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JULY MONTHLY MEETING : 23 JULY 2022

July Monthly Meeting @ Dundowran Hall.

Our Guest Speaker is Peter Ball and he will take us on his Journey through Bromeliads.

Plant of the Month voting, plant sales, etc. will commence at 12:30pm followed by the meeting at 1:00 am.

Don't forget to bring a plant for 'Show, Tell & Ask'.

PLANT OF THE MONTH IS

TILLANDSIA : MOUNTED & NEOREGELIA : MAXI (OVER 450MM)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for July :



Sue Casey,
Hildred Davies,
Reine Gunther,
John Lippross, and
Vicki Smith.

JUNE MONTHLY MEETING REPORT

Just when you think we're over Covid disruption, it surfaces again ... this time with our host for the BBQ/ charity raffle meeting testing positive a couple of days before the event. Sue swung into action and did the ring around to find a new venue.

A big thank you to David and Lorraine Ward for opening their garden for us to enjoy and hold our monthly meeting.

The sausage sizzle went ahead with Sue and Tara Casey arming themselves with the tongs and preparing the sausages for our members to enjoy before we got down to business.

After, enjoying a sausage (or two), members took up the pencils and cast their votes for Plant of the Month.

Vice President Les opened the meeting, welcomed members and guests and updated members on Management Committees activities.

Unfortunately our 'Show, Tell and Ask' segment this month was a non event with no members bringing anything. Come on ... out into the garden and find a plant to bring along to show or ask about.

Our guest speaker, Neville Ryan showed us some of his plants and shared his experiences in growing Tillandsias. Some of the many he showed our members were:

T. peiranoi ... a very small species like a tiny *edithae* in shape but *paleacea* in bloom.

T. 'Tammy' ... this is one of Neville's hybrids - *T. streptophilla* x *pruinosa*. A bulbous -based rosette to 30cm diam. x 25cm high with grey green channelled leaves, a pink bract with tubular mauve flowers.

T. 'Uluru' ... another of Neville's hybrids. One parent is reportedly *T. 'Domingensis'* - a cultivar of *T. capitata*. There are suspicions the other is *T. ionantha*. Uluru was an apt name because the plant is red and it just sits there for years doing nothing – just like the rock!

T. mauryana ... plant grows in groups or clumps, flowering it grows 5 to 15cm tall with many silver grey bent back leaves, reddish pink floral bracts with pale green/dark green tubular flowers. 'A small, green flowering Tillandsia from Mexico.

The Q&A session was very interactive, Thanks to Neville for his informative and entertaining talk.

During the refreshment break, members converged on the table of tillandsia's Neville had for sale.

After a break, Plant of the Month winners were announced with each of the category winners providing a short resume on their winning plant to give members a bit of background.

Closing the meeting with the monthly raffle. This month saw a great selection of prizes and many members heading home with a variety of plants.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING :

❖ Annual BBQ Lunch & Charity Raffle - RESCHEDULED

This meeting/event has been rescheduled to Saturday 22nd October at Narelle and John Hoffmann's in Maryborough.

Plant of the Month voting, plant sales, library, etc. will commence at 10:30am with the formal meeting starting at 11.00am. A BBQ lunch will be provided. Don't forget to bring a chair and a mug for refreshments.

❖ Plant of the Month

The July monthly meeting is Neoregelia - "Maxi - over 450mm" and Tillandsia - "Mounted".

Also please note the category update on page 5.

❖ Show, Tell and Ask!

Bring along your favourite plant and share its success with the other members.

Share it with others to see, learn and enjoy.

❖ Facebook Page

Our Facebook page - **Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society**, has been developed by Megan and Matt Perkins and is now available if you are a Facebook user.

❖ Monthly meeting : Date &/or venue changes.

