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Meeting: SATURDAY 25th July

VENUE: DUNDOWRAN HALL

12:30PM PLANT & NURSERY SALES

12:45PM PLANT OF THE MONTH VOTING

1:00PM MONTHLY MEETING STARTS

Presentation:

Janine and Giles Blaber - Talk on World Conference 2022

Show and Tell

Vriesea are the featured topic for **July**

Popular Vote Competition Variable Categories are:

Neoregelia – over 250mm pot and Tillandsia – Potted

Afternoon Tea

Bring biscuits, cake, slices or another treat to share for afternoon tea.
Homemade and/or supermarket-bought items are all delicious.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS



Attend during your birthday month to receive a FREE raffle ticket—then sign in for an extra chance to win a FREE raffle prize!

Casey	Sue
Corbin	Marilyn
Davies	Hildred
Fitzgerald	Kim
Kime	Katrina

Management Committee Update

Save the date: our Christmas Celebration and Presentation, the final meeting of the year, will be held on **17th November 2026**.

This year we will enjoy a spit roast at **DUNDOWRAN HALL**. More details will be provided soon.

REMINDER: OCTOBER IS THE FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER THE POPULAR VOTE.

Show N Tell Plant of the Month is your chance to share a bromeliad or foliage plant of special interest. Tell us what makes it worth growing, whether in the garden, shade house, or indoors, and share any challenges you have overcome along the way. Let's not forget the potting mixture and weather conditions for growing.

Popular Vote Competition

Another opportunity is to enter your **Show N Tell** plant in the competition section displayed in the hall.

Winners from each section will be announced at the meeting and will be featured in the next newsletter.

Thank you, Debra, for the update.

At the June meeting, the weather was cool with no heavy rain. Everyone was rugged up, enjoying a cuppa in their chair or strolling through John and Narelle Hoffmann's garden, chatting, smiling, and taking photos.

John and Narelle are well organised and have generously opened their home for many years, so everything ran smoothly. One of the best things about this group is how readily everyone helps, and that spirit was clear at the June meeting. Helpers assisted John with the outdoor setup, including tables, chairs, and marquees, while others gathered in the kitchen to help Narelle with serving and clean-up. Everything had its place, from lined rubbish bins to trays for knives, forks, and real plastic plates not paper —how special are we!



John cooked up a load of sausages on the BBQ and Narelle had the sides, sauces out to compliment the Aussie Favourite meal. Then light deserts coffee and tea to finish off on. Yum!

John and Narelle Hoffmann's garden, with members enjoying the visit.



Raffle Table

Celebrate the joy of giving and growing!

Each raffle prize is a living reminder that kindness, like a plant, grows when shared. From lush indoor greenery to vibrant bromeliads and flowering pots, these gifts are little bundles of life ready to brighten homes and hearts.

Prizes may also include pots, ornaments, gardening tools, fertilisers and other useful gardening items.

By entering the raffle, you have the chance to win a beautiful plant companion while helping our community grow stronger, greener and more connected.



Show N Tell

Nigel bought this *Tillandsia* in South Africa 26 years ago. It is an impressive species and a wonderful example of how it grows in nature.

Tillandsia mima is a true titan of the air plant world, native to the rugged, sun-drenched cliffs of Colombia. Known for its impressive scale and dramatic silver foliage, it is often called the "Giant Air Plant" by enthusiasts. Unlike many of its cousins that hide in tree canopies, this species is a lithophyte, meaning it has evolved to cling to rocky mountain faces under the open sky.

Fun Fact: *Tillandsia mima* is one of the few viviparous air plants. Rather than producing pups only at its base, as most species do, it forms small plantlets along its tall flower spike. In the wild, when the heavy spike bends down and touches the ground or a nearby rock, the plantlets take root, allowing the plant to gradually "walk" across the landscape over generations. Ref: [Tillandsia Mima Care Guide: Water, Soil & Propagation - Plantiary](#)



Ray spoke about this *Tillandsia ionantha monstrose*, explaining that although it grew from the seed the two tillandsias look quite different, as shown in the photo.

