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Our monthly Society Meeting will be on

SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST 2023

Venue : Dundowran Hall

Speaker : Nigel Thomson

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 **Bulbous Tillandsia** plants for Show and Tell*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for September :



Michele Mapunda
Maxine O'Shea
Sue Parker, and
Colin McCart

AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING REPORT ...

President Les Hutchins opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitors to the monthly meeting.

After the Management committee update, our guest speaker Peter Ball from Brisbane provided us with an insight of his Journey into the World of Bromeliads.

He and Denise started their Bromeliad journey on an 800sq. m. block of land on Brisbane's north side. After a couple of year's It became obvious that the block of land was too small as the plants took over first the patio, then the pool area and any other spare space.

Around 2009, they brought a large, undeveloped block a bit further out of Brisbane and started from scratch again. In late 2011 they moved into their new house with their plants. To erect his shade house (his 'forever shade house' 😂), he cut down twenty something trees, using the tree trunks to form garden borders around the block. With help of a fellow BSQ member he constructed 15m x 20m shade house, confident they would not need another one. He also installed some rainwater tanks with an overall capacity of nearly 50,000L.

During these first years at the new block exposure to full sun damaged a lot of his plants, until the shade house was completed and planted shrubs and trees matured and provided protection.

The 'forever' shade house soon reached capacity so he bought two 6m x 4m shade houses at auction.

By 2017, Peter and Denise had a well developed garden but during that year Mother Nature flexed her muscles and a severe hailstorm struck, ruining many of his Alcantareas, frangipanis and other plants in the garden.

After recovery from the storm, Peter erected his 10m x 8m 'Display House', followed by a Tillandsia House for his growing Tillandsia collection. It become more of a seedling house as Peter got into growing Broms from seed.

Their hard work has transformed a bush block into a wonderful garden. Thank for sharing your inspiring journey with us.

It is very pleasing to see members getting behind our themed 'Show, Tell and Ask' segment. This month we were introduced to a number of the more uncommon bromeliad genera. Again, I got so caught up in the proceedings that I omitted to take notes and now that I'm putting together the newsletter my mind is blank. A few genera that come to mind were Tillandsia, Pitcairnia, Neoregelia, Quesnelia and Nidularium. Thank you to Maxine, John, David, Val, Nigel and any other members who brought in plants to share with us and further our knowledge of Bromeliads.

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

Below are a couple of recent photos of Peter & Denise's garden that I took when visiting earlier this year.



A view inside the original 15m x 20m shadehouse.



One corner of Peter's Display House.



Part of Peter & Denise's garden.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ...

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

This month's theme is ***Bulbous Tillandsia's***. Bring along a plant or many 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***.

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

Our variable categories this month are:

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

❖ **HERVEY BAY ORCHID SHOW & SALE**

🗣️ Bromeliad plants are needed for the Society's display. These will be required for the weekend and be delivered to Xavier College on Thursday (21/09). Contact Maxine for details.

🗣️ Members are also needed on Thursday to assist Maxine set up the display. Assistance will also be needed to setup our sales area.

🗣️ Members are also needed to assist on our sales / information stand for Friday, Saturday and Sunday for this event. Roster will be at the meeting and/or names to names to Sue please.

❖ **MONSTER SALE 2023**

🗣️ **Monster Sale Signage** ... If any member still has **Monster Sale signage** at their place, please bring these to the monthly meeting on Saturday (16/08) as these need to be updated.

🗣️ **Task Roster** ... Members are required to fill a number of roles at the Monster sale. The roster will be at the monthly meeting this weekend for you to volunteer. For sellers, one condition is you must assist with setup, event tasks and clean up.

Roles involved include sales, raffle ticket sales, plant minding, security, set-up and clean-up.

🗣️ **Monster Raffle** ... Could members please start organising donations for the Monster Sale Raffle. These can be brought our monthly meeting or arrange to deliver to a management committee member.

🗣️ **Trestles** ... We will require more trestles than the Society has for this years event, so if anyone can help with the supply of trestles could they please advise the committee of the size and number. (*Preferable size is the standard 1830mm x 750mm*)

🗣️ **Pricing Tags** ... Remember to order your barcodes from John Hoffmann (john.narelle@bigpond.com). Also the yellow tags can be purchased from Jan Hutchins (tintenters@bigpond.com).

❖ **POTS, LABELS, ETC. STOCK SUPPLIES**

Please note that Jan will not be available for stock sales from 6th October till approx. 26th October. We should be at the October monthly meeting. So if you require anything please organise to get it in the next three weeks.





PLANT OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2023

 <i>Neoregelia 'Julia'</i>	NEOREGELIA - OVER 250MM	
	First: ←	<i>Neoregelia 'Julia'</i> Ian Fluerty (16 votes)
	Second:	<i>Neoregelia 'Sandy'</i> [N.R.] John & Narelle Hoffmann (4 votes)
	Third:	<i>Neoregelia 'Bad Boy Brian'</i> Nigel Thomson (3 votes) <i>Neoregelia 'Sandy'</i> [N.R.] Sue McDonald (3 votes)
 <i>Vriesea 'Nova' X 'Sherlette Shiigi'</i>	PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA	
	First: ←	<i>Vriesea 'Nova' X 'Sherlette Shiigi'</i> [N.R.] John & Narelle Hoffmann (7 votes) <i>Vriesea 'Pink Tiger'</i> Nigel Thomson (7 votes)
	Second:	<i>Vriesea 'Candy Stripe'</i> Sue Loughran (6 votes) <i>Vriesea 'Pahoa Beauty' X 'Elyson Candy'</i> Ian Fluerty [N.R.] (6 votes)
	Third:	<i>Vriesea 'Candy Stripe'</i> Nigel Thomson (3 votes)
 <i>Vriesea 'Paper Tiger'</i>	FLOWERING BROMELIADS	
	First: ←	<i>Guzmania 'Rana'</i> (variegated) John & Narelle Hoffmann (9 votes)
	Second:	<i>Vriesea 'Evita'</i> Nigel Thomson (7 votes)
	Third:	<i>Vriesea 'Rosita'</i> David Ward (5 votes)
 <i>Tillandsia gardneri var. rupicola</i>	TILLANDSIA - MOUNTED	
	First: ←	<i>Tillandsia gardneri var. rupicola</i> Ian Fluerty (9 votes)
	Second:	<i>Tillandsia baileyi</i> Nigel Thomson (5 votes) <i>Tillandsia juncea</i> Maxine O'Shea (5 votes)
	Third:	<i>Tillandsia duratii</i> Jan Hutchins (3 votes)
 <i>Quesnelia alvimii</i>	OTHER GENERA	
	First: ←	<i>Quesnelia alvimii</i> Nigel Thomson (11 votes)
	Second:	<i>Aechmea 'Perez'</i> Ian Fluerty (6 votes)
	Third:	<i>Aechmea caudata</i> David Ward (5 votes)

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

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
	Vriesea 'Mojo' Rainbow Beach X Southern Cross	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17338	QLD
	Vriesea 'Sushi' Mosaic X Forrest	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17278	QLD
	Vriesea 'Arabella' Forrest X Pahoia Beauty	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17280	QLD
	Bilbergia 'Stormy Cougar' Night Skies X Haileys Joy	Barbe, Amanda BCR_17271	QLD

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	<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:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
2023		
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:

2023		
September 23/24	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

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