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Another month has gone by

And what a month it was, with twenty seven members going on the bus trip to visit Cheryl Basic's nursery at Yandina, and John Byth's Alcantarea nursery at Woodford. It's just as well that we had a big bus, because between us there wasn't any room left underneath it by the time we'd finished buying the beautiful plants on offer at both places. Despite predictions of rain the weather was perfect, and the hinterland area was a sea of green. A special thanks to all who donated prizes for the raffle held during our stop for a cuppa at the Ginger Factory

This month we return to our regular meetings, and it's our yearly barbecue at Narelle and John's, starting at 11.00 am. There will be the usual "Plant Of The Month Competition", plant sales, raffle and "Show And Tell" for those of you who might have something a bit unusual you want everyone to see and talk about, or a plant you're having trouble with or need named.

At our July meeting Nev Ryan from Brisbane will be our guest speaker. He is an expert on Tillandsias, both in growing and hybridising, and will be bringing plants with him for sale, so make sure you don't miss this meeting.

Don't forget our first "Pop Up Workshop" next month, details of which are on page 4. So we have an idea how many to cater for, if you will be attending could you please give your name/s to Sue.

As mentioned last month with the Orchid Society Show in September and our Monster Sale in November, if you're planning on selling at either event according to our Constitution you must have attended at least three monthly meetings during the year to do so. We are always on the lookout for new sellers, so if you haven't done it before now's your chance, and you don't need to have hundreds of plants to do so. See Goff for details. The Monster Sale this year is being held at the Senior Citizens Hall in Torquay, and should prove to be an outstanding venue.

Some Photos Of John Byth's Magnificent Alcantareas



This is one of John's tunnels – there's another behind this, plus all the gardens. We could have spent twice the time there and still not seen everything. He certainly has a passion for his plants, doing all the work himself, including the hybridising of new species, which as he said keeps him busy seven days a week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS FOR JUNE

Janine Blaber
Ron Harris
Elaine Priston
Ron Southern
Lorraine Ward

DIARY DATES FOR 2019

BYO chair, mug, plants you need help with, sales plants, plant of the month entries, and raffle donations to our meetings.
Please note – unless notified otherwise meetings are on the fourth Saturday of the month, which may not always be the last Saturday.

June 22 nd	John & Narelle Hoffmann 287 John Street Maryborough – 11.00 am start
July 27 th	Ian & Burnice Fluerty 12-16 Arkarra Court Dundowran
August 24 th	David & Lorraine Ward 9 Hanover Drive Urraween
September 21 st	Darian Ward 34 Coongul Court Urraween
October 26 th	Ron & Elizabeth Southern 60 Serenity Drive Tinana
November 2/3	Monster Sale – Senior Citizens Centre, Totness Street Torquay
November 23 rd	Christmas Breakup

Because of the bus trip there was no Plant Of The Month for May

Plant Of The Month For 2019

January	Non-variegated Neo (Non-mini)
February	Tillandsia
March	Aechmea
April	Foliage Vriesea
May	None
<u>June</u>	<u>Mini Neoregelia (Cluster or single)</u>
July	Sincoregelia
August	Quesnelia
September	Billbergia
October	Variiegated Neoregelia



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

Pop-up Workshop

As a new initiative we will be holding a workshop on Saturday 6th July from 10.00 am to 12 noon, where Goff will be giving a hands-on demonstration of removing pups and potting them, and a discussion on potting mix and fertiliser, and you're invited to bring plants of any species that you'd like a hand with. It will be followed by a sausage sizzle and general chat session. Just bring along your plant/s, a chair and a mug for tea/coffee to 24 Southerden Street Torquay. If this day is successful more will be scheduled later.

(Note that this is not in place of the normal monthly meeting)

Don't forget that unless notified otherwise sales start at 1.00 pm and finish at afternoon tea, and plants travel much better in boxes or recyclable bags than plastic bags.

OUR PRICE LIST EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2019

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
FERTILISER	\$2.75 for 500 grams

If you are going to purchase items it would be appreciated if you could ring Maxine on 41245128 prior to the meeting so she can have your order ready on the day. If you discover you need them just prior to the meeting don't worry, there will still be plenty available.

Goff has potting mix for sale at \$8 for a 30 litre bag, and if you ring him on 0416783773 prior to the meeting he will have it there for you.



Even if you can only make it for one day there's plenty for everyone.
Great guest speakers, numerous species of plants and everything for the garden.