Guest Speaker

Neville Ryan - Tillandsias

Tillandsias are clearly this year's theme, and it is easy to see why. Their delicate, unusual forms make them a wonderful addition to any collection and a great conversation starter with visitors and friends.



It is always a pleasure to see Neville Ryan and share in his love of bromeliads.

Neville explained the array of Tillandsias in different forms, flowers in different colours and some with smells. He also shared that there are some that use the term "tillandsias and bromeliads" as if they are 2 different types. This is not the case he reassured everyone "They are all bromeliads"! There were a few chuckles and laughs and facial expressions that told their own story of this experience. We need to help educate the community, perhaps at the Monster sale coming up later in the year.

Neville has tillandsias everywhere at his home, the conversations expanded into where his passion for bromeliads started.

He was born in Sydney (NSW). His Auntie Dorothy, Auntie Jean as well as his grandmother were all gardeners. At the age of 9 years old his Auntie Dorothy brought some bromeliads over for Neville to learn about gardening and this is what started his life with bromeliads. Over the years he has had various collections and has known for his advance knowledge and expertise in the field of Tillandsia plants.

Thirty to 40 years ago (not that anyone was counting) Neville was in Sydney and went to **ARIZONA CACTI NURSERY, Australia (closed in 2003)**. Tillandsia plants were not a common plant, and he didn't know the price, so when the gentleman came back Neville he decided to buy them all (as you do).

NOTE: [ARIZONA CACTI NURSERY](#) has a large amount of information on this site even though it closed in 2003.



In 1980, Neville visited a collector north of Brisbane who grew many types of plants, including *Tillandsia ionantha*. Customers requested the plants they wanted, then returned at 5pm to collect them. At the time, they cost \$10 each.

Neville has travelled throughout Australia, USA and Europe to enrich his bromeliad experiences.

The ***Tillandsia streptophylla*** that he bought in South Australia are not known to grow fast. He had it potted for approx. 5 years then it flowered and provided 4 pups.



Large form ***Tillandsia Tectum***, they clump as juveniles and his one is 30 years old. It was asked would Neville split this up, where his response was no, it is his prize plant. Growing from seed can take 4–5 years, and flowering may take up to 15 years depending on the type of Tillandsia.

Mounting and Hanging Neville uses:

- Material - wine corks, old fence palings and hard wood garden stakes.
- Glue - can be purchased using online shopping sites, the difference can be the quality of items. If you like to go on an outing for the day visit "Frame Nursery" they have hooks, metal framework stands AND plants.
- Name tags – metal venetian blinds cut down to size, cheap, easy and effective on the tillandsia.

Neville has generously shared his knowledge and time with bromeliad societies across New South Wales, Queensland, the wider community, and overseas. He joined the Australian Bromeliad Society in 1974 and has been an active member for 50 years. In 1982, he joined the Bromeliad Society of Queensland, where he later became a life member. He also became a life member of the Gold Coast Succulent and Bromeliad Society Inc.

Here are some of the Neville Tillandsia plants that he spoke about and registered on BCR

Tillandsia Madelaine was named after Neville's grandmother



Bromeliad Cultivar Register (14397) 2021-05-07

TILLANDSIA 'Madelaine' Ryan, Neville 1992

Mature open, spidery rosette to 40cm. diameter. Scurfed, narrow, silvery-grey, channeled, spreading leaves. Erect, simple or branched, spear-like spike to 20cm. high of shell pink bracts and purple flowers. Reg. Doc. 11/2017.
Country of origin: **Queensland Australia**

Seed Parent: **chiapensis** Pollen Parent: **exserta**

Bromeliad Cultivar Register (8223) 2014-09-27

TILLANDSIA 'Peltry Jellyfish' Timm, W.*

Said to be a Natural hybrid but no provenance other than Mexico. Purchased from Bird Rock Tropicals under formula only at WBC 2002, Flowering to 35cm high

Seed Parent: **ehlersiana** Pollen Parent: **schiedeana**



Tillandsia Peltry Jellyfish is one of Neville's favourites, and he has nurtured it for many years. When I took the photo, I noticed a \$10 tag (can see in photo) and asked if the plant was for sale. Neville smiled and explained that the tag had caught on it from another plant in the box—so no, it was not for sale. We both had a chuckle.

