



FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC.

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Our next monthly gathering is on

SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2024

VENUE : DUNDOWRAN HALL

Guest Speaker : Bob & True Grant

(Subject - Moving Bromeliads)

Plant & Nursery Sales start 12:30 am.

Plant of the Month voting commences at 12:45 am.

Monthly Meeting starts at 1:15 am.

*Don't forget to bring your contribution to the monthly raffle,
your **Pattern-leafed Vriesea** plants for Show and Tell, and
Plant(s) for the Monthly Competition*

Variable Categories are:

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for July :



Sue Casey, and
Kim Fitzgerald.

PRESIDENT'S FIVE MINUTES ...

Hi all ... It's pleasing to see members getting behind the Monthly Show and Tell section of our Monthly Meetings. To further member involvement, Giles has put together a cheat sheet to assist people talk about their plants and is included in this Newsletter.

Thanks to those who helped at the Hervey Bay Botanical Gardens Open Day. It allowed us to promote the Society and provided opportunities for Q&A with the public. All the sellers did well.

Although numbers were down at this year's Annual BBQ & Charity Raffle, an enjoyable time was had by all who attended. My thanks to John & Narelle for opening their garden and putting together a delicious spread.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

Cheers ... Les

JUNE MEETING REPORT ...

Our June BBQ Meeting was held at Narelle and John Hoffman's house with 28 members present. Neville Ryan was welcomed. Birthday wishes (aka. raffle tickets) were given to Janine Blaber, Ron Southern and Anne Walsh as well Lucky Door tickets to Del & Ray Gough and John Hoffmann.

During Show & Tell ... Maxine produced her problem child, a Tillandsia without a name the plant and looking a bit down. It was identified as ***Tillandsia extensa***.

Jan brought a long a number of Tillandsia's that were in flower, namely ***Till. Pacific Blue*** (a Nev Ryan hybrid), ***Till. Red Dragon***, ***Till. Blue Moon*** (another Nev Ryan hybrid), ***Till. Holm's Sunset***, and ***Till. argentina*** (a species).

Narelle then produced a ***Tillandsia somnians*** with pups along a stolon.

Our Guest speaker - Neville Ryan had a wonderful selection of ***Tillandsias*** to show our members. He entertained us with specimens, anecdotes and history about his many plants. He focused on the Tillandsia sub-group ***Phytarrhiza*** which contains species like ***Till. arhiza***, ***Till. cacticola***, ***Till. duratii***, ***Till. mallemonii***, ***Till. paleacea***, ***Till. reichenbachii*** and ***Till. stramanea***.

Some of Neville's own hybrids were shown including ***Till. Salmon Queen***, ***Till. Pink Patches***, ***Till. Blue Pacific***, ***Till. Blue Moon*** and ***Till. Black Feather***.

A fascinating variety of ***Till. bulbosa*** and ***Till. tectorum*** were discussed as well as some of the ***ionantha*** hybrids. To round things out he had a couple of hybrids from other Queensland growers - ***Till. Caberet*** (Barry Genn), ***Till. JoBob*** (John Olsen/Bob Hudson) and ***Till. Bob's Amigo*** (Bob Hudson).

A very interesting presentation of some amazing Tillandsias. Neville also had a selection of ***Tillandsias*** available for members to purchase.

Lunch was then enjoyed by all with the afternoon concluding with the Popular Vote Competition results and the raffle draw.



Part of John & Narelle's spectacular garden



Neville describing one of his *Tillandsia duratii*



A group of Neville's *T. tectorums*



A box of beautiful Tillandsias from Neville's collection

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ...

❖ MONTHLY FEATURED PLANT FOR "SHOW TELL & ASK"

The July theme is *Pattern-leafed Vriesea*.

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

❖ BROMELIAD TIPS AND TRICK

A new segment will be trialed this month with Nigel demonstrating '*How to remove Vriesea pups without damaging the parent plant*'.

If any member wishes 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. OR have a question they would like explained, please advise a Committee member so that it can be arranged.

❖ WANTED : MEMBER TO GIVE A PRESENTATION.

We have been asked for someone to give a presentation on Bromeliads at the Hervey Bay Orchid Spectacular in September. As a number of our members will be in Brisbane that weekend, we are finding it difficult to find a presenter. If you are willing to prepare and give a 20 to 30 minute presentation on Bromeliads, please advise Les asap.

