



# FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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## October Meeting

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**VENUE: DUNDOWRAN HALL**

12:30pm Plant & Nursery Sales  
 12:45pm Plant of the Month voting  
 1:00pm Monthly Meeting starts

### Show and Tell

**Bromeliad Species** is the featured topic for October, 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** – under 250 mm in diameter, and **Tillandsia potted**

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



John Hoffman  
 Valerie Honeywood  
 Jacquie Robertson  
 Tracey Lyall  
 Ray Barfield

# Vale Olive Trevor, OAM



Our sincere condolences to Len, Rebecca, and their families on Olive's passing. Olive played a pivotal role in the importation and promotion of bromeliads in Australia. She is fondly remembered for her insightful conversations, extensive knowledge, and the enthusiasm she brought to sharing bromeliads with others.



## Management Committee Update



### Monster Sale: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025



Can all members try and collect boxes for the Monster Sale. Let Sue know how many you have at the meeting.



Please give your name to David if you can help with his roster allocations



Sue will collect raffle prizes at the October meeting. Alternatively, drop them off at her home: 12 Cooks Rd, Urraween



All sellers to *bring 5 plants* for the display, even if you aren't selling and have a few nice plants please bring them along to make our arrangement amazing for the public viewing and interest.



If you haven't filled in a fire Ant form or the new code of conduct please obtain one at the next meeting



October Meeting will be the last opportunity to organise with John Hoffman barcodes the Monster sale



Handy Hire are a business that is giving back to the community. They have provided chairs/tables for the Monster Sale at a reduced cost with drop off/pick up included, which is very much appreciated. If you need any of the services they offer, look them up to support their business. Proud sponsor of the Monster Sale 2025.



## Christmas Celebration



Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2026

Time: Drinks from 11 am and dinner at 12 noon

Venue: Hervey Bay R.S.L

11 Torquay Road Pialba QLD 4655

**Members \$25.00**

*The total cost is \$55 per person and FCBS will subsidise \$30 for members.*

At the October meeting, let Sue know if you will be attending the Christmas Celebration and/or have dietary requirements. The menu will also be available for viewing at the front table with Sue.

Come along and enjoy the atmosphere, friendships and fun of raffle prize wins and much more.

# Show and Tell

Guest Speaker

Leslie Hamilton (AKA The Cordyline Princess Leslie Hamilton)



Leslie shared her enthusiasm for growing cordylines from seed and creating new hybrids. Inspired by a fellow gardener, she discussed Australis cordylines, originally from Hawaii, which produce seeds in a variety of colours. Leslie showcased several colourful, structural cordyline varieties, while both she and Grahame use bromeliads and cordylines to create a low-maintenance architectural garden. You will see Leslie at foliage events, so be quick as she is known for the quality and ability of creating meaning names her cordylines.



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## Out and About

There have been some amazing Spring Fairs and Garden shows advertised this month across QLD. Have you been to any or many do share at the October meeting. We all love a bargain and/or a new plant to enhance our gardens.

### HBOS Hervey Bay Orchid & Garden Spectacular

This display of vibrant plants would make an excellent addition to any garden. Congratulations to John and Narelle Hoffman for winning Grand Champion of all foliage such a great achievement.



Vriesea Abigail Jean

Vriesea Paho Beauty x Mauri Kea

Neoregelia Orange Flash

**Caboolture Districts Bromeliad Society Inc.** had their Frenzy Sale. Ian and Kim bought oyster shells, succulents, and 2 bromeliads. At noon on Sunday, Kim learned that they had won first prize in the raffle; they were thrilled.

