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Our monthly Society Meeting will be on

SATURDAY 22ND JULY 2023

Venue : Dundowran Hall

Speaker : Sue Loughran (Subject - Kiwi Broms Experience)

Plant & Nursery Sales start 12:30 pm.

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

Monthly 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 **Bromeliad species** plants for Show and Tell*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for July :



Sue Casey
 Hildred Davies
 John Lippross, and
 Vicki Smith

JUNE MONTHLY MEETING REPORT ...

This year the weather gods provided a sunny winter's day for our annual BBQ and Charity day at John and Narelle's place. The day got underway with members and guests welcomed and updated on Management Committees activities.

The featured genus' for "Show, Tell and Ask" for June was ***Tillandsia***. Maxine got things underway with a Till that she's having a problem with. The species was ***T. fasciculata*** and some of the advice was given from the floor to address the issues. It appears other members were also having similar issues. (*Ed.note : bring your plants in for Show and Tell. Your usually not alone in your problems and together we all learn.*)

Nigel followed showing some of the more unique plants. One specific plant was a new hybrid ***T. 'Puna Punc'*** that was being released at the rare plant auction at the BSQ Tillandsia Day. He also had the parent plants (***T. punctulata*** X ***T. mauryana***) so members could see the three plants together.

Sue also showed a number of plants. One was ***T. duratii*** form Bolivia that was coming into flower. Neville Ryan and Nigel both commented that their specimens haven't flowered yet, illustrating the differing environmental conditions that impact our plants. Sue also demonstrated to members how she is using bamboo to grow her ***T. ionantha's*** in and on.

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. 'Eric the Red' ... a Rolly Reilly hybrid of unknown parentage that has been distributed as "ionantha giant hybrid. It was named by Neville to honour his late father who had red hair.

T. 'Son of Eric the Red' ... an unregistered cultivar that is smaller than Eric the Red.

T. 'Cally' ... Another cultivar named by Neville that he acquired under parentage (***T. caliginosa*** X ***T. streptocarpa***) in a mixed collection in the 1990s.

T. ionantha ... a collection of forms, variants and country specific specimens to illustrate how wonderful the ionantha species is for the collector.



The Q&A session was very interactive and thru out the day, members converged on the table of Tillandsia's Neville had for sale. Thanks to Neville for his informative and entertaining talk.

Lunch followed with all enjoying the BBQ spread prepared by John and Narelle. A big "***Thank You***" to them for opening their place and preparing lunch for our members. Before the meeting and during lunch, members wandered around John and Narelle's garden.

After lunch, the winners of the Plant of the Month Competition were announced. Each of the 'winning plant' owners gave a quick insight into their plant. Second and third places went begging this month so bring your favourite Bromeliad plants in and enter them in our Popular Vote competition.

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 and purchasing tickets to support our chosen charity this year ... The Hervey Bay Hospice.



Left :
Some of the wonderful Tillandsia brought to the meeting to show our members.



Right :
Some of our members enjoying the barbeque lunch provided.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ...

❖ MONTHLY FEATURED PLANT

The theme is a little different this month ... rather than a specific genus, we are requesting that you bring along at least one **species** (not cultivar or hybrid) of any Bromeliad genus from your collection to share with members.

Plus any Bromeliad you would like show us or ask a question about, are also welcome to be part of **Show, Tell and Ask**.

❖ PLANT OF THE MONTH - POPULAR VOTE

Our variable categories this month are:

- **Neoregelia** - under 250 mm, and
- **Tillandsia** - Potted.

❖ BOOK AUCTION

As previously mentioned, duplicate books from the library will be offered to members at a number of 'silent auctions' starting the July meeting. The list of books available was distributed with last month's Newsletter.

❖ BUNDABERG GARDEN VISIT

Please note that our **garden visit trip to Bundaberg** is on **Saturday August 5** not as published in last month's newsletter. Itinerary and transport arrangements will be discussed at the July meeting.

❖ HERVEY BAY ORCHID SHOW & SALE

Our Society will once again be participating at this event which this year incorporates the STOCQ Orchidfest 2023. Our Society uses this annual event to showcase the Society and promote Bromeliads to the Fraser Coast community. As there is limited space available for members sales we will asking for names of those who would like to sell at this event at the July meeting.