Bromeliad Cultivar Register (8070) 2010-04-26

TILLANDSIA 'Enano Tectorum' Butcher, D.* ?

A form of ?T. tectorum sold by Krauspe in the 1980's as enanum minor. Plant thriving in AU. Petals totally blue Originally in Register as 'Enano' but name amended to differentiate from the other 'Enano'.

JBS 34(2): 89. 1984

Tillandsia Tectorum

A grasshopper had eaten a perfect circle around the plant



According to the history document attached to the BCR entry, these are the published findings from the past 20 years.

So for the last 20 years this plant has been happily growing and being reproduced faithfully from seed as well as offset, throughout Australia. Enquiries on the Internet in 2005 suggest that this plant is not alive in the USA. We knew that Die Bromelie intended to publish in 2005 a Special edition for the *Tillandsia tectorum* complex written by Lieselotte Hromradnik. Here was a chance to find out about OUR plant. It looked like a smallish *T. tectorum* but had totally blue flowers not bicolored blue and white. It rang no bells for Lieselotte and we had no provenance to help her.

Perhaps this plant may be found again in the wild but in the meantime we intend to give it the cultivar name of *Tillandsia tectorum* 'Enano' not to be confused with the *T. latifolia* 'Enano' of Paul Isley.

The plant can be described as being acaulescent, about 20cm diameter with a scape 7.5cm long. The inflorescence is compound, almost capitate, about 3cm long with lepidote primary and floral bracts as well as sepals. The petals are totally blue/violet. It is interesting that Baker in 1889, Mez in 1935 and Smith in 1977 refer to *T. tectorum* as having bicolour petals but Gilmartin in The Bromeliaceae of Ecuador in 1972 refers to petals as being violet (we presume totally)! It is perhaps with tongue in cheek that we continue with the name 'Enano' because the plant is not dwarf! However, it is much smaller and fluffier than the large *T. tectorum* usually associated with Ecuador.

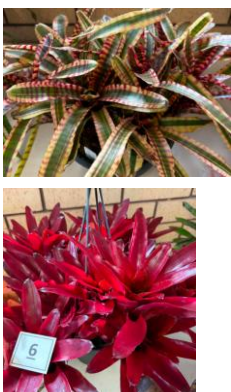
Here are a few other Tillandsia by Neville on BCR

- TILLANDSIA Cally
- TILLANDSIA Eric The Red
- TILLANDSIA Evelyn Reilly
- TILLANDSIA Lemon Drop
- TILLANDSIA Olwen's Treasure
- TILLANDSIA Pink Champagne

We would like to thank Neville for coming up to Maryborough to be our guest speaker in June. His talk was interesting and learning about his own collection and foundation of how he started with bromeliads was amazing.

Not bromeliads AND tillandsias (chuckle)

Popular Vote June Results 2026

	Place	Neoregelia	Exhibitor
	1 st Equal	Little Cheers Hybrid	John & Narelle Hoffmann Nigel Thomson
	2 nd Equal	Fever Pitch Lime File	David Ward Val Honeywood
	3 rd	Dark Mood	Peter Maczi

	Place	Patterened Leaf Vriesea	Exhibitor
	1 st	Pink Mink	Nigel Thomson
	2 nd	Moon Tiger x VR Hawaiian Red	David Ward
	3 rd	Lauries Pride	John & Narelle Hoffman

	Place	Flowering Bromeliad	Exhibitor
	1 st	Mia	Nigel Thomson
	2 nd	Mia	David Ward
	3 rd	Unknown	Peter Maczi

	Place	Other Genera	Exhibitor
	1 st	Billbergia Birchwood Lemon Drop	Nigel Thomson
	2 nd	Billbergia Kawana Cherry Maple	David Ward
	3 rd	Aechmea Blue Tips	Peter Maczi

