

# Sunshine Coast Bromeliad Society Inc. Newsletter

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Monthly meetings are held at the Millwell Road Community Centre, 11 Millwell Road (East) Maroochydore. (Behind the Plaza Shopping Centre.) unless otherwise advised. See [Event Diary](#)  
Meeting preparation starts prior to 1.30pm with proceedings beginning at 1.40pm .  
Afternoon tea is available and members should bring their own cup. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each, proceeds from the raffle help offset the club's meeting expenses.

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**Meeting Attendance**

June 18th	Members - 47	Visitors 3	Apologies - 3
July 16th	Members - 41	Visitors 1	Apologies - 14

**Welcome to New Members**

Juanita Owen

**Message from the editor Newsletter: Ralf Schenk**

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## **Meeting Programme 2022**

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| 1. Hall set up (members)             | 2. Committee Meeting when advised.                |
| 3. Popular choice set up and judging | 4. Opening and introduction by President          |
| 5. Tea break and plant sales         | 6. Popular Choice results & photos for Newsletter |
| 7. Show and Tell                     | 8. Plant Raffle draw                              |

**Note: Variation of meeting programme in place when not held at the hall venue.**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location &amp; Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Presenter</u></b>
Sat 20th Aug	- General Meeting Millwell Rd. Community Centre Sausage Sizzle, Popular Choice - Plant Sales Show and Tell Sharing of plants that may be considered rare or simply plants not often seen.	Members
Sat 17th Sep	- Millwell Rd. Community Centre Committee meeting followed by General Meeting Show and Tell	Members
Sat 15th Oct	- General Meeting Millwell Rd. Community Centre Sausage Sizzle, Popular Choice - Plant Sales Show and Tell	Members
Sat 19th Nov	- General Meeting Millwell Rd. Community Centre Sausage Sizzle, Discussion, outline of Monster Raffle Plants.	Committee

**Note: We may have a guest speaker for Sep. or Oct. waiting on confirmation**

### **POPULAR CHOICE**

Categories are (a) Neoregelia, (b) Pattern Leaf Vriesea, (c) Other Genera, (d) Tillandsia (e) Goudea, Guzmania & Vriesea, Nidularium (f) Foliage and Flowering.

*Remember to bring in one more of your plants for the above sections.*

*To all members please place your vote for the plant in each section as your choice.*

### **PLANT SALES**

Note: Plants brought in for sale require sales stickers to be attached identifying the plant, cost and owner's initials for both parts of sale sticker.

When approaching the sales counter the lower tab is removed by the person in charge and accepts payment. (No credit card facility is available)

### **PLANTS FOR RAFFLE**

Members bringing in plants for the raffle are to ensure plants are free from pests, scale and water. Other items of interest for members can be bought in, e.g. chocolates, garden pots, or anything that you may like to win as a prize.

### **AFTERNOON TEA & COFFEE**

Please note that the kitchen afternoon tea and coffee - restricted handling by nominated catering staff. There is a water cooler for use at anytime should you feel thirsty.

**Members are requested to bring their own drinking mug or cup.**



# Millwell Road Community Centre - General Meeting

Saturday 18th June 2022



The popular BBQ is back



Plants for raffle on display



Thanks for the effort



Popular garden bench in great demand - Relaxing with a bite to eat before start of meeting





Popular Choice - Sat. 18th June, 2022  
**NEOREGELIA'S**



1st Sue Pedler  
12 Votes  
Neo. Madonna



2nd Nigel Thomson  
10 Votes  
Neo. Mai Golden Child



2nd Nigel Thomson  
6 Votes  
Neo. Tears of Fire Median



Popular Choice - Sat 18th June, 2022

## TILLANDSIA'S



Equal 1st - 9 Votes

Greg Jones - Till. stricta Stan Walkley - Till. Prodigy



Equal 2nd - 3 Votes

Nigel Thomson Till. ionantha

Nigel Thomson - Till. Puna Punk



Popular Choice - Sat. 18th June, 2022  
**GOUDAEA, GUZMANIA, VRIESEA, NIDULARIUM**



