

# NEWSLETTER

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### SEASONAL NOTES:

Winter is a time of year when we do a large percentage of our re-potting. Particularly if we have a lot of deciduous.

If we have evergreens, we may need to help them over the cold weather.

Perhaps give them a dose of a tonic such as "Seasol", certainly check for slugs and snails and slaters.

*It is also a good time to wire, most trees slow down their growth, some of course are completely dormant, during the cold months.*

*If your area is prone to frosts, and you don't have a glasshouse etc. I would consider wrapping newspaper or straw around your pots, in order to keep the roots from freezing.*

*Still pluck off "big" leaves from your figs, 2 or 3 at a time. It will still encourage more budding, so your leaves will become gradually smaller. Certainly do not defoliate them, just a few at a time., and keep them protected from frosts.*

*If too much rain becomes an issue, make sure drainage holes are clear,*

Dear members,

I apologise for being so late with this newsletter. I had the nasty bug that has been going around, and it knocked me flat. In May we had an excellent demo and discussion on Olives, given by President Steve, and he kindly sent me some notes he had made, and these are inside this newsletter

On the right is a photo of an olive tree, harvested by Steve in the early nineties, & this does show how you can get a lovely tree, using this method.

Our society wishes to congratulate the Victorian Native Bonsai Group for the magnificent job they did in hosting the AABC seminar, in May.

The whole weekend went very smoothly, and was handled most professionally.

One of the impressive parts of the display was the large number of hand made pots, made by our local potters.

Not only did they look great, they were obviously made to order for the Australian trees, and set them off wonderfully well. Great job to all concerned.



### COMING ATTRACTIONS

Wednesday 17th July: Steve will do a critique, and give some helpful advice on your tree or trees. There will be the usual raffle, cup of tea or coffee, in the clubrooms at 7.30pm.

Saturday 3rd August: Full day workshop in Advance Native Nursery, Mornington. It will be in one of the classrooms, where there will be heating. BYO lunch, tea & coffee provided. Bring your own trees to work on. Plenty of free advice given.

Wednesday 21st August: To be advised. If you would like the committee to concentrate on a particular area of bonsai that you wish to know more about, this is your chance. It is easy for us to forget that sometimes we need to have a night devoted to basics. Let us know, and we can do something about it.

Did you know—That in 1976, the people of Japan, in honour of the USA Bicentennial Celebrations, presented them with 53 priceless bonsai trees, and 6 remarkable viewing stones.

These gifts were the foundation of the national Collection, which is housed in the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, which is in the US National Arboretum, Washington DC

# BONSAI

## Exhibition & Sale

Hundreds of bonsai  
on display or  
for sale

Demonstrations  
on both days  
11am & 1pm

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Footscray Community Arts Centre  
45 Moreland St Footscray  
27 & 28 July 2019  
10am to 4pm  
**Adults: \$5**  
(Children under 15  
free with adult)

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ABOVE: SOME PHOTOS TAKEN FROM ADRIAN'S DEMONSTRATION, "ROOT OVER ROCK" DURING OUR MEETING IN JUNE, Courtesy of Gwen.

Adrian did the preliminary work on this tree, during one of our Winter meetings, 2018. It was interesting to see how the roots had grown, and settled in around the rock.



## Collecting and Care of Olives

Steve Jarrold

- Good time to collect—August to November
- How to dig—cut all surface and tap roots, remove all foliage , keeping branches you think you may use
- Planting—After digging, cut through onion shaped base to give the greatest visual trunk diameter, or to suit the proposed planting angle. Treat as a cutting, by planting on a bed of sand, tie down to hold securely, top up soil level with a potting mix to protect the developing roots.
- Select shoots that develop to suit the proposed design. Rub off unwanted shoots. Wire the new shoots when they reach approx. 100mm in length.
- Prune or pinch new shoots regularly during growing season, to ensure short, well ramified branching. Remove strong vertical shoots from branches.
- Position—full sun if possible.
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- Watering—water thoroughly whenever the soil gets dry, but avoid constant wetness.
- Feed with any fertiliser during spring, summer and autumn
- Pruning large branches or trunks, leave a stub, as dieback may occur.
- Pests—Black scale, remove by hand.
- Wiring—wire in Winter
- Repot in August/September with a good draining potting/Bonsai mix.

### MEMORY CORNER—Chris di Nola 2005

Chris di Nola, a Bonsai expert from Sydney, visited our club rooms in 2005.

Sally Christmas can be seen, partly obscured by the tree she is wiring.

*Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, except December, and unless otherwise stated on our Syllabus, at the Moorooduc Hall, corner Bentons and Derrill Rds, Moorooduc at 7.30pm*



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## PHOTOS OF THE AABC SEMINAR, HOSTED BY The Victorian Native Bonsai Society, May 2019

Photos courtesy of Tony Bebb

A number of our members attended the Seminar, and were most impressed. Unfortunately, none of them were photographers. When I saw these on Facebook, I messaged Tony, for permission to use them, his answer was, "Feel free Elaine". What a lovely man, and so generous.

One of the interesting things is, the number of pots that were locally made by our potters, and how tailor made they were for the plantings.

