



# FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC.

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Our monthly Society Meeting will be on

**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 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 **Flowering Bromeliad** plants for Show and Tell*

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



Denise Ball  
 John Hoffman  
 Val Honeywood  
 Jackie Robertson, and  
 John McCormick

## SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING REPORT ...

It is very pleasing to see members getting behind our themed 'Show, Tell and Ask' segment. This month we asked members to bring in any bulbous Tillandsia's they grow. The size varied from a tiny *T. butzii* through to *T. caput-medusae* (giant form) to the hybrids...*T. 'Charles Wiley'* and *T. 'Loose Wheel'*. Some other names I noted on a piece of paper were: *T. bulbosa*, *T. selereana*, *T. bulbosa* again in a 'dark and hairy' form, *T. 'Bishop John Fisher'*. Again, I got so caught up in the proceedings that I forgot to take notes.

Thank you to members who brought in plants to share with us and further our knowledge of Bromeliads.

Nigel Thomson was our speaker this month and took us through his experiences, both past and present of importing plants into Australia. He outlined the various issues with quarantine, from preparing and packing the plants in the country of origin, to arrival inspections, permits, and the time lapse to get the plants into importers collection/nursery. It's no wonder plants, when first released by the various growers, command the prices they do.

We closed out the meeting with the raffle being drawn. I look forward to seeing you next meeting.

## HERVEY BAY ORCHID SHOW REPORT ...

Once again, the Society attended the HBOS Show to promote our Society, bromeliads, as well as the opportunity to sell some Bromeliads to the community. It was a very successful for the members who participated and achieved the goal of promoting Bromeliads to the wider community. Thanks must go those members who participated, especially Maxine for another wonderful display.

On the Competition side, several of our members competed across the various classes. Giles & Janine Blaber were awarded Oncidiinae Class Champion with *Tolunia Jairak Firm*. John & Narelle Hoffmann were awarded places in several of the orchid categories.

In the Foliage Bromeliad class, Ian & Burnice Fluerty were awarded 1st place with *Vriesea heiroglyphica*. John & Narelle Hoffmann were awarded 2nd with *Vriesea Concerto X Mauna Kea* and 3rd with *Neoregelia Eva X Mac Pink*. Congratulation to these members.

## BSQ Spring Show ...

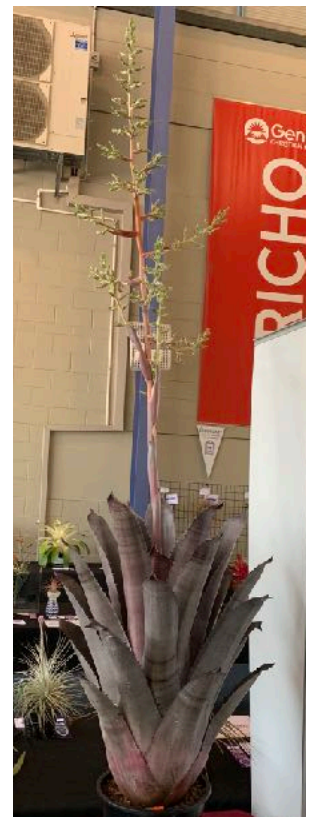
Some of our members travelled to Brisbane for the BSQ Spring Show and Sale to participate as sellers and exhibitors. Those that were exhibiting were quite successful. Not only gaining a number of purple ribbons, two members made it onto the Champions Table. Stan Walkley was awarded "Champion of the Show" with *Encholirium horridum* and Nigel Thomson was awarded Best Tillandsioideae with *Tillandsia baileyi* and Best Bromelioideae with *Hohenmea 'Phycho'*.



*Encholirium horridum*  
( Stan Walkley )



*Tillandsia baileyi*  
( Nigel Thomson )



*Hohenmea 'Phycho'*  
( Nigel Thomson )

## ***From the Management Committee ...***

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

This month's theme is ***Flowering Bromeliads***. Bring along a plant or many from your collection that you have in flower to share with members. Also, consider putting your plant into one of the Monthly Popular Vote categories.

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

Our variable categories this month are:

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

### ❖ **MONSTER SALE 2023**




The Management Committee are requesting all members assist with the following requirements to ensure we have a successful Monster Sale.