1st - 26 Votes  
Nigel Thomson - Guz. Torch Variegated



2nd - 2 Votes  
Steve Flood - Guz. Sandra



3rd - 1 Vote  
Susan Pedler - Guz. Amoretto



Popular Choice - Sat. 18th June, 2022  
**OTHER GENERA**



Equal 1st - 7 Votes

Sue Murray  
*Sincoraea ophuriodes*

Stan Walkley  
*Sincoregelia Cosmic Blast*

2nd Sue Murray  
6 Votes  
*Sincoraea hatschbachii*





Popular Choice - Sat. 18th June, 2022  
**FOLIAGE & FLOWERING**



Left - 1st Peter Henssler (OAM)  
10 Votes  
*Phalaenopsis* Kryptonite



Above - 2nd Steve Flood  
6 Votes  
*Anthurium* variegated



Left - 3rd Frank Tucker  
3 Votes  
*Anthurium* andreanum  
Pink Obake



**Popular Choice - Sat. 18th June, 2022**  
**PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA**



1st Nigel Thomson (26 Votes)  
 Vr. Pommie Sunburn



2nd Steve Flood (6 Votes)  
 Vr. Splendens

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**Millwell Road Community Centre - General Meeting**  
 Saturday 16th July 2022



The ever popular park bench



Welcoming address by President Steve Flood



Description by Stan Walkley on plants tabled for discussion



# Millwell Road Community Centre - General Meeting

Saturday 16th July 2022



Popular choice plants category Neoregelia and Tillandsia's for judging



Popular choice plants category Pattern Leaf Vriesea, Foliage and Flowering for judging



Popular choice plants category Goudaea, Guzmania, Vriesea, Nidularium and other Genera tabled for judging



Popular Choice - Sat. 16th July 2022  
**NEOREGELIA'S**



1st Sue Pedler (15 Votes)  
 Neo. Ab Fab



2nd Stuart & Jill Cheyne (7 Votes)  
 Neo. Sugar Mill

**OTHER GENERA**



1st Juliet Robertson (16 Votes)  
 Orthophytum Stellar Beauty



2nd Sue Pedler (7 Votes)  
 Billbergia Noid



Popular Choice - Sat. 16th July 2022  
**GOUDAEA, GUZMANIAS, VRIESEA, NIDULARIUM**



1st Sue Pedler (11 Votes)  
Guz. Dianne

Equal 2nd (4 Votes)  
Stuart & Jill Cheyne  
Guz.  
Optima & sanguinea





Popular Choice - Sat. 16th July 2022  
**TILLANDSIA**



1st Cheryl Basic  
(11 Votes)  
*Till. Pamelae*



Above  
2nd Stan Walkley (8 Votes)  
*Till. ehlersiana x streptophylla*



Left  
3rd Cheryl Basic (2 Votes)  
*Till. lojensis*



Popular Choice - Sat. 16th July 2022  
**FOLIAGE & FLOWERING**



Left  
1st Steve Flood (14 Votes)  
Anthurium  
scherzerianum



Above  
2nd Greg Jones (5 Votes)  
Nepenthes



Left  
3rd Juliet Robertson (1 Votes)  
Senecio macroglossus



**Popular Choice - Sat. 16th July 2022**  
**PATTERN LEAF VRIESEA**



Cheryl Basic  
Vr. CB Hybrid

Equal 1st (9Votes)

Stan Walkley  
Vr. Gold King

**President's report by Steve Flood**

On a very wet election day in June a group of dedicated members braved the weather to attend our meeting held at the Yandina hall. During the meeting the approx. 30 members were added to by temporary visitors who came to vote not knowing that the voting had been relocated to the local school. It was a competition day for the genera *Cryptanthus* and *Neoregelia*. Despite the adverse weather a great display of plants arrived not only for judging but also for show and tell. Cheryl talked about the Grace Good range of *Neoregelias* of which she had a great collection to show members. Ron Murray talked about his mini Neos and how he and Sue grow them. Sue Murray was the winner of the *Neoregelia* trophy and Odile Maufrais-Smith the *Cryptanthus* trophy with a stunning *C. 'Thriller'*. Congratulations to both ladies for your well-deserved wins.

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## **President's report by Steve Flood - continued**

At the recent July meeting the main event was a slide presentation of plants in the Jane and Stan Walkley collection at Rosemount. Because of the huge range of plants on the property the presentation focussed on the recently refurbished Bromeliad house and the genera *Alcantarea* and *Vriesea*. Stan provided stimulating commentary as the slides (approx. 100) were shown.

The first Bromeliad culture workshop was attended by 4 members at my residence. Participants enjoyed the morning and took home a few plants they had propagated. At our next meeting to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> August the main event is a sharing of plants that may be considered rare, unusual or simply plants not often seen. All members are encouraged to participate by bringing a plant along for others to enjoy as well. Until then keep growing; it helps to keep us young.

