

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 trees.

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.

Dear members,

It is with a certain degree of sadness, that I announce, that this is my last newsletter.

I have enjoyed my 20 plus years as editor of your newsletter, but I sincerely believe the time has come for me to step aside, and allow someone younger, and with fresh ideas, to take over.

I assure you all that I would not have stayed around so long if I hadn't been enjoying myself.

I have worked alongside some wonderful people, and I wish the club every success in the future

We are very fortunate to have some very strong people in charge of the committee, and some very talented members emerging.

I will attend whenever I can, and will do anything I can to assist.

It is rather sad that we were unable to hold a meeting in our clubrooms this month, due to restrictions surrounding Covid-19.

Well, I guess the sooner we all get vaccinated the sooner we can return to some kind of normal, we certainly can't remain, as a country, in isolation forever.

As soon as we can meet again, we will

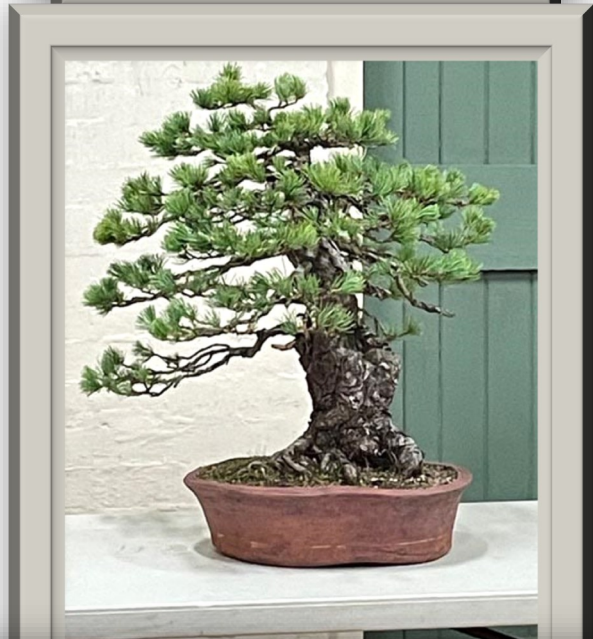


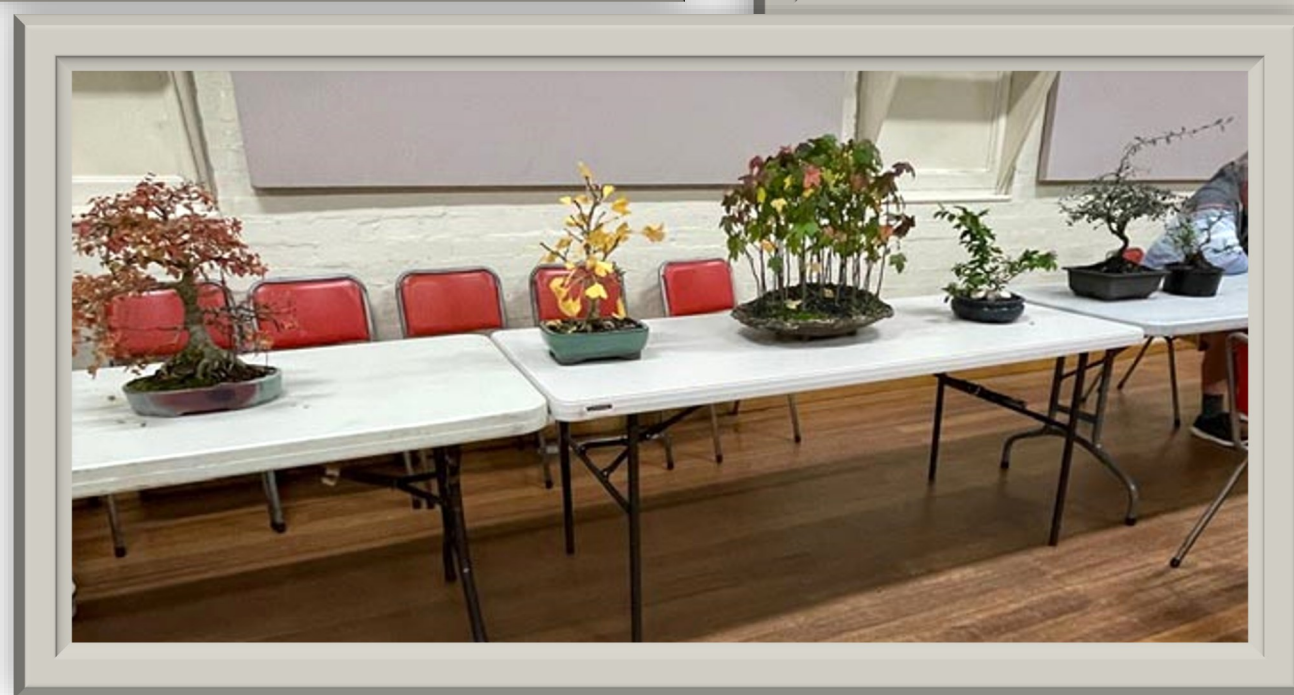
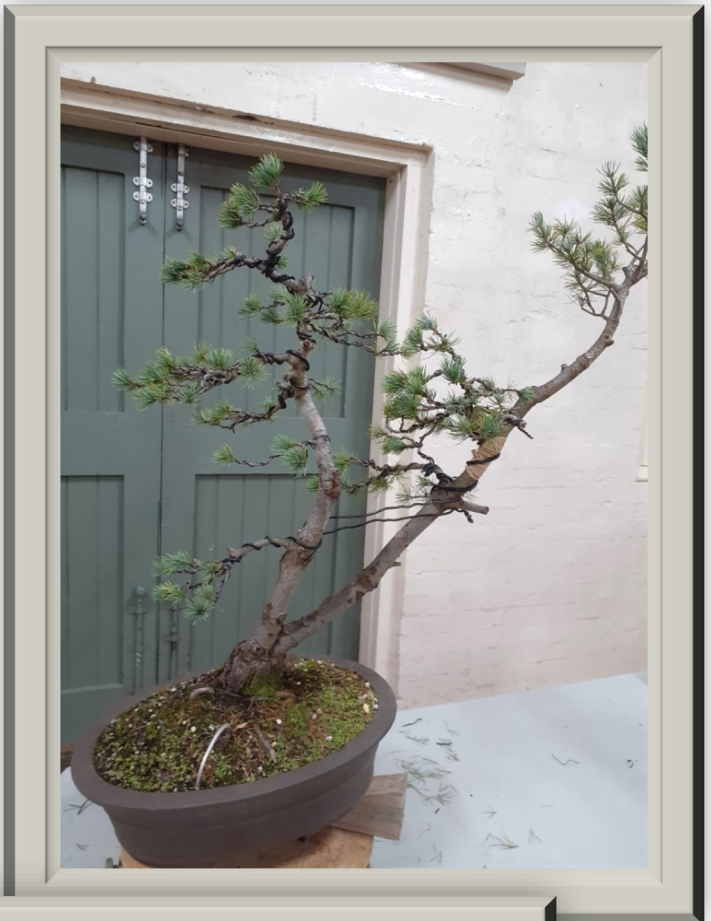
LATE AUTUMN COLOUR:

Diana's Ginkgo in full Autumn colour.

Nothing can compete with nature, and I guess the beautiful Autumn colours we see around, can be compensation for the cold nights, and the occasional horrible storms.

Best wishes to our esteemed member Adrian, who suffered a fall, and then required knee surgery. He is re-covering from the operation, as in now in rehab. Hope to catch up with you shortly.





These are photos taken during our May meeting. Steve was finishing the preliminary work required on Russell's pine tree. It will be interesting to see the tree's progress.

These photois were courtesy of Gwen, Steve, and Jill.

As this is my final newsletter, I wish to thank all the lovely people who have sent me photos and articles over this period. I wish you all well for the future.

