

SEASONAL NOTES:

We are entering a difficult time of the year as far as looking after our trees are concerned..

We can have extended dry periods, hot & in a lot of cases, salt laden winds.

Scorching days that suck every bit of moisture out of your foliage, and moisture from your soil. On these days, if you go to work, stand your trees in water, or at least on a bed of gravel, with some water underneath, so your tree can soak up the moisture.

Remember, your trees, if they are in a bonsai pot, only have access to whatever moisture is in that pot, and on an excessively hot day, that can evaporate very quickly.

On one of those extreme days, you may have to make time to give your trees a quick drink before you go to work, and again, after you get home.

Check your tree for insects, they don't seem to mind the heat, also keep the pruning and weeding under control, and some slow release fertiliser will certainly help the evergreens, while a tonic such as seasoil, will help all the trees.

Just remember, try and keep the pots cool, If you are feeling hot, so are your trees.

Dear Members,

Happy New Year to you all. Time flies by so quickly, it is hard to realise that it is not only the beginning of a new year, but the start of a new decade as well. I hope you all had a very good Christmas and a nice break with your loved ones. I also hope that your trees survived, particularly if you went away for any period of time, and had to rely on other people to water for you.

We have, I believe, an interesting program for the year, and as we are not going to be holding our Exhibition this year, we are going to have a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Mornington, (more information inside). In February.

At our AGM in November, 2019, Steve was again voted in as President, Jeff as Vice-President, Jill as secretary, Gwen as treasurer, and the committee remained pretty much the same, with only one or two changes.



Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 7.30pm, except December, or unless otherwise stated in the syllabus. Venue: Moorooduc Hall, cnr, Bentons and Derrill Rds, Moorooduc

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Wednesday 15th January: This is a club night, in our usual Hall in Moorooduc. This is a great opportunity to catch up with your friends, work on your trees,. It is an ideal time of the year to work on figs, and also a number of natives, and there will be members there who are experienced, and will be able to give you advice.

Saturday 1st February: Full day workshop, Advance College Native Nursery Mornington.. Melways map 145 D-3. Mitchell Street, enter Mitchell reserve.

Wednesday 19th February: This is a "Bring along a tree for discussion " night. You may wish to talk about your tree, your aspirations, or maybe, "What can I do with it?" You may be very proud of what you have achieved, or you may have a cry for "help", please share it with us.

Members please note, if at any time you would like to have a meeting designed around a particular subject or topic, please let a committee member know. We value your input.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE;

Bunnings Mornington

Date: Saturday, February 15th

This sausage sizzle will probably be our main fund-raiser for the year, so we will need some help.

Because of the nature of the event, it will need to be carefully co-ordinated. So we cannot have a whole heap of people turn up at the same time, it would result in chaos.

What we would like, is if you have a couple of hours to spare on the day, please contact Steve, his phone number is on the front page of the newsletter, and Steve will let you know when we need the most help.



Please don't be put off by this, we really need your assistance, it just must be properly organised.

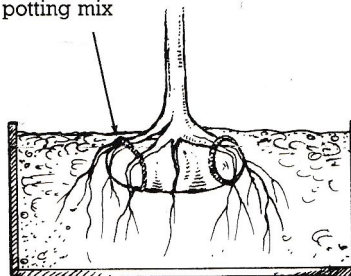
HOW TO TRAIN SURFACE ROOTS:

If roots on deciduous trees are evenly distributed, around the trunk, they may be trained as surface roots by sitting the base of the tree flat on a large pebble or board, and tying the roots, out and over it. This is then buried in a wide container of soil.

During a period of dormancy, a year or two later, dig out the whole tree base, and repeat the process.

If good size and spread has already been achieved, remove the board, and plant the roots to the desired level. This method is best suited to deciduous trees and figs, and may not be possible if tree has a tap root, which has not been removed.

roots are tied into position over the pebble and planted in potting mix



Training surface roots

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If the tree base looks like the spokes of a wheel, then there are too many surface roots of the same size, in which case you should gradually cut out poorly shaped, or downward growing ones. Remember that roots should be thicker at the trunk, than where they enter the soil.

Of course, beneath these main surface roots, there must also be smaller fibrous roots. The more fibrous or feeder roots beneath the surface, the healthier the tree will be in a shallow container. To achieve this, remove the tap root. This stimulates the growth of fibrous lateral roots, but this should not be done in one pruning operation, unless the species is especially tough and vigorous, or there are plenty of lateral roots, already in existence.

MEMORY CORNER C. 1998

On the right is a photo taken during the 1998 visit of Hirotoishi Saito to our clubrooms,

Here we see Hiro discussing Adrian's tree, with an interested audience of Mick, Madge Vanner, she and her husband used to host Hiro in those early days, and also brought him down to our club, & a young looking Nancy Fox.

It has been so good looking at these old photos, I will miss this part of the newsletter.



AABC 33rd CONVENTION:

In conjunction with Illawarra Bonsai Society
Sydney

Guest demonstrators

Juan Andrade, from Costa Rica

Mitsuo Matsuda, from Japan

Khan Linh from Sydney, originally from Vietnam

Alan Harding

Janet Selby

For more information, bookings etc. visit either the AABC website, or Illawarra Bonsai Society website.

Don't delay, there are usually benefits for people who book early

A GOLDEN CELEBRATION

A graphic featuring a golden pine tree on the left. To its right, the year '2020' is written in large, bold, golden numbers, with 'SYDNEY' written in smaller, bold, golden letters below it. Below this, a black rectangular box contains the text 'ILLAWARRA BONSAI SOCIETY. EST. 1970' in white, followed by 'AABC 33RD NATIONAL CONVENTION' and 'A GOLDEN CELEBRATION' in white. Below the black box, the text 'Sydney' is written in white, followed by '15 - 18 May 2020' in white. At the bottom, the text 'Proudly Hosted by Illawarra Bonsai Society Inc' is written in white, followed by 'In Partnership With The Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs Ltd' in white.

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