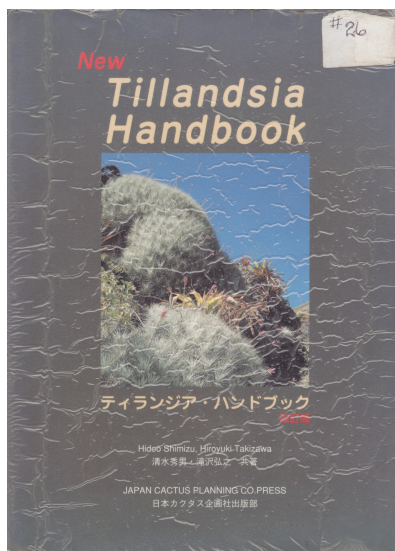
Please note the following changes to the Society's calendar:

- There will be **NO** August meeting due to 'Broms in the Bay' Conference.
- The September Meeting will be brought forward to the 3rd Saturday (September 17) due to clashing with the Hervey Bay Orchid Show and the BSQ Spring Show & Sale.
- The venue and times for the October meeting have been changed. Refer to paragraph above.

BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY ...

New Tillandsia Handbook

by Hideo Shmizu & Hiroyuki Takizawa (1998)



This book is essentially a photo album. In the words of the authors...this book is not to educate, but to try to capture and convey the extraordinary beauty of the Tillandsia species. Each plant is shown in bloom and in some cases includes close-ups of the flower and inflorescence.

This book is not a scientific publication, but a concise collection of photos, with many unusual Tillandsia's included and only a very brief description of each plant.

The book is divided into 4 sections:

1. Photos of species in their natural habitat,
2. Tillandsia A - Z with species in bloom, including some close-ups of the flower and inflorescence,
3. Tillandsia hybrids, and
4. Cultivation...unfortunately this section has very little translation.

Despite the short descriptions in English, the book can be very useful in identifying plants.

Borrowers please note :

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

PLANT OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2022



NEOREGELIA - MIDI

First : ⇐	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Shirley Kay'	Nigel Thomson (12 votes)
Second :	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Sunfire Tiger'	Nigel Thomson (7 votes)
Third :	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'DeLeons Inferno'	Goff Loughran (4 votes)



PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA

First : ⇐	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Candy Stripe'	Nigel Thomson (13 votes)
Second :	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Heartbreaker' [N.R.]	Nigel Thomson (7 votes)
Third :	<i>Vriesea</i> 'In-fell-able' [N.R.]	Nigel Thomson (3 votes)



TILLANDSIA - POTTED

First : ⇐	<i>Tillandsia ehlersiana</i>	Ray Gough (6 votes)
Second :	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Olympic Torch'	Nigel Thomson (5 votes)
Third :	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Bob's Amigo'	Goff Loughran (4 votes)



FLOWERING BROMELIADS

First : ⇐	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Evita'	Nigel Thomson (8 votes)
Second :	<i>Guzmania saungiana</i> 'Tricolor'	Allan Miller (6 votes)
Third :	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Mia'	Goff Loughran (3 votes)



OTHER GENERA

First : ⇐	<i>Deuterocohnia</i> species	John Casey (15 votes)
Second :	<i>Aechmea orlandiana</i> (seedling)	Ian Fluerty (7 votes)
Third :	—	—

July meeting : Neoregelia is **"Maxi - over 450mm"**, and
Tillandsia is **"Mounted"**

PLANT OF THE MONTH CATEGORY UPDATE ...

There has been some confusion around the Plant of the Month categories over the past few months. The following is the current definition behind each category:

NEOREGELIA ...

The Neoregelia category is broken into three sections rotating through a three monthly meeting cycle.

Each section is:

MINI - small sized Neos up to 250mm.

MIDI - medium sized Neos between 250mm and 450mm.

MAXI - large sized Neos over 450mm.

(All measurements refer to mature diameter as per the Encyclopaedia of Bromeliads and the Bromeliad Cultivar Register)

PATTERN LEAFED VRIESEAS ...

Open to any pattern leafed *Vriesea*.

(Refer to categories - Flowering Bromeliad and Other Genera for other *Vriesea* species and cultivars.)

TILLANDSIAS ...

The *Tillandsia* category is divided into two sections rotating through a two monthly meeting cycle.

Each section is :

POTTED - plants that are placed in a potting mix in a pot or other container.

MOUNTED - any plant that is mounted on a board, wire, terracotta pot, cork, tree branch, etc. and has no potting mix.

FLOWERING BROMELIADS ...

Any **FLOWERING** Bromeliad genera (including **non**-pattern leafed *Vrieseas*) that does not fall into the above categories, ie. no *Neoregelias*, pattern-leafed *Vrieseas* or *Tillandsias*.

