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SEASONAL NOTES:

We are entering a difficult time of the year as far as looking after our trees are concerned..

We can have extended dry periods, hot & in a lot of cases, salt laden winds. Scorching days that suck every bit of moisture out of your foliage, and moisture from your soil. On these days, if you go to work, stand your trees in water, or at least on a bed of gravel, with some water underneath, so your tree can soak up the moisture.

Remember, your trees, if they are in a bonsai pot, only have access to whatever moisture is in that pot, and on an excessively hot day, that can evaporate very quickly.

On one of those extreme days, you may have to make time to give your trees a quick drink before you go to work, and again, after you get home.

Check your tree for insects, they don't seem to mind the heat, also keep the pruning and weeding under control, and some slow release fertiliser will certainly help the evergreens, while a tonic such as seasoil, will help all the trees.

Just remember, try and keep the pots cool, If you are feeling hot, so are your trees.

Dear Members,

Happy New Year to all our wonderful members. We do sincerely hope 2019 sees you bursting with good health, and enthusiasm for the art of bonsai.

November, 2018 we held our AGM, with of course our election of office bearers.

Well, I have good news and bad news. The bad news is that Bruce retired from the presidency, but the good news is, Steve Jarrold accepted his nomination, and will be president.

The members thanked Bruce for the great job he had done as President of our club, together with his committee.

The new committee is;

President Steve,

Vice President;

Jeff Nankervis

Secretary; Jill Lewis, Treasurer: Gwen Robinson, Library Manager; Laraine Day

Newsletter editor: Elaine Mancell; Committee, Bruce, Annelies, Richard, Andrea.

We wish the committee every success, and look forward to a very productive year.



COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Wednesday 16th January: This is a club night, in our usual Hall in Moorooduc. The topic is figs, as this is a perfect time of the year to work on your figs, please bring them along. There will be plenty of experts to help you with them, and to give you advice. We will have our usual raffle, and of course either tea or coffee with a biscuit.

Saturday 2nd February: Full day workshop, Advance College Native Nursery Mornington.. Melways map 145 D-3. Mitchell Street, enter Mitchell reserve.

Wednesday 20th February: Presenter Dave Allen "Moongate Bonsai", Bendigo.. Dave will show us how to choose a pot, make sure it suits our tree, "Moongate Bonsai", specialises in yamadori, (Trees collected from a dig). Dave has had many years of experience, and we are fortunate to get him to come so far.

Members please note, if at any time you would like to have a meeting designed around a particular subject or topic, please let a committee member know. We value your input.

BONSAI WEEK MONDAY 25TH MARCH—SUNDAY 31ST MARCH, 2019

*National Arboretum, Canberra, Topic “Women in Bonsai”
International Artists; Heike van Gunst, and Sandra Grlica.*

Right: This is a photo of Heike van Gunst, one of the two International women bonsai experts, both from Germany.

I personally think it is wonderful that we are putting the focus on women.

Traditionally, possibly because of the Japanese influence, we have tended to think of all experts as being male.



And on the right, a photo of another gorgeous “women in Bonsai” expert, Sandra Grlica.

Both these ladies have years of experience with bonsai, and it should be very interesting seeing the art of bonsai from a different perspective.

I would think it would be advisable to book, if you wish to attend, and also don't delay.



For more information go to the National Arboretum of Canberra website.

MORNINGTON PENINSULA BONSAI SOCIETY

40TH BONSAI EXHIBITION

Saturday 20th April. & Sunday 21st April, 2019

We are having a guest demonstrator both days. Andrew Ward, currently secretary BFS, Bonsai Federation of Australia, and President Adelaide Bonsai Society. Andrew also judges Bonsai at the Royal Adelaide Show

Demonstration time both days is 1pm.



Venue is Balcombe Grammar, Mt Martha.

The Exhibition will be open :

Saturday: 9am to 5pm

Sunday: 10am to 4pm

Entry: \$5,

\$4 Pensioners Seniors & students

Free: Children, provided accompanied by an adult.

MAY 2019. AABC/VNBC CONVENTION:

The Victorian Native Bonsai Club will be hosting the 2019 AABC Convention. The focus will be wholly on Australian natives, and if you wish to take part, click on the link below, to find more information.

<https://www.vicnativebonsai.com.au/32nd-aabc-national-bonsai-convention-2016/>

40th Year Celebrations:

As we are celebrating our 40th year of operations this year, I thought it would be nice to introduce a
MEMORY CORNER

These are some early photos taken in the 1980's, which was our first decade.

On the right, is a photo of Les Marks, the first President of our Society, making a presentation to Tom Yamamoto, the first international expert to visit our club.

Tom was a Japanese expert, and was brought out by the BFA and the Bonsai Society of Victoria, who kindly allowed him to attend our club rooms for the day, and some of our members did a work-shop with him

Below: is a photo of Tom taken with some of the group who attended.

The year was 1984.

