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Meeting: SATURDAY 19th September

VENUE: DUNDOWRAN HALL

12:30PM PLANT & NURSERY SALES

12:45PM PLANT OF THE MONTH VOTING

1:00PM MONTHLY MEETING STARTS

Presentation:

Steve Flood

Show and Tell

Aechmea and Alcantarea the featured topic for **September**

Popular Vote Competition Variable Categories are:

Neoregelia – OVER 250mm and Tillandsia – POTTED

Afternoon Tea

Bring biscuits, cake, slices or another treat to share for afternoon tea. Homemade and/or supermarket-bought items are all delicious.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY



Attend during your birthday month to receive a FREE raffle ticket—then sign in for an extra chance to win a FREE raffle prize!

Michele	Mapunda
Maxine	O'Shea
Colin	McCart
Jacinta	Hanelt
Louise	Bassam

Management Committee Update

Please familiarise yourself with the popular vote guidelines that will be available at meetings.



Monster Sale: Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November 2025

There is only Sept or October meeting before the monster sale. It's time to start preparation:

- Don't forget to see Jan or Les for your Nursery Supplies such as pots and labels and much more at the next meeting.
- Bar codes please contact John Hoffman as soon as possible, at the latest at the October Meeting, which is two weeks before the Sale.
- Donations for raffles, please state having a think, of what you may like to win. These items may include shears, hanging baskets, garden black or ceramic pots, bag of garden delight potting mix, garden cooler bag with bottled water, sunscreen, straw hat, knee pads, sprinkler hose, apron, garden lights, wall clock or perhaps fertilizer. Wheelbarrow, Now is the time to start bringing items to the Sept or October meeting, so the planning can begin.
- Raffles prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd we will have car boots ready to fill at the October meeting with your donations to build the "biggest and best bromeliad" raffle Hervey Bay has ever seen.
- Volunteers put your hand up if you can assist in selling raffle tickets, membership table, sales checkout, plant minding or help setting and/or packing up would be grateful and help make this a 'bonza weekend'.
- Roster Names to given to David to put onto a roster
- All Sellers to collect fire ant declaration form and Seller's form
- If you have any questions regarding the Monster Sale, please feel free to reach out to a committee member at the meeting.

Save the date: our Christmas Celebration and Presentation, the final meeting of the year, will be held on 17th November 2026. This year everyone will enjoy a spit roast at **DUNDOWRAN HALL** with a minimum of 30 people.

Show N Tell Plant of the Month is your chance to share a bromeliad or foliage plant of special interest. **Acechmea** and **Alcantarea** are the featured topic for September, so bring along your plants for 'Show N Tell' and enter them in the Popular vote competition. Tell us what makes it worth growing, whether in the garden, shade house, or indoors, and share any challenges you have overcome along the way. Let's not forget the potting mixture and weather conditions for growing.

Popular Vote Competition

Another opportunity is to enter your **Show N Tell** plant in the competition section displayed in the hall.

Winners from each section will be announced at the meeting and will be featured in the next newsletter.

The Committee welcomes discussions regarding topics you would like featured in the newsletter. The editor is happy to research and deliver relevant information that will enhance your knowledge of bromeliads and foliage plants on an international and/or local scale



August's afternoon tea disappeared quickly once again! Please share your recipe for the newsletter, or members could take a photo of it on their mobile phone.

It was wonderful to see Warren Bexton at the last meeting, especially during his birthday month!



Show N Tell

This month there was no show N tell.

Guest Speaker

Kathryn Fraser - *Cryptanthus*



Kathryn is a well-known speaker within the bromeliad community and has presented to many societies. She shared how her journey began and one of those experiences was when Margaret and Bill Patterson toured Kathryn's glasshouse, which was filled with *Cryptanthus*. Bill remarked that they looked like spiders and advised placing them under the bench.

The keys to successful growth are light, food and the right pot. These plants prefer to keep their feet on the ground—and, with no spikes, no Band-Aids are needed.



Cryptanthus are ideal for small spaces and can be grown in various ways to suit the setting, including hanging kokedama or mounted on timber, as shown below.

Kathryn kindly donated these examples to the raffle table, prompting eager ticket holders to watch closely for the first numbers drawn.



Cryptanthus are a fantastic plant to feature and grow in a terrarium. The sale plants provided variety for those starting out or adding to their collection to grow.

