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Our next monthly gathering is on

SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 2025

VENUE : DUNDOWRAN HALL

Presentation : Our Garden Journey - David Ward

Plant & Nursery Sales start 12:30 pm.

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

Monthly Meeting starts at 1:15 pm.

*Don't forget to bring your contribution to the monthly raffle,
 your **Foliage Plants** for Show and Tell, and
 your plants for the Monthly Popular Vote Competition*

Variable Categories are:

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members for February/March :



Giles Blaber,
 Peter Ball,
 Del Gough,
 Sue & Barry Hagedorn,
 Betty Hopper,
 Jan McCart,
 Ron Murray, and
 Stan & Jane Walkley.

PRESIDENT'S AGM REPORT ...

Presented at Annual General Meeting, Dundowran Hall (22-02-2025)

I would like to take this opportunity to recap on the past year and to thank everyone involved with the Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society.

ACTIVITIES

Firstly ... the year that was.

Our **monthly meetings** have been smaller than past years and is something that the committee hopes will change with the introduction of foliage. I am especially pleased with the members continued support for the Show and Tell segment where we feature a particular plant, theme or topic. I must say that your contributions are very inspirational and educational.

Guest speakers during the year were Greg Aizlewood, Peter Ball, Bob & True Grant, Mark Hawkins, Ron Murray, Val Honeywood, Neville Ryan, and as always, Nigel Thomson has been a wealth of knowledge throughout the year. I very much appreciated your input Nigel. At a couple of meetings with no guest speaker, I organised video presentations.

If you have any suggestions for topics or guest speakers for 2025 please contact one of the management committee.

In May, 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.

In August, we organised **Broms in the Bay 2025** ... our bi-annual mini conference. It was another great success, even with the organisation hiccups with the venue. Our presenters, Graeme Barclay, Doug Binns, Bruce Dunstan, Barry Genn, Michael Lyell, Nigel Thomson and Peter Tristram shared their knowledge about species in their natural habit, overseas field trips, hybridizing methods, fertilizing, and climate conditions. The Rare Plant Auction was very entertaining thanks to Rob Murray and the raffle attracted a lot of attention.

My thanks to all the Society members who helped, especially the organising committee (Sue, Nigel & Les). To the sponsors for their support and sellers who provided the delegates with a wide range of incredible plants. And of course, thanks to you - the delegates. Without your participation, Broms in the Bay 2024 would not have happened.

The Society also participated in the **Hervey Bay Orchid Society's Spring Show**. Our attendance achieved its goal of promoting Bromeliads to the wider community. Thanks must go to those members who participated, especially Maxine for another wonderful display.

On the subject of promoting Bromeliads to the community, I would like to encourage Society members to promote our meetings and gathering to family members, friends and the broader community.

Our annual major event is the **Monster Sale**. With the hard work from all involved, we had a very successful event with good sales and buyers coming from as far away as Brisbane to Rockhampton. So the word is spreading about the wonderful plants we have on offer here on the Fraser Coast.

The venue provided a relaxed atmosphere for the public (and members) to wander and discuss the various plants on offer without the congestion previously experienced. The colourful variety of bromeliads that our sellers tabled, the spectacular Bromeliad display created to showcase bromeliads to the public, and the willingness of the members to help out with the tasks to be done all contributed to a wonderful weekend.

A big thank you to the society volunteers for their time, and the sellers for growing and preparing the amazing plants. A special thanks must go to Maxine and her helpers for the wonderful display and to all the members who supplied plants for inclusion in the display.

I think you will agree the weekend was an outstanding success that would have inspired new and old bromeliad lovers.

The year closed out with all attending members enjoying the **Christmas Party** at the Kondari Resort. The winners of the monthly 'Popular Plant Competition' were announced during the lunchtime proceedings. Congratulations to Nigel Thomson for winning each of the categories and being announced 2024 Overall Champion. Ray Gough, John and Narelle Hoffmann, Val Honeywood, Jan Hutchins, Maxine O'Shea, Sue McDonald and David Ward all shared the placing in the five categories.

FINANCIAL

It's pleasing to be able to report that our financial performance remains in the positive side of the ledger for the year. This is great considering the cost escalation pressures for the year, enabling our membership fees to remain the same for the 2025 financial year. More details will be highlighted in the Treasurer's Report.

VALE

During the year, we lost two very loyal supporters. John Casey and Denis Priston. John was an active member of our Society and his commitment to making it better along with his willingness to help anyone had a lasting impression on all of us. Denis was not very active over the past years but was always a wealth of knowledge and very helpful to new members.

THANKS

Lastly and most importantly, my thanks to:

Volunteers

All the members that volunteered. Without you the club just can't operate and the events we hold would not be a success.

Guest speakers

To our guest speakers and those members who organised and facilitated their visit.

