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Our next monthly gathering is on

SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2024

VENUE : DUNDOWRAN HALL

incorporating

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

followed by our normal

Monthly Meeting.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for February :



Ray Gough
Roger Robertson
Rosalie Thomson, and
Jennifer Webb

JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING REPORT ...

January provided another hot and humid afternoon. Members were welcomed back for the 2024 year.

Our guest speaker was Ron Murray. Ron enlightened us all about the genus *x Sincoregelia* - the bigenetic genus name for *Sincoraea X Neoregelia*. He brought in a number (19 if I remember correctly) hybrid and under formulae specimens to illustrate where this new cultivar group is heading. Thanks to Ron for this enlightening presentation.

Next was 'Show, Tell and Ask', featuring the theme of Any Bromeliad Species. It was pleasing to see the number of species that members brought in. The presented species gave members an understanding of the species that are still in collections around the Fraser Coast. In the growing arena of cultivars in the market place, the species are being forgotten and neglected as growers chase the more showy plants for the retail market. Its going to be up to collectors to keep the species from becoming extinct as their natural habitat is also disappearing. Thank you to the members who brought in plants to share and further our knowledge of Bromeliads.

The Popular plant competition was hotly contested this month and the introduction of the new category - Species attracted a good number of entries. As you see from the results though, there is still room for more entries with a number of placings vacant.

We closed out the meeting with the raffle being drawn.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ...

❖ MONTHLY FEATURED PLANT FOR "SHOW TELL & ASK"

The February theme is *the genus - Billbergia (Species & Cultivars)*. Bring along a plant or more from your collection to share with members. Also, consider putting your plant into one of the six Monthly Popular Vote category.

❖ PLANT OF THE MONTH - POPULAR VOTE

Our variable categories this month are:

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

❖ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership fees were 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.


Editor's Note ...

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Photos supplied by Les Hutchins and courtesy of the BCR (New Cultivar Registrations).

PLANT OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2024

NEOREGELIA - UNDER 250MM		
 <p>Neo. 'Golden Child Phoenix'</p>	First: 	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Golden Child Phoenix' Nigel Thomson (10 votes)
	Second:	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Cooloola' John & Narelle Hoffman (4 votes)
	Third:	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Mai Scarlet Fever' Sue Loughran (2 votes)
		<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Mini Skirt' David Ward (2 votes)
PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA		
 <p>Vriesea 'Vista Rose'</p>	First: 	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Vista Rose' Nigel Thomson (5 votes)
		<i>Vriesea</i> 'Turkish Delight' Nigel Thomson (5 votes)
	Second:	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Waiaker Star' John & Narelle Hoffman (4 votes)
	Third:	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Dads Favourite X (fenestralis X Hawaiian Sunset)' Maxine O'Shea (3 votes)
FLOWERING BROMELIADS		
 <p>Guzmania 'Mathilde'</p>	First: 	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Mathilde' Nigel Thomson (7 votes)
	Second:	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Torch' [Variegated] Nigel Thomson (5 votes)
	Third:	<i>xVriesgoudaea</i> 'Supernatural' Val Honeywood (3 votes)
TILLANDSIA - POTTED		
 <p>Tillandsia xerographica</p>	First: 	<i>Tillandsia xerographica</i> Nigel Thomson (8 votes)
	Second:	<i>Tillandsia Roy Ford</i> Sue Loughran (3 votes)
		<i>Tillandsia 'Alec'</i> Jan Hutchins (2 votes)
	Third:	<i>Tillandsia 'Hals Nidus'</i> John & Narelle Hoffmann (2 votes)
		<i>Tillandsia rihondurensis</i> Mazine O'Shea (2 votes)

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PLANT OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2024 (CONTINUED) ...