Kathryn has provided an information sheet that has been attached to email sent with newsletter to share with friends. Don't forget when you next see Kathryn share your growing experiences as there is always something new to learn develop and grow.

Popular Vote



There's always plenty happening behind the scenes that meets the eye. While we're all busy admiring beautiful bromeliads, Narelle and Maxine are quietly working their magic, collating the Popular Vote Results.

A big thank you to our behind-the-scenes helpers who keep things ticking along.

Popular Vote **August** Results 2026

	Place	Neoregelia	Exhibitor
	1 st	Gotcha	Nigel Thomson
	2 nd	Mai Golden Child	Nigel Thomson
	3 rd	Cheating Heart	John & Narelle Hoffman

	Place	Patterned Leaf Vriesea	Exhibitor
	1 st	Hunua Ranges	David Ward
	2 nd	Pedra Bianca x Princess Annique	John & Narelle Hoffman
	3 rd	Crimson Autumn	Nigel Thompson

	Place	Flowering Bromeliad	Exhibitor
	1 st	Gusmania Cherry Vriesea Kallistor	Nigel Thomson David Ward
	2 nd	Gusmania Unknown Vriesea Minc Guzmania Cavado	Jan Hutchins David Ward John & Narelle Hoffman
	3 rd	Vriesea Tiffany	Val Honeywood

	Place	Other Genera	Exhibitor
	1 st	Quesnelia Iron Clad Sincoregelia Cosmic Blast	Jan Hutchins Nigel Thompson
	2 nd	Aechmea Orlandiana	David Ward
	3 rd	Vriesea White Cloud	Val Honeywood

	Place	species	Exhibitor
	1 st	Quesnelia rafeal	Nigel Thomson
	2 nd	Aechmea recurvata	David Ward
	3 rd	Vriesea erythrodactylon	Val Honeywood

	Place	Tillandsia	Exhibitor
	1 st	Purple Gem	Ray Gough
	2 nd	Sprengeliana Ionantha	Les Hutchins Jan Hutchins
	3 rd	Bayleii	Nigel Thompson
	Place	Foliage	Exhibitor
	1 st	Labisia Turtle Bach	Anne Walsh
	2 nd	Phlegmarius Pinifolius	Nigel Thompson
	3 rd	Anthurium Andraenum Maidenhair Fern	Ray Gough David Ward

	Place	Novice	Exhibitor
	1 st	Neoregelia unknown	G Breeze
	2 nd	Nil	
	3 rd	Nil	



Raffle Table

Celebrate the joy of giving and growing!

Each raffle prize is a living reminder that kindness, like a plant, grows when shared. From lush indoor greenery to vibrant bromeliads and flowering pots, these gifts are little bundles of life ready to brighten homes and hearts. Prizes may also include pots, ornaments, gardening tools, fertilisers and other useful gardening items.

By entering the raffle, you have the chance to win a beautiful plant companion while helping our community grow stronger, greener and more connected.



Out and About

11 – 12 September 2026: **Laidley Spring Garden Fair**

If you missed this year's event, add it to next year's calendar—you won't be disappointed. As an added bonus, the event received coverage on a morning television program in the lead-up.

Looks like another road trip for a weekend away and adventure with lots of variety of plants and so much more.



Bromeliad Society International (BSI)

Additionally, the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) Facebook page features excellent photographs related to the 2026 World Conference for our members.

******SPECIAL****** BSI Application for Membership – The special price opportunity (\$7.50) Electronic Membership commemorates BSI 75th Anniversary, *check dates as they have been extended*. Join the Bromeliad Society International today link <https://www.bsi.org/new/join-the-bsi/> and receive these benefits:

1. Quarterly Bromeliad Journal and searchable digital archives
2. Access 40,000+ Bromeliad species photos and resource files
3. Access to the BSI Seed Bank
4. Attend the bi annual World Bromeliad Conference at a discount
5. BSI Online Store discounts
6. Access to the BSI world-wide member directory
7. Apply for Bromeliad research, Conservation and Education BSI funds

World Bromeliad Conference Show & Sale 2028 will be held at Nongnooch Garden, Thailand