	Place	species	Exhibitor
	1 st	Tillandsia mima	Nigel Thomson
	2 nd	Aechmea amula	Val Honeywood
	3 rd	Aechmea tritricina	David Ward

	Place	Tillandsia	Exhibitor
	1 st	Ionantha "feugo"	Ray Gough
	2 nd	Streptocarpa	Nigel Thomson
	3 rd	Andreana	John & Narelle Hoffman

	Place	Foliage	Exhibitor
	1 st	Makoyana	Sue McDonald
	2 nd	Cordyline Iridesance	Ray Gough
	3 rd	Diffenbachia Maculata Reflector	Ray Gough

	Place	Novice	Exhibitor
	1 st	Neo Edite	Peter Maczi
	2 nd	Powder Puff	Peter Maczi
	3 rd	N/Applicable	

Tillandsia Streptocarpa 	Tillandsia Andreana 	Guzmania Mia – Yes there were 2 
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Popular Vote entries



Tillandsia



Other Genera



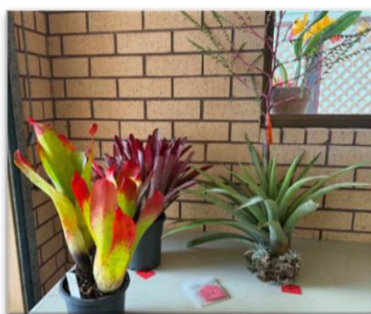
Foliage



Patterned Leaf Vriesea



Novice



Species



Neoregelia

Out and About

If you attended the **Nambour Gardening Expo**, we'd love to hear what you thought.

The much-loved garden show is run by Greenlife Industry Queensland.

The Queensland Garden Show in 2026 significant event with several changes aimed at enhancing the visitor experience. Here are the key updates:

New Celebrity Speakers: The event will feature new celebrity speakers, including Graham Ross AM, to inspire and educate visitors.

More Rare and Exotic Plants: Expect to see more rare and exotic plant species, adding to the diversity of the garden show.

Refreshed Experience: The show will offer a refreshed experience designed to inspire home gardeners, families, and plant lovers of all ages.

Instagram Ready Displays: The event will incorporate amazing greenlife and floral displays, a giant kitchen garden installation, a magical children's garden, featured landscapes built in real time, and incredible public art made from reclaimed materials.

Community Engagement: The show will continue to be a community run event, harnessing the talent and passion of gardening clubs, amateur gardeners, and the greenlife industry.

These changes aim to make the Queensland Garden Show a more engaging and enjoyable experience for all attendees. For more details and to plan your visit, check the official website of the Queensland Garden Show

[New look Garden Show on track for this July at the Nambour Showgrounds — The Sunshine Valley Gazette](#)

Facebook – Floridaia USA



Tropiflora
15K followers • 1 following
Tropiflora is an exotic plant nursery in Sarasota, FL, specializing in bromeliads.
Nursery and garden centre · LLC

Tropiflora is an exotic plant nursery in Sarasota, Florida, specialising in bromeliads, tillandsias and more. They have some spectacular large Tillandsia plants on display, so you may like to visit next time you are in Florida, USA. If not follow them on Facebook.



Tillandsia xerographica



Tillandsia 'Fireworks'



Tillandsia propagulifera



Tillandsia 'Bahia'



Tillandsia limbata x concolor(?)



Tillandsia xerographica

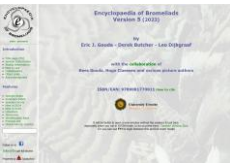
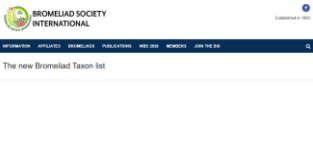
Bromelaid Information

Get to know your family of Bromeliaceae



Label - Perhaps you have heaps of labels gathered together in a pot called “lost & find”. You may like to find out the “origin” of the bromeliad or the “seed parent” and the “pollan parent”. You can even find out if the bromelaid is a **‘hybrid or cultivar’** or who *registered* the bromelaid, you may even know this person through introduction or shook their hand at a bromelaid meeting or your neighbour. **OR Tip them out and start again!**

