



# FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER

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Our monthly Society Meeting will be on

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**Venue : Dundowran Hall**

incorporating

**Annual General Meeting**

followed by our normal

**Monthly Meeting**

Plant & Nursery Sales start 12:30 pm.

Plant of the Month voting commences at 12:45 pm.

AGM starts 1: 00 pm.

Don't forget to bring:

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

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



Helen Davis  
 Ray Gough  
 Greg Menzies  
 Roger Robertson  
 Rosalie Thomson, and  
 Jennifer Webb

## ***JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING REPORT ...***

Our first meeting of the year was held in oppressive heat at the Dundowran Hall and a few New Year teething problems, ie. lack of Raffle tickets and sound system issues.

Vice President Les H. got proceedings underway, welcoming new and old members. This was followed by the birthday draw and Lucky Door number tickets being hand made as we had run out of raffle tickets, Stan then came to the rescue as he found a spare book of tickets in his car.

Next time we run out of tickets, I a vision of a few member may produce spare books from bags, boxes or their cars. 🤔

Les then updated members on key points from the Management Committee.

Next was our featured genus - Vriesea as part of the "Show, Tell and Ask" segment. Not many plants were shown but we'll work on that going forward in 2023.

***Please note that this month's featured plant is **Billbergia**. Les is hoping that member's bring in at least one **Billbergia** each to show ... it may be one of your favourite plants, maybe it's not looking the best, or just an everyday plant. It could let members see a variety of **Bilbergia** specimens and where we get the same plant, show how different growing conditions impact the plant.***

Our guest speaker was Cheryl Basic from Wildfire Gardens on the Sunshine Coast who spoke on Bromeliad species. An enlightening presentation from Cheryl that put our focus back on the species of bromeliads. As we have heard previously from George Stamatis, species are dying out in the wild, and we need to do all we can to preserve them.

After a cuppa and biscuit, the winners of the Plant of the Month Competition were announced with a good selection of plants entered. Don't worry winners (and members ) ... our Winner's Mini presentation about the your winning plant will be back next month.

The afternoon closed with the raffle being drawn and many members going home with some new plants for their gardens /collections. Thanks to all members for your contribution of raffle prizes.



## A PRÉCIS OF CHERYL BASIC'S PRESENTATION - BROMELIAD SPECIES ...

Cheryl started collecting *Catopsis* early in her career. In early collections, *Catopsis compacta* was always mounted probably because it was found as an epiphyte growing high in the treetops. Growers started potting them and they grew much bigger. She ordered a lot from Chris Larsen in Melbourne, both male and female, but they had no names, and although they have propagated successfully, they remain nameless.



*C. subulata* 🖱️

*Catopsis morreana* was another favourite because of the attractive silvery coating of trichomes on its leaves. It is from Mexico and has an attractive white silvery coating of trichomes. Another from Mexico is *Catopsis subulata* which was compared to a specimen one of our member's had brought in. It was interesting the discussion that ensued about the environmental differences between the two specimens.



*Neo. smithii* 🖱️

*Neoregelias* has been a longtime favourite of Cheryl's. The species of *Neoregelia* have produced thousands of hybrids. Nowadays, species are getting rarer to find and being lost due to the popularity of the cultivars. Old growers might forget and new growers do not know the many beautiful species. *Neoregelia smithii* is one attractive species. Another is *Neoregelia pauciflora* especially popular as it can form into a spectacular clump.



*Neo. pauciflora* 🖱️

One group of former *Neoregelias* that have retained her interest over many years, are the *Hylaeaicum* ... a genus published in 2021 and named after the ancient forest region known as Hylaea in the Amazon basin. It consists of 12 epiphytic species, has leaves with teeth and propagates itself by sending out runners and producing roots (known as *stoloniferous*). She has several including *Hylaeaicum mooreanum* pictured on the right.



Cheryl has maintained a collection of mini *Vrieseas* over the years, and like many of us has suffered a few losses. *Vriesea flammea* is a favourite, and makes a beautiful basket. *Vriesea delicatula* was used by John Arden to create many hybrids.

Cheryl got a mini *Vriesea* from Bird Rock Tropicals labelled #53. Derek Butcher investigated it and registered it as a cultivar ... Cheryl called it *Vriesea 'Snow White'* because it had white flowers. Cheryl (and Derek) believes it to be a species, but like a number of cultivar, a taxonomist needs to do their research and write it up.



*Quesnelia* is another attractive species. In particular, Cheryl got a near black *Quesnelia* from the Olive Branch and propagated it from seed. Although it is thought to be a species, it too has been registered as a cultivar *Quesnelia 'Black Knight'* until the taxonomists do their thing.

Cheryl also discussed a number of species Nigel and Stan brought to the meeting. Species are dying out in the wild, and need our help in preserving them as the natural growing environment is under threat.

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

### **❖ MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023 ... A REMINDER**

Membership renewals were due by the end of December. These can either be paid to the Treasurer or through internet banking. 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.

### **❖ NEW SOCIETY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**

The FCBSInc has a new bank account effective from 1 Feb 2023, for all payments including membership fees. Please change any records you have to our new details below :

Bank Name : Auswide Bank  
Account Name : Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Inc  
BSB Nbr. : 645 646  
Account Nbr. : 107678918

### **❖ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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

### **❖ VACANT POSITIONS**

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

President : Vice President :  
Secretary : Treasurer :  
plus

Committee Members ( 4 or 5 members )

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 ( or the Vice President ) before 25<sup>th</sup> February. The person being nominated must also sign the form to indicate their willingness to stand.

