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January Meeting

SATURDAY 24th January 2026

VENUE: DUNDOWRAN HALL

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

Show and Tell

Patterned leaf Vriesea is the featured topic for January.
 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 250mm and Tillandsia – Potted

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Ian Fluerty
 Sue Loughran
 Trish Magee.



Management Committee Update

Welcome to a new year, with amazing bromeliads, foliage plants and a little bit more for 2026. Come along and be part of the community of bromeliads and foliage. Share with like-minded people, that support each other, share kindness and eerie stories that help you learn about bromeliads that would make your friends' hair stand on end.

Our first meeting is on Saturday 24th January. The weather is anticipated to be HOT. There are large fans in the hall but for that little bit extra breeze bring along a handheld fan or battery-operated wind fan or fold a newspaper into a fan shape. To keep hydrated perhaps bring flask of water or even a wet hand towel to use when needed. Choosing to wear a brightly coloured outfit for the meeting can help create a positive atmosphere and may prompt conversation regarding your sense of style.

NEW Donation: This year proceeds from the raffle sales at both the June meeting, and the end-of-year Christmas Celebration will be donated by FCBS Inc. to CareFlight. They were established in 1986, CareFlight is dedicated to saving lives, expediting recovery, and serving the community.

NEW Popular Vote Novice: This year an area will be designated as an area for Novice entries; you can bring along a plant or two from the Bromeliaceae family of bromeliads. We invite all individuals, particularly those new to cultivating bromeliads who may seek guidance, to attend our monthly meetings. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with experienced enthusiasts who possess extensive knowledge and are able to offer support throughout your cultivation journey.

NEW Broms in the Bay Conference planning is underway for August – Stay tuned for further information

REMINDER **Membership fees for 2026** became due on January 1, 2026. Payments may be made at our meeting on January 24, or via direct deposit. The fee is \$10 for individual members and \$15 for family memberships. Thank You to the many members who have already paid.

NEW The Queensland Gardening Page is where events are added throughout the year and updated regularly as a source of events occurring in Queensland. If you are part of the group, club and/or Society this is a great opportunity to advertise their event to share. There will be a condensed version in the Newsletter this year or you may like to look up what is going on in your area. **See further below**

Thank you Hervey Bay RSL for the delicious meal, venue and catering staff at our Christmas Celebration Dec 2025. If your looking for a place to visit for a meal, show, raffles or more then add Hervey Bay RSL to the bucket list!



Annual General Meeting

The Management Team would like to encourage members of the Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Inc. (FCBS Inc) to consider a position on the new Management Committee for 2026.

We foster a welcoming atmosphere and value connecting with others who share an interest in bromeliads. Have a think of what you would like to do to assist the Society either take up a management position or volunteer at events and/or meetings through:

- Contributing to grow the Society and increasing membership over the next year
- Enjoying teamwork, having friendly conversations to promote the Society in the community and at meetings
- Sharing your own and members' ideas, suggestions, or feedback at the Management Committee meetings
- Most of all enjoy what you do with a smile

| Committee | Committee Stewards |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| President | Raffle / Welcome Table |
| Vice President | Kitchen/Afternoon Tea |
| Secretary | Hall Set up |
| Treasurer | Librarian |
| Committee Members (3) | Plant Sales |
| Editor | Popular Vote Competition |
| Publicity Officer | Stock Sales |
| Membership Officer | Audio/Visual Set-Up |

Support, encouragement, and guidance will be provided whether you choose to volunteer or would like to nominate a member for the Management Committee. To submit a nomination, please complete the nominee form and ensure it reaches the Secretary by **14th February 2026**. The nominated individual must also sign the form to confirm their willingness to serve.

The Secretary Position will be vacant as Sue Loughran is not renominating for 2026.

Attention Fraser Coast Bromeliad Society Inc 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 **28th February 2026**, at Dundowran Hall at 1pm.

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 Sue Loughran at fcbsecretary@gmail.com to be received by **14th February 2026**.