## **Fertilisers for Growing Bromeliads**

Readers of this article should be aware that the views expressed are those of the author based on research and experience. If plants are already growing well is there a need to change the growing system including the choice of fertilisers? If drastic changes to nutrient applications are to be made it is probably wise to experiment with a few plants to observe the affects.

A fertiliser is a product that has the ability to provide to plants one or more of the thirteen mineral elements essential for plant growth. A wide range of both organic and inorganic products are available to growers. Simple fertilisers provide only one nutrient whereas compound fertilisers supply a number of the nutrients required by plants. Granular, pelletised and coated products exist for application to the soil or potting media; these may be quick acting or of a controlled release nature, supplying minerals to the root zone over time. Soluble products often referred to as foliar fertilisers are designed to be dissolved in water and sprayed onto foliage or applied as a drench to the growing media. With so many products and brands it is understandable that some growers become confused as to which product(s) to purchase and apply to the plants.

It is believed by many plant scientists that more harm is done by overuse of fertiliser than under by application; that is a toxicity causes more harm than a deficiency.

The choice of fertiliser(s) to use is influenced by a number of factors including the species being grown and stage of growth, the nature of the potting media and quality of the water used.

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## Fertilisers for Growing Bromeliads

Many growers prefer to use a fertiliser product higher in Potassium (K) than Nitrogen (N). It is well known that with many plants that are naturally epiphytes e.g. *Neoregelias*, excessive levels of N result in loss of foliage colour. The role of K in flower production and quality is well researched, hence the assumption that adequate levels are required for good quality lasting inflorescences in genera such as *Guzmania*.

The following is a list of some of the fertilisers that are readily available to growers on the Sunshine Coast. Without offering obvious support to any particular company it should suffice to comment that the author has observed these products offered for sale at a number of retail outlets.

### Controlled release products for addition to growing media:-

On the container a low, medium and high rate of application is provided; the rate chosen should consider time of year, media used and whether supplementary foliar feeding shall be used.

Osmocote exact 5-6 months release period

15% Nitrogen, 4.8% Phosphorous, 14.9% Potassium plus trace elements

Osmocote exact 8-9 months release period

15% Nitrogen, 4.8% Phosphorous, 14.9% Potassium plus trace elements

Plantacote 6 months release period

10% Nitrogen, 4.3% Phosphorous, 12.5% Potassium plus trace elements

### Soluble products suitable for foliar application and/ or media drench:-

Note – The author recommends these products be used at half strength.

Searles flourish orchid booster

16% Nitrogen, 6% Phosphorous, 23% Potassium plus trace elements

Thrive flower and fruit

15% Nitrogen, 4% Phosphorous, 26% Potassium

Manutec orchid bloom booster

15.8% Nitrogen, 6.7% Phosphorous, 25.3% Potassium plus trace elements

Natrakelp – 65% seaweed plus NPK

5% Nitrogen, 6% Phosphorous, 19% Potassium

Searles liquid Potash

20% Potassium as carbonate



## TIME FOR SOME HUMOUR

When my wife and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it.

**We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door.**

As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked.

'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'it's open!'

His reply, 'I know. I already did that side.'

**STAY ALERT! They walk among us, they breed, and they vote.....**

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The pedestrian light on the corner beeps when it's safe to cross the street.

I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine.

She asked if I knew what the beeper was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, 'what on earth are blind people doing driving?!'

She is a government employee.....

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I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?'

To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?'

He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

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I live in a semi - rural area.

We recently had a new neighbor call the local city council office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road.

The reason: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this

My husband and I went through the local Takeaway driveway window and I gave the cashier a **\$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her 25c.**

She said, 'you gave me too much money.'

I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar back.'

She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request.

I did so, and he handed me back the 25c, and said

'We're sorry but we don't do that kind of thing.'

The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75 cents in change.

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***Do not confuse people at a Takeaway***

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**Recently sighted bumper stickers**

Make it idiot proof and someone will make it better.

The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

Few women admit their age . Few men act theirs.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Always remember you're unique, just like everybody else.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.



"Frankly, I don't enjoy prostate exams any more than you do!"

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We had to have the garage door repaired. **The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower He shook his head and said, 'You need a 1/4 horsepower.'**

I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said,

'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

**We haven't used that repairman since...**



Sorry I'm late for your digital-rectal exam...  
I slammed my finger in my car door.



## Jim Drake - Members - Back Yard Photo Page

