



# FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

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Our monthly Society Meetings will recommence on

**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**

**Venue : Dundowran Hall**

Plant & Nursery Sales start 12:30 pm.  
Plant of the Month Voting commences at 12:45 pm.  
Meeting starts 1:15 pm.

**Guest Speaker : Cheryl Basic**

**Topic : Bromeliad Species**

*Don't forget to bring:*

*Contributions to the monthly raffle,  
Plant(s) for the Plant of the Month Competition, and  
Your favourite Vriesea for Show and Tell*

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following members for January :



Ian Fluerty  
Irene Lippross  
Sue Loughran  
Richard Payne  
Pete Smith  
Trish Magee

## ***NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING REPORT ...***

Our November Meeting was held at the Kondari Resort and it was Christmas Party Time - food, plants and awards with friends.

But first, Vice President Les Hutchins got proceedings underway, welcoming members and guests and updated the group on the month's activities.

Next, the winners of the Plant of the Month Competition were announced by V.P. Les.



**Nigel Thomsom** was our 2022 Overall Champion. He also won First place in each of the five categories:

Neoregelia  
Patterned Leaf Vriesea  
Flowering Bromeliads  
Tillandsia, and  
Other Genera.

*Congratulations Nigel.*



**Goff Loughran** was awarded second prize in the Flowering Bromeliads, Tillandsia, and Other Genera and third prize in the Neoregelia and Patterned Leaf Vriesea categories.



**Ian Fluerty** was awarded second prize in the Neoregelia and Patterned Leaf Vriesea and third prize in the Tillandsia categories.



**Val Honeywood** won third prize in the Other Genera category.



**Allan Miller (left) and John Hoffmann (right)** were equal third in the Flowering Bromeliad category.

Congratulations to all our prize winners and big thank you to all members who bring plants along to meetings. The quality of our growers is on par, if not better in many instances to what is grown in other parts of Australia.

Then it was party time ... the food was great, there was a good attendance and there was good company. Then it was time for the eagerly awaited Santa's Monster Raffle.

After some giggles and surprises during the draw of the monster raffle, members departed with their "spoils" including many new plants for their gardens and/or collections.

A very enjoyable afternoon!!

## ***FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ...***

### **❖ MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023**

Membership renewals were due by the end of December. 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.

The Annual membership fees are only \$10 for a Single membership, or \$15 for a Family membership.

If you wish to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter via Australia Post Mail, an additional administration charge of \$10.00 p.a. is required.

### **❖ NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Inc. will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

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.

### **❖ PLANT OF THE MONTH**

Our popular vote 'Plant of the Month' Competition recommences at the January meeting.







The categories are :

**Neoregelia - "Maxi - Over 450mm"**  
**Pattern Leaf Vriesea**  
**Flowering Bromeliads**  
**Tillandsia - "Potted"**  
**Other Genera**

*Please note, the **Neoregelia** and **Tillandsia** categories vary monthly. Check newsletter for details*



## PLANT OF THE MONTH - 2022 WINNERS

|  |                             |   |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
|  <p>Sincoraea amoena</p>                                      | <b>OVERALL WINNER 2022</b>  |   |
|  | <b>First :</b>              | Nigel Thomson ( 111 votes )               |
|  | <b>Second :</b>             | Goff Loughran ( 59 votes )                |
|  | <b>Third :</b>              | Ian Fluerty ( 31 votes )                  |
|  <p>Neoregelia 'Shirley Kay'</p>                              | <b>NEOREGELIA</b>           |   |
|  | <b>First :</b>              | Nigel Thomson ( 18 votes )                |
|  | <b>Second :</b>             | Ian Fluerty ( 12 votes )                  |
|  | <b>Third :</b>              | Goff Loughran ( 10 votes )                |
|  <p>Vriesia 'Strawberry Ice Cream'</p>                       | <b>PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA</b> |   |
|  | <b>First :</b>              | Nigel Thomson ( 27 votes )                |
|  | <b>Second :</b>             | Ian Fluerty ( 12 votes )                  |
|  | <b>Third :</b>              | Goff Loughran ( 11 votes )                |
|  <p>Tillandsia 'Cocoensis'<br/>Guzmania 'Burnzies Gold'</p> | <b>FLOWERING BROMELIADS</b> |   |
|  | <b>First :</b>              | Nigel Thomson ( 26 votes )                |
|  | <b>Second :</b>             | Goff Loughran ( 16 votes )                |
|  | <b>Third :</b>              | John Hoffmann<br>Allan Miller ( 2 votes ) |
|  <p>Tillandsia 'Cocoensis'</p>                              | <b>TILLANDSIA</b>           |   |
|  | <b>First :</b>              | Nigel Thomson ( 21 votes )                |
|  | <b>Second :</b>             | Goff Loughran ( 11 votes )                |
|  | <b>Third :</b>              | Ian Fluerty ( 7 votes )                   |
|  <p>Billbergia 'Pink Sapphire'</p>                          | <b>OTHER GENERA</b>         |   |
|  | <b>First :</b>              | Nigel Thomson ( 19 votes )                |
|  | <b>Second :</b>             | Goff Loughran ( 11 votes )                |
|  | <b>Third :</b>              | Val Honeywood ( 7 votes )                 |




