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Note: **April Meeting** has been cancelled & rescheduled for

SATURDAY 3rd May 2025

VENUE: DUNDOWRAN HALL

Presentation:

Plant Presentation for Competition

By Sue Loughran

Plant & Nursery Sales start at 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 - Under 250 mm, and Tillandsia - Potted.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY YOUR DAY BE SPRINKLED WITH THE SAME MAGIC YOU BRING TO YOUR GARDEN.



April Jane Hutchins
Karen Thomson
Blanca Markham

VALE

John Southern passed away 28th March 2025 aged 56 years. Ron and Betty, we were all so devastated to hear about your loss. Take comfort in knowing you have so many beautiful memories to hold onto. Our deepest sympathy to the entire family during this sad time.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Financial reminder that membership renewals are due asap.
- The Botanical Gardens Australia and New Zealand (BGANZ) Open Day 25th May, starts at 10am at the Hervey Bay Botanic Garden, includes activities and displays to highlight the role of plants in our lives and the vital work in botanic gardens to preserve them for future generations a great day out for all.
- Have a chit chat with Sue Loughran at the 3rd May meeting, if you are selling plants, or able to volunteer, your time would be fantastic. This is a great opportunity to promote FCBS and bromeliads in the community.
- This year at the Monster Sale the bromeliad display will have a type of competition. Stay tuned for updates.

PRESENTATION

Our Garden Journey by David & Lorraine Ward

David and Lorraine's presentation highlighted the challenges of growing trees and plants in various locations, from Hobart to Harvey Bay. As the property experts would say "location location location".

The first plant was an umbrella plant, not costly but hardy. There was a murmur in the room "oh no"! David took us through the different types of soils and with the good, bad and let's learn more approach. Heavy digging in clay ground with low pH attracted pests, leading to plant loss.

- **Clay and pure white sand ground** was easy to dig, and cow manure and lime were great for apple trees.
- **Clay and sand** required taming, with adjustments to pH and air rotation producing a productive garden.
- **Sandy soil** was so loose that standing on it could cause you to sink. Opps fun for their 4 children! There were many products required to be added before results could be seen.

Lorraine would sit on the ground and paint the black cockatoos that were attracted to the native plants. In the ponds, water lilies floated on occasions eels would be found. Another murmur in the room "wow, ooo". They also joined the daffodil club to learn more about bulb plants. They introduced to the garden clivia plants red, yellow, orange and cream that created a mass of colour when in season. Conifers provided the structure in the garden.

When they drove past their property at Hervey Bay, everything was dust, no weeds on the ground at all. This all changed throughout the years. David tested the soil and had to dig 20-30cm found shale and floating rock. They are still nurturing their garden today. You will find David in the garden between 9am – 6pm, he lives by this motto 'happy wife, happy life'.

With the knowledge that David learnt at university and building each garden since 1971 to now.... David is happy to chat to help you on your garden journey. **David's tip:** Use a Dyckia plant in your garden landscape.



(Additional info; Dyckia is a genus of the botanical family Bromeliaceae, subfamily Pitcairnioideae. Dyckia plants are grown for their attractive foliage and produce showy flowers in various colours.)

SHOW AND TELL

ANTHURIUM PLANT BY ANNE WALSH

Anne has a marvellous garden to visit in Bundaberg. Anne's passion was evident throughout the presentation, and the seeds she provided allowed us to experiment in our own gardens. **How to grow anthurium from seed:** Rinse the seeds and dry them with a paper towel. Place sphagnum moss at the bottom of a clear plastic container, spread the seeds, and cover with a lid without holes. Ready for the greenhouse with filtered light. **Potting mix:** Black marble/ Brunnings Fine bark, Pearl light and Vermiculite. Sometimes Anne may use Peat Moss and Charcoal. If you have questions Anne can assist. Don't forget to share your experience with us.



OUT AND ABOUT

CELEBRATING JANINE'S SUCCESS

As we celebrate Janine's success at the Childers & Iris District Orchid Society, we look forward to seeing her continue to inspire and educate others in the gardening community. Her dedication to the cultivation of bromeliads is a testament to the joys of gardening and the endless possibilities it offers for learning and growth. Let's join in celebrating Janine's achievements and the vibrant world of bromeliads that she so passionately represents.



ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL & DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

17th May 2025 Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Janine Blaber

20 Manchester Court Dundowran

This is a wonderful opportunity for hands-on learning about diverse types of plants. Conversations thrive on excitement as we share experiences and explore different techniques to expand your garden knowledge. Bring laughter, smiles, and a sense of humour. Don't forget your gardening gloves, notebook/pen and morning tea. Drinks will be provided on the day. These workshops will be held every 2 months.

LETS CHIT CHAT & DISCOVER



If you are interested in chit chatting at the meeting then chit chat with Sue Loughran.

What are your top 5 types of bromeliads would you suggest and conditions to grow starting out?


What are the best tips that you have learnt, that are not commonly known?

What are the standard gardening tools needed for planting and cutting bromeliads?