*Plant of the Month -September 2025*

NEOREGELIA OVER 250MM DIAMETER		
	<b>First</b> 	NEOREGELIA White Walker Nigel Thomson (5 points)
	<b>Second:</b>	NEOREGELIA Bahai Opal Albo Graham Spence (3 points)
	<b>Third</b>	NEOREGELIA McCushla Var Sue McDonald (2 points)
	<b>Third</b>	NEOREGELIA Goldilocks Val Honeywood (2 points)
PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA		
	<b>First:</b> 	VRIESEA Pink Dream Nigel Thomson (7 points)
	<b>Second</b>	VRIESEA Lilac Mist Sue Loughran (5 points)
	<b>Second</b>	VRIESEA Nova x Mauna Kea John & Narelle Hoffman (3 points)
FLOWERING BROMELIADS (BILLBERGIA/GUZMANIA/ AECHMEA)		
	<b>First:</b> 	VRIESEA Conway Val Honeywood (5 points)
	<b>Second:</b>	GUZMANIA Cherry Nigel Thomson (3 points)
	<b>Third:</b>	ACHMEA Distacontha Peter Maczi (2 points)
	<b>Third:</b>	GUZMANIA Summertime David Ward (2 points)
	<b>Third:</b>	GUZMANIA Mia John & Narelle Hoffman (2 points)
TILLANDSIA MOUNTED		
	<b>First:</b> 	TILLANDSIA Lonantha John & Narelle Hoffman (6 points)
	<b>Second</b>	TILLANDSIA Tectorum (Equidore) Nigel Thomson (2 points)
	<b>Second</b>	TILLANDSIA Lorentziana Jan Hutchins (2 points)
	<b>Second</b>	TILLANDSIA DurattII v. Saxitillis Jan Hutchins (2 points)

OTHER GENERA			
	<b>First</b>	SINCO Birchwood Fireworks	Nigel Thomson (5 points)
			
	<b>Second</b>	ANDROLEPSIS x ACHMEA Chantinii	Graham Spence (4 points)
	<b>Third</b>	SINCOREA Cosmic Blast	David Ward (3 points)
SPECIES			
	<b>First:</b>	SINCOREA berlemaixii	David Ward (6 points)
			
	<b>Second:</b>	ANANAS bracteatus	Peter Maczi (3 points)
	<b>Second:</b>	VRIESEA pardilina	Val Honeywood (3 points)
	<b>Third</b>	AEC raemae v tubiformia	Jan Hutchins (2 points)
FOLIAGE			
	<b>First:</b>	Dischidia Varegated	Val Honeywood (8 points)
			
	<b>Second:</b>	Heschera solar eclipse	David Ward (4 points)
	<b>Third</b>	Dracaena	No name provided (1 points)

**November 2025 meeting:** Neoregelia is **Over 250 mm in diameter**, and Tillandsia **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 and registry.

### Bromeliad Nursery Supplies

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.

FCBSI STOCK SALES	Month of	Price per item	Stock total per pot	# of lots of stock held
120mm Squat Pot (120x60)		\$3.80		
140mm Squat Pot (140x70)		\$4.80		
140mm Round Squat Pot (140x70)		\$5.50		
160mm Squat Pot (160x80)		\$5.80		
200mm Squat Pot (200x100)		\$9.90		
4 Leg Hangers (120x60)		\$4.50		
Labels white large (210x42)		\$2.20		
Labels white small (105x21)		\$1.80		
Labels yellow large (210x42)		\$1.50		
Labels yellow small (105x21)		\$1.25		
Labels black		\$0.20		
Stakes 140mm (120x60)		\$2.90		
Stakes 200mm (200x100)		\$3.40		
Stakes 300mm (300x150)		\$5.90		
Perforator 100g (100g Perforator)		\$4.50		
Perforator 100g (100g)		\$4.80		
Total Cash Received From Sales				



## 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/>

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>

## New Cultivar Registrations

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

### Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18279) 2025-10-15



#### NEOREGELIA 'Birchwood Nemo'

Thomson, Nigel 2016

Mature compact, tubular and slightly bulbous based rosette to 10cm. wide x 15cm. high. Lime green, flaring leaves to 2cm. wide with random, reverse zoned, brick red banding patterns on both sides. Reg. Doc. 10/2025.

Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Golden Pheasant**

Pollen Parent: **Little Storm**

### Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18280) 2025-10-15



#### NEOREGELIA 'Birchwood Sunrise'

Thomson, Nigel 2016

Seed Parent: **Golden Pheasant**

Pollen Parent: **Punctate**

### Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18281) 2025-10-15



#### NEOREGELIA 'Birchwood Red October'

Thomson, Nigel 2016

Mature compact, rosette to 15cm. wide x 12cm. high. Lime green, flaring leaves to 2.5cm. wide with consistent, reverse zoned, brick red banding patterns on both sides, more evident in the centre with outer older leaves suffusing to solid red. Reg. Doc. 10/2025.

Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Golden Pheasant**

Pollen Parent: **Pheasant**

### Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18283) 2025-10-15



#### NEOREGELIA 'Birchwood Fat Butt'

Thomson, Nigel 2016

Mature compact and bulbous based rosette to 15cm. wide x 12cm. high. Lime green, flaring leaves to 2.5cm. wide with random, crimson-red banding patterns on both sides. Reg. Doc. 10/2025.

Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Golden Pheasant**

Pollen Parent: **'Little Storm' x 'Punctate Red'**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18284) 2025-10-15**



**NEOREGELIA 'Birchwood Redhead'**

**Thomson, Nigel 2016**

Mature tubular rosette to 10cm. wide x 12cm. high. Light green semi-glossy leaves to 2cm. wide, burnishing bronzy red with punctated brick red/crimson banding patterns on both sides. Grex Siblings = N. 'Birchwood Humbug', 'Birchwood Uluru'. Reg. Doc. 10/2025.  
Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Golden Pheasant**

Pollen Parent: **Punctate Red**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18282) 2025-10-15**



**NEOREGELIA 'Birchwood Humbug'**

**Thomson, Nigel 2016**

Mature tubular rosette to 13cm. wide x 15cm. high. Light green semi-glossy, flaring leaves to 2cm. wide, with punctated, crimson-red banding patterns turning maroon at the base. Grex Siblings = N. 'Birchwood Redhead', 'Birchwood Uluru'. Reg. Doc. 10/2025.  
Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Golden Pheasant**

Pollen Parent: **Punctate Red**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18285) 2025-10-15**



**NEOREGELIA 'Birchwood Uluru'**

**Thomson, Nigel 2016**

Mature compact, rosette to 10cm. wide x 15cm. high. Light green/burgundy, semi-glossy, erect leaves to 2cm. wide with punctated dark maroon banding on both sides. Grex Siblings = N. 'Birchwood Humbug', 'Birchwood Redhead'. Reg. Doc. 10/2025.  
Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Golden Pheasant**

Pollen Parent: **Punctate Red**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18267) 2025-10-07**



**xPUCKIA 'Ruby'**

**Jones, Mitch 2020**

Mature rosette to approx. 70cm. wide x 50cm. high. Mahogany to carmine, succulent leaves tapering to a point with scurfed white undersides and golden, sharp, hooked spines. Multi-branched inflorescence to 1 metre plus, with frosted coral red stem, bracts and sepals and golden yellow-petalled flowers. Named in honor of the breeder's companion Ruby, who assisted pollinating and selecting receptive seed parent candidates in the experiment to breed Australia's first xPuckia bigenerics. Reg. Doc. 10/2025.  
Country of origin: **N.S.W. Australia**

Seed Parent: **Dyckia 'Big Red Hunter'**

Pollen Parent: **Puya spathacea**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18264) 2025-10-05**



**VRIESEA 'White Tiger'**

**Cameron, Mal 2017**

Mature large and open rosette to 80cm. wide x 50cm high. Channeled, creamy-white based leaves with broken, army green glyph patterns and leaf margins edged in green. Grex Siblings = V. 'Alpine', 'Black Caviar', 'Lightning Bolt', 'Tuxedo'. Glyph Group. Reg. Doc. 9/2025.  
Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Godzilla**

Pollen Parent: **Moon Tiger**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18265) 2025-10-05**

**VRIESEA 'Tuxedo'**

**Cameron, Mal**

**2017**



Mature rosette to 80cm. wide x 50cm. high. Large, vase-shaped form with creamy/light-green based leaves, heavily banded in dark chocolate to dark olive-green glyph patterns. Leaf edges with fine, dark green, pencil-lined margins. Grex Siblings = V. 'Alpine', 'Black Caviar', 'Lightning Bolt', 'White Tiger'. Glyph Group. Reg. Doc. 9/2025.  
Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Godzilla**