### January 2023 meeting

Neoregelia is **"Maxi - over 450mm"**, and

Tillandsia is **"Potted"**

## 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.

| <b>Photograph</b>   | <b>Cultivar Name</b>                                     | <b>Hybridist</b>                       |       |
|---|--|--|-------|
|   | Seed Parent X Pollen Parent                              | BCR No.                                | State |
|  | <b>Tillandsia 'Strictly Rosy'</b><br>Rosy Gemm X stricta | <b>Olsen, John</b><br>BCR_17460        | QLD   |
|  | <b>Guzmania 'Pink Spritzer'</b><br>Unknown X ?           | <b>? / Amanda Barbe*</b><br>BCR_17476  | QLD   |
|  | <b>Neoregelia 'Explosion'</b><br>Scarlet Gold X ?        | <b>? / Debbie Dennis*</b><br>BCR_17483 | WA    |

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

## WHAT'S FLOWERING IN MY BACKYARD ...



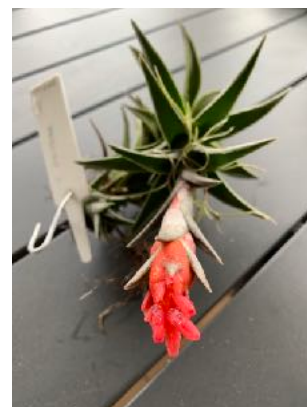
**T. 'Rocky Funk'**



**T. 'Stupendo'**



**T. 'Rosita'**



**T. edithae**

**Above :** A couple of Tills from our back yard that are looking very nice at present.

**Right :** Our new "ionantha full sun wall and hanging area for potted Tills

( PHOTOS SUPPLIED BY LES & JAN HUTCHINS )



**Come on members, share your backyard and show us the wonderful plants that are putting on a display. Send your photos to the editor. Don't forget to include the plant names for the editors benefit.**

## DIARY DATES FOR 2023 ...

### FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

| Date         | Event / Guest Speaker                                      | Venue / Location |
|--------------|--|------------------|
| <b>2023</b>  |  |                  |
| January 28   | Monthly Meeting  | Dundowran Hall   |
| February 25  | AGM followed by Monthly Meeting                            | Dundowran Hall   |
| March 25     | Monthly Meeting  | Dundowran Hall   |
| April 22     | Monthly Meeting  | Dundowran Hall   |
| May 27       | Monthly Meeting  | Dundowran Hall   |
| June 24      | BBQ Lunch incorporating Monthly Meeting and Charity Raffle | Maryborough      |
| July 22      | Monthly Meeting  | Dundowran Hall   |
| August 26    | Monthly Meeting  | Dundowran Hall   |
| September 23 | Monthly Meeting  | Dundowran Hall   |
| October 28   | Monthly Meeting  | Dundowran Hall   |
| November 25  | Christmas Party  | Kondari Resort   |

### Events:

|                   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|
| <b>2023</b>       |   |   |
| March 11/12 (tbc) | BSQ Autumn Sale   | Belmont Shooting Complex                |
| March 23/26       | Kiwi Broms - 2022<br>21st Australasian Bromeliad Conference | Waipuna Hotel<br>Auckland - New Zealand |
| September 23/24   | Hervey Bay Orchid Show                                      |   |
| November 4/5      | FCBSI Monster Sale  | HB Senior Citizens Club                 |

### Note:

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

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

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