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Our next monthly Society Meeting will be on

SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY 2024

Venue : Dundowran Hall

Guest Speaker is Ron Murray (Topic : xSincorogelia)

The topic for Show & Tell is **Any Bromeliad Species.**

Plant of the Month variable categories for January are:

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for January

Ian Fluerty

Irene Lippross

Sue Loughran, and

Trish Magee.



Notification of Annual General Meeting ...

Attention Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Members

As per the constitution, I would like to notify you that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of our Society will take place on Saturday February 24th at Dundowran Hall Qld 4655 at 1:00pm.

The Agenda for the AGM will be sent out in February

If any member wishes to add an item to the agenda to be discussed in General Business, this must be sent in writing to sueloughran1@bigpond.com to be received by February 3rd 2024

No agenda items or nominations will be considered if not received by the above date.

Our usual general meeting will take place once the AGM has concluded.

Kindest regards

Sue Loughran

Secretary - FCBS Inc.

The Management Team would like to encourage members of the Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Inc. to step forward and serve on the new Management Committee to help the Society move forward and bring some new ideas to the Society over the next 12 months.

If you are willing to volunteer or wish to nominate a member to serve on the Management Committee, please complete the nomination form and have it to the Secretary by the February 3rd 2024. The person being nominated must also sign the form to indicate their willingness to stand.

For information, Committee and steward positions are :

Committee

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Committee Members (3)
Editor (ex Officio)
Publicity Officer
Membership Officer

Stewards

Raffle/Welcome Table
Kitchen/Afternoon Tea
Hall Set-Up
Librarian
Plant Sales
Popular Vote Competition
Stock Sales

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.

❖ **MEMBERSHIP FEES 2024**

Membership renewals were due at the end of December. These can either be paid direct to the Treasurer or through internet banking. For the society's bank details please contact Janine.

Thank You to the many members who have already paid.

Please note:

The Society bank details changed in February 2023. The society's bank details are in the newsletter cover email; or attached to the newsletter for OzPost recipients or contact the Treasurer.

The Annual membership fees remain at \$10 for a Single membership, or \$15 for a Family membership.

❖ **PLANT OF THE MONTH**

Our Popular Vote 'Plant of the Month' Competition recommences at the January meeting.

This year we are introducing a new category - Bromeliad Species... these plants can be any species from the *Bromeliaceae* family and can be mounted or potted, in flower or not, bulbous or skinny, ugly or perfect, rare or common. We want to encourage the conservation of the species and give members an appreciation of the basic species used to produce all the cultivars that are dominating some of the genus'.

The other categories remain unchanged. These are :

Neoregelia - “Maxi - Over 450mm”

Pattern Leaf Vriesea

Flowering Bromeliads

Tillandsia - “Potted”

Other Genera

*Please note, the **Neoregelia** and **Tillandsia** categories vary monthly. Check the monthly newsletter for details.*

Our variable categories for the month of January are:

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

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

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP 2023 ...

After a hiccup with the booking, the Society members converged on the Kondari Resort for the Christmas Breakup .. time to relax with fellow members and enjoy the food, plants and awards presentation. From all accounts, it was an enjoyable day for all who attended.

Guests and members were welcomed and in Les' absence the Presidents summary of the year's activities was read out by Nigel.

Next, the 2023 winners of the Monthly Popular vote competition were announced and presented.



Nigel Thomsom was our 2023 Overall Champion.

He also won First place in each of the five categories:

- Neoregelia
- Patterned Leaf Vriesea
- Flowering Bromeliads
- Tillandsia, and
- Other Genera.

Congratulations Nigel.



***Ian Fluerty** was awarded third prize in the Neoregelia, Patterned Leaf Vriesea and Tillandsia categories.*



***Ray Gough** was awarded second in the Tillandsia Category.*



***John & Narelle Hoffman** were awarded second prize in the Neoregelia, Pattern Leaf Vriesea, Flowering Brooms and Other Genera categories.*



***Val Honeywood** was awarded second prize in the Other Genera and equal third Prize in the Neoregelia and Flowering Brooms categories.*



***Maxine O'Shea** was awarded equal third prize in the Flowering Bromeliad section.*



***David Ward** was awarded equal second prize in the Flowering Bromeliad section.*

More from the Christmas Breakup ...

