



# FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC.

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Our monthly Society Meeting will be on

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

**Venue : Dundowran Hall**

Plant & Nursery Sales start 12:30 pm.

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

Meeting starts at 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 **Guzmania** for Show and Tell*

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



Giles Blaber	John Casey
Tori Gough	Del Gough
Barry Hagedorn	Sue Hagedorn
Elizabeth Hopper	Jan McCart
Beth Payne	Denis Priston
Stan Walkley	

We had a good turnout for our AGM, followed by the February Monthly meeting. The weather conditions were more agreeable than last month and things ran a little smoother, ie. we had raffle tickets.

## ***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT ...***

The AGM was opened by Les Hutchins with members welcomed, apologies accepted and Minutes of the previous AGM were presented and accepted.

The Vice President presented a review of the previous year to the members. The highlight of the year was Broms in the Bay 2022. This was a very successful event attracting delegates from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and New Zealand. The Vice Presidents review is included later for member's information.

The Treasurer's report, annual financial statement and auditor's report were presented by Janine and adopted by the members. Financially the Society is in a sound position thanks the successful fundraising and the Conference. Thank you to all those helped out at these events during the past year.

Les then asked for all office bearer badges to be handed in and declared all positions vacant. John Casey then presided over the election of the new management committee. Our 2023 Management committee members are:

President : Les Hutchins

Vice President : Nigel Thomson

Secretary : Sue Loughran

Treasurer : Janine Blaber

Committee : John Hoffman; Narelle Hoffman;  
Maxine O'Shea; Megan Perkins.

A number of the steward positions are yet to be finalised and will be published next month.

John thanked the new committee for volunteering their time and handed the meeting back to Les.

Les advised our 2022 auditor had accepted the appointment for the 2023 financial Year.

## ***MARCH MONTHLY MEETING REPORT ...***

Newly elected President Les H. got proceedings underway with the birthday draw and Lucky Door number tickets being issued. Les then updated members on key points from the Management Committee.

Next was our featured genus - ***Billbergia*** as part of the "Show, Tell and Ask" segment. It was pleasing to see a number of plants discussed. From those that sit under a gum tree neglected to those that are lovingly cared for. Interesting discussion ensued from the meaning of plant names, to fertilising and soil mixes. Let's keep this up and bring bring your ***Guzmania's*** to show at the next meeting.

Nigel also brought in several well established ***Vriesia*** seedlings from the same batch to demonstrate the variations that occur between plants from seed of the same parent.

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 ... our winning plant Mini presentations will return 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.

## **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

### **❖ MONTHLY TRADING ACCOUNT REPORT**

Balance B/Fwd - 31st Jan 2023 : \$10,024.88  
*plus Receipts :* \$345.25  
*less Payments :* \$0.50  
Balance as at 31st Jan 2023 : **\$10,369.63**

### **❖ MONTHLY FEATURED PLANT**

Please note that this month's featured plant is **Guzmania**. I'm hoping that members bring in at least one **Guzmania** each to show ... it may be one of your favourite plants, maybe it's not looking the best, or just an everyday plant. If you have another genus of Bromeliad you would like show us or ask a question about, they're still welcome to be part of Show, Tell and Ask.

## **VALE - GODFREY "GOFF" LOUGHRAN ...**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Goff Loughran. He passed away peacefully on 11th March.

Goff was an active member of our society and his commitment to making it better along with his willingness to help anyone had such a lasting impression on all of us. He will be missed greatly.

We would like to extend our deepest condolences to Sue and her family during such a difficult time. All he did for our Bromeliad community will never be forgotten.

The plants below are some of Goff's hybrids that have been registered by Ian Fluerty.



Vreieseae 'Kara Dusty Glow'



Vreieseae 'Kara Divine'



Vreieseae 'Kara Pearl'

## **2022 in Review ...**

The following was the report presented at the AGM ...

I have quickly put 'pencil to paper' ( or more exact...'fingers to keyboard') to capture some of the highlights for the past 12 months ....

We've had another enjoyable year.

The highlight of the year would have to be Broms in the Bay 2022. It attracted delegates from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and New Zealand.

Our speakers - George Stamatis, Andrew Devonshire, Mal & Michelle Cameron, Val Honeywood, and John Byth shared their knowledge and experiences with our delegates.,,all were very informative and entertaining.

A highlight was the 'rare plant auction' held on Saturday evening with a great selection of Bromeliads to bid on covering a broad spectrum of prices and varieties. Our guest auctioneer, Rob Murray from Brisbane kept us all entertained with his banter and encouraging bidders to part with their money.

The sellers provided both the delegates and the public an opportunity to purchase some very desirable and collectable bromeliads to enhance their collections. Even though conditions were a little cramped, sales were encouraging. This is one area we will need to address if we hold another conference.

To the organising committee, especially Sue, thank you and congratulations on a great weekend.

All our regular monthly meetings went ahead in 2022 with only a venue change required and a guest speaker unable to attend thanks to Covid. Thanks to David & Lorraine for making their place available at short notice.

The Show, Tell and Ask segments have been a little disappointing this past 12 months. So if you have a plant that's your favourite, or you need help with, or don't know its name; bring it along you can show it off, and get an answer. We all learn from these.