❖ NEW MEMBERS HANDBOOK

David Ward and Giles Blaber are developing a New Members Handbook. A handbook of this style has been missing from our society's resources and will be a welcome addition for new (and old) members. We look forward to publishing the first edition later in the year.

❖ BROMS ON THE BAY

Our 2024 Broms in the Bay conference has been well received and supported by the Australian Bromeliad community. There are still a few last minute seats left if you would like to attend so contact Sue to register.



Thank You ...

"Sue Casey and her family wish to thank everyone for the condolences and well wishes received from the Brom members in the passing of John. John was a passionate gardener and enjoyed attending the meetings and learning from both members and guest speakers. Both Sue and Tara will endeavour to keep John's beloved Broms and Tilly's going and we look forward to attending future meetings."

PLANT OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2024

| NEOREGELIA - OVER 250MM | | |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| First : | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Lucky Break' | Stewart McDonald 7 votes |
| Second : | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Linda Cathcart' | John & Narelle Hoffmann 5 votes |
| | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'McCushla' | Sue McDonald 5 votes |
| | <i>Neoregelia</i> 'Seaspray' | Nigel Thomson 5 votes |
| PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA | | |
| First : | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Fool's Pink' [N.R.] | Nigel Thomson 11 votes |
| Second : | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Wildfire Sunburst' [N.R.] | John & Narelle Hoffmann 7 votes |
| Third : | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Tongariro Mist' [N.R.] | Nigel Thomson 4 votes |
| FLOWERING BROMELIADS | | |
| First : | <i>Guzmania</i> 'Tola' [N.R.] | Nigel Thomson 7 votes |
| | <i>Guzmania</i> 'Kronos' [N.R.] | Nigel Thomson 7 votes |
| Third : | <i>Guzmania</i> 'Kay' | Allan Miller 3 votes |
| | <i>Vriesea</i> 'Conway' | David Ward 3 votes |
| SPECIES | | |
| First : | <i>Guzmania</i> sanguinea (tricolor form) | Nigel Thomson 19 votes |
| Second : | <i>Tillandsia</i> species | David Ward 3 votes |
| Third : | <i>Neoregelia</i> wilsoniana | Val Honeywood 1 votes |
| OTHER GENERA | | |
| First : | <i>Aechmea</i> 'Skidmarks' [N.R.] | Val Honeywood 9 votes |
| Second : | <i>Quesnelia</i> 'Ironclad' | Nigel Thomson 6 votes |
| Third : | <i>Billbergia</i> 'Sweet Cherry' [N.R.] | Nigel Thomson 5 votes |

PLANT OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2024-1

| TILLANDSIA - MOUNTED | | |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| First : | <i>Tillandsia ionantha</i> | Stan Walkley 9 votes |
| Second : | <i>Tillandsia funckiana</i> | Nigel Thomson 8 votes |
| Third : | <i>Tillandsia araujei</i> | Maxine O'Shea 1 votes |
| | <i>Tillandsia araujei</i> (small form) | Nigel Thomson 1 votes |
| | <i>Tillandsia 'Leopard'</i> | Ray Gough 1 votes |
| | <i>Tillandsia 'Pacific Blue'</i> | Jan Hutchins 1 votes |
| | <i>Tillandsia stricta 'Nigra'</i> | Ray Gough 1 votes |
| | | |

Plant of the Month Photographs



Neoregelia 'Lucky Break'



Vriesea 'Fool's Pink'



Guzmania 'Tola' [N.R.]



Guzmania sanguinea
(tricolor form)



Aechmea 'Skidmarks'



Tillandsia ionantha






Some of the 'Flowering Brom'
entries.

July 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

NEW CULTIVAR REGISTRATIONS ...

There has been 22 new cultivars registered world wide in the past month. Of these, three are by an Australian grower.

| Photograph | Cultivar Name | Hybridist | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Seed Parent X Pollen Parent | BCR No. | State |
|  | Cryptanthus 'Jamilla' THRILLER X unknown | Weston, Dave BCR_17108 | QLD |
|  | Cryptanthus 'Leah' THRILLER X unknown | Weston, Dave BCR_17110 | QLD |
|  | Cryptanthus 'Madge' ELAINE X unknown | Weston, Dave BCR_17111 | QLD |

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

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>

BROMELIAD NURSERY SUPPLIES ...

