



FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

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STOP PRESS : JANUARY MEETING CANCELLED

WELCOME TO 2022

Hopefully, our first meeting for 2022 will be the **Annual General Meeting** to be held on February 26th. Members are encouraged to offer themselves for positions on the committee.

At this stage our future **monthly meetings** will require masks to be worn, signing in, sanitising, social distancing, etc.

The **Plant Of The Month Competition** will begin again next month, and it would be great to see members bring along your beautiful plants. At the February meeting, the Neoregelia section is "**Mini - Under 200mm**" and Tillandsia is "**Potted**".

Don't forget, **Membership renewals** are due on the 31 December 2021 and can either be paid to the Treasurer or through internet banking. For the society's bank details please contact Janine.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for January :



Ian Fluerty
Sue Loughran
Irene Lippross
Richard Payne
Stan Ray, and
Pete Smith.

IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR CLUB MEMBER'S ACTION AND INFORMATION :

❖ January Meeting

The January meeting has been cancelled. After some consideration, the committee decided to cancel the January meeting given the current health situation regarding COVID. We hope that we will be able to meet again in February and will keep you informed.

❖ Membership Fees

Members are reminded that fees were due on 31 December 2021. These can either be paid to the Treasurer or through internet banking. For the society's bank details please contact Janine.

Thank You to the many members who have already paid.

❖ Notification of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Inc. will be held during our 26th February 2022 meeting.

In accordance with the Constitution all positions on the Management Committee will be declared vacant and a new Management Committee will be formed.

We would like to encourage members of the Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Inc. to step forward and serve on the new Management Committee to help the Society move forward and bring some new ideas to the Society over the next 12 months.

If you are willing to step forward or wish to nominate a member to serve on the Management Committee, please complete the nomination form and have it to the Secretary by the **required date**. The person being nominated must also sign the form to indicate their willingness to stand.

❖ Society Position Vacancies

- **President :** After several years, John Casey is stepping down due to ill health so we require someone to take over this important position.

Other positions may be available so keep your ears to the ground. As a volunteer organisation we do need your help to keep the ship on an even keel. Please let the secretary know if you are interested or able to assist.

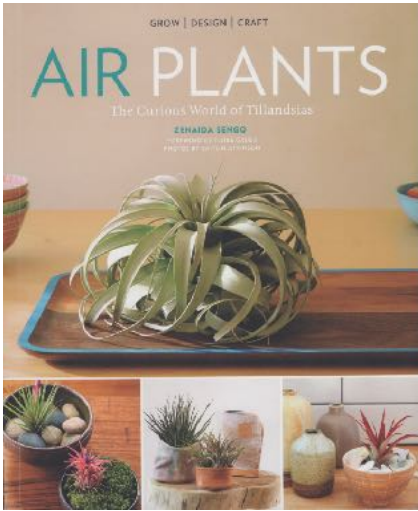
MEMBER'S CHALLENGE

People are flocking to our Fraser Coast region due to the our fabulous lifestyle and low Covid rate in 2021. You can feel it when you are out and about the Bay. With the influx of people moving to our area, we are challenged to figure out how to involve them in our bromeliad world. The committee would love you to **share your ideas** via this newsletter.

BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

Air Plants - The Curious World of Tillandsias

by Zenaida Sengo in collaboration with Caitlan Atkinson (2014).



Despite their reputation for being low maintenance, air plants or Tillandsias cannot survive on air alone. Passionate horticulturist and designer, Zenaida Sengo describes the basics of growing and maintaining intriguing plants. She then explains how use them in craft projects and home decor, including as living bows on presents, additions to jewellery, mounted on walls and suspended from the ceiling.

Caitlan Atkinson's photography in the book has brought Zenaida's words to life in this beautifully illustrated book. A must read for Tillandsia lover's.

It is a paperback edition with 224 pages with many colourful illustrations.

Please note:

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

BUNNINGS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

In December last year, the Committee was approached by Bunnings Warehouse to participate in their Christmas Family Fun Night. We provided a potting table where kids could pot their own mini Neo to take home as well as being allowed a sales table.



The "potting" table saw a good deal of action even if some little ones had to be coaxed with a whisper in the ear "that Mum would really like one of these".

The plant sales ... mmm!

Thanks to those members who donated plants and assisted on the night...a good PR exercise.



