

# NEWSLETTER

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## Seasonal notes:

This can be a very tricky time of the year, particularly if you are planning a holiday.

Unless you have a fool proof water-timing device set up around your trees, you may have to rely on a very good neighbour or friend.

I am guessing we are not going to have a lot of rain over the summer, so our trees are going to need plenty of help.

If you are fortunate enough to have plenty of shady areas in your garden, make the most of this, and set up shelves in those areas, and keep them away from at least the worst of the damaging afternoon sun. Morning sun is good.

It may also mean that you water twice a day, instead of once.

If, like me, you don't have many trees to provide the shade, shade cloth might be a good, fairly cheap option.

Keep up the weeding and pruning, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

See you all next year!

Dear Members,

Hard to believe that this time of the year has arrived again, this is our last newsletter for the year, and an opportunity for President Steve, and the rest of the committee members, to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We were very fortunate to again host Quentin Valentine last month, and what a pleasure it is to have him visit us.

His knowledge is amazing, as is his ability to make it interesting, and educational at the same time.

We do appreciate the fact that he travels so far to be with us, thank you Quentin.

On the right, there is a photo of Quentin inspecting the ti-tree group, belonging to Steve, which had been styled many years ago. A couple of the trees had died, & it was in need of some severe pruning, replanting and restyling. This is what Quentin worked on during the evening. It was great to watch, look and learn.



## Coming Attractions:

Wednesday, 20th November: This is our AGM, and our last meeting for the year, so if possible, we would like you to bring along something yummy for supper. If you have a tree you would like to talk about, or you need advice, please bring it along.

Wednesday, January 15th, 2020: Remember to make a note that the 3rd Wednesday is very early, it is the 15th. We are having a workshop in our clubrooms, figs and Australian natives mainly, as it is too hot to do too much on exotics, but bring along what you would like to have advice about. As we have just hosted Quentin, this may be a good time to think about natives.



## QUENTIN'S VISIT

Quentin visited us in October, with the full purpose of re-planting and re-styling Steve's ti-tree forest, which had first been styled by Hiro, many years ago.

Two of the trees had died, and the remainder had grown considerably, and so was in urgent need of attention.

The trees looked healthy enough, and Steve had a choice of replacement trees.

Quentin was very interesting, as he explained what needed to be done, and what he would do, and our members were very attentive, Quentin had also brought a number of his wonderful native tree with him, and also talked about them.

Included among those, was a ti-tree group that had first been styled in our clubrooms, in the 1980's, by



Quentin has a small tree standing alongside that he is thinking of placing in the group, to fill in a gap that has been caused either by losing a branch, or another tree. In more than 30 years of existence, of course trees, and particularly groups, change, and to me, this is one of the beauties of having bonsais, the constant changing.



Richard Salvados,, so it was interesting to see it once more.

Here is the group, in full flower.







Two of the lovely trees on our display table.

