



# FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC.

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Our monthly Society Meeting will be on

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**Venue : Dundowran Hall**

**Speaker : Peter Ball ( Subject - My Journey with Bromeliads )**

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 **Unusual Bromeliad Genus** plants for Show and Tell*

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



Warren Bexton  
 Les Hutchins  
 Sue McDonald  
 Alan Miller  
 John Parker, and  
 Nigel Thomson

## ***JULY MONTHLY MEETING REPORT ...***

What a great response from members for our Featured topic - Bromeliad species. I got so involved I forgot to take notes for the Newsletter, but I can report that many members brought in their Bromeliad species to show and discuss with the audience. It helps when members participate in Show, Tell and Ask and we all learn more about our Bromeliad plants. Thank you to all those who participated.

Sue Loughran was our guest speaker and she took us on a wonderful journey through the bromeliad plants and gardens featured at Kiwi Broms - Bromeliad Conference in Auckland. Sue provided an interesting dialogue of information and anecdotes to go with the slideshow. Thanks Sue.

It was pleasing to see more plants entered in the monthly Popular Vote Competition. It always showcases some spectacular specimens for members to enjoy ( and add to their wish list ). As you will see in the results there is still room for more entries so bring in your broms.



*Plenty of room for your entries in the Popular Vote competition.*

As usual, we closed out the meeting with the raffle being drawn. I look forward to seeing you next meeting.

## ***BUNDABERG GARDEN VISIT ...***

On a bright, sunny Queensland day recently, a group of our members travelled to the Bundaberg region to explore some local gardens.



*Wandering around Ron Stillman's garden*

First stop was Ron Stillman's property in Redridge. Ron's main focus is orchids but he also has bromeliads and foliage plants. Members enjoyed wandering through his garden and greenhouses.



*A forest of wire hangers support the orchids*



*Looking through Val's "Bill House"*

Then it was off to Val Honeywood's garden in Coonar for morning tea and a pleasant wander around Val's well laid out garden with its meandering pathways and lawns. The visit wasn't complete until we had visited "The Bill House" to see her wonderful collection of Billbergia.

Then it was off to lunch at the Spotted Dog Bistro in Bundaberg.



*Ray & Dell's front garden.*

After lunch, we headed to Ray & Dell Gough's garden in Bundaberg North. Ray has done an amazing job of fitting so much into a small suburban block. His main passion is Tillandsias which feature throughout the garden as well as his main collection in the many shade rooms he has created. The Tillandsia followers were in awe of his many species and cultivars he has.



*Bulbophyllum makoyanum ( Daisy Orchid )*

Our final garden visit was Judith Dalton's of Svensson Heights. Judith's garden was well laid out and held interest around the many "garden rooms" created. Not only a multitude of plants but many quant ornaments adorn the garden. One of the fascinating plants was *Bulbophyllum makoyanum*, commonly known as the Daisy orchid.

Thanks to Ron, Val, Ray & Dell and Judith who opened their gardens for us. Also a special thanks to Sue Loughran who organised this for us but unfortunately could not attend.

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

### ❖ **MONTHLY FEATURED PLANT FOR “SHOW TELL & ASK”**

This month's theme is ***Uncommon Bromeliad genera***. Bring along a plant or two from your collection that you consider unusual due to its shape, colour, growing conditions, rarity to share with members.

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

At the September meeting the theme will be ***Bulbous Tillandsia's***.

### ❖ **PLANT OF THE MONTH - POPULAR VOTE**

Our variable categories this month are:

- ***Neoregelia*** - over 250 mm, and
- ***Tillandsia*** - Mounted.

### ❖ **BOOK AUCTION**

Another round of duplicate books from the library will be offered to members at a 'silent auction' at the August meeting.

### ❖ **HERVEY BAY ORCHID SHOW & SALE**

Due to the limited space available, depending on the number of members selling, location of space will be allocated by ballot.

### ❖ **MONSTER SALE 2023**

For those members wishing to sell at the Monster Sale, please advise what your ideal table and floor requirements are.

## ***TILLANDSIA'S FOR SALE ...***






I was approached by Joan Halls (not a FCBSI member) during the past week, wanting to sell her Tillandsia collection as she will soon be vacating her home to move into a unit. She is located in Urangan. If you are interested, Joan can be contacted on 0417 647 540. I have included a couple of photos of Joan's collection.



## ***MORE TILLANDSIAS FOR SALE ...***

Club members, Dennis and Elaine Priston from Point Vernon are selling their collection due to health problems and no longer being able to look after them. If you are interested please call Elaine on 0408452213.