PLANT OF THE MONTH - OVERALL RESULTS 2021

2021 Overall Winner		
Nigel Thomson		
<i>Neoregelia 'Fruit Stripe'</i> <small>(Nigel Thomson)</small>	NEOREGELIA	<i>Neoregelia 'Julia'</i> <small>(Ian Fluerty)</small>
	<i>Nigel Thomson</i> (19 points)	
	<i>Ian Fluerty</i> (14 points)	
	<i>Goff Loughran</i> (13 points)	
<i>Vriesea 'Hawaiian Fantasy'</i> <small>(Nigel Thomson)</small>	PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA	<i>Vriesea 'Abigail Jean'</i> <small>(Goff Loughran)</small>
	<i>Nigel Thomson</i> (27 points)	
	<i>Goff Loughran</i> (15 points)	
	<i>Ian Fluerty</i> (12 points)	
<i>Vriesea 'Evita'</i> <small>(Nigel Thomson)</small>	FLOWERING BROMELIADS	<i>Vriesea 'Astrid'</i> <small>(Nigel Thomson)</small>
	<i>Nigel Thomson</i> (26 points)	
	<i>Goff Loughran</i> (16 points)	
	<i>Val Honeywood</i> (11 points)	
<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i> <small>(Maxine O'Shea)</small>	TILLANDSIA	<i>Tillandsia xerographica</i> <small>(Goff Loughran)</small>
	<i>Nigel Thomson</i> (19 points)	
	<i>Goff Loughran</i> (16 points)	
	<i>Maxine O'Shea</i> (10 points)	
<i>xSincoregelia 'Cosmic Blast'</i> <small>(Nigel Thomson)</small>	OTHER GENERA	<i>Aechmea 'Robert Manescal'</i> <small>(Nigel Thomson)</small>
	<i>David Ward</i> (15 points)	
	<i>Nigel Thomson</i> (15 points)	
	<i>Goff Loughran</i> (13 points)	
	<i>Val Honeywood</i> (11 points)	

Thank you to all members who entered plants during 2021!

FCBSI PLANT OF THE MONTH 2021 AWARD PRESENTATIONS



President and Treasurer kick off the Awards



Nigel receiving one of his many Awards



Goff also had a successful 2021.



Val Honeywood



David Ward



Maxine O'Shea, another prize winner in 2021.

FCBSI PLANT OF THE MONTH 2021 AWARD PRESENTATIONS (CONT)



Our Grand Champion : Nigel Thomson

Left : "Mr President, did you forget something?"

Below : "All smiles now, both trophy and prize presented."



**Congratulations to
Nigel
and
all our prize winners.**

Below : Award Presentation to Ian Fluerty who unfortunately was in hospital





AROUND THE ROOM AT THE

KONDARI CHRISTMAS



CELEBRATIONS



AND THE MONSTER RAFFLE



The very popular raffle tables awaiting winners



Our Christmas Elves



Whoops! Wrong coloured ticket.



What have we in this Mystery prize?



Hiding behind the spoils.



See you all next year!

Diary Dates for 2022

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

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

Events:

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







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

NEW CULIVAR REGISTRATIONS

The following table is a list of new cultivars registered by an Australian grower or by an Australian collector on a growers behalf since the last FCBSI newsletter. All specimens should be in Australian collections and as such should appear on the local scene at some stage.

Photograph	Cultivar Name	Hybridist	
	Seed Parent X Pollen Parent	BCR No.	State
	Billbergia 'Pink Pandora' Talbot Eve X ?	Neill Bain / Amanda Barbe* BCR_16988	QLD
	Neoregelia 'Rangeview Huff' (Black Opal X Snow Tiger) X ?	Peter Kilpatrick BCR_16991	QLD
	Billbergia 'Firedance' Grand Final X Firebird	Stuart Beasley BCR_16995	QLD
	Billbergia 'Summer Snowfall' Kolan 846 X Kolan Star Wars	Jan Evans BCR_16996	QLD
	Billbergia 'Burgandy Blush' Grand Finale X Firebird	Stuart Beasley BCR_17002	QLD
	Tillandsia 'Arden's Little Thunder' pueblensis X ionantha	John Arden (Registered by Alfonso Trudo - QLD) BCR_17014	USA : California
	Tillandsia 'Holm's Lemon Sorbet' crocata X bandensis	Holm, Burkhard / Dale Dixon* BCR_17018	Germany
	Tillandsia 'Holm's Dorothy' albertiana X argentina	Holm, Burkhard / Tanya Richter* (Registered by Dr Dale Dixon - QLD) BCR_17019	Germany
	Neoregelia 'Sparkling Gold' Wild Tiger X lilliputiana	Kent Jacobsson BCR_117028	N.S.W.
	Neoregelia 'Pirate Party' Alan's Iridium X ?	Ladd, Alan / Synold, Graeme* BCR_17033	QLD
	Tillandsia 'Womalah' stricta (large leaf) X albertiana	Margaret Paterson (Registered by Dr Dale Dixon - QLD) BCR_17034	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	\$3.10 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.

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That's All Folks !

Attachments:

FCBSI Monthly General Meeting Minutes - 27 November 2021

2022 Committee Nomination Form