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There is

NO monthly gathering

in

JANUARY 2025

Our first meeting for 2025 will be on

Saturday 22ND February 2024

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for January :



Ian Fluerty,
 Sue Loughran, and
 Trish Magee.

In February, the Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society celebrates 20 years of all things Bromeliad. Watch out for more information in the next Newsletter.

EDITOR'S TWO BOB'S WORTH ...

Hi all ...

Apologies for the late January Newsletter. Hopefully, I'll do a better job with February's

Cheers ... Les H.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ...

❖ INTRODUCTION OF FOLIAGE

Last year the Management Committee introduced Foliage at the Society's Annual Monster Sale. As part of the ongoing evaluation, members can table foliage plants in the monthly Popular Vote Competition and offer them on the Sales Table.

Our introductory definition of foliage is plants that complement bromeliads and are grown for their foliage not flowers. Examples are Aroids, Antheriums, Philodenron, Heliconia, Alocasia, Strelitzia, ferns, Monstera, etc. We do not want orchids, cacti, succulents, geraniums or general garden plants.

The committee will refine the foliage criteria as we get a better understanding of the member needs.

❖ PLANT OF THE MONTH - POPULAR VOTE

2025 will see the Society introduce a new category for Foliage. Although discussion is ongoing to define this category, we will introduce "Foliage" from the February meeting. As such, we invite members to bring their favourite specimens.

This year the Popular Vote Competition categories are:

- ***Neoregelia*** - alternates monthly with ***Up to 250mm and Over 250 mm.***
- ***Pattern Leafed Vriesea***
- ***Flowering Bromeliads***
- ***Bromeliad Species***
- ***Other Bromelaid Genera***
- ***Tillandsia*** - alternates monthly with ***Mounted and Potted***
- ***Foliage plants***

The alternate categories for the February meeting will be:

- ***Neoregelia*** - ***Up to 250 mm,*** and
- ***Tillandsia*** - ***Potted.***

❖ MEMBERSHIP

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's bank details are in the newsletter cover email or contact the Treasurer.

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

NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...

Attention Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Members

As per the constitution, we would like to notify you that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of our Society will take place on Saturday February 22nd at Dundowran Hall 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 10th 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

Les Hutchins

President - FCBS Inc

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 10th 2025. 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

Audio/Visual Set-Up

PLANT OF THE MONTH - 2024 WINNERS

	OVERALL WINNER 2024	
	<p><i>Congratulations</i> Nigel Thomson</p>	
	NEOREGELIA	
	<p>First : Nigel Thomson (25 votes)</p> <p>Second : John & Narelle Hoffmann (10 votes)</p> <p>Third : Sue McDonald (9 votes)</p>	
	PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA	
	<p>First : Nigel Thomson (25 votes)</p> <p>Second : John & Narelle Hoffmann (13 votes)</p> <p>Third : Maxine O'Shea (11 votes)</p>	
	FLOWERING BROMELIADS	
	<p>First : Nigel Thomson (32 votes)</p> <p>Second : David Ward (12 votes)</p> <p>Third : Maxine O'Shea (6 votes)</p>	
	TILLANDSIA	
	<p>First : Nigel Thomson (29 votes)</p> <p>Second : Ray Gough (23 votes)</p> <p>Third : Jan Hutchins (8 votes)</p>	
	OTHER GENERA	
	<p>First : Nigel Thomson (25 votes)</p> <p>Second : Val Honeywood (14 votes)</p> <p>Third : David Ward (10 votes)</p>	
	SPECIES	
	<p>First : Nigel Thomson (19 votes)</p> <p>Second : David Ward (14 votes)</p> <p>Third : Val Honeywood (11 votes)</p>	

A special thanks to Jan McCart for her time and effort in organising the competition plants and collating the results each month. It is very much appreciated ... Les (Editor)

Some photographs from the Christmas Breakup 2024 ...



And the
Overall Winner
for
2024
was
Nigel Thomson

Photographs courtesy of FCBSI Facebook Page (Sue Loughran and Kim Fitzgerald)

At the February 2025 Popular Vote Competition :

The variable categories are Neoregelia is **Up to 250 mm**, and Tillandsia is **"Potted"**,
and
We are introducing the new category of **"Foliage"**

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



Editor's Note ...

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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
	Neoregelia 'Mum's ForEva Pink' EVA X MACPINK	Tristram, Peter / Angelina Wong* BCR_17892	NSW
	Dyckia 'Clifton Migaloo' CLIFTON SNOW X marnier-lapostollei	Lyall, Michael BCR_17592	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 **22-October-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.

Pot Special:

we have a number of 140mm Extra squat pots (black) available for \$3.60 for a pack of 10.

These pots are only 95mm high as compared to the normal 140mm squat pot. These pots are only available until the stock runs out.

Item	Unit	Price per Unit	Status / Comment
SQUAT POTS, 125mm	(10 pk)	\$3.60	In stock
SQUAT POTS, 140mm	(10 pk)	\$4.80	In stock
SQUAT POTS, 165mm	(5 pk)	\$3.60	In stock
SQUAT POTS, 200mm	(5 pk)	\$3.90	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)	\$2.20	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 / 2025 ...

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
2025		
January	No Monthly Meeting	
February 22	Monthly Meeting (preceded by A.G.M.) Speakers : David & Lorraine Ward Theme : Bilbergia	Dundowran Hall
March 22	Monthly Meeting Guest speaker : tba Theme : Foliage	Dundowran Hall
April 26	Monthly Meeting Guest speaker : tba Theme : Neoregelia	Dundowran Hall
May 24	Monthly Meeting Guest speaker : tba Theme : Guzmania / Flowering Vriesea	Dundowran Hall
June 28	BBQ Lunch and Monthly Meeting Guest speaker : tba Theme : Tillandsia	Maryborough

Events:

2025		
March 8 / 9	BSQ Bromeliads & More	Belmont Shooting Complex
September 27 / 28	BSQ Spring Sale	Genesis College - Bray Park
November 1 / 2	FCBSI Monster Bromeliad Sale	tbc
November 4/5/6/7	22nd Australasian Bromeliad Conference Aussie Broms 2025 <i>Exploring Diversity & Beauty</i>	Eatons Hill Hotel Brisbane Queensland
December 13	FCBSI Christmas Party	tba

22ND AUSTRALASIAN BROMELIAD CONFERENCE ...

The Bromeliad Society of Queensland is convening the 22nd Australasian Bromeliad Conference to be held on Tuesday 4th November – Friday 7th November 2025 at the Eaton's Hill Hotel & Accommodation, located on the northside of Brisbane, a short 25 minutes from Brisbane airport and the CBD.

The conference is being run during the week as the cost of the venue was significantly higher over a weekend, and they also have other events scheduled for most weekends.

The theme for the conference will be **Aussie Broms 2025 - Exploring Diversity and Beauty**. It will feature an awesome selection of speakers both local and overseas, plant sales, garden tours, rare plant auction, bromeliad show and a final night banquet.

Don't miss this great opportunity to be part of an Australasian Conference. More to come ...

Monster Sale 2024 ...

The Raffle winners were:



1st Prize : Katrina Kime



2nd Prize : Chris Winterton



3rd Prize : Sue Casey.

Thanks to all members who provided raffle prize, purchase tickets and assisted with ticket sales at the door.



The display was a highlight of the weekend with many visitor commenting and enjoying the brilliant display. Thanks to Maxine who supervised a team of willing helpers to bring this together.