No agenda items or nominations will be considered if not received by the above date.

Our general meeting will take place once the AGM has concluded.

Kind Regards

David Ward

Sue Loughran

President - FCBS Inc

Secretary - FCBS Inc



Popular Vote Categories 2026

Tillandsia Mounted



TILLANDSIA Andreana
By Jan Hutchins

Tillandsia Potted



TILLANDSIA 'Dimmits Talent'
By Maxine O'Shea

Patterned Leaf VRIESEA



VRIESEA Gold Pillow
By Stan Walkley

NEOREGELIA Over 250 mm pot



NEOREGELIA Sabatooth Pulp Fiction
By Graham Spence

NEOREGELIA Under 250 mm pot



NEOREGELIA Dyn-o-mite
By John and Narelle Hoffmann

FLOWERED BROMELAID



VRIESEA Conway
By Val Honeywood

SPECIES



Pitcairnia Sanguinea
By Maxine O'Shea

OTHER GENERA



Ssncureggela Kaleidoscope
By Nigel Thomson

FOLIAGE



Tassel Fern
(family Lycopodiaceae)
By David Ward

Out and About

GET READY **Fraser Coast Agriculture Show:** This is a great opportunity to enter your favourite bromeliad as a first timer or a regular entrant. It would be so exciting to be able to have YOUR bromeliad displayed for all attendees to view and judges to hopefully award you a win! At the meeting speak with Sue Loughran (accredited Judge) who is more than happy to help you with how to show a bromeliad for Competition. **Start getting ready**

Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc. | **21 May 2026 — 22 May 2026**

23349 Bruce Hwy, Maryborough West QLD 4650

[Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc in Maryborough, Queensland](#)

Entries open: 14/01/2026

Entries closing dates: See website for further details.

Bromeliad Nursery Supplies Update price list

NEW The **FCBS Inc Price List** effective from **24th October 2025**. *Prices are subject to change with new stock orders.* 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 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.

| Description | Price per Item | Status / Comment |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 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 | |
| 120mm Squat Pot (5pk) | \$3.90 | |
| 4 Leg Hangers (10pk) | \$4.20 | |
| Labels white large (25pk) | \$2.30 | |
| Labels white small (25pk) | \$2.20 | |
| Labels yellow large (25pk) | \$1.50 | For use on sales plants |
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| Pencils each | \$6.00 | |
| Paper Sleeves 140mm (10pk) | \$3.50 | |
| Paper Sleeves 170mm (10pk) | \$3.40 | |
| Paper Sleeves 200mm (10pk) | \$3.90 | |
| Fertiliser 500g (slow release) | \$4.50 | |
| Fertiliser 500g (Foliar) | \$6.80 | |

Editor's Note ...

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FCBS Inc Monthly Meeting Information

| Month | Alternate Monthly categories Neoregelia & Tillandsia Bromeliad | Show and Tell Theme | Guest Speaker | Venue |
|--|--|--|------------------------------|--------------------|
| January 24 th | Neoregelia – 250mm Tillandsia – Potted | Patterned leaf Vriesea | Ray Gough & Sue Mc Donald | Dundowran Hall |
| February 28 th | Neoregelia – Up to 250 mm Tillandsia – Mounted | Billbergia <i>AGM followed by monthly meeting</i> | John Hoffmann | Dundowran Hall |
| March 28 th | Neoregelia – Over 50mm Tillandsia – Potted | Prickly bromeliad e.g. Dickias, Crypt. Hoenbergia | Ron Murray | Dundowran Hall |
| April 25 th Anzac Day TBA | Neoregelia – Up to 250 mm Tillandsia – Mounted | Neoregelia | Les and Jan Hutchings | Dundowran Hall |
| May 23 rd | Neoregelia – Over 50mm Tillandsia – Potted | Guzmania / Flowering Vriesea | Janine and Giles | Dundowran Hall |
| June 27 th | Neoregelia – Up to 250 mm Tillandsia – Mounted | Tillandsia <i>BBQ Lunch incorporating Monthly Meeting</i> | Stan Walkley | Maryborough TBA |
| July 25 th | Neoregelia – Over 50mm Tillandsia – Potted | Vriesea | TBA | Dundowran Hall |
| August 22 nd | Neoregelia – Up to 250mm Tillandsia – Mounted | Foliage | TBA | Dundowran Hall |
| September 26 th | Neoregelia – Over 250mm Tillandsia – Potted | Aechmea and Alcantarea | TBA | Dundowran Hall |
| October 24 th | Neoregelia – Up to 250 mm Tillandsia – Mounted | Species | TBA | Dundowran Hall |
| November 28 th | Neoregelia – Over 250mm Tillandsia – Potted | Most Dangerous (Spikey) Bromeliad | TBA | Dundowran Hall |

