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Hi everyone.

Well here we are at the end of another year, and I'm sure everyone would agree that it's been a very interesting and successful one. There have been some great guest speakers who gave informative talks on a variety of topics covering different aspects of Bromeliads, plus the bus trips to the Conference at Caloundra in April and the BSQ sale in Brisbane last month. Then to finish off the year there was the Monster Sale at the Neighbourhood Centre, where despite the weather over \$16,000 worth of plants were sold to eager buyers.

Then of course we finished off the year with the Christmas Party, attended by over forty members who enjoyed the abundant feast and great company. The massive raffle finished off the day, with \$352 being raised for Drought Angels, making a total of \$652 for the year. A special thanks to all those who donated the numerous and diverse items for it. The prizes seemed to be never ending.

Congratulations to all the members who entered the Plant Of The Month Competition during the year, with the overall winners being:

Open

1st Ian Fluerty
2nd Val Honeywood
3rd Sue Loughran

Novice

1st John Casey
2nd Janine Blaber
3rd Esmay Neilsen

If you've never entered this competition before why not give it a go, because I'm sure the members would love to see just how well you can grow them.

As you will see venues for the first half of the year are covered but more are needed, so if you would like to host a meeting please let Sue know.

The AGM is in February and will be held on the **third** Saturday not the **fourth**. If you wish to nominate for a position on the committee forms can be obtained from Sue, and must be returned to her by February 10th.

A special welcome to our new members Katrina and Glenn Kime, all the way from Rockhampton, who signed up at the Monster Sale. We look forward to seeing you when you can make it down for a meeting.

Festive Feast



Plant Of The Month For January 2018

A collection of Minis

DIARY DATES 2018

January 27 th	Sue & Stewart McDonald 8 Sempfs Road Dundowran
February 17 th	John & Sue Casey 24 Southerden Street Torquay
March 24 th	Hervey Bay Botanical Gardens Elizabeth Street Urangan
April 28 th	Janine & Giles Blaber 20 Manchester Court Dundowran
May 26 th	Bus trip to Bundaberg
June 23 rd	David & Lorraine Ward 9 Hanover Drive Urraween
July 28 th	John & Narelle Hoffmann 287 John Street Maryborough

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS

Carmel Catford
Ian Fluerty
Sue Loughran
Irene Lippross
Delmai Winnett

See you next year - John