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There is **NO** Monthly Meeting for **November**

Our next gathering is the **Christmas Breakup** and Awards on

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023

at the **Kondari Hotel** in Urangan.

Bookings are now closed for this event.

Our next monthly Society Meeting will be on

SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY 2024

Venue : Dundowran Hall

More information in January Newsletter.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for November :



Natalie Bexton
 Megan Perkins

and for December

Deborah Kruger
 Elizabeth Southern
 David Ward, and
 Bronwyn McCormick

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING REPORT ...

After the opening formalities, it was into the themed 'Show, Tell and Ask' segment. This month we asked members to bring in any **Flowering Bromeliad** they had growing. Members responded by bringing in a colourful variety of plants, from Guzmanias to Tillandsias, Bilbergias to Vrieseas. The presented plants gave members attending an insight into the wide range of genera that the bromeliad family covers as well as the differing growing conditions we have here in the Fraser Coast. Thank you to members who brought in plants to share with us and further our knowledge of Bromeliads.

After refreshments, Nigel Thomson took us through his journey into the nursery trade and the World of Bromeliads, firstly in South Africa then in 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.

(*Ed Note : Again, I got so caught up in the proceedings that I forgot to take notes ... definitely not a multitasker. 😊*)

MONSTER SALE REPORT ...

This year saw the beginning of a new era with the Monster Sale moving to a new venue. With the hard work from all involved, we had a very successful event with good sales and buyers coming from as far away as Brisbane, Rockhampton and even one from Canberra. So the word is spreading about the wonderful plants we have on offer here on the Fraser Coast.

The new venue provided a relaxed atmosphere for the public (and members) to wander and discuss the various plants on offer without the congestion previously experienced. The colourful variety of bromeliads that our sellers tabled, the spectacular Bromeliad display created to showcase bromeliads to the public, and the willingness of the members to help out with the tasks to be done all contributed to a wonderful weekend.

A big thank you to the organising committee, the club volunteers for their time, and the sellers for growing and preparing the amazing plants. A special thanks must go to Maxine and her helpers for the wonderful display and to all the members who supplied plants for inclusion in the display.

I think you will agree the weekend was an outstanding success that would have inspired new and old bromeliad lovers ...



A panorama view of the Society's display area.



Colourful view over the sales area.



View of the 'Sun Loving Broms' sales area.



Colourful bromeliads everywhere!!



More 'Sun Loving Broms'

From the Management Committee ...

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

The January theme is ***Bromeliad species***. Bring along a plant or more from your collection that is a species to share with members. Also, consider putting your plant into the new Monthly Popular Vote category.

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

Our variable categories this month are:

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

❖ **INTRODUCING THE POPULAR VOTE NEW CATEGORY - SPECIES**

In January 2024, we are introducing a sixth Category - Species, with the aim being to promote these plants. This does not preclude species from also being entered in the other five categories (maybe not the Pattern Leaf Vriesea category).

So now is the time to start thinking about entering one or more plants in the Popular Vote Competition.

❖ **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Membership fees are due as of 31 December 2023 to ensure your FCBSI membership remains active for 2024.

Annual Membership fees are:-

Single Membership - \$10

Family Membership - \$15.

Fees can either be paid direct to the Treasurer or via electronic banking.






❖ **FCBS FACEBOOK GROUP**

The Society now has a Facebook group where you can share your garden and connect with other bromeliad enthusiasts. Please join and share some photos of your bromeliads.

The site is called the **Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society** page.



PLANT OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2023

NEOREGELIA - OVER 250MM		
	First: ←	<i>Neoregelia</i> ' Loucana ' [N.R.] John & Narelle Hoffman (6 votes)
	Second:	<i>Neoregelia</i> ' Voyager ' Val Honeywood (4 votes)
	Third:	<i>Neoregelia</i> ' Ironside ' Val Honeywood (3 votes)
		<i>Neoregelia</i> ' Tears of Fire Medium ' Nigel Thomson (3 votes)
PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA		
	First: ←	<i>Vriesea</i> ' Hawaiian Rainbow ' Nigel Thomson (8 votes)
	Second:	<i>Vriesea</i> ' Yandina Pinkstar ' [N.R.] John & Narelle Hoffman (6 votes)
	Third:	<i>Vriesea</i> ' Strawberry Icecream ' Ian Fluerty (5 votes)
FLOWERING BROMELIADS		
	First: ←	<i>Guzmania</i> ' Passion ' [Variegated] Nigel Thomson (7 votes)
	Second:	<i>Guzmania</i> ' Torch ' [Variegated] Nigel Thomson (5 votes)
		<i>Vriesea</i> ' Vogue ' John & Narelle Hoffman (5 votes)
	Third:	<i>xVriesgoudaea</i> ' Supernatural ' Val Honeywood (3 votes)
TILLANDSIA - MOUNTED		
	First: ←	<i>Tillandsia</i> <i>baileyii</i> Nigel Thomson (11 votes)
	Second:	<i>Tillandsia</i> <i>juncea</i> [large form] Nigel Thomson (7 votes)
	Third:	<i>Tillandsia</i> Hybrid Nigel Thomson (3 votes)
OTHER GENERA		
	First: ←	<i>Sincorea</i> ' Andaraj ' [N.R.] [grey leaf form] Nigel Thomson (10 votes)
	Second:	<i>xSincoregelia</i> ' Sharron's Surprise ' [N.R.] Sue Loughran (5 votes)
	Third:	<i>Aechmea</i> ' MEND ' Nigel Thomson (4 votes)

January 2024 meeting : Neoregelia is **Under 250 mm**, and
Tillandsia is **"Potted"**

Editor's Request : Please include the genus name when registering plants especially the Flowering Bromeliad & Other Genera categories.

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
	Tillandsia 'Cherry Ripe' <i>xerographia X fasciculata var. densispica</i>	Reilly, Rolly BCR_17484	QLD
	Neoregelia 'Australian Star' ? X ?	Zaghini, Shane BCR_17662	QLD

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)	\$6.00	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 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.

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.

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)

DIARY DATES FOR 2023 ...

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
2023		
December 9	Christmas Breakup.	Kondari Resort
2024		
January 27	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
February 24	Annual General Meeting Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
March 23	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
April 27	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
May 25	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall

Events:

2024		
March 16 / 17	BSQ Bromeliads and More	Belmont Shooting Complex
August 3 / 4	Broms in the Bay Conference (Bookings open March / April 2024)	Kondari Resort
November 2 / 3	FCBSI Monster Sale	TAFE College (to be confirmed)

THE MONSTER SALE RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS ...



1st Prize : Maree



2nd Prize : Matthew and his shy daughter



3rd Prize : Kym and partner

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