## PLANT OF THE MONTH - JULY 2023

	<b>NEOREGELIA - UNDER 250MM</b>		
	<b>First:</b> ←	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Cougar'	John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 7 votes )
	<b>Second:</b>	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Mai Golden Child'	Nigel Thomson ( 6 votes )
	<b>Third:</b>	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Totara Red Storm' [N.R.]	Nigel Thomson ( 5 votes )
	<b>PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA</b>		
	<b>First:</b> ←	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Wild Jean'	Nigel Thomson ( 8 votes )
	<b>Second:</b>	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Maroon Shadow'	Ian Fluerty ( 6 votes )
	<b>Third:</b>	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Concerto' X 'Mauna Kea'	John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 3 votes )
	<b>FLOWERING BROMELIADS</b>		
	<b>First:</b> ←	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Mia'	Nigel Thomson ( 23 votes )
	<b>Second:</b>	<i>Billbergia nutans</i>	Jan Hutchins ( 4 votes )
	<b>Third:</b>	( This place could have been your entry )	
	<b>TILLANDSIA - MOUNTED</b>		
	<b>First:</b> ←	<i>Tillandsia xerographica</i>	Ian Fluerty ( 9 votes )
	<b>Second:</b>	<i>Tillandsia ehlersiana</i>	Ray Gough ( 5 votes )
	<b>Third:</b>	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Dimmitts Talent'	Sue Loughran ( 4 votes )
	<b>OTHER GENERA</b>		
	<b>First:</b> ←	<i>Encholirium horridum</i>	Stan Walkley ( 7 votes )
	<b>Second:</b>	<i>Goudeaea</i> 'Sponge Bob' [N.R.]	John & Narelle Hoffmann ( 6 votes )
	<b>Third:</b>	<i>Aechmea</i> 'Perez'	Ian Fluerty ( 6 votes )

**August meeting** : Neoregelia is **Over 250 mm**, and  
Tillandsia is **"Mounted"**

### 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	
	Seed Parent X Pollen Parent	BCR No.	State
	<b>Neoregelia 'Rangeview Isolation'</b> Rangeview Pink Whaler X Repton Dazzler	<b>Kilpatrick, Peter</b> BCR_17259	QLD
	<b>Neoregelia 'Opal Smash'</b> Black Opal X Jenna	<b>Tristram, Peter</b> BCR_17261	NSW
	<b>Vriesea 'First Love'</b> Gulz X White Bands      Grex sibling = V. 'First Affair'	<b>Cameron, Mal &amp; Michelle</b> BCR_17288	QLD
	<b>Vriesea 'Love Affair'</b> Gulz X White Bands      Grex sibling = V. 'First Love'	<b>Cameron, Mal &amp; Michelle</b> BCR_17289	QLD
	<b>Vriesea 'Bonanza'</b> Southern Cross X Patrice	<b>Cameron, Mal &amp; Michelle</b> BCR_17290	QLD
	<b>Bilbergia 'Bongaree'</b> Golden Joy X ( Domingos Martins x amoena var. minor )	<b>Aizlewood, Greg</b> BCR_17603	QLD
	<b>Neoregelia 'Deeban Dapples'</b> Black Opal X Jenna	<b>Turvey, Paul</b> BCR_17604	NSW

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

## BROMELIAD NURSERY SUPPLIES ...

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

Item	Unit	Price per Unit	Status / Comment
SQUAT POTS, 125mm	( 10 pk )	\$3.60	In stock
SQUAT POTS, 140mm	( 10 pk )	\$4.60	In stock
SQUAT POTS, 165mm	( 5 pk )	\$3.00	In stock
SQUAT POTS, 200mm	( 5 pk )	\$3.50	In stock
HANGERS (4 PRONG)	( 10 pk )	\$4.10	In stock
LABELS, LARGE, WHITE	( 25 pk )	\$2.25	In stock
LABELS, SMALL, WHITE	( 25 pk )	\$2.00	In stock
LABELS, LARGE, YELLOW	( 25 pk )	\$1.50	( For use on sale plants. )
LABELS, SMALL, YELLOW	( 25 pk )	\$1.25	( For use on sale plants. )
LABELLING PENCILS	( each )	\$4.30	In stock
PAPER SLEEVES, 140mm	( 10 pk )	\$2.90	In stock
PAPER SLEEVES, 170mm	( 10 pk )	\$3.40	In stock
PAPER SLEEVES, 200mm	( 10 pk )	\$3.90	In stock
FERTILISER (Slow Release)	( 500gm )	\$3.45	In stock
FERTILISER (Foliar)	( 500gm )	\$6.80	In stock

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.

**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:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
<b>2023</b>		
August 26	Monthly Meeting My Bromeliad Journey - Peter Ball	Dundowran Hall
September 16*	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.

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

### Events:

<b>2023</b>		
September 22/24	Hervey Bay Orchid Show	Xavier College, Eli Waters
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	TAFE College Urraween

## MORE NEW CULTIVAR REGISTRATIONS ...

Another two photos of Greg Aizlewood's new hybrid - *Billbergia* 'BONGAREE' ( photos courtesy of BCR )



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