❖ MONSTER SALE 2023






The big news this month is the change of venue to the **TAFE College** in **Urraween** for our annual Monster Sale. It is great news and will give us a far greater floor area for plant sales. Planning is under way for this event with advertising getting under way shortly. To further facilitate the planning and preparations, the Management Committee request the following action by members :

1. Could members that are storing advertising banners please return these at the July meeting so we can finalise the changes required, and
2. For those members wishing to sell at the Monster Sale, please advise what your ideal requirements would be at the monster sale please advise

❖ BROMS ON THE BAY 2024

The Management Committee have decided to once again hold the 'BROMS IN THE BAY' conference in August 2024. Planning is only in its infancy but if you have any suggestions regarding speakers and/or subject matter, we would like to hear from you.

PLANT OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2023

 <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Barcode'	NEOREGELIA - OVER 250MM	
	First: ←	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Barcode' [N.R.] Ian Fluerty (8 votes)
	Second:	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Edite' Nigel Thomson (7 votes)
	Third:	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Big Bang' Stan Walkley (6 votes)
 <i>Vriesea</i> 'Pink Mink'	PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA	
	First: ←	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Pink Mink' Nigel Thomson (16 votes)
	Second:	<i>Vriesea</i> 'A Greg Jones Hybrid' [N.R.] Nigel Thomson (7 votes)
	Third:	(This place could have been your entry)
 <i>Guzmania</i> 'Fire Dragon'	FLOWERING BROMELIADS	
	First: ←	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Fire Dragon' Nigel Thomson (23 votes)
	Second:	(This place could have been your entry)
	Third:	(This place could have been your entry)
 <i>Tillandsia</i> 'Cone Head'	TILLANDSIA - MOUNTED	
	First: ←	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Cone Head' Ray Gough (6 votes)
	Second:	<i>Tillandsia ionantha</i> Nigel Thomson (5 votes)
	Third:	<i>Tillandsia staminea</i> Nigel Thomson (purple form) (4 votes)
 <i>Guzmania lindenii</i>	OTHER GENERA	
	First:	<i>Guzmania lindenii</i> John & Narelle Hoffmann (12 votes)
	Second:	<i>Aech. chantinii</i> 'Black Amazon' [N.R.] Nigel Thomson (11 votes)
	Third:	(This place could have been your entry)

July meeting : Neoregelia is **Under 250 mm**, and
Tillandsia is **"Potted"**

WEB LINKS FOR CHECKING CORRECT IDENTIFICATION AND SPELLING ...

For correct identification and spelling of your hybrid or cultivar, refer to this site:




Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR) : <http://registry.bsi.org/>

For the latest species name changes and correct spelling, refer to this site:

New Bromeliad Taxon List: [http : //bromeliad.nl/taxonlist](http://bromeliad.nl/taxonlist)

NEW CULTIVAR REGISTRATIONS ...

The following table is a list of new cultivars registered by any Australian growers or by an Australian collector on a growers behalf since the last FCBSI newsletter.

Photograph	Cultivar Name	Hybridist	
	<i>Seed Parent X Pollen Parent</i>	BCR No.	State
	Cryptanthus 'Thrill Seeker' Thriller X <i>unknown</i>	Weston, Dave BCR_17107	QLD
	Cryptanthus 'Agnes' Milky Way X <i>unknown</i>	Weston, Dave BCR_17109	QLD
	Neoregelia 'The Boss' (Black Opal X <i>silvomonetana</i>) X <i>silvomonetana</i>	Tristram Peter / Amanda Barbe* BCR_17219	QLD

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

BROMELIAD SUPPLIES ...

The current **FCBSI PRICE LIST** as of 01-February-2023 is published below.

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>

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.

POTTING MIX ... Sue Loughran has potting mix for sale at **\$10** for a 30 litre bag, and if you ring her on 0414 757 162 you can make arrangements to get some

DIARY DATES FOR 2023 ...

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Note:

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

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
2023		
<i>July 22</i>	Monthly Meeting Kiwi Broms Experience - Sue Loughran	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>August 26</i>	Monthly Meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>September 16*</i>	Monthly Meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>October 28</i>	Monthly Meeting	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>November 25</i>	Christmas Party	<i>Kondari Resort</i>

* Monthly meeting moved to third Saturday for September only (*due to clash with Hervey Bay Orchid Society Show*)

Events:

2023		
<i>August 5</i>	FCBSI Field Day / Garden Visits	<i>Bundaberg</i>
<i>September 23/24</i>	Hervey Bay Orchid Show	<i>Xavier College, Eli Waters</i>
<i>Sept 30 / Oct 1</i>	BSQ Spring Show and Sale	<i>Genesis College, Bray Park</i>
<i>Sept 30 / Oct 1</i>	Rockhampton Bromeliad & Foliage Sale	<i>Robert Schwarten Pavillion Rockhampton</i>
<i>November 4/5</i>	FCBSI Monster Sale	<i>TAFE College Urraween</i>

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