

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise stated in our syllabus). In the Moorooduc Hall, corner Bentons Rd. & Derril Rd. Moorooduc

SEASONAL NOTES:

The Autumn can be a busy time of the year.

As Autumn leaves fall, there is a lot of cleaning up to do, on the benches around our pots.

We can get a good look at some of our deciduous trees, as they lose their leaves, and expose the bare branches.

This is a good time to stand back and take a good look at the tree in this state, as obvious problems are exposed.

A light feed will not hurt the evergreens, and certainly, tidy up around the base of their trunks, and make sure that moss is clear of the trunk. Otherwise, if we do get heavy rain, the trunk can begin to rot.

AS the Autumn colours begin to appear, just take time to enjoy them.

Dear Members,

Last month, February, we had as a guest speaker, David Allen, from Bendigo. David gave us a talk on "Yamadori", which is field grown stock, and had a number of wonderful examples to show us, and in some cases sell to us. David also gave us some hints on choosing pots for our trees, and altogether, it was entertaining and instructive.

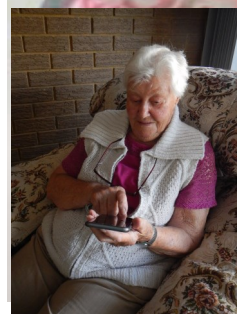


We had two of our "younger" ladies reach milestones, Elaine turned 90, on the 7th February, and Hazel, turned 99 on February 20th. Congratulations to both ladies. It shows what you can achieve, When you live a clean life, & pursue Bonsai as a hobby.

Well, that's my story.

Right: The beautiful cake, purchased on behalf of the members, to celebrate the special Birthdays.

Right: Posted immediately below their birthdays written on the cake,



Hazel, on the left



Elaine on the right

This meeting, March, 20th, in our usual Hall, 7.30pm, Beginner's night. We ask that anyone who needs help, or advice, even if you are not a beginner, feel free to bring along some trees. And can I please ask, if you are not in that category, come along and help. You may be surprised at how much you enjoy the experience, and it certainly helps the club, the more the merrier.

Wednesday, April 24th: Our 40th Anniversary dinner, more inside.

Things to remember:

When bringing trees for display, do not place on tables until you have a stand to place it on, and all tables are in position. If you bring in your trees early, please place in a position, out of the way, until told to place on the tables.

Make sure your pots are clean, underneath as well as on the sides, and are not leaking water.

Make sure they are weed free, and not too much wire on them.

Please put a tag, with the name/variety of your tree. This will ensure we give the tree it's correct name.

Mark your stand with your name, and if possible your tree as well, a label underneath will help.

If you can let the committee know in advance, the trees you will be displaying, this will be very helpful.

40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER, 24TH APRIL.

As part of our 40th Anniversary year, we are having a celebratory dinner, in the Moorooduc Hall,

Time: Approx. 6.30pm

Cost: Members \$10.00

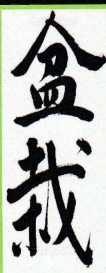
Non-members: \$30.00

Money must be paid up front. You will not be considered as booked, until you have paid.

Numbers must also be finalised the week before, ie by the 17th April, as we are getting outside caterers, and we need to know all of this in advance.

As you can see, members are being heavily subsidised, so please take advantage of this, and celebrate this momentous event as a group.

B.Y.O



The Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Society Presents its Annual Easter Bonsai Show 2019 **Celebrating 40 years of Bonsai**

**Balcombe Grammar, 389 Nepean
Highway, Mt Martha
Melways Ref 151 C1-2**

A Magnificent Display of Bonsai



We are lucky to have Andrew Ward, Interstate Presenter from S.A. attending. Andrew will do two demonstrations over the weekend at 1.00 pm both Saturday & Sunday.

Andrew is on the list of the Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs (AABC) Visiting Tutor Program.

We have had Andrew to our Club several times and he is an excellent Presenter and Mentor. We are lucky to have Andrew

**Saturday 20th April 9am-5pm
Sunday 21st April, 10am-4pm**

EFTPOS
facilities
available

ADMISSION

Adults—\$5.00: Pensioners/Concession \$4.00

Children accompanied by an adult—FREE

Information: 0407 361 989



Did you know.....

Article courtesy of Diana

That an earthquake is responsible for shifting the “epicentre” of bonsai cultivation in Japan is remarkable. In 1923, an 8.3 magnitude earthquake, devastated the entire Kanto region of Japan, destroying its two largest cities, Tokyo and Yokohama, along with a majority of the commercial bonsai businesses.

As a result, the bonsai business community, in an effort to save their livelihoods, collectively purchased a tract of land outside Tokyo, in the Omiya region, where the businesses once again flourished.

Hence, a new epicentre of bonsai cultivation in Japan was created {which exists and thrives to this day.}

MEMORY CORNER:

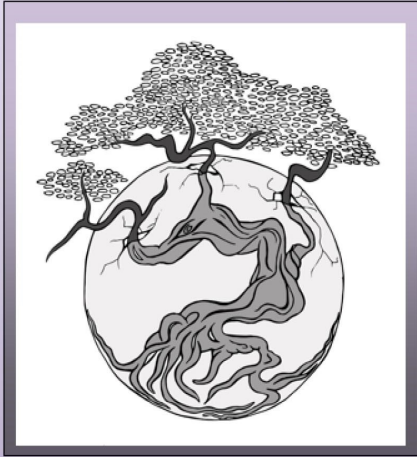
In 1994, some of our members went to Burnley College, where a Japanese master, Shinichi Nakijima, was holding workshops, having been invited to Australia by the Bonsai Society of Victoria.

On the right are two photos, firstly, Nancy with the tree she was working on,


Below, Elaine getting advice from Shinichi.

32nd AABC National Bonsai Convention
17-20 May 2019
Mantra Bell City, Melbourne

Australian Natives Breaking Through The Bonsai Ceiling




AABC MELBOURNE 2019



VNBC

Hosted by Victorian Native Bonsai Club Inc
 In partnership with
 Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs Ltd







Some photos taken at our February meeting. We can see David Allen of Moongate Bendigo discussing various aspects of our members display trees.

This month's workshop meeting

As this is a workshop meeting, specifically to work on our trees for the Show, there is a tendency for members to think, I don't have a tree to work on, so I won't bother going.

There are a couple of reasons why this may not be a good idea. One, you may get a bit more out of the experience than you realise. Sometimes just sitting next to a member, who is working on a tree, can be an interesting and instructive event for you.

Secondly, you may be surprised how helpful you can be to a newer member. You find that you are not only thinking, "what can I get out of this", you are also thinking, what can I put in to the club.

Also if you need advice on a tree, or more than one, that you will not be putting in the Show, bring them along anyway, nobody minds helping you with your trees at any time.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!