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Hi everyone.

Well despite the heat last months' meeting saw a very good turnout. The AGM was held and special thanks was given to last year's committee for guiding us through some of the changes that took place. The new committee was elected and are listed on the left of the page. There were also a number of people who put their hands up to do the background work, so that our meetings can function smoothly. They include: Sue and Stewart (Plant Sales), Rosie and Dawn (Library), Burnice and Sue (Catering), Karen (Plant Of The Month), Carmel (Raffles) and Carmel and myself (Publicity). We are all looking forward to a very successful year, and hope to see ever increasing numbers at the meetings.

Several of us travelled to Brisbane for the Tillandsia Day on the 4th of March, and what a day it was. The guest speakers talked about various aspects of growing and displaying these beautiful plants, there were literally hundreds of different ones for sale, and the rare plant auction really raised some eyebrows with the prices reached. It was also great to be able to talk with some of the best growers in a relaxed atmosphere, and I'm sure this day will be a must for next year.

Rebekah Trevor from The Olive Branch Bromeliad Nursery in Brisbane will be the guest speaker at this months' meeting, and will be talking on new releases. This young lady is a fountain of knowledge, having learnt from some of the best, so let's see a monster turnout. You won't be disappointed. She will also be bringing some quality plants with her, so it may be a chance to add something extra special to your collection.

BUS TRIP

The May bus trip to Bundaberg and surrounds is only two months away, with stops organised at Val Honeywood's, Ray and Del Gough's, Lois and Dave Pollard's and Jenny and Greg Menzies. What a marvellous chance to see how others do things, and possibly add some more beauties to your collection too. Let's face it, there's always room for a few more at home isn't there 😊 If you're going please get your names into Sue as soon as possible. **Please note that the date has been changed to Saturday the 19th, not the 26th as previously advised.**

February Follies



PLANT OF THE MONTH RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY

Aechmea In Or Out Of Spike

Open – Judge’s Choice – Ron Southern

1. Ebony Angel – Goff Loughran
2. De Leon – Burnice Fluerty
3. Chantinii Best Black – Ian Fluerty

Member’s Choice

1. Chantinii Best Black – Ian Fluerty
2. Mexicana Albo – Ian Fluerty
3. De Leon – Burnice Fluerty

Novice – Judge’s Choice – Ron Southern

1. Orlandiana Rainbow – Janine Blaber

Member’s Choice

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Plant Of The Month For March

A Single Billbergia (No pups attached)

DIARY DATES FOR 2018

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.

March 24 th	Ian & Burnice Fluerty 12/16 Arkarra Court Dundowran
April 28 th	Janine & Giles Blaber 20 Manchester Court Dundowran
May 19 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
August 25 th	Botanical Gardens Urangan – Sausage Sizzle and Clean-up
September 22 nd	Carmel & Bruce Hodgins 25 Ramsay Court Dundathu
October 27 th	Ron & Elizabeth Southern 60 Serenity Drive Tinana

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR MARCH

Giles Blaber
Judy Caldwell
John Casey
Delphine Gough
Bruce Hodgins
Elizabeth Hopper
Denis Priston

NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

If you have a favourite plant you'd love to show off why not bring it along to a meeting so the rest of us can see it and possibly add it to our "Wish List". If you have a problem one there are some very experienced growers in the club who can advise you how to fix it. If you have a pesky "No Name" you'd like identified chances are someone will be able to help.

What would you like to see discussed at future meetings? Perhaps it's what types of potting mediums different members use and why, or what the best way is to tackle fly speck, scale, insects or other problems. Maybe you'd be prepared to give a talk on a particular topic you feel would help others. Let the committee know so it can be included in future meetings.

The committee have decided that while everyone is welcome to come to the Christmas luncheon, to be eligible for a subsidised meal you must have attended at least three meetings during the year.

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 isn't 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 her on 4124 8658.

THE FRASER COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY'S PRICE LIST
Effective January 2018

125MM SQUAT POTS	\$2.90 for 10
140MM SQUAT POTS	\$3.75 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.

The Bromeliad Society Of Queensland are holding a sale on 21 – 22 April at the Genesis Christian College Sports Hall, Youngs Crossing Road Bray Park. It will be open from 8.00 – 4.00 on Saturday and 9.00 – 1.00 on Sunday, with 1000's of plants for sale, a display and show of competition plants, monster raffle, book sales and refreshments. Entry will be \$4, so if you're going to be in Brisbane that weekend go along and pick up some great plants.