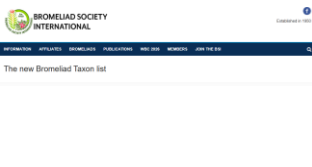
Bromelaid Information

Get to know your family of Bromeliaceae



Label - Perhaps you have heaps of labels gathered together in a pot called “lost & find”. You may like to find out the “origin” of the bromeliad or the “seed parent” and the “pollan parent”. You can even find out if the bromelaid is a **‘hybrid or cultivar’** or who *registered* the bromelaid, you may even know this person through introduction or shook their hand at a bromelaid meeting or your neighbour. **OR Tip them out and start again!** As research the original species continues, there

maybe name changes to a bromeliad you own. The latest ‘species’ name can be found under **New Bromeliad Taxon List**

Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR)	Encyclopedia of Bromeliads	Bromeliad Taxon list:
For the latest Correct identification and spelling of your hybrid or cultivar https://registry.bsi.org/	For the latest species name changes and correct spelling. https://bromeliad.nl/encyclopedia	For the latest species name changes and correct spelling. BSI The new Bromeliad Taxon list
		

New Cultivar Registrations

The **Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR)** is managed by the **Bromeliad Society International (BSI)**, which is the only International Cultivar Registration Authority for Bromeliaceae. There are new cultivar registrations listed by an Australian grower this **September month (date of this newsletter) NIL**. *Data and photographs courtesy of the Bromeliad Cultivar Register (BCR)* Facebook: *Bromeliad Society International BSI* provides information on bromeliad species and related topics, featuring excellent photographs of different bromeliad genera.

Bromeliad Nursery Supplies Update price list



Thanks to Les and Jan for their faithful work in selling garden supplies. [Have a chat with Jan at the meeting for these and other items FCBS sell.](#)

NEW The **FCBS Inc Price List** effective from **24th October 2025**. *Prices are subject to change with new stock orders.* If you are running short and need something, it would be appreciated if you could contact Jan or Les on 0419 799 483 or email to let them know in advance so they can have your order ready for you at the next meeting, or to make arrangements to pick your order up from their home prior to the meeting.

Description	Price per Item	Status / Comment		Description	Price per Item	Status / Comment
125mm Squat Pot (10pk)	\$3.60			Pencils each	\$6.00	
140mm Squat Pot (10pk)	\$4.80			Paper Sleeves 140mm (10pk)	\$3.50	
140mm Extra Squat Pot (10pk)	\$3.50			Paper Sleeves 170mm (10pk)	\$3.40	
165mm Squat Pot (5pk)	\$3.60			Paper Sleeves 200mm (10pk)	\$3.90	
200mm Squat Pot (5pk)	\$3.90			Fertiliser 500g (slow release)	\$4.50	
4 Leg Hangers (10pk)	\$4.20			Fertiliser 500g (Foliar)	\$6.80	
Labels white large (25pk)	\$2.30					
Labels white small (25pk)	\$2.20					
Labels yellow large (25pk)	\$1.50	For use on sales plants				



Monthly Meeting Information

Month	Alternate Monthly categories Neoregelia & Tillandsia Bromeliad	Show and Tell Theme	Guest Speaker	Venue
October 24 th	Neoregelia – Up to 250 mm Tillandsia – Mounted	Species	Air Plants by Aaron Handley	Dundowran Hall
November 28 th 	Neoregelia – Over 250mm Tillandsia – Potted	Most Dangerous (Spikey) Bromeliad	Mal and Michelle Cameron talk on Vrieseas	Dundowran Hall
	Christmas Celebration & Presentation	Hot “Spit” roast lunch		

Editor's Note ...

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Until the next newsletter keep growing, sharing, and exploring 🌱

Supporting Community Events

September 2026

18 September – 5 October 2026: **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers** More information: Go to the website tcof.com.au for more information.

18 – 20 September 2026: **Toowoomba Orchid Society Autumn Show** More information: toowoombaorchidsociety.com

18 – 20 September 2026: **Native Orchid Society of Toowoomba Spring Show**

- St John's Lutheran Hall. Presented by the Native Orchid Society of Toowoomba Inc. Plant sales. Parking, wheelchair friendly. 18th September 9am to 5pm; 19th September 9am to 5pm; 20th September 9am to 3pm. Entry \$4.00.