Don't forget to add "the good the bad and the best results"

PLANT OF THE MONTH - MARCH 2025

NEOREGELIA – OVER 250MM

	First: ←	NEOREGELIA ‘Rangeview Pink Jewel’	Nigel Thomson (8 votes)
	Second:	NEOREGELIA ‘Zodiac’	John & Narelle Hoffman (4 votes)
	Second:	NEOREGELIA ‘Sandy’	Sue McDonald (4 votes)
	Third:	NEOREGELIA ‘Painted Desert’	Peter Maczi (3 votes)


PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA




	First: ←	VRIESEA ‘Montezuma's Gem’	Narelle & John Hoffman (11 votes)
	Second:	VRIESEA ‘In-fell-able’	Nigel Thomson (4 votes)
	Second:	VRIESEA ‘Candy Strip’	Sue MacDonald (4 votes)
	Third:	VRIESEA Lockey’s Favourite	Sue Loughran (2 votes)

FLOWERING BROMELIADS

	First: ←	GUSMANIA ‘Mia’	David Ward (7 votes)
	Second:	VRIESEA ‘Astrid’	Nigel Thomson (6 votes)
	Third:	GUSMANIA ‘Francesca’	Nigel Thomson (5 votes)

TILLANDSIA

	First: ←	TILLANDSIA ‘Andreana’	Janet Hutchins (10 votes)
	Second:	TILLANDSIA ‘Tectorum’	Ray Gough (9 votes)
	Third:	TILLANDSIA ‘Straminea’	Ray Gough (1 vote)
		TILLANDSIA ‘Capitata Red’ (species)	Nigel Thomson (1 vote)

OTHER GENERA			
	First: ←	TILLANDSIA 'Samantha'	David Ward (11 votes)
	Second:	BILLBERGER "Cherry Maple"	Sue Loughran (6 votes)
	Third:	CRYPTANTHUS	Val Honeywood (3 votes)
SPECIES			
	First: ←	LEMELTONIA nartheciodes	John and Narelle Hoffman (12 votes)
	Second:	TILLANDSIA Balbisiana (Giant form)	Nigel Thompson (5 votes)
	Third:	CATOPSIS	Jan Hutchins (3 votes)
FOLIAGE			
	First: ←	Aglaonema commutatum	Jan (7 votes)
	Second:	Tassel Fern	David Ward (5 votes)
	Third:	Nephenses	Anne Walsh (2 votes)
	Third	Stromanthe Sanguinea	Lorraine Ward (2 votes)

May 2025 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. This helps to identify under BCR
















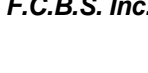
(Great variety at the raffle table)










(Great to see such amazing foliage plants)

NEW CULTIVAR REGISTRATIONS ...

There has been many new cultivar registrations listed by an Australian grower this month. Congratulations Mal and Michelle Cameron.

<i>Photograph</i>	<i>Cultivar Name</i>	<i>Hybridist</i>	
	<i>Seed Parent X Pollen Parent</i>	BCR No.	State
	<u>VRIESEA 'Raspberry'</u> Seed Parent: Southern Cross Pollen Parent: Forrest	(17851) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Super Star'</u> Seed Parent: Godzilla Pollen Parent: Hawaiian Ruby	(17852) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Forbidden Love'</u> Seed Parent: Cointreau Pollen Parent: Kiwi Lavender Haze	(17853) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Indigo Moon'</u> Seed Parent: Godzilla Pollen Parent: Hawaiian Ruby	(17854) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Magnificent'</u> Seed Parent: Zebra Pollen Parent: Hawaiian Ruby	(17855) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>NEOREGELIA 'Hogwarts Staircase'</u> Seed Parent: Pitch Black Pollen Parent: Pitch Black	(17856) Devine, Guy	NSW
	<u>AECHMEA 'Feather Foot'</u> Seed Parent: Black Zombie Pollen Parent: ? (open pollination)	(17864) Weston, Dave	QLD
	<u>AECHMEA 'Kadaitcha Man'</u> Seed Parent: Black Zombie Pollen Parent: ? (open pollination)	(17865) Weston, Dave	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Alpine'</u> Seed Parent: Godzilla Pollen Parent: Moon Tiger	(17877) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Gem Stone'</u> Seed Parent: Rainbow Beach Pollen Parent: Rainbow Beach	(17878) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Purple Peacock'</u> Seed Parent: Dillings Black Beauty Pollen Parent: Patrice	(17884) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Bambino'</u> Seed Parent: Rainbow Beach Pollen Parent: Southern Cross	(17885) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Devine Jade'</u> Seed Parent: fosteriana Pollen Parent: rubryae	(17890) Guy Devine	NSW
	<u>VRIESEA 'Holy Moly'</u> Seed Parent Black Pearl Pollen Parent Black Satin	(17831) Cameron, Mal	QLD

