



# FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC.

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Our next monthly gathering is on

**SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024**

**VENUE : DUNDOWRAN HALL**

The topic for Show & Tell is **Mini Neoregelias**.

Plant of the Month variable categories for March are:

- **Neoregelia - Mini ( Under 250 mm ), and**
- **Tillandsia - Potted.**

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



Giles Blaber  
 John Casey  
 Del Gough  
 Barry Hagedorn  
 Sue Hagedorn  
 Betty Hopper  
 Jan McCart  
 Denis Priston, and  
 Stan Walkley

## ***PRESIDENT'S REVIEW ...***

We're into Autumn now, but the garden isn't getting any reprieve from the summer heat and humidity. Talking to growers around South East Queensland, there are similar stories of plant damage from the sun even to plants under shade cloth and constant rain and humidity not allowing plants to dry out a little.

The AGM was well attended and failed to attract nominations for a couple of key positions on the Management Committee. This has been resolved over the past month and you will have to put up with me as President again for the next twelve months. Maxine has nominated for the Vice President's role. We do have a vacant position for a committee member so if you would like to become part of our committee... your involvement would be greatly appreciated.

We had another great meeting last month with members bringing their *Billbergias* in for 'Show, Tell and Ask'. It was pleasing to see the number of specimens that members brought in. The presented plants gave members an appreciation of the range of species and cultivars that are in collections around the Fraser Coast/Wide Bay area. Thank you to the members who brought in plants to share and further our knowledge of Bromeliads. This month we will be featuring Mini Neoregelias so fossick around your collections and bring in a couple to show.

The Popular plant competition once again attracted a colourful display of plants. 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 March theme is *the genus - Mini Neoregelias (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* - Under 250 mm, and
- *Tillandsia* - Potted.

### **❖ BROMS ON THE BAY 2024**

Our mini conference and the Monster Sale were both promoted at the BSQ Autumn Sale in Brisbane last weekend where it created a lot of interest. Information Sheet and Registration Forms are now available from Sue.

### **❖ POSITION VACANT - NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

I would like to step back from this position or have someone to help do some of the articles and meeting reporting. If you are interested please contact me or see one of the Committee Members.

## ***Editor's Note ...***

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## PLANT OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY 2024

### NEOREGELIA - OVER 250MM



*Neo. 'Zodiac'*

<b>First :</b> ⇐	<i>Neoregelia 'Zodiac'</i> [N.R.]	John & Narelle Hoffman -
<b>Second :</b>	<i>Neoregelia 'Full Throttle'</i>	Nigel Thomson -
	<i>Neoregelia 'Red Russian'</i> [N.R.]	Graham Spence -
<b>Third :</b>	No third place -	

### PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA



*Vriesea 'Pink Goddess'*

<b>First :</b> ⇐	<i>Vriesea 'Pink Goddess'</i>	John & Narelle Hoffman -
<b>Second :</b>	<i>Vriesea 'Snowman'</i>	Maxine O'Shea -
	<i>Vriesea 'Blue Berry'</i> [N.R.]	Maxine O'Shea -
<b>Third :</b>	<i>Vriesea 'Lake Innes'</i> [N.R.]	Sue Loughran -
	<i>Vriesea 'Vulcan Summer'</i> [N.R.]	Nigel Thomson -

### FLOWERING BROMELIADS



*Guzmania 'Francesca'*

<b>First :</b> ⇐	<i>Guzmania 'Francesca'</i> [N.R.]	Nigel Thomson -
<b>Second :</b>	<i>Tillandsia 'Red Fountain'</i>	Jan Hutchins -
<b>Third :</b>	<i>Guzmania 'Alii'</i>	John & Narelle Hoffman -

### TILLANDSIA - MOUNTED







*Tillandsia stricta*

<b>First :</b> ⇐	<i>Tillandsia stricta</i>	Ray Gough -
<b>Second :</b>	<i>Tillandsia tectorum</i>	Nigel Thomson -
<b>Third :</b>	<i>Tillandsia 'Fuego'</i>	Ray Gough -