BROMELIAD SPECIES. (NEW CATEGORY FOR 2024)		
 <p><i>Aechmea purpureorosea</i></p>	First: 	<i>Aechmea purpureorosea</i> David Ward (5 votes)
	Second:	<i>Vriesea hieroglyphica</i> Maxine O'Shea (4 votes)
	Third:	<i>Lemeltonia narthecoidea</i> John & Narelle Hoffmann (2 votes) <i>Tillandsia lieboldiana</i> Jan Hutchins (2 votes)
OTHER GENERA		
 <p><i>Guzmania 'Sanguinga'</i> [N/R]</p>	First: 	<i>Guzmania 'Sanguinga'</i> [N/R] Nigel Thomson (9 votes)
	Second:	<i>Quesnelia 'Rafael Oliveira'</i> Maxine O'Shea (8 votes)
	Third:	<i>No third place due to lack of entries.</i>

February 2024 meeting : Neoregelia is **Over 250 mm**, and
Tillandsia is **"Mounted"**

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

GLOSSARY TERMS ...

BIGENERIC CROSS - The crossing of two different genera to form a hybrid genus *

In this newsletter I have referred to two different bigeneric crosses. These bigeneric genus can be identified by the use of a lower case 'x' before a name composed from the two parent genera. The two cases in the newsletter are : **xSincoregelia** : a crossing of the *Sincoraea* & *Neoregelia* genera, and **xVriesgoudaea** : a crossing of the *Vriesea* & *Goudaea* genera.

NOTHOGENUS - A name at generic level for a hybrid between two or more species in different genera, customarily preceded by a multiplication sign (x) *











In March, 2011 the **nothogenus** xAechbergiopsis (*Aechmea* x *Hohenbergiopsis*) was first recorded in the Bromeliad Cultivar Register under ICBN Rules by Kerry Booth Tate from New South Wales who chose the cultivar name 'PITA' (not to be confused with *Alcantarea* P.I.T.A.). Since then, Geoff Lawn has coined this new combination bigeneric genus name.

Today, the BCR Cultivar Register lists 86 bigeneric crosses against a total of 83 genus

* Definitions from the BSI Glossary of Bromeliaceae terms based on information from many sources compiled by Derek Butcher.

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
	Vriesea 'Black Diamond' The Dark One X Patrice	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17368	QLD
	Neoregelia 'Squirtle' Tantrum X Tantrum	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17369	QLD
	Vriesea 'Candy Heart' Cherry Bomb X Hawaiian Ruby	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17375	QLD
	Vriesea 'Heavens Garden' Ice Snowberries X Hawaiian Paradise	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17376	QLD
	Vriesea 'Strawberry Squeeze' Green Goblin X Hawaiian Ruby	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17378	QLD
	Vriesea 'Heavens Love' Ice Snowberries X Hawaiian Paradise	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17388	QLD
	Vriesea 'Fire Starter' Cherry Bomb X Hawaiian Ruby	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17389	QLD
	Vriesea 'Cats Eye Beach' Rainbow Beach X Rainbow Beach	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17390	QLD
	Vriesea 'Kirra Beach' Rainbow Beach X Rainbow Beach	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17391	QLD
	Vriesea 'Wasabi' Milky Way X Milky Way	Cameron, Mal & Michelle BCR_17424	QLD

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

EDITORS NOTE : The Bromeliad Cultivar Registrar has finalised the registration of a number of new cultivars by well known Queensland growers Mal & Michelle Cameron. The thumbnail pictures above do not do them justice so go to the BCR site below and open the photos to full size to really appreciate these new hybrids.

Congratulations and well done Mal & Michelle.

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)

BROMELIAD NURSERY SUPPLIES ...

The current **FCBSI PRICE LIST** as of 01-February-2024 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	<i>In stock</i>
SQUAT POTS, 140mm	(10 pk)	\$4.60	<i>In stock</i>
SQUAT POTS, 165mm	(5 pk)	\$3.60	<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>Out of 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)	\$6.00	<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)	\$4.50	<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.

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 2024 ...

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
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

Events:

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