Supporting Community Events

| Date | Time Open /Close | Event held by | Where | Cost |
|--|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| FEBRUARY | | | | |
| Saturday 7th | 8.30am - 2pm | Floresta Brisbane 2026 Facebook details | Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont | Entry \$5.00 purchase online |
| MARCH | | | | |
| Saturday 28th | 9am - 3pm | Autumn Native Plants Market (indoor event) | Samford Showgrounds, 38 Showgrounds Dr, Highvale | Entry Free |
| Saturday 21st Sunday 22nd | 8am - 2-30pm | Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. | Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont | TBA |
| APRIL | | | | |
| Saturday 11th Sunday 12th | 8am - 4.00pm 8am -1pm | Wondai Autumn Garden Expo | Wondai Sportsgrounds Buny Highway Wondai | Entry various prices check web site |
| Saturday 17th Sunday 18th | 8am - 4.00pm 8am -1pm | Bromeliad & Tropicals Autumn Show & Sales (BSQ) | NEW LOCATION John Paul College – The Coleman Centre, Gate 1, John Paul Drive, Daisy Hill | Entry \$4.00 |
| Saturday 18 April | 9.00am - 3.00pm | Queensland Begonia Society Only Begonia Sale QLD | Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont | Entry \$5.00 |
| MAY | | | | |
| Saturday 2nd Sunday 3rd (long weekend) | 8am - 4pm 8am - 1pm | Bromeliad and Foliage Frenzy Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society Inc. | Minimbah State School Hall Cnr Walkers Road & Minibah Drive Morayfield | Entry Free |
| 21 May - 22 May | TBA | Fraser Coast Agriculture Show Society Inc. | Maryborough Showground & Equestrian Park 23349 Bruce Hwy, Maryborough West | TBA |

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| MAY (continued) | | | | |
| Saturday 23rd May | 9am - 2pm | <u>The Tropic Plant Spectacular</u> | Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens 152 Mt Coot-Tha Rd Brisbane | Entry Free |
| JUNE | | | | |
| Saturday 20 June | TBA | Esk Garden Fair (free rides all day) | Esk Showground 72 Esk Hampton Rd, Esk | Entry various prices check web site |
| Saturday 20 th June | TBA | Tillandsia Day (BSQ) | Kendron Wavell Services Club on Brisbane North Side & adjacent to Chermside Shopping Centre | Registration \$50 each 120 spaces & day fully catered for |
| JULY | | | | |
| 10 - 12 July 2026 | 8am to 4pm daily | Queensland Garden Show | Nambour Showground, 80 Coronation Ave, Nambour | Entry various prices check web site |

Queensland Gardening Page - event diary

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| Information | The Queensland Gardening Pages started on www.calyx.com.au but have since been joined by the companion website and gateway queenslandgardening.com The target audience are Queensland homeowners and other consumers of retail gardening products and services in Queensland. However, the site is also used by members of the horticultural and landscaping industries, in addition to visitors from other parts of Australia and the world. |
| Website | https://calyx.com.au/eventsdiary.html |
| Monthly Updates | Coming Soon more events throughout the year will be scheduled. This will be updated and notified in the monthly Newsletter. Enjoy |