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Our next monthly gathering is on

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024

VENUE : JOHN & NARELLE HOFFMANN - MARYBOROUGH

(Please find address in Newsletter distribution email)

Guest Speaker : Neville Ryan (Subject - Tillandsias)

Plant & Nursery Sales start 11:00 am.

Plant of the Month voting commences at 11:15 am.

Monthly Meeting starts at 11:30 am.

B.B.Q Lunch will be provided.

Don't forget to bring:

Your chair and a cup,

Contributions to the monthly raffle,

*your **Tillandsia** plants for Show and Tell, and*

Plant(s) for the Plant of the Month Competition

Variable Categories are:

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for June :



Janine Blaber,
 Tara Casey
 Anne Walsh, and
 Lorraine Ward.

PRESIDENT'S FIVE MINUTES ...

Winter has arrived with its cooler temperatures, shorter days and so far no rain.

Last month we promoted the Society and bromeliads at the Botanical Gardens Open Day. We had a good display of broms as well as a good variety of plants for sale. Our stand was visited by people from as far away as Cairns to the south coast of NSW with many questions about broms. It was a very successful day and my thanks to those members who assisted.

May's 'Show, Tell and Ask' featured Billbergia's, Guzmania's and Flowering Vrieseas (thanks to the Editor's typo) with a nice selection of plants presented by members. I appreciate the support members have made to bring plants along and share their knowledge with all members.

See you on Saturday.

Cheers ... Les

BOTANICAL GARDENS OPEN DAY 2024 ...

On a fine albeit little cool morning in May, a small band of members gathered at the Hervey Bay Botanical Gardens to set up a display of bromeliads as well as a number of seller tables. At 8am the Garden gates opened to the public and slowly the crowds came.

We had visitors from Cairns to the NSW South Coast. Information discussed was varied from growing conditions, potting vs mounting, potting media, why the colours vary, the different genera, etc. The questions from the public indicated there is still a keen interest in Bromeliads.

The day provided the Society with good exposure to public with lots of pamphlets being given out and some sales. It was a successful public relation and promotional event, thanks to those members who assisted.

Below a few photos from the day.



Our Bromeliad Display



Looking through our stand area



Sue McD .and her sales plants.



David & Nigel with their sales plants



Inside the Orchid House



The Honey Bee eyeing off Nigel's broms

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ...

❖ MONTHLY FEATURED PLANT FOR "SHOW TELL & ASK"

The June theme is *the genus - Tillandsias. (Species & Cultivars)*.
Please bring along a plant or more from your collection to share with members.

❖ PLANT OF THE MONTH - POPULAR VOTE

Our variable categories this month are:

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

❖ BROMELIAD TIPS AND TRICK

A new segment at our monthly meeting will be trialed beginning in July. It is for members to give a brief talk on basic topics, ie. How I got into Broms; potting mixes; removing dead material from clumps; cleaning ionantha balls; etc.

In July, Nigel will be inform us on '*How to remove Vriesea pups without damaging the parent plant*'. This was requested by Sue L. If you have a question that needs an answer put in a suggestion and we'll try to find a member to provide the answer.

❖ ATTENTION - NEED POTS, LABELS OR FERTILISER

If you need any nursery supplies from Jan at the June meeting, please give her a call on 0419 799 483 to place an order as the normal stock will not be taken to Maryborough.

VALE : JOHN CASEY ...

It is with great sadness that we pass on the news that one of our former members, John Casey, passed away on May 28.

John was an active members of our Society since 2016 and had always had the Societies interests at heart. He contributed greatly in a whole range of ways until his health started to fail. He was President from 2019 to 2021, vice-President in 2018 and Editor of the Newsletter from 2017 to 2021.

All he did for our Bromeliad community will never be forgotten

NEW CULTIVAR REGISTRATIONS ...

There has been no new cultivars registered by any Australian growers or by an Australian collector on a growers behalf since the the February '24 FCBSI newsletter. Maybe next month we'll some new material from Australian growers!!!