As research the original species continues, there maybe name changes to a bromeliad you own. The latest ‘species’ name can be found under **New Bromeliad Taxon List**

Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR)	Encyclopedia of Bromeliads	Bromeliad Taxon list:
For the latest Correct identification and spelling of your hybrid or cultivar https://registry.bsi.org/	For the latest species name changes and correct spelling. https://bromeliad.nl/en/cyclopedia	For the latest species name changes and correct spelling. BSI The new Bromeliad Taxon list
		

New Cultivar Registrations

The **Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR)** is managed by the **Bromeliad Society International (BSI)**, which is the only International Cultivar Registration Authority for Bromeliaceae. There are new cultivar registrations listed by an Australian grower this **month July (date of this newsletter)**. *Data and photographs courtesy of the Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR)* Facebook: *Bromeliad Society International BSI* provides information on bromeliad species and related topics, featuring excellent photographs of different bromeliad genera.

Bromeliad Nursery Supplies Update price list



Thanks to Les and Jan for their faithful work in selling garden supplies. **Have a chat with Jan at the meeting for these and other items FCBS sell.**

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		Description	Price per Item	Status / Comment
125mm Squat Pot (10pk)	\$3.60			Pencils each	\$6.00	
140mm Squat Pot (10pk)	\$4.80			Paper Sleeves 140mm (10pk)	\$3.50	
140mm Extra Squat Pot (10pk)	\$3.50			Paper Sleeves 170mm (10pk)	\$3.40	
165mm Squat Pot (5pk)	\$3.60			Paper Sleeves 200mm (10pk)	\$3.90	
120mm Squat Pot (5pk)	\$3.90			Fertiliser 500g (slow release)	\$4.50	
4 Leg Hangers (10pk)	\$4.20			Fertiliser 500g (Foliar)	\$6.80	
Labels white large (25pk)	\$2.30					
Labels white small (25pk)	\$2.20					
Labels yellow large (25pk)	\$1.50	For use on sales plants				



FCBS Inc Monthly Meeting Information

Month	Alternate Monthly categories Neoregelia & Tillandsia Bromeliad	Show and Tell Theme	Guest Speaker	Venue
July 25 th	Neoregelia – Over 250mm Tillandsia – Potted	Vriesea	Janine & Giles Blaber – World Conference 2022	Dundowran Hall
August 22 nd	Neoregelia – Up to 250 mm Tillandsia – Mounted	Foliage	Kathryn Fraser talk on Cryptanthus (plants for sale)	Dundowran Hall
September 19 th change of date due to Orchid Society Event on 26th	Neoregelia – Over 250mm Tillandsia – Potted	Aechmea and Alcantarea	Steve Flood	Dundowran Hall
October 24 th	Neoregelia – Up to 250 mm Tillandsia – Mounted	Species	Air Plants by Aaron Handley	Dundowran Hall
November 28 th 	Neoregelia – Over 250mm Tillandsia – Potted	Most Dangerous (Spikey) Bromeliad	Mal and Michelle Cameron talk on Vrieseas	Dundowran Hall
	Christmas Celebration & Presentation	Hot “Spit” roast lunch		

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Until the next newsletter keep growing, sharing, and exploring 🌱

Supporting Community Events

August 2026

15 – 16 August 2026: **Bundaberg Garden Festival** Bundaberg Recreational Precinct.

- More information: facebook.com/BundabergGardenFestival

22 August 2026 (Saturday): **Marburg Garden & Outdoor Expo**

- For more information, check: marburgshowsociety.com.au/garden--outdoor-expo.html

22 – 23 August 2026: **Dendrobium Speciosum and Hybrid Show**

- St Paul's Lutheran Hall, cnr James and Philip Street Toowoomba. Presented by the Native Orchid Society of Toowoomba Inc. Plant sales. Parking, wheelchair friendly. 22nd August 8.30am to 4pm; 23rd August 8.30 to 2pm. Entry \$4.00.

