recyclable bags than plastic bags

## AT THE OCTOBER MEETING



*The business end ...*



*The sleepy end ...*



*Plant of the Month - Pattern Leaf Vriesea*



*Plant of the Month - Flowering Bromeliads*



*Plant of the Month - Other Genera*

### *Photo credits:*

*BCR - Pg. 10*

*Dale Dixon (BSI / BSR) - Pg. 8*

*Les Hutchins - Pg. 5, 6, 7, & 12*

*Sue Loughran - Pg. 2, 6, 7 & 8*

*Sue McDonald - Pg. 4*

*Merry*  
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY  
*New Year*