EVENTS OF INTEREST ...



JUST FOR LAUGHS ...



PLANT OF THE MONTH - MAY 2024

NEOREGELIA - UNDER 250MM		
First:	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Hot Embers'	Nigel Thomson 9 votes
Second:	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Palmares'	Nigel Thomson 5 votes
Third:	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Gizmo'	Nigel Thomson 4 votes
PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA		
First:	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Pink Mink'	Nigel Thomson 8 votes
Second:	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Laura' X <i>Vriesea</i> 'Megan' [N.R.]	Nigel Thomson 5 votes
Third:	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Hawaiian Punch'	Sue Mc Donald 4 votes
FLOWERING BROMELIADS		
First:	<i>Guzmania</i> 'Mia' [N.R.]	Nigel Thomson 7 votes
	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Charlotte'	Nigel Thomson 7 votes
Third:	<i>Tillandsia paucifolia</i> (red form)	Maxine O'Shea 3 votes
SPECIES		
First:	<i>Guzmania musaica</i>	Nigel Thomson 7 votes
Second:	<i>Dyckia estervesii</i>	Val Honeywood 5 votes
Third:	<i>Vriesea gigantea</i>	Maxine O'Shea 4 votes
OTHER GENERA		
First:	<i>Nidularium</i> 'Bahia'	John & Narelle Hoffmann 7 votes
Second:	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Kawana Red Herring'	Nigel Thomson 4 votes
	x <i>Neomea</i> 'Flashdance'	David Ward 4 votes
TILLANDSIA - MOUNTED		
First:	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Dimmitts Talent'	Nigel Thomson 5 votes
Second:	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Regal Renae'	Ray Gough 4 votes
	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Lucille'	Alan Miller 4 votes

Plant of the Month Photographs



Neoregelia 'Hot Embers'



Vriesea 'Pink Mink'



Guzmania 'Mia' [N.R.]



Vriesea 'Charlotte'



Guzmania musaica



Nindalarium 'Bahia' [N.R.]



Tillandsia 'Dimmitt's Talent'



Some of the 'species' entries.

June 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

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)

<https://registry.bsi.org/registry>

For the latest species name changes and correct spelling, refer to either of these sites:

Encyclopedia of Bromeliads

<https://bromeliad.nl/excyclopedia>

or ***New Bromeliad Taxon List:***

<https://bromeliad.nl/taxonlist>



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR

BROMS IN THE BAY 2024

AUGUST 3RD & 4TH

Contact Sue Loughran for information and Registration Forms

BROMELIAD NURSERY SUPPLIES ...

The current **FCBSI PRICE LIST** as of 01-February-2024 is published below. Prices may vary when new stock is ordered.

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.

NOTE ... Pre - ordered stock only at June Meeting.

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)	\$3.60	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)	\$4.50	In stock
FERTILISER (Foliar)	(500gm)	\$6.80	In stock

DIARY DATES FOR 2024 ...

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
June 22	BBQ Lunch incorporating Monthly Meeting and Charity Raffle	Maryborough
July 27	Monthly Meeting Guest speakers : Bob & Tru Grant	Dundowran Hall
August 24	Monthly Meeting Guest speaker : Peter Ball	Dundowran Hall
September 28	Monthly Meeting	Dundowran Hall
October 26	Monthly Meeting Guest speakers : Greg Aizlewood	Dundowran Hall
November 23	Monthly Meeting incorporating our Christmas Party	Kondari Hotel

Events:

August 3 / 4	Broms in the Bay Conference	Kondari Resort
September 20/21/22	Hervey Bay Orchid Society Orchid and Garden Spectacular	Botanical Gardens Elizabeth Street, Urangan
September 21/22	BSQ Spring Show & Sale	Genesis College Bray Park
October 13	BSQ Tillandsia Workshop	Kedron Wavell Services Club Chermside
November 2 / 3	FCBSI Monster Bromeliad Sale	TAFE College Urraween

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