It is always informative when we have guest speakers and this year Neville Ryan and Katheryn and David Fraser passed on some good ideas and widened our plant knowledge.

Plant of the Month continues to present an excellent range of plants for all to enjoy each month. Thanks to Karen for all the work setting up, tallying the scores and getting the result to the front table. Congratulations to Nigel on his success as Club Champion. Come on, let's give Nigel a run for his money this year.

A big thank you to the helpers that make our meeting happen... from setting up the chairs and tables to projectors and sound system and afternoon tea for all to enjoy.

We ended the year in a good financial position mainly due to the success of the conference. Fundraising was limited to the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Monthly raffles go towards paying for the meeting venue and sales commission is consumed by the operating costs of the Monster Sale. There is no profit made from the sale of nursery accessories to club members.

The Monster Sale was down on sales compared to past years but this has been a trend across many Societies in Queensland...the public tightening of the belt in the current economic climate.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and invite you all to keep supporting our events and meetings, make contributions to the Newsletter and participate at our meetings so that we will continue enjoy and progress our friendly Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society.

Until then, keep growing ... it helps to keep us young.

**Les Hutchins**

Vice President

Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society

## PLANT OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY 2023



Neoregelia 'Cheating Heart'

### NEOREGELIA - MINI

<b>First:</b> ←	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Cheating Heart'	John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 15 votes )
<b>Second:</b>	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Heatwave'	Val Honeywood ( 4 votes )
	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Bumble Bee'	Nigel Thomson ( 3 votes )



Vriesea 'Hawaiian Ruby'

### PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA

<b>First:</b> ←	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Hawaiian Ruby'	Nigel Thomson ( 8 votes )
<b>Second:</b>	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Eureka'	John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 6 votes )
	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Wild Jean'	Nigel Thomson ( 4 votes )



Guzmania 'Alerta'

### FLOWERING BROMELIADS

<b>First:</b> ←	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Alerta'	Nigel Thomson ( 10 votes )
<b>Second:</b>	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Euro' [N.R.]	Nigel Thomson ( 8 votes )
<b>Third:</b>	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Ice Milk'	David Ward ( 4 votes )



Tillandsia stricta

### TILLANDSIA - MOUNTED

<b>First:</b> ←	<i>Tillandsia stricta</i>	Ray Gough ( 7 votes )
<b>Second:</b>	<i>Tillandsia xerographica</i>	Jan Hutchins ( 5 votes )
<b>Third:</b>	<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i> forma <i>gigantea</i>	Nigel Thomson ( 3 votes )



Billbergia 'Gemma'

### OTHER GENERA



<b>First:</b> ←	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Gemma' [N.R.]	Val Honeywood ( 13 votes )
<b>Second:</b>	<i>xAndrolaechmea</i> 'Androlepis Skineperis' [N.R.]	Janine Blaber ( 7 votes )
<b>Third:</b>	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Ety Bay Flash Cathy' [N.R.]	Val Honeywood ( 3 votes )

**March meeting** : Neoregelia is "Midi - 250 mm to 450 mm, 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. Diary Dates for 2023 ...

Photograph	Cultivar Name	Hybridist	
	Seed Parent X Pollen Parent	BCR No.	State
	<b>Tillandsia 'Chaca Fire'</b> Chacalapa X fasciculata	? / Greg Aizlewood* BCR_17509	USA
<p><b>NOTE :</b> <i>Tillandsia 'Chaca Fire' has been around since 2000. It was an Accidental cross occurred at Birdrock Tropicals Nursery, California. From a seedling batch of selfed T. Chacalapa emerged this distinctly different hybrid group of seedlings, from which clones later were separated and selected. Fasciculata Group. Reg. Doc.3/2022 by Pamela Koide-Hyatt</i></p>			
	<b>Neoregelia 'Russian Red'</b> Cane Fire X Groves Red Tiger	Zaghini, Shane BCR_17520	QLD

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

## CONGRATULATIONS TO NIGEL THOMSOM ...



FCBS member, **Nigel Thomson**  
won the  
**Olive Trevor Cup**  
for  
**Champion Bromeliad of Show**  
with **Tillandsia 'Roy's Pride'**  
( *T. rothii* x *T. jalisco-montecola* ).



Nigel also won the  
**Nev Ryan Cup**  
for  
**Reserve Champion of Show**  
with **Tillandsia rothii**.

Photographs courtesy BSQ Autumn Show 2023 Newsletter  
and BSQ Editor Maxim Wilson

## DIARY DATES FOR 2023 ...

### FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
<b>2023</b>		
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>		
June 18	BSQ Tillandsia Day	Kedron Wavell Services Club
September 23/24	Hervey Bay Orchid Show	Xavier College
Sept 30 / Oct 1	BSQ Spring Show and Sale	Genesis College, Bray Park
Sept 30 / Oct 1	Rockhampton Bromeliad & Foliage Sale	Robert Schwarten Pavillion Rockhampton
November 4/5	FCBSI Monster Sale	HB Senior Citizens Club

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## **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.

**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>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>