Photograph	<u>Cultivar Name</u>	Hybridist	
	<u>Seed Parent X Pollen Parent</u>	BCR No.	State
	<u>VRIESEA 'Wild Tiger'</u> Seed Parent: Hawaiian Phoenix Pollen Parent: Hawaiian Ruby	(17832) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Purple Odyssey'</u> Seed Parent: Zebra Pollen Parent: Hawaiian Ruby	(17845) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Chantilly Lace'</u> Seed Parent: Niagara Falls Pollen Parent: Cherry Bomb	(17849) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Pink Sensation'</u> Seed Parent: Ice Snowberries Pollen Parent: Hawaiian Paradise	(17850) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Lightning Bolt'</u> Seed Parent: Godzilla Pollen Parent: Moon Tiger	(17808) Cameron, Mal & Michelle	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Eternal Flame'</u> Seed Parent: Godzilla Pollen Parent: Hawaiian Ruby	(17821) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Nitro'</u> Seed Parent: Kiwi Cream Pollen Parent: Gulz	(17830) Cameron, Mal	QLD
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Deep Dream'</u> Seed Parent: Ribbons & Lace Pollen Parent: Enticement	(17668) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Glitz & Glitter'</u> Seed Parent: Strawberry Ice x brasiliensis Pollen Parent: Enticement	(17667) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Vik & Yvonne'</u> Seed Parent: Spun Sugar Pollen Parent: Xmas Cheer	(17669) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Desert Stars'</u> Seed Parent: Pearl Fantasia Pollen Parent: Coat Of Arms	(17678) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Light Year'</u> Seed Parent: Caprice Pollen Parent: Sherbet Delight	(17848) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Silva Roze'</u> Seed Parent: Black Velvet Pollen Parent: Xmas Bells	(17679) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>NEOREGELIA 'The Baron'</u> Seed Parent: Stardom	(17681) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Snow Lord'</u> Seed Parent: Domingos Martins Pollen Parent: Desert Shimmer	(17687) Przetocki, Vic	WA

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	<u>Seed Parent X Pollen Parent</u>	<i>BCR No.</i>	<i>State</i>
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Cherry Supreme'</u> Seed Parent: Hamersley Red Pollen Parent: Spun Sugar	(17693) <i>Przetocki, Vic</i>	WA
	<u>NEOREGELIA 'Hot Jupiter'</u> Seed Parent: Bobby Hull Pollen Parent: Sapphire Magic	(17695) <i>Przetocki, Vic</i>	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Calypso Sun'</u> Seed Parent: Black Velvet Pollen Parent: Xmas Bells	(17699) <i>Przetocki, Vic</i>	WA
	<u>NEOREGELIA 'Born In Paradise'</u> Seed Parent: Glorious Pollen Parent: Sorrel	(17733) <i>Przetocki, Vic</i>	WA

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:

<i>Encyclopedia of Bromeliad</i>	<i>New Bromeliad Taxon List</i>
https://bromeliad.nl/taxonlist	https://bromeliad.nl/excyclopedia

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 0419799483 or email 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	<i>In stock</i>
SQUAT POTS, 140mm	(10 pk)	\$4.80	<i>In stock</i>
EXTRA SQUAT POTS, 140mm	(10 pk)	\$3.50	<i>Available until stock depleted.</i>
SQUAT POTS, 165mm	(5 pk)	\$3.60	<i>In stock</i>
SQUAT POTS, 200mm	(5 pk)	\$3.90	<i>In stock</i>
HANGERS (4 PRONG)	(10 pk)	\$4.10	<i>In stock</i>
LABELS, LARGE, WHITE	(25 pk)	\$2.30	<i>In stock</i>
LABELS, SMALL, WHITE	(25 pk)	\$2.20	<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>(No Stock)</i>
LABELLING PENCILS	(each)	\$6.00	<i>In stock</i>
PAPER SIFFVES, 140mm	(10 pk)	tha	<i>Back 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>

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:



Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
2025		
<i>April 26 cancelled May 3 Next meeting</i>	Monthly Meeting Guest speaker: Sue Loughlan Plant Presentation for Competition Theme: Neoregelia	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>May 24</i>	Monthly Meeting Guest speaker: Ron Murray Why do we pot that plant into that pot? Theme: Guzmania / Flowering Vriesea	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
<i>June 28</i>	BBQ Lunch and Monthly Meeting Guest speaker: tba Theme: Tillandsia	<i>Maryborough</i>

Events:

2025		
<i>April 26 / 27</i>	BSQ Bromeliads & More	<i>Belmont Shooting Complex</i>
<i>May</i>		
<i>September 27 / 28</i>	BSQ Spring Sale	<i>Genesis College - Bray Park</i>
<i>November 1 / 2</i>	FCBSI Monster Bromeliad Sale	<i>tbc</i>
<i>November 4/5/6/7</i>	22nd Australasian Bromeliad Conference Aussie Broms 2025 <i>Exploring Diversity & Beauty</i>	<i>Eatons Hill Hotel Brisbane Queensland</i>
<i>December 13</i>	FCBSI Christmas Party	<i>tba</i>

Queensland Garden Show 11th, 12th and 13th July 2025

Nambour Showgrounds

What a fantastic day to enjoy what we all enjoy “gardening”. Free Plant Clinic, dozens of nurseries, Living Backyards, Cooks Garden, free lectures, demonstrations and so much more

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