22 – 23 August 2026: **Queensland Orchid Society Spring Show**

- More information: gos.org.au

30 August 2026 (Sunday): **Brisbane Organic Growers Inc. Annual Fair**

- 102 McDonald Road, Windsor. Brisbane Organic Growers Inc. (BOGI) hold this annual event to share the love of growing a wide variety of plants at home. The theme for 2026 is "Recycling in the Garden". Free demonstrations and talks, free activities for children, an indoor Café with plenty of seating and a display of members' produce. A range of stallholders selling plants, produce and other organic products. 8.00am to 2.00pm. Admission is free. New stallholders are welcome. All enquiries to bogipresident@gmail.com or 0438 254 673. Website: bogi.org.au

September 2026

5 September 2026 (Saturday): **Brisbane Garden Expo** Rocklea Showgrounds.

- A great range of stallholders selling plants, garden products, garden accessories. Guest speakers. Plant cloakroom. Food vendors on site. One day only, from 8am to 4pm on Saturday, 5th September. Admission \$10 for adults and children over 16. Car parking free. More information: brisbanegardenexpo.com.au

5 September 2026 (Saturday): **Geranium and Pelargonium Society of Brisbane Queensland Inc Sales Day**

- More information: gldgeraniumsociety.com/sales-day.html

5 September 2026 (Saturday): **IndigiScapes Eco Markets**

- Redlands IndigiScapes Centre. More information: redland.qld.gov.au/Redlands-IndigiScapes-Centre/Whats-on-at-IndigiScapes

5 – 6 September 2026: **Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. 60th Anniversary Spring Show**

- Brisbane International Shooting Centre, Belmont. There will be a fantastic display of flowering orchids on display, along with a huge sales area to select from. Plenty of parking, included disabled parking. The flyer and Show Schedule are available on the website: www.edos.org.au

11 – 12 September 2026: **Laidley Spring Garden Fair**

- Recreational Reserve, Patrick Street, Laidley. Over 50 plant related stalls and vendors. Part of the Laidley Spring Festival. More information: laidleyspringfestival.com

Friday 11 th	Day/Twilight	Music, glowing lights, delicious street food and boutique makers market, bring blanket and settle in. Bluey and Bingo on stage and rides Street parade Exhibitions Orchid Show, garden club	Laidley Streets and grounds you can't miss it
Saturday 12 th	8am	Lockyer Value Regional Day/ Laidley Spring Festival over 3 days	
Sunday 13 th	9am to 1pm	Bee Happy Day Arts and Crafts, lively performance, local food and vibrant artisan market. Activities for little ones day out for all the family	Forrest Hills School of Arts Only an hour west of Brisbane.

12 September 2026 (Saturday): **Native Plants Market** Belmont. Presented by Native Plants Queensland. More information: npg.org.au

12 September 2026 (Saturday): **Friends of Noosa Botanic Gardens Plant Sale** More information: noosabotanicgardensfriends.com/event/plant-sale-7/

18 September – 5 October 2026: **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers** More information: Go to the website tcof.com.au for more information.

18 – 20 September 2026: **Toowoomba Orchid Society Autumn Show** More information: toowoombaorchidsociety.com

18 – 20 September 2026: **Native Orchid Society of Toowoomba Spring Show**

- St John's Lutheran Hall. Presented by the Native Orchid Society of Toowoomba Inc. Plant sales. Parking, wheelchair friendly. 18th September 9am to 5pm; 19th September 9am to 5pm; 20th September 9am to 3pm. Entry \$4.00.

