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Hi everyone.

Welcome to our June newsletter. I have now taken on the job of editor as Sue has more than enough to do as Secretary, and I hope I can continue the high standards that have been set in the past.

Our thanks must go to Ian and Burnice for having us at their home for the May meeting. Their gardens are a picture, and for a couple who've only been into Broms for around three years they've made tremendous strides. Their shade-houses and quality of their plants would be the envy of most of us.

Ian gave a talk on removing pups from the mother plant, and his use of a chisel to do it was certainly unique and had everyone fascinated. He also gave a demonstration on preparing the pups for potting and was pretty ruthless when it came to stripping off the lower leaves to expose the trunk, but as he said this gives it a chance to dry out for three or four days before potting to reduce the chance of it rotting. By the way Ian, shade-cloth does leak when it rains, but a small price to pay for what we learned :)

Goff continued the days lessons when he showed us how to deal with breaking up Dyckias that can really make a mess of your hands when trying to get at the pups, but I thought we were going to have to call for an ambulance for some members when he took to it with a reciprocating saw. The startled looks and gasps showed it was probably the last technique most expected. Well done to both of you.

All up a very informative meeting, with lots of discussion among those present on various topics, and some good ideas put forward for the future.

Don't forget that Narelle and Greg Aizlewood will be showing us how to prepare Broms for competition at this months' meeting. A very important topic, especially for those who haven't put any in before.

A collection of photos from the meeting



"Botanics In The Garden"

On Sunday 28th of May the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens and Orchid House had an Open Day at the gardens in Elizabeth Street Urangan, with proceeds from the day going to "beyond blue" to help in the treatment of mental health.

Special thanks to Sue, Goff, Ian and Burnice for setting everything up and spending the four hours there selling plants, but more importantly promoting our club to the public. Quite a few people asked some very interesting questions, and some even bought their first, but hopefully not their last Broms.

Here's the happy quartet enjoying what was for this time of year quite a nice day, with Friday keeping an eye on proceedings as well.



PLANT OF THE MONTH RESULTS FOR MAY

A Pink Neoregelia (Both classes)

Open - Judge's Choice – Dennis Priston

1. Neo Jaws 2 Ian Fluerty
2. Neo Donna Goff Loughran
3. Neo Blast Furnace Ian Fluerty

Members' Choice

1. Neo Donger Sue Loughran
2. Neo Jaws 2 Ian Fluerty
3. Neo Sexy Pink Goff Loughran
3. Neo Sugar Buzz Nigel Thomson

Novice – Judge's Choice – Dennis Priston

1. Neo Passion x Passion John Casey
2. Neo Magnificent Red Gayle Barnes
3. Neo Candy Stripe Gayle Barnes

Member's Choice

1. Neo Passion x Passion John Casey
2. Neo Candy Stripes Gayle Barnes

Plant of the Month for June A Foliage Vriesia

DIARY DATES 2017

BYO chair, coffee mug, plants you need help with, sales plants, plant of the month entries, and raffle donations to our meetings

Please note – meetings are on the fourth Saturday of the month, which may not always be the last Saturday.

We need more members to open their gardens for a meeting

June 24

Gayle Barnes 35 Bayrise Drive Urangan

July 22

John and Sue Casey 24 Southerden Street Torquay

August 26

John and Narelle Hoffman 287 John Street Maryborough

September 23

Bamboo Land 87 Old Coach Road Torbanlea

October 28

Venue TBA - Possibly a bus trip to Bundaberg

November 25

XMAS Party Community Centre Charles St Pialba 11am start

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR JUNE

Janine Blaber
Ron Harris
Elaine Priston
Ron Southern
Lorraine Ward

THE FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY'S PRICE LIST *Effective June 2017*

125MM SQUAT POTS	\$2.90 for 10
140MM SQUAT POTS	\$3.50 for 10
165MM POTS	\$3.00 for 5
200MM POTS	\$3.50 for 5
HANGERS (4 PRONG)	\$3.00 for 10
SMALL WHITE LABELS	\$1.25 for 25
LARGE WHITE LABELS	\$2.00 for 25
YELLOW SALES LABELS	\$6.00 for 100
LABELLING PENCILS	\$3.60 each
CELLOPHANE SLEEVES FOR PUPS OR POTS	\$3.65 for pack of 50 (both sizes)
POTTING MIX	\$8.00 per bag
FERTILISER	\$2.75 for 500 grams

Please remember that all sales now finish at afternoon tea, plants travel much better in boxes or recyclable bags than plastic bags, and you can borrow books from our library for one month. If the book you want is not available, please ask Rosie to put your name on a waiting list. If you can't return your books when they are due, please phone Rosie on 4124 8658.

See you next meeting - John