25 – 27 September 2026: **Hervey Bay Spring Orchid & Garden Spectacular**

- Xavier Catholic College, Wide Bay Drive, Hervey Bay. Being the largest Orchid show outside of Brisbane you won't want to miss it. Large display of orchids, bromeliads, goliage and garden clubs. Orchid & plant sales and supplies, potting workshops plus plant cloakroom.
- 25 & 26 September 8am to 4pm; 27 September 8am to midday.
- Entry \$5 includes Devonshire Tea/Coffee. Food & drinks available.
- Wheelchair friendly & plenty of parking. Website: herveybayorchidsociety.com

26 – 27 September 2026: **Wondai Spring Garden Expo**

26 – 27 September 2026: Bromeliad & Tropicals Spring Show & Sales Presented by The Bromeliad Society of Queensland

- North Lakes State College (Junior Sports Stadium), Innovation Place, North Lakes (NEW LOCATION!)
- Website: bromsqueensland.com.au
- Facebook: facebook.com/BromeliadSocietyOfQueensland/

26 – 27 September 2026: **Pine Rivers Orchid Society Spring Show**

More information: pineriversorchidsociety.com/shows

October 2026

3 October 2026 (Saturday): **Maleny Garden Club Spring Fair**

- **Garden Market:** Maleny Showgrounds, 13 Maleny Stanley River Road, Maleny. Independent nurseries, all things gardening, Food stalls. 8:00am–3:00pm. Entry \$2
- **Open gardens:** 9:30am - 4:00pm. \$5 per garden. Tickets at Garden Market (Eftpos & cash) or at garden entry (cash only). Website: malenygardenclub.org

3rd - 4th October (Long Weekend)	Saturday 8am - 4pm Sunday 8am - 1pm	Bromeliad and Foliage Frenzy Caboolture and Districts Bromeliad Society Inc	Minimbah State School Hall Cnr Walkers Road & Minibah Drive Morayfield	Entry Free Free: Car Bus and Disability parking
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3 – 4 October 2026: **Queensland Rose Society Inc. Spring Show**

More information: qld.rose.org.au

4 October 2026 (Sunday): **Orchids in the Park**

- State Rose Garden Hall, Holberton /Pottinger Street, Toowoomba. Presented by the Native Orchid Society of Toowoomba Inc. Parking, wheelchair friendly. 4th October, 10am to 4pm. Entry gold coin donation.

9 – 11 October 2026: **Bribie Island Nature Festival**

- More information: bribieislandnaturefestival.com.au

10 October 2026 (Saturday): **Native Plants Market** Maleny.

- Presented by Native Plants Queensland. More information: npq.org.au

17 October 2026 (Saturday): **African Violet Society of Queensland (Inc.) Annual Show**

- More information: africanvioletsocietyqld.happyo.com

17 – 18 October 2026: **Buderim Garden Festival**

- More information: buderimgardenclub.com/festival

31 October 2026 (Saturday): **Native Plants Market**

- Rosewood. Presented by Native Plants Queensland. More information: npq.org.au

Saturday 31st Oct Sunday 1st Nov	8:30 – 3pm 8:30 – 1pm	Frasier Coast Bromeliad Society Monster Sale	Hervey Bay TAFE 47-95 Urraween Road Urraween, Hervey Bay
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November 2026

7 November 2026 (Saturday): **Orchid Species Show**

- Pine Rivers Showground Hall, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton. Presented by the Orchid Species Society Inc. An amazing display of species orchids from around the world. Orchid plants and supplies for sale. EFTPOS available. Light refreshments for sale.
- Open 8am to 3pm Saturday, 7th November 2026. Entry \$5.00, accompanied children under 14 free. More information at orchidspeciessoc.org.au/activities/show

7 November 2026 (Saturday): **Ipswich Plant & Lifestyle Fair**

Website: ipswichplantandlifestylefair.com.au

21st November 2026	9am-2pm	<u>The Tropic Plant Spectacular</u>	Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens 152 Mt Coot-Tha Rd Brisbane	Entry Free
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Queensland Gardening Page - event diary	
Information	The Queensland Gardening Pages started on www.calyx.com.au but have since been joined by the companion website and gateway queenslandgardening.com . The target audience are Queensland homeowners and other consumers of retail gardening products and services in Queensland. However, the site is also used by members of the horticultural and landscaping industries, in addition to visitors from other parts of Australia and the world.
Website	https://calyx.com.au/eventsdiary.html
Monthly Updates	As more events throughout the year will be scheduled this will be updated and notified in the Newsletter!