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

BROMELIAD SPECIES. ( NEW CATEGORY FOR 2024 )		
 <p><i>Aechmea purpureorosea</i></p>	<b>First:</b> 	<i>Aechmea purpureorosea</i> Nigel Thomson -
	<b>Second:</b>	<i>Araedoccus plagellyolius</i> [N.R.] Val Honeywood -
	<b>Third:</b>	<i>Tillandsia rodrigueziana</i> Jan Hutchins -
OTHER GENERA		
 <p><i>Guzmania 'Sanguinga'</i> [N/R]</p>	<b>First:</b> 	<i>Billbergia 'Unforgettable'</i> [ N/R ] Val Honeywood -
		<i>Billbergia 'Talbot Cherry Maple'</i> Sue Loughran -
	<b>Second:</b>	<i>Aechmea 'Unstable Mable'</i> Nigel Thomson -

**March 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 and write clearly

### GLOSSARY TERMS ...

**INTERGENERIC CROSS** - The crossing of two species of two different genera from the same sub family to form a hybrid genus .

An example of an intergeneric hybrid was tabled at the recent BSQ Autumn Show by Stan Walkley.

The specimen is a cross between *Encholirium hooidum* and *Dyckia delicata*. George Stamanis is the hybridist for this cross.

Both genera are part of the sub-family *Pitcairnioideae*



*Encholirium hooidum X Dyckia delicata*

## NEW CULTIVAR REGISTRATIONS ...

There were no new cultivars registered by any Australian growers or by an Australian collector on a growers behalf since the last FCBSI newsletter. Maybe more next month!!!

## BSQ AUTUMN SHOW REPORT ...

The BSQ Autumn Show and Sale was held on the third weekend in March with several of our members participating as volunteers, sellers, competitors and buyers.



*Tillandsia moreana*

Nigel Thomson was very successful as a competitor, winning the Olive Trevor Cup for Champion Bromeliad of Show with *Tillandsia mooreana* and the Nev Ryan Cup for Reserve Champion of Show with *Vriesea 'Hunua Ranges'*.

As well as the above 'Top Table' wins, his entry - *Vriesea fenestralis* was awarded the Nez Misso Award for Best *Tillandsioideae*.

Also competing in the Autumn Competition were members Sue Loughran, Peter Ball, Denise Ball, and Stan Walkley; all gaining Purple Ribbons (95-100 points) for their entries.

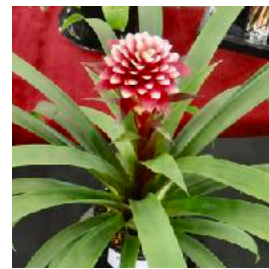
Also seen at the show



*Vr. Hunua Ranges*



*Vriesea fenestralis*



*Vriesea fenestralis*

**BROMS in the BAY**  
Bromeliad Conference & Sale - Hervey Bay 2024  
**3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
**Kondari Resort - Hervey Bay**

Well respected speakers covering a range of subjects  
Registration fee includes morning tea both days and lunch on Saturday  
Accommodation available at Kondari Resort (Special conference rate)  
Collector and new release plant sales plus Rare Plant Auction  
Conference delegates can apply for sales tables  
"Early Bird" Price : \$80 per person

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**Program Outline :**  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
Speaker Presentations : 8 am - 2 pm  
Plant Sale ( Delegates only ) : 2 pm - 4 pm  
Rare Plant Auction : 7:45 pm  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
Speaker Presentations : 8 am - 10 am  
Plant Sale ( Delegates only ) : 10 am - 11 am

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For further information and registration forms, please contact Conference Convenor : Sue Loughran  
email : [sueloughran1@bigpond.com](mailto:sueloughran1@bigpond.com)

"Broms in the Bay" is organised by the Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Inc.

**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR**

## **BROMS IN THE BAY 2024**

**Contact Sue Loughran for information and Registration Forms**

**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>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 )	\$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](mailto: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
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

### Events:

August 3 / 4	Broms in the Bay Conference <i>( Bookings open March / April 2024 )</i>	Kondari Resort
Septmber 21 / 22	BSQ Spring Show & Sale	Genesis College Bray Park
November 2 / 3	FCBSI Monster Sale	TAFE College <i>( to be confirmed )</i>