### **❖ MISCELLANEOUS POSITIONS**

There are a number of non committee positions that we need to have filled each year. These are:

Purchasing Officer :	Raffle Co-ordinator :
Catering Co-ordinator :	Librarian :
Plant Sales :	Publicity Officer :
Plant of the Month Co-ordinator :	Hall Co-ordinator :
Newsletter Editor (ex-officio committee member)	Assistant Editor :

## ❖ MONTHLY TRADING ACCOUNT REPORT

Balance B/Fwd - 31st Dec 2022 :	\$9,809.59
<i>plus Receipts :</i>	\$529.95
<i>less Payments :</i>	\$314.66
<b>Balance as at 31st Jan 2023 :</b>	<b>\$10,024.88</b>










## ❖ PLANT OF THE MONTH

Our popular vote 'Plant of the Month' **variable** Categories for the January meeting are :

**Neoregelia - “Mini - Up to 250mm” and Tillandsia - “Mounted”**

## 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>	
	<i>Seed Parent X Pollen Parent</i>	BCR No.	State
	<b>Vriesea 'Electric Dream'</b> (Manoa Valley X Twilight) X Wildfire Dream	<b>Stamatis, George</b> BCR_17339	QLD
	<b>Vriesea 'Ultra Violet'</b> Bangkok Rose X Kiwi Lavender Haze	<b>Cameron, Mal &amp; Michelle</b> BCR_17402	QLD
	<b>Vriesea 'Queen Ruby'</b> Godzilla X Hawaiian Ruby	<b>Cameron, Mal &amp; Michelle</b> BCR_17403	QLD
	<b>Vriesea 'Sir Lancelot'</b> Patrice X Patrice	<b>Cameron, Mal &amp; Michelle</b> BCR_17404	QLD
	<b>Vriesea 'Danger Zone'</b> Forrest X Pahoia Beauty	<b>Cameron, Mal &amp; Michelle</b> BCR_17405	QLD
	<b>Vriesea 'Paper Tiger'</b> Zebra X Hawaiian Ruby	<b>Cameron, Mal &amp; Michelle</b> BCR_17414	QLD
	<b>Vriesea 'Glossy Boy'</b> Glossy Girl X Forrest	<b>Cameron, Mal &amp; Michelle</b> BCR_17415	QLD
	<b>Vriesea 'Philatoo'</b> phillippo-coburgii X Purple Cockatoo	<b>? / Ross Little*</b> BCR_17496	NSW
	<b>Neoregelia 'Pinegrove Spots'</b> marmorata X unknown	<b>? / Pinegrove Nursery*</b> BCR_17504	NSW

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

## PLANT OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2023

 <p>Neoregelia 'White Walker'</p>	<b>NEOREGELIA - MAXI</b>	
	<b>First :</b> ←	Neoregelia 'White Walker' Nigel Thomson ( 11 votes )
	<b>Second :</b>	Neoregelia 'Tears of Fire' Nigel Thomson ( 8 votes ) Neoregelia 'Linda Cathcart' Sue Loughran ( 7 votes )
 <p>Vriesea 'Pink Dream'</p>	<b>PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA</b>	
	<b>First :</b> ←	Vriesea 'Pink Dream' Nigel Thomson ( 12 votes )
	<b>Second :</b>	Vriesea 'Blushing Goddess' Nigel Thomson ( 7 votes ) Vriesea 'Abigail Jean' John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 5 votes )
 <p>Catopsis subulata</p>	<b>FLOWERING BROMELIADS</b>	
	<b>First :</b> ←	Catopsis subulata Maxine O'Shea ( 8 votes )
	<b>Second :</b>	Guzmania 'Denise Albo' [N.R.] Nigel Thomson ( 7 votes )
	<b>Third :</b>	?? flavea Maxine O'Shea ( 6 votes )
 <p>Tillandsia capitata Tall Yellow'</p>	<b>TILLANDSIA - POTTED</b>	
	<b>First :</b> ←	Tillandsia capitata 'Tall Yellow' Nigel Thomson ( 11 votes )
	<b>Second :</b>	Tillandsia streptophylla Jan Hutchins ( 6 votes ) Tillandsia flabellata 'Giant Red' Nigel Thomson ( 3 votes )
 <p>Vriesea 'Tiger Tim'</p>	<b>OTHER GENERA</b>	
	<b>First :</b> ←	Vriesea 'Tiger Tim' Maxine O'Shea ( 11 votes )
	<b>Second :</b>	xVriescantaria 'Seeger' Nigel Thomson ( 9 votes ) Billbergia 'Blonde Bombshell' [N.R.] Val Honeywood ( 3 votes )

**March meeting** : Neoregelia is "Mini - Up to 250 mm, and  
Tillandsia is "Mounted"

## DIARY DATES FOR 2023 ...

### FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
<b>2023</b>		
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

#### 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

### Events:

<b>2023</b>		
March 11/12	<b>Bromeliads &amp; More ...</b> BSQ Autumn Sale	Belmont Shooting Complex
March 23/26	Kiwi Broms - 2022 21st Australasian Bromeliad Conference	Waipuna Hotel Auckland - New Zealand
June 18	BSQ Tillandsia Day	Kedron Wavell Services Club
September 23/24	Hervey Bay Orchid Show	Xavier College
November 4/5	FCBSI Monster Sale	HB Senior Citizens Club

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

WANTED PICTURES TO GO IN HERE

**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 (if known) for the editors benefit.**

## BROMELIAD SUPPLIES ...

The current **FCBSI PRICE LIST** as of 01-February-2023 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](mailto: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.

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>In stock</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 )	\$4.30	<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 )	\$3.45	<i>In stock</i>
FERTILISER (Foliar)	( 500gm )	\$6.80	<i>In stock</i>

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

**POTTING MIX ...** Goff Loughran has potting mix for sale at **\$10** for a 30 litre bag, and if you ring him on 0416783773 you can also make arrangements to get some from him.