Saturday 24th	9.00am - 3.00pm	Queensland Begonia Society Presents the Only Begonia Sale in Queensland	Belmont Shooting Centre, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd. Belmont	Entry \$5.00
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25 – 27 September 2026: **"Springtime on the Mountain" Open Garden Trail**

- Tamborine Mountain. For more information, go to tamborinemountaingardenclub.org.au/springtimeonthemountain

25 – 26 September 2026: **Hervey Bay Spring Orchid & Garden Spectacular**

- Xavier Catholic College, Wide Bay Drive, Hervey Bay. Being the largest Orchid show outside of Brisbane you won't want to miss it. Large display of orchids, bromeliads, goliage and garden clubs. Orchid & plant sales and supplies, potting workshops plus plant cloakroom.
- 25 & 26 September 8am to 4pm; 27 September 8am to midday.
- Entry \$5 includes Devonshire Tea/Coffee. Food & drinks available.
- Wheelchair friendly & plenty of parking. Website: herveybayorchidsociety.com

26 – 27 September 2026: **Wondai Spring Garden Expo**

26 – 27 September 2026: **Bromeliad & Tropicals Spring Show & Sales Presented by The Bromeliad Society of Queensland**

- North Lakes State College (Junior Sports Stadium), Innovation Place, North Lakes (NEW LOCATION!)
- Website: bromsqueensland.com.au
- Facebook: facebook.com/BromeliadSocietyOfQueensland/

26 – 27 September 2026: **Pine Rivers Orchid Society Spring Show**

More information: pineriversorchidsociety.com/shows

October 2026

3 October 2026 (Saturday): **Maleny Garden Club Spring Fair**

- **Garden Market:** Maleny Showgrounds, 13 Maleny Stanley River Road, Maleny. Independent nurseries, all things gardening, Food stalls. 8:00am–3:00pm. Entry \$2
- **Open gardens:** 9:30am - 4:00pm. \$5 per garden. Tickets at Garden Market (Eftpos & cash) or at garden entry (cash only). Website: malenygardenclub.org

3rd - 4th October (Long Weekend)	Saturday 8am - 4pm Sunday 8am - 1pm	Bromeliad and Foliage Frenzy Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society Inc	Minimbah State School Hall Cnr Walkers Road & Minibah Drive Morayfield	Entry Free Free: Car Bus and Disability parking
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3 – 4 October 2026: **Queensland Rose Society Inc. Spring Show**

More information: gld.rose.org.au

4 October 2026 (Sunday): **Orchids in the Park**

- State Rose Garden Hall, Holberton /Pottinger Street, Toowoomba. Presented by the Native Orchid Society of Toowoomba Inc. Parking, wheelchair friendly. 4th October, 10am to 4pm. Entry gold coin donation.

9 – 11 October 2026: **Bribie Island Nature Festival**

- More information: bribieislandnaturefestival.com.au

10 October 2026 (Saturday): **Native Plants Market** Maleny.

- Presented by Native Plants Queensland. More information: npq.org.au

17 October 2026 (Saturday): **African Violet Society of Queensland (Inc.) Annual Show**

- More information: africanvioletsocietyqld.happyo.com

17 – 18 October 2026: **Buderim Garden Festival**

- More information: buderimgardenclub.com/festival

31 October 2026 (Saturday): **Native Plants Market**

- Rosewood. Presented by Native Plants Queensland. More information: npq.org.au

Saturday 31st Oct Sunday 1st Nov	8:30 – 3pm 8:30 – 1pm	Frasier Coast Bromeliad Society Monster Sale	Hervey Bay TAFE 47-95 Urraween Road Urraween, Hervey Bay
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7 November 2026 (Saturday): **Orchid Species Show**

- Pine Rivers Showground Hall, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton. Presented by the Orchid Species Society Inc. An amazing display of species orchids from around the world. Orchid plants and supplies for sale. EFTPOS available. Light refreshments for sale.
- Open 8am to 3pm Saturday, 7th November 2026. Entry \$5.00, accompanied children under 14 free. More information at orchidspeciessoc.org.au/activities/show

7 November 2026 (Saturday): **Ipswich Plant & Lifestyle Fair**

Website: ipswichplantandlifestylefair.com.au

21st November 2026	9am-2pm	<u>The Tropic Plant Spectacular</u>	Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens 152 Mt Coot-Tha Rd Brisbane	Entry Free
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Queensland Gardening Page - event diary

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	As more events throughout the year will be scheduled this will be updated and notified in the Newsletter!