OTHER GENERA ...

Any **Non FLOWERING** Bromeliad genera (including **non**-pattern leafed *Vrieseas*) that does not fall into the first three categories, ie. no *Neoregelias*, pattern-leafed *Vrieseas* or *Tillandsias*.



Guzmania 'Rememberance'



Vriesea 'Lady Love'



Vriesea 'Candy Stripe'



Neoregelia 'Fruit Stripe'




AT OUR JUNE MEETING ...



Neville Ryan at the June Monthly Meeting with some of his *T. tectorum* (left/right) and *T. hildae* (centre).

NEW CULTIVAR 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.

Photograph	Cultivar Name	Hybridist	
	Seed Parent X Pollen Parent	BCR No.	State
	Neoregelia "Toffee Lick" Shark Noodles X Lime and Lava	Tristram, Peter BCR_17150	NSW
	Neoregelia "Starlight Express" Vegetative sport of Neoregelia Tristar	Przetocki, Vic BCR_17161	WA
	Neoregelia "Suva" <i>smithii</i> X Takemura Princeps	Przetocki, Vic BCR_17260	WA

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



DIARY DATES FOR 2022 ...

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
July 23	Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker : Peter Ball	Dundowran Hall
August	No Monthly Meeting due to BROMS in the BAY Conference	
September 17*	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
October 22	BBQ Lunch incorporating Monthly Meeting and Charity Raffle	Narelle & John Hoffmann Maryborough
November 26	Christmas Party	Kondari Hotel - Urangan

Events:

August 27/28	BROMS in the BAY 2022 Bromeliad Conference & Sale	Kondari Resort - Hervey Bay
September 23/24/ 25	Hervey Bay Orchid Show	Xavier College - Eli Waters
September 24/25	BSQ Spring Show & Sale	Genesis College - Bray Park
November 5/6	FCBSI Monster Sale 2022	Senior Citizens Centre Tottness Street, Scarness
November 20	BSQ Tillandsia Day	Kedron Wavell Services Club Chermside
March 23/26 (2023)	Kiwi Broms - 2022 21st Australasian Bromeliad Conference	Waipuna Hotel Auckland - New Zealand

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.

* Please note, meeting dates marked with an asterisk have been moved from the regular fourth Saturday of the month.

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

BROMELIAD SUPPLIES ...

The current **FCBSI PRICE LIST** as of 12-July-2022 is published below.

If you are running short and need something, it would be appreciated if you could contact Jan or Les on 0419 799 483 or email tintenters@bigpond.com to let them know in advance so they can have your order ready for you at the next meeting, or to make arrangements to pick your order up from their home prior to the meeting.

NOTE ... Prices may vary when new stock is ordered.

Item	Unit	Price per Unit	Status / Comment
SQUAT POTS, 125mm	(10 pk)	\$3.60	<i>In stock</i>
SQUAT POTS, 140mm	(10 pk)	\$4.60	<i>Very low stock...New stock on order.</i>
SQUAT POTS, 165mm	(5 pk)	\$3.00	<i>In stock</i>
SQUAT POTS, 200mm	(5 pk)	\$3.50	<i>In stock</i>
HANGERS (4 PRONG)	(10 pk)	\$4.10	<i>In stock</i>
LABELS, LARGE, WHITE	(25 pk)	\$2.25	<i>In stock</i>
LABELS, SMALL, WHITE	(25 pk)	\$2.00	<i>In stock</i>
LABELS, LARGE, YELLOW	(25 pk)	\$1.50	<i>(For use on sale plants.)</i>
LABELS, SMALL, YELLOW	(25 pk)	\$1.25	<i>(For use on sale plants.)</i>
LABELLING PENCILS	(each)	\$3.60	<i>In stock</i>
PAPER SLEEVES, 140mm	(10 pk)	\$2.90	<i>In stock</i>
PAPER SLEEVES, 170mm	(10 pk)	\$3.40	<i>In stock</i>
PAPER SLEEVES, 200mm	(10 pk)	\$3.90	<i>In stock</i>
FERTILISER (Slow Release)	(500gm)	\$3.10	<i>In stock</i>
FERTILISER (Foliar)	(500gm)	\$6.80	<i>In stock</i>

POTTING MIX ... Goff Loughran 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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