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July Meeting

SATURDAY 26th July 2025

VENUE: DUNDOWRAN HALL

12:30pm Plant & Nursery Sales
 12:45pm Plant of the Month voting
 1:15 Monthly Meeting starts

Show and Tell

Vriesea – flowering or patterned leaf are the featured topic for **July**, so bring along your plants for 'Show N Tell', also enter them in the Popular vote competition. You are encouraged to bring along other plants for 'Show N Tell' that are of special interest to you or that you are having challenges with identifying or growing

Variable Categories are:

Neoregelia -Over 250 mm in diameter, and **Tillandsia Mounted**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

IN THE GARDEN OF LIFE, JULY BIRTHDAYS BLOOM LIKE VIBRANT PETALS.



Sue Casey
 Marilyn Corbin
 Hildred Davies
 Kim Fitzgerald
 Katrina Kime

Management Committee Update

The meeting for September has been brought forward to **Saturday 20th September 2025**. This is due to

- Hervey Bay Orchid Society Show 2025 on Friday 26th – Sunday 28th September 2025 and,
- Brisbane Society Queensland (BSQ) are holding their Spring Sale (Monster Plant Sale) for one day only Saturday 27th September 2025 due to the Australasian Bromeliad Conference in November.

On the 17th of July 2025, the following documents were sent out via email.

- **FCBS Code of Conduct** **could you please sign and bring it along to the meeting.**
- **FCBS Monster Sale** – document for sellers.

If you have any questions regarding the documents, please feel free to reach out to Sue at the meeting.

Guest Speaker

At the June meeting it was great to see Neville Ryan come along and share his experience and passion for Tillandsia's. I am sure there were a few exquisite tillandsias purchased on the day.

Thank you to John and Narelle Hoffmann for sharing your home and gorgeous back yard to wonder through. The BBQ was a success, and no one went home hungry.



Such array of beautiful plants at the meeting here are some taken by Val Honeywood





Out and About

2025 Queensland Garden Show (formerly Queensland Garden Expo)

Nambour Showgrounds, Coronation Ave Nambour

Gardening is regularly ranked as a leading recreational activity, and the Show's expanding size and attendance over 39 years highlight its ongoing appeal since its 1985 inception.

This distinctive atmosphere consistently provides a satisfying experience upon each visit I reckon if it is for 1 day or 3 days. You could say it is the place to be and the people you need to be with.



What !!!!!

And it doesn't stop there!



Just in case you missed.....

Gardening Australia
My Garden Path | Viktor Przetocki
2025 | SERIES 36 | Episode 21 | A Passion for Plants Special
WINTER Friday 18th July



Viktor is so passionate about **bromeliads** that he has around three thousand on his suburban Perth block! He is Secretary of the WA Bromeliad society and his wife, Yvonne, shares his enthusiasm - she's the current President. Viktor has bred 300 registered cultivars and is always working on more. *(Information from the Gardening Australia website.)*

Viktor has registered different bromeliads with the Bromeliad Cultivator Register in July 2025. (See below)

Plant of the Month -June 2025

NEOREGELIA UNDER 250MM DIAMETER			
	First ←	NEOREGELIA Dyn-o-mite	John and Narelle Hoffmann (10 votes)
	Second:	NEOREGELIA White hot embers	Nigel Thomson (5 votes)
	Second :	NEOREGELIA Shirley Kay	Val Honeywood (5 votes)
PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA			
	First: ←	VRIESEA Jamie smethie	Nigel Thomson (10 votes)
	Second	VRIESEA White Lightening	John and Narelle Hoffmann (7 votes)
	Third	VRIESEA Crimson Bling	Sue McDonald (3 votes)
FLOWERING BROMELIADS (BILLBERGIA/GUZMANIA/ AECHMEA)			
	First: ←	GUZMANIA Passion Var	Nigel Thomson (15 votes)
	Second:	VRIESEA Exita	David Ward (6 votes)
	Third:	N/A	

TILLANDSIA POTTED			
	First: ←	TILLANDSIA Birchwood	Nigel Thomson (11 votes)
	Second:	TILLANDSIA Ehlersiana x Streptophyllia	J & N Hoffmann (6 votes)
	Third:	TILLANDSIA Loose Wheels	Ray Gough (3votes)
OTHER GENERA			
	First ←	GUZMANIA Lindenii	John and Narelle Hoffmann(13 votes)
	Second ←	CRYPTANTHUS	Peter Maczi (3 votes)
	Third	HOHENBERGIA Ouchi	Val Honeywood (2 Votes)
	Third	BILLBERGIA Sandra	David Ward (2 votes)
SPECIES			
	First: ←	AECHMEA recurvata	Jan Hutchins (13 votes)
	Second:	NEOREGELIA banlana	David Ward (3 votes)
	Third	VRIESEA platynema	Val Honeywood (2 votes)
	Third	AECHAMEA ensign	Maxine O'Shea (2 votes)
FOLIAGE			
	First: ←	Aglaonema Stan	David Ward (14 votes)
	Second:	Anthurium Veitchii King	Val Honeywood (4 votes)
	Third	Dieffenbachia	Peter Maczi (3 votes)

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 and registry.