Management Team

To Sue, Janine, Giles, Maxine, David, Narelle and John for your support throughout the year and their efforts in making this a fantastic Society to be a part of.

FINAL

Finally, I encourage all Society members to look for ways to support our activities and contribute to the Society's growth and development.

Thank you and all the best.

Les Hutchins

Immediate Past President - Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society

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.

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
EXTRA SQUAT POTS, 140mm	(10 pk)	\$3.50	Available until stock depleted.
SQUAT POTS, 165mm	(5 pk)	\$3.60	In stock
SQUAT POTS, 200mm	(5 pk)	\$3.90	In stock
HANGERS (4 PRONGS)	(10 pk)	\$4.10	In stock
LABELS, LARGE, WHITE	(25 pk)	\$2.30	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	(No stock)
LABELLING PENCILS	(each)	\$6.00	In stock
PAPER SLEEVES, 140mm	(10 pk)	thb	Back 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

PLANT OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY 2025

NEOREGELIA - UNDER 250MM



First :	←	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Groucho'	John & Narelle Hoffman (13 votes)
Second :		<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Back Draft'	Val Honeywood (7 votes)
Third :		<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Annick'	John & Narelle Hoffman (5 votes)

PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA



First :	←	<i>Vriesea</i> 'Black Pearl'	Sue Loughran (13 votes)
Second :		<i>Vriesea</i> 'GYWI SNOW WHITE' [N/R] (A Margaret Patterson hybrid.)	Janine Blaber (9 votes)
Third :		<i>Vriesea</i> 'Pink Chestnut'	John & Narelle Hoffman (3 votes)
		<i>Vriesea</i> 'Pink Goddess'	Sue MacDonald (3 votes)

FLOWERING BROMELIADS



First :	←	<i>xWalfussia</i> 'Creation'	David Ward (24 votes)
Second :		<i>Vriesea</i> 'Astrid'	Sue Loughran (6 votes)
		You could have been third!!!	

TILLANDSIA - POTTED

Sorry
No photo

First :	<i>Tillandsia</i> 'Antonio'	Anne Walsh (11 votes)
Second :	<i>Tillandsia ehlersiana</i>	Ray Gough (6 votes)
	<i>Tillandsia mooreana</i>	Jan Hutchins (3 votes)
Third :	<i>Tillandsia multicaulis</i>	Anne Walsh (3 votes)

OTHER GENERA



First :	←	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Grace Rennie'	Val Honeywood (10 votes)
Second :		<i>Billbergia</i> "Cherry Maple"	Sue Loughran (6 votes)
Third :		<i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Bivittatus'	John & Narelle Hoffman (5 votes)

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SPECIES		
	First : ←	<i>Aechmea</i> bromeliifolia Val Honeywood (12 votes)
	Second :	<i>Tillandsia</i> ehlersiana Jan Hutchins (10 votes)
	Third :	<i>Guzmania</i> vittata Anne Walsh (4 votes)
FOLIAGE		
	First : ←	<i>Alecasia</i> 'Frydek' David Ward (12 votes)
	Second :	<i>Caladium mini</i> Giles Blaber (3 votes)
	Third :	<i>Nepenthes</i> 'Pink Chestnut' Jan Hutchins (4 votes) <i>Vriesea</i> 'Pink Goddess' Jan Hutchins (4 votes)

March 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.

20 Years of Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society ...




The FCBS founding members who were in attendance at the AGM/February Monthly Meeting. They are (from left to right) : Ray & Dell Gough; Val Honeywood; Debbie Kruger; Natalie Bexton; Maxine O'Shea; John & Narelle Hoffmann, and Hans Kruger.



Life members of the FCBS cutting the 20th Anniversary Cake. They are (from left to right) : Debbie Kruger; Maxine O'Shea; John & Narelle Hoffmann, and Hans Kruger. (Unfortunately Karen Thomson was unable to attend.)

NEW CULTIVAR REGISTRATIONS ...

There has only been one new cultivar registration listed by an Australian grower this month.

Photograph	Cultivar Name	Hybridist	
	Seed Parent X Pollen Parent	BCR No.	State
	<i>Neoregelia</i> 'Snakes & Ladders'	Przetocki, Vic	
	FIREBALL X <i>ampullacea</i> (dark form)	BCR_17362	WA

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

DIARY DATES FOR 2025 ...

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
2025		
March 22	Monthly Meeting Guest speaker : David and Lorraine Ward 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		
April 26 / 27	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 Exploring Diversity & Beauty	Eatons Hill Hotel Brisbane Queensland
December 13	FCBSI Christmas Party	tba

Please Note: For those members who usually go to the **BSQ Tillandsia Day**, it has been cancelled for 2025. The next one will be held in May 2026.

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.

or

New Bromeliad Taxon List:

<https://bromeliad.nl/excyclopedia>

<https://bromeliad.nl/taxonlist>

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