- All members to put up ( and remove after sale ) at least one sign in their area advertising the sale,
  - All sellers are to be at the hall at 8am (Friday) to help with the set up,
  - No plants, except display plants, to be in the hall until **ALL** the tables are set up. (This includes plant minding , registers, catering area, etc.
  - If you, as a seller are not there for set up, you will not be able to sell as it isn't fair on the other members and sellers.
  - Payment to sellers will not be made on the day. Payment by bank transfer will be available in the following week. If cash is preferred, it will be available at the November meeting. Please ensure that your preferred method of payment is provided to the Society.
  - All advertising signs will be available from Sue Loughran's home before the meeting just let her know when you will be coming round,
  - If you can help display a banner please advise Sue,
  - We request members to provide a slice or cake on the Saturday for morning tea. Tea and coffee and water will be available and sandwiches will be provided for lunch. We do ask if you have a special dietary requirements, please bring something for yourself .
  - There will be a roster available for all members to help with the sale of raffle, plant minding and security.
  - No plants are to be packed up until the closing time (12Noon), or the Show Convenor gives approval on the Sunday.
  - All Sellers must remain until pack up is completed, that includes packing trestles for transportation, sweeping the hall, etc.
- 📢 **Monster Sale Raffle** ... Could members please start organising donations for the Monster Sale Raffle. These can be brought to our monthly meeting or arrange to deliver to a management committee member.
- 📢 **Pricing Tags** ... Remember to order your barcodes from John Hoffmann ([john.narelle@bigpond.com](mailto:john.narelle@bigpond.com)) before the next meeting ( Sat. 28 October ).

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

Please note that Jan will not be available for stock sales from 6<sup>th</sup> October till approx. 26<sup>th</sup> October. We should be back for the October monthly meeting.






## PLANT OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2023

	<b>NEOREGELIA - UNDER 250MM</b>	
	<b>First:</b> ←	Neoregelia 'Mai Golden Fever' [N.R.] Nigel Thomson ( 5 votes )
	<b>Second:</b>	Neoregelia 'Mai Golden Blaze' Nigel Thomson ( 4 votes )
	<b>Third:</b>	Neoregelia 'Tara Moon' David Ward ( 3 votes )
	<b>PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA</b>	
	<b>First:</b> ←	Vriesea 'Tasman Candyman' Nigel Thomson ( 9 votes )
	<b>Second:</b>	Vriesea - A Greg Jones Hybrid Nigel Thomson ( 4 votes )
	<b>Third:</b>	Vriesea 'Princess Annique' Maxine O'Shea ( 3 votes )
	<b>FLOWERING BROMELIADS</b>	
	<b>First:</b> ←	Guzmania 'Cherry Red' Nigel Thomson ( 16 votes )
	<b>Second:</b>	Wanted - more entries
	<b>Third:</b>	You must have at least one flowering Bromeliad !!!
	<b>TILLANDSIA - POTTED</b>	
	<b>First:</b> ←	Tillandsia 'Charles Wiley' Nigel Thomson ( 7 votes )
	<b>Second:</b>	Tillandsia <i>ehlersiana X streptophylla</i> Nigel Thomson ( 4 votes )
	<b>Third:</b>	Tillandsia 'Loose Wheel' Sue Loughran ( 2 votes )
	<b>OTHER GENERA</b>	
	<b>First:</b> ←	Tillandsia <i>complanata</i> Sue Loughran ( 9 votes )
	<b>Second:</b>	Aechmea <i>species</i> Ian Fluerty ( 7 votes )
	<b>Third:</b>	Is this space for your Bromeliad ?

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

## 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>Achmea 'Pioneer'</b> <i>cylindrata X caudata</i>	<b>Stonor Bernard / G. Lawn*</b> BCR_00456	WA
	<b>Neoregelia 'Gypsy Music'</b> Cleopatra X Cleopatra	<b>Przetocki, Vic</b> BCR_17644	WA
	<b>Neoregelia 'Pearly Charm'</b> Marble Pink X Luscious	<b>Przetocki, Vic</b> BCR_17645	WA
	<b>Neoregelia 'Dynabelle'</b> Lillipet (No.4) X ?	<b>Przetocki, Vic</b> BCR_17646	WA
	<b>Neoregelia 'Fine Wine'</b> Lillipet (No.4) X ?	<b>Przetocki, Vic</b> BCR_17647	WA

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

## BROMELIAD NURSERY SUPPLIES ...

The current FCBSI PRICE LIST as of 01-October-2023 is published below. Prices may vary when new stock is ordered.

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

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**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>		
October 28	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
November 25	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
December 9	Christmas Breakup.	Kondari Resort

#### Note:

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

#### Events:

<b>2023</b>		
November 4/5	FCBSI Monster Sale	TAFE College Urraween

## Our Bromeliad Display at the Hervey Bay Orchid Show ...



For those members who didn't attend the HBOS Orchid Show and Sale last month, here are a couple of pictures supplied by Sue Loughran for you to enjoy. A special thanks to Maxine for applying her magic touch to our display and weaving her magic.

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