Pollen Parent: **Moon Tiger**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18266) 2025-10-05**

**VRIESEA 'Starry Starry Night'**

**Cameron, Mal**

**2011**



Mature compact rosette to 30cm. wide x 30cm. high. Creamy/light green, short, broad leaves with longitudinal dark green lines, random smudged spots on the inner new leaves and dark maroon fingernails. Older lower leaves suffuse to smudged, solid green glyph patterns. Glyph Group. Reg. Doc. 9/2025.  
Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Rainbow Beach**

Pollen Parent: **Rainbow Beach**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18268) 2025-10-05**

**VRIESEA 'Fandango'**

**Przetocki, Vic**

**2000**



Mature open rosette to 60cm. wide x 45cm. high. Green, strap-like leaves to 5cm. wide with faint glyph markings. Erect inflorescence to 65cm tall with red scape, coral red bracts; yellow sepals with a light red tinge, and flowers with yellow petals tipped green. Reg. Doc. 10/2025. Country of origin: **Western Australia**

Seed Parent: **Christiane**

Pollen Parent: **Red Chestnut**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18254) 2025-09-28**

**xPUCKIA 'Palpatine'**

**Lyall, Michael**

**2021**



Mature, large rosette to approx. 90cm. wide. Olive-green to brown, channelled leaves moderately dusted in silvery trichomes with sharp, hooked spines. Erect inflorescence to 1 metre plus, with light red, thin, branched stems, light red bracts and sepals and yellowish-green petalled flowers. Grex Sibling = xP. 'Han Solo'. Reg. Doc. 9/2025.  
Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Dyckia 'Tight Tracker'**

Pollen Parent: **Puya laxa**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18262) 2025-09-28**

**xPUCKIA 'Len Waite'**

**Lyall, Michael 2021**



Mature, rosette to approx. 70-80cm. wide. Olive-green, channelled leaves to approx 2cm. wide, heavily covered in silvery trichomes creating a whitish appearance, with mostly antrorse hooked spines. Erect inflorescence to 1 metre plus, with red, thin, branched stems, red bracts and sepals and green-petalled flowers. Reg. Doc. 9/2025.  
Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Dyckia 'Somerset Spaced Out'**

Pollen Parent: **Puya laxa**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18240) 2025-09-25**



**DYCKIA 'Clifton Cherry Snow'**

**Lyall, Michael 2022**

Mature rosette to 35cm. wide with leaves to 1cm. wide. Clumping habit with deep burgundy, wavy leaves, prominent scurfy white spines and a light dusting of trichomes. Orange inflorescence to around 1metre tall. Reg. Doc. 9/2025.  
Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Somerset Cherry Blast**

Pollen Parent: **Clifton Snow**

**Bromeliad Cultivar Register (18253) 2025-09-25**



**xPUCKIA 'Han Solo'**

**Lyall, Michael 2021**

Mature rosette to approx. 70cm. wide. Olive-green to brown, channelled leaves with a slight twist in the outer third, moderately dusted in silvery trichomes with sharp, hooked spines. Erect inflorescence to 1 metre plus, with thin branched stems, light red bracts and sepals and greenish petalled flowers. Grex Sibling = xP. 'Palpatine'. Reg. Doc. 9/2025.  
Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **Dyckia 'Tight Tracker'**

Pollen Parent: **Puya laxa**

**Diary Dates for 2025 ...**



**FCBSI Monthly Meetings:**

Date	Event / Guest Speaker	Venue / Location
<b>2025</b>		
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Theme: Bromeliad Species	Dundowran Hall
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Theme: "Most Dangerous (Spikey) Bromeliad"	Dundowran Hall

Date	Events	Venue / Location
<b>2025</b>		
November 1 / 2	<b>FCBSI Monster Bromeliad Sale</b>	TAFE College Urraween Road
November 4/5/6/7	<b>22nd Australasian Bromeliad Conference</b> Aussie Broms 2025 Exploring Diversity & Beauty	Eaton's Hill Hotel Brisbane Queensland
December 13	FCBSI Christmas Party	Hervey Bay RSL

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