Congratulations to all our prize winners and big thank you to all members who bring plants along to meetings. The quality of our growers is on par, if not better in many instances to what is grown in other parts of Australia.



Then it was party time ... the food was great, there was a good attendance and there was good company. Then it was time for the eagerly awaited Santa's Monster Raffle.

After some giggles and surprises during the draw of the monster raffle, members departed with their "spoils" including many new plants for their gardens and/or collections.

A very enjoyable afternoon!!

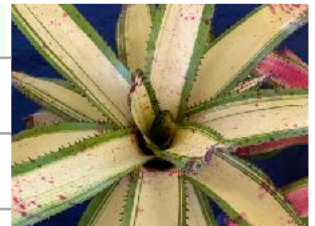
A special thanks to Janine Blaber and Sue Loughran for the photos used in these article.

PLANT OF THE MONTH - 2023 WINNERS



Vriesea 'Hawaiian Fantasy'
Nigel Thomson

OVERALL WINNER 2022		
First :	Nigel Thomson	(147 votes)
Second :	John Narelle Hoffmann	(36 votes)
Third :	Ian Fluerty	(22 votes)



Neoregelia 'White Walker'
Nigel Thomson



Neoregelia 'Julia'
Ian Fluerty

NEOREGELIA		
First :	Nigel Thomson	(27 votes)
Second :	John & Narelle Hoffmann	(13 votes)
Third :	Ian Fluerty Val Honeywood	(6 votes)



Neoregelia 'Loucan'
J & N Hoffmann



Vriesea 'Tasman Candyman'
Nigel Thomson

PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA		
First :	Nigel Thomson	(38 votes)
Second :	John & Narelle Hoffmann	(11 votes)
Third :	Ian Fluerty	(5 votes)



Vriesea 'Wild Jean'
Nigel Thomson



Wallisia cyanea
Allan Millar

FLOWERING BROMELIADS		
First :	Nigel Thomson	(29 votes)
Second :	John & Narelle Hoffmann Allan Miller David Ward	(5 votes)
Third :	Val Honeywood Maxine O'Shea	(4 votes)



Guzmania 'Mia'
David Ward



Tillandsia 'Cone Head'
Ray Gough

TILLANDSIA		
First :	Nigel Thomson	(31 votes)
Second :	Ray Gough	(11 votes)
Third :	Ian Fluerty	(8 votes)



Tillandsia xerographica
Ian Fluerty



Billbergia 'Kawana Bright Spark'
Val Honeywood

OTHER GENERA		
First :	Nigel Thomson	(22 votes)
Second :	Val Honeywood	(11 votes)
Third :	Ian Fluerty	(7 votes)



Catopsis subulata
Maxine O'Shea

A special thanks must go to Karen Thomson for her time and effort in organising the competition plants and collating the results each month. It is very much appreciated.

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
	Aechmea 'Congo' <i>apocalyptica</i> X <i>recurvata</i> var. <i>recurvata</i>	Przetocki, Vic BCR_17374	WA
	Neoregelia 'Lalisa Tiger' Black Opal X Skotak's Tiger	Tristram, Peter / Phanodom Wattapong BCR_17518	AUSTRALIA / THAILAND
	Vriesea 'Devine Blaze' <i>rubryae</i> X <i>fosteriana</i>	Devine, Guy BCR_17651	NSW
	Vriesea 'Devine Miss' <i>fosteriana</i> X <i>rubryae</i>	Devine, Guy BCR_17663	NSW
Photo not available Refer to BCR	Neoregelia 'Peppered Plum' Black Opal X Skotak's Tiger	Hendrix, Gary / Prue Bartels BCR_17688	USA : FLORIDA

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

MEETING DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY ...

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
2024		
January 27	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
February 24	AGM followed by Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
March 23	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
April 27	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
May 25	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
June 22	BBQ Lunch incorporating Monthly Meeting and Charity Raffle	Maryborough
July 27	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
August 24	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
September 28	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
October 26	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
November 23	Christmas Party	Kondari Resort