The current **FCBSI PRICE LIST** as of 08-July-2024 is published to the right. 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 ... There has been a price increase for 140mm and 200mm squat pots this month.

| 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 |
|--------------|--|------------------|
| July 27 | Monthly Meeting Guest speakers : Bob & True 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 <i>incorporating our Christmas Party</i> | 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 | Xavier College Eli Waters |
| 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 |



BROMS in the BAY
Bromeliad Conference & Sale - Hervey Bay 2024
3RD & 4TH 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

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

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

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

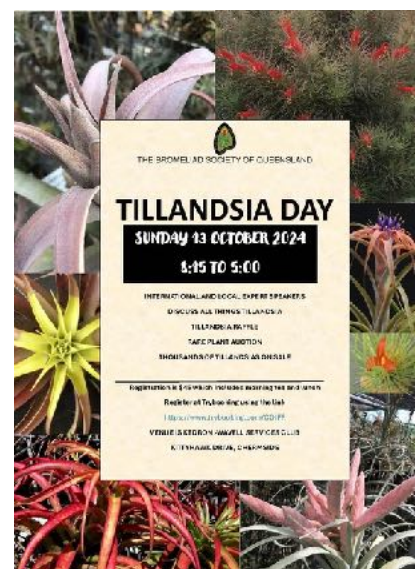


THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND
BROMELIADS & MORE...
21ST - 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

Bromeliads along with
Tropical Plants - Succulents
Aroids - Hoyas & much more

8am - 4pm Saturday / 8am - 1pm Sunday
Display and Show of Competition Plants
Monster Raffle, Book Sales & Refreshments
Admission \$4

Genesis Christian College Sports Hall
Youngs Crossing Road, Bray Park



THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND
TILLANDSIA DAY
SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2024
1:15 TO 5:00

INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL EXPERT SPEAKERS
DISCUSS ALL THINGS "TILLANDSIA"
TILLANDSIA RAFFLES
TASTE PLANT AUCTION
SHORTLANDS OF THE JAVEN AND DRESSER

ENTERING IN THE FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC. Raffle
Prizes for Tillandsia Inc. are the best
Tillandsia plants in the show
VENUE: KEDRON WAVELL SERVICES CLUB
6, KEDRON AVENUE, CHERMSIDE

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CHECKLIST FOR SHOW AND TELL PLANTS ...

Below are some topic ideas/headings to think about when you are presenting a 'Show and Tell' plant at our monthly meetings. It is not expected that you will cover every question below, but the more aspects of your plant that you talk about, the more interesting it is.

- Where did you get the plant from?
- How many years ago was that?
- Why did you buy it in the first place?
- Is that the original plant or a pup?
- What medium are you growing it in?
- What conditions does it grow in? Full Sun or shade? Prefers to be wetter rather than drier?
- What percentage shade cloth is it under, if any?
- Do you grow it on the sunny or shady side of your shade house?
- Do you have it high or low in your shade house? Is that because it grows better there?
- Have you sold any of the pups recently?
- What would it cost to buy a small / large plant of that?
- Does it have any cultural problems, like a tendency to rot?
- How do you handle this plant?
- How often do you water it in summer and winter?
- How about fertiliser?
- Do you spray it regularly? Or only if it shows signs of pests?

Thanks to Giles for compiling the above list for the Society.

Is there an other information you would like from a presenter during "Show N Tell"? Write it down and give it to Giles or David who are designing the New Members Handbook so that your ideas can be included.

Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Monster Sale 2024

Saturday 2 November - 8am to 3pm

Sunday 3 November - 8am to noon



At Hervey Bay TAFE

47-95 Urraween Rd
Urraween, Hervey Bay

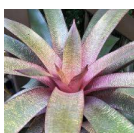
Free entry
Plenty of parking
Wheelchair-friendly

Large Display of Bromeliads

Bromeliads for sale

Tillandsias for Sale

Raffle – Great Prizes!



New releases
Classic favourites
Collector's items

**Thousands
of Broms!**



Hervey Bay Orchid Society Inc.

VENUE:

Xavier Catholic College
1 Wide Bay Drive, Eli Waters, Hervey Bay.

DATE:

Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd September 2024

SHOW IS OPEN:

8.00am - 4.00pm

Friday and Saturday

8.00am - 2.00pm

Sunday