

## NEWSLETTER

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### SEASONAL NOTES:

At last we can feel some warmth in the air. It is probably OK to re-pot evergreens now, provided you keep them out of the heat, and it would probably be better to plant younger trees, and leave the more mature trees until the Autumn.

It is extremely important to keep the water up to our trees, and feed them every couple of weeks.

I saw an advert the other day on TV, more or less telling us that plants cannot just subsist on water alone, they also need food, much like your family, and there is some sense in that.

Try and not let the new growth get out of hand, it can grow very quickly with the glorious weather, and also check any wiring you may have done recently, it is surprising how quickly that can cut in.

QUOTE FROM  
Steve Tolley USA

*Work with the tree, not against it, and the tree will repay you. You can only kill it once. Bonsai is a living art.*

*Respect life!*  
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Dear members,

We were so lucky last month, September, to have as our guest presenter and tutor, our dear friend, Don de Luca. I heard some of the newer members comment, they learnt more about wiring than before. This was when I realised, Don has the ability to keep up an interesting, and often amusing patter, while he is wiring, and so you don't take your eyes off him, and therefore, you don't miss what he is doing.

This is a talent that most of us don't have, and I so wish I did. He also told us all about the tree, why we pluck the needles when we you, which ones to take, and which ones to leave, and imparted his knowledge so well, it was incredible. I am sure our more novice members loved it, as well as many of the older ones.

The workshop was well attended, and I am sure some good plantings were born, and we will see the result in the future.



### COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Wednesday October 16th: Quentin Valentine will be our guest demonstrator. Those of you who have seen Quentin before, know just how good he is. He is going to rejuvenate a ti-tree group planting. Well worth taking the time attend. This is a normal club meeting night in the Moorooduc Hall, starting no later than 7.30pm.

Wednesday, 27th November: This is our Annual General Meeting, and also our last meeting for the year, therefore it is our break up night. Please bring along something suitable for supper, and if you wish to bring along a tree you would like to show us, and talk about, please do.

*Our raffles have proved very successful, so if you have a contribution towards one of the prizes, do feel free to bring it along, we do appreciate it.*

PLEASE NOTE, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH OCTOBER, WE ARE HAVING A SALE OF SOME OF OUR POTS ON THE TRADING TABLE.

THEY WILL BE QUITE HEAVILY REDUCED, SO GET IN EARLY, FIRST THERE GETS THE BARGAINS

## Vale:

We are sad to announce the passing of Elizabeth, beloved wife of Adrian, one of our long time members, a former President, and committee member.

Elizabeth had been fighting a good fight against illness for some months, and it finally got the better of her.

Elizabeth supported the bonsai club in many ways, she hosted Christmas break-ups for the committee, and opened her home to many different bonsai experts over the years, many of them international experts, and we did appreciate her help.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Adrian and his family.

The bonsai family are also saddened at the rather sudden death of Rudi Zerlitschka. Rudi was a member of the Yarra Valley Bonsai Society, and probably some other clubs, and was a frequent visitor to our Easter Shows.

I believe he had not been well for some time, but we still thought he had many more years to go.

Rudi was a dedicated bonsai enthusiast, and we know he will be missed in the bonsai community.

Our condolences to his wife Marlene, and their family.

## MEMORY CORNER:

On the right, there is a photo of a Maple forest, planted by one of our experts, Kerry Anderson.

This is being displayed here, at our 2003 exhibition, which was held in the Anglican Church Rosebud,

It is wonderful to see some of these plantings now, and speculate what else Kerry would have done if he were still with us.

Unfortunately this is not the case, but at least we still have the memories.



WARRAGUL BONSAI  
GROUP  
2019  
**Bonsai Display**

Demonstrations ~ Sales  
Sat 19- Sun 20 October 2019  
10am-4pm  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE GIPPSLAND  
71 Korumburra-Warragul Road  
WARRAGUL  
Admission \$5.00/ Seniors \$3.00  
Children 12 & under free



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# GEELONG BONSAI SHOW 2019

Geelong Masonic Centre  
Regent St. Belmont  
Melways ref. 451 J10

SAT 9th NOV - 9AM to 6PM  
SUN 10th NOV - 10AM to 4PM

Adults - \$5.00

Pensioners

& Students - \$3.00

(Children accompanied  
by an adult - FREE)

EFTPOS  
facilities available



Continuous demonstrations of shaping and  
repotting of bonsai each day.

Meet and talk with Geelong's top Bonsai  
Exponents. A well stocked trading table  
will offer Bonsai requisites for sale, including  
pots, tools, wire, books, etc.

Trained and semi-trained Bonsai  
and nursery stock.  
A magnificent display of Bonsai.

## Further Enquiries

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A couple of trees from our display table. We are so happy for our members to support this, and show us what they are developing.







Above, some photos of Don's demonstration, held on the Friday night in our clubrooms in Moorooduc. We hope we have caught some of Don's expressions, as they are priceless.

We always meet on the third Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise stated on our syllabus.

Our last meeting for the year will be in November, so don't forget to turn up with something for supper. & perhaps a tree for discussion.