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Hi everyone.

I would like to thank all the members who came to our house for the July meeting, and hope you enjoyed yourselves. It wasn't as big an area to hold the meeting as we've had in the past, but hopefully it showed that being a bit more intimate isn't necessarily a bad thing, and members who've maybe been a bit hesitant about holding meetings at their houses will now have second thoughts, because your committee is always looking for new venues.

If you haven't got your names in yet for the bus trip to the Bromeliad Society Of Queensland sale in Brisbane on Saturday 11 November it's not too late. The cost is only \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members, and if you wish it can be paid off over the next three meetings. Please give your names to Sue this Saturday so she has an idea how many will be attending.

Don't forget that this month's meeting starts at 11.00am, and there will be a Sausage Sizzle (with salad available) as well, so please bring your cutlery and a plate along with the normal cup and chair.

Plant sales will commence at 1.00 pm and finish at afternoon tea. Could all sellers please ensure they have their sellers I.D. numbers on their plants.

This month's guest speaker is Nigel Thomson, who always gives informative and interesting talks.

Len and Sheryl Waite will be our guest speakers in October, so make sure to highlight it in your diary !!

If you're planning on selling plants at the Orchid Show on 7/8 October at the PCYC please let Sue know this meeting so tables can be organised.

It's also time to be getting your plants ready for the annual Monster Sale in November, because the year seems to be going so fast it'll be on you before you know it.

August Happy Snaps



This month we have our annual “Charity Raffle”, with all the proceeds going to “Drought Angels”, so dig extra deep and bring along lots of prizes, as well as perhaps buying a few extra tickets. Every dollar raised will help them achieve their goal of helping those farmers who are desperately in need.

Important Upcoming Bromeliad Sale

There will be a “Bromeliad Extravaganza” sale at the Wavell Heights Community Hall, 175 Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights Brisbane on 9 – 10 September. With over 500 varieties for sale, including new releases, there will be something for everyone. Admission is free, and refreshments and lunch will be available. For more info phone Nigel on 5485 3800.

A Joke For The Older Generation

I was visiting my grand-daughters home last week, when I asked her if I could borrow a newspaper.

“This is the 21st Century Grand-dad!” she said. “We don’t waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad.”

I can tell you this, that damned fly never knew what hit it...!!!

PLANT OF THE MONTH RESULTS FOR JULY

A Potted Mini Neoregelia (Both classes)

Open - Judge's Choice – Nigel Thomson

1. Neo Groucho – Sue Loughran
2. Neo Satsumas Gem – Sue Loughran
3. Neo Dyn-O-Mite – Ian Fluerty

Members' Choice

1. Neo Dyn-O-Mite – Ian Fluerty
2. Neo Dyn-O-Mite Variegata – Ian Fluerty
3. Neo Small World – John Hoffman
3. Neo Satsumas Gem – Sue Loughran

Novice – Judge's Choice – Nigel Thomson

1. Fireball – Janine Blaber
2. Neo Pheasant – John Casey
3. Neo Tiger Cub – John Casey

Member's Choice

1. Neo Fireball – Janine Blaber
2. Neo Tiger Cub – John Casey
3. Neo Pheasant – John Casey

Plant of the Month for August A Non-Flowering Aechmea

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 have meeting venues for this year covered, but please think about volunteering your place for next year.

**August 26
September 23
October 28
November 11
November 18 – 19
November 25**

**John and Narelle Hoffman 287 John Street Maryborough
Bamboo Land 87 Old Coach Road Torbanlea
Ron Southern 60 Serenity Drive Tinana
Bus trip to Bromeliad Society of Qld Sale Day Brisbane
Monster Sale Neighbourhood Centre Charles Street Pialba
XMAS Party Neighbourhood Centre Charles St Pialba 11am**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR AUGUST

Warren Bexton
Len Jensen
Stewart McDonald
Sue McDonald
Allan Miller
Daphne Miller
John Parker
Nigel Thomson
Bon Winnett
Hazel Wolstencroft

New Member

A warm welcome to Cheryl Davies who joined us last month. We hope you find our group friendly and helpful, and the discussions informative. If you're not already addicted to Bromeliads I'm sure that can be changed ☺

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

To make things easier for Roger, if you want to buy anything could you please phone him on 41290444 before the meeting day so he can have your items ready. That way sales will run a lot smoother and quicker.

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 the waiting list. If you can't return your books when they are due, please phone Rosie on 4124 8658.

See you next meeting - John