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>

New Bromeliad Taxon List:

<https://bromeliad.nl/taxonlist>

BROMELIAD NURSERY SUPPLIES

FCBS STOCK SALES	
Description	Price per Item
125mm Squat Pot (10pk)	\$3.60
140mm Squat Pot (10pk)	\$4.80
140mm Extra Squat Pot (10pk)	\$3.50
165mm Squat pot (5pk)	\$3.60
200mm Squat Pot (5pk)	\$3.90
4 Leg Hangers (10pk)	\$4.10
labels white large (25pk)	\$2.30
labels white small (25pk)	\$2.00
labels yellow large (25pk)	\$1.50
labels yellow small (25pk)	\$1.25
pencils each	\$6.00
sleeves 140mm (10pk)	\$2.90
sleeves 170mm (10pk)	\$3.40
sleeves 200mm (10pk)	\$3.90
Fertiliser 500g (Slow Release)	\$4.50
Fertiliser 500g (Foliar)	\$6.80

The FCBSI Price List effective from **May 2025**. Prices are subject to change with new stock orders.

If you need any items and require assistance, please contact Jan or Les at 0419799483.

Alternatively, you may email them in advance to ensure that your order is prepared for collection at the next meeting. It is also possible to arrange for pickup from their residence prior to the meeting.

Reminders



26 Sep at 08:00 – 28 Sep at 00:00

Hervey Bay Orchid and Garden Spectacular

Xavier Catholic College

New Cultivar Registrations

There are new cultivar registrations listed by an Australian grower this month (July). *Data and photographs courtesy of the Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR)*

Photograph	Cultivar Name	Hybridist	
	Seed Parent X Pollen Parent	BCR No.	State
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Grand Fantasia'</u> Seed Parent: Cherry Cocktail Pollen Parent: Elegant	(17917) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Heavy Metal Thunder'</u> Seed Parent: Xmas Cheer Pollen Parent:	(17918) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Wisteria'</u> Seed Parent: brasiliensis Pollen Parent: alfonsi-joannis	(17919) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>NEOREGELIA 'Happy Valley'</u> Seed Parent: Wild Ruby Pollen Parent: Takemura Grande	(17920) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'True Love'</u> Seed Parent: Lights Fantastic Pollen Parent: Enticement	(17924) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Cherry Valentine'</u> Seed Parent: Lights Fantastic Pollen Parent: Enticement	(17925) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Light Speed'</u> Seed Parent: Red Coat Pollen Parent: Domingos Martins	(17927) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Elina Birthday Girl'</u> Seed Parent: Island Glow Pollen Parent: Tickled Pink Seed parent B. 'Island Glow' is an unregistered S. Beasley hybrid (Kawana)	(17926) Burrows, Jen	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Kara Stardust'</u> Seed Parent: Celestial Jewel Pollen Parent: Mambo	(17901) Fluerty, Ian	QLD
	<u>VRIESEA 'Crimson Blossom'</u> Seed Parent: Pahoa Beauty Pollen Parent: Crimson Autumn	(17902) Stamatis, George / Ian Fleurty*	QLD
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Colour My World'</u> Seed Parent: Spicewood Pollen Parent: Enticement	(17903) Przetocki, Vic	WA

Photograph	<u>Cultivar Name</u>	Hybridist	
	<u>Seed Parent X Pollen Parent</u>	BCR No.	State
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Golden Charm'</u> Seed Parent: Cherry Cocktail Pollen Parent: Muriel Waterman	(17904) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>BILLBERGIA 'Cherry Dawn'</u> Seed Parent: Raspberry Cheesecake Pollen Parent: Black Velvet	(17906) Przetocki, Vic	WA
	<u>NEOREGELIA 'Galadriel'</u> Seed Parent: Little Checkers Pollen Parent: Skotak's Tiger	(17914) Jacobsson, Kent / Angelina Wong*	NSW

Diary Dates for 2025 ...

FCBSI Monthly Meetings:



Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
2025		
July 26 th	Theme Vriesea – flowering or patterned leaf	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
August 23 rd	Guest Speaker: Joy Duke Theme Foliage	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
August / September <i>To be advised</i>	Social & Discovery Workshop Potting Up Time: 9:30am – 11:30am.	<i>David and Lorraine Ward Home</i>
September 20 th <i>change of date</i>	Theme: Aechmea and Alcantarea	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
October 25 th	Theme: Bromeliad Species	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>
November 22 nd	Theme: “Most Dangerous (Spikey) Bromeliad	<i>Dundowran Hall</i>

Date	Events	Venue / Location
2025		
September 26,27/28	HBOS Hervey Bay Orchid & Garden Spectacular	
September 27	BSQ Spring Sale	<i>Genesis College - Bray Park</i>
November 1 / 2	FCBSI Monster Bromeliad Sale	<i>TAFE College Urraween Road</i>
November 4/5/6/7	22nd Australasian Bromeliad Conference Aussie Broms 2025 Exploring <i>Diversity & Beauty</i>	<i>Eaton's Hill Hotel Brisbane Queensland</i>
December 13	FCBSI Christmas Party	<i>tba</i>

Editor's Note ...

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