

# NEWSLETTER

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## SEASONAL NOTE

We are experiencing unseasonably hot weather, and still no rain.

It is frustrating that we still have to water so often, but so be it. Keep up the watering, and maybe give the plants a light fertilizing to tide them over.

I guess in another month or so, we will be complaining of the cold, and hopefully rain, but until that happens, we must carry on.

We can also prepare our benches for the winter, by clearing them of debris, particularly dead leaves, as they will harbor insects, and will also rot and get slimy, attracting slugs, etc.

Check the undersides of our pots if we can, and make sure the drainage holes are clear. If we do get heavy rain, we want it to drain out properly

Happy Easter!

Dear Members;

Here we are, it's Show Time again. Hard to believe that more than 12 months have gone by since our last Exhibition. Hope to see you all turn up, bright-eyed and bushy tailed, ready to help.

The more helpers we have, the smaller the tasks become, and it is fun, and rather rewarding, when someone praises the show, you feel you can take some of the credit.

We had a workshop during our March meeting, and we feel there was quite a lot accomplished.

Right: Adrian helping one of our less experienced members., which is the purpose of holding a workshop, people assisting one another.



## COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Friday, April 19th, Good Friday: Set up for the show. Will be mainly in the morning. Bring trees for show no later than midday. Trees brought in late in the afternoon, most likely will not be put on display.

Saturday, April 20th, & Sunday 21st April.: Easter Bonsai Exhibition.

Wednesday April, 24th: Dinner celebrating our 40th Anniversary.. We are also holding an auction during the night, so we are looking for a fun time, plus a great meal, and Elaine will present a brief history of the Club.

Wednesday, May 15th: Meeting night, Moorooduc Hall, Steve will give a presentation on olives as bonsai, and olives are very good as bonsais.. Should be a great night

Saturday June 1st: All day workshop, more later.

## EASTER SHOW

We advertised that we would have as a guest demonstrator, during the Show, Andrew Ward, who is an expert from Adelaide.

Sadly, this is not going to happen, as Andrew is suffering intense back pain.

I know that Andrew is devastated, and feels he has let us down, but, although we are of course, very disappointed, Andrew's welfare is our biggest concern, and I am sure we all join together to wish Andrew a speedy recovery.

However, all is not lost, Some of our own club experts are doing demonstrations on both afternoons, including Steve and Bruce, and probably others, so there will be very interesting events happening. Everything else, is as advertised.



### **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

## **MORNINGTON PENINSULA BONSAI SOCIETY inc.**

Meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month, except December, and unless otherwise stated on the syllabus

Venue: Moorooduc Hall  
Corner Derrill & Bentons Road, Moorooduc.  
Time: 7.30 pm

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**MEMORY CORNER:**

**EXHIBITION,  
2003**

This is a photo of our Easter Show,, in 2003, which was held in the Anglican Church Hall, Corner 6th Avenue & Pt. Nepean Rd. Rosebud.

This was the last time we held an Exhibition in this venue, which had been extremely good to us for a number of years.

In the foreground, the tree is a Chinese Quince, and is still in the club.



**Did you know?**

The bark of a tree has three very important and practical functions: It is waterproof, so it prevents leaking from the phloem; it houses small structures called lenticels that allow the tree to breathe; and the bark's third function is to protect the phloem from all kinds of impacts, abrasions and attacks from pests including insects and fungi.

Wounds on bonsai trees do not heal in the same manner as the wounds of humans and other animals. That is to say, trees are not able to repair damaged tissue. Instead they continue to manufacture a new layer of cells with each year's growth, until the wound is entirely covered over. The length of time this 'healing' process takes depends upon the size of the wound and the overall size of each new annual growth ring.





Some photos taken at our March meeting, which was a workshop, particularly for the less experienced members of the Club.

All our club experts were there, and did a magnificent helping where they could, even older members such as I.

It was a great night.

Have a Happy and safe Easter.