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# Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Society Inc NEWSLETTER JULY 2021

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Meetings are held at the **Moorooduc Community Hall**, cnr Derril Road and Moorooduc Rd, Moorooduc, commencing 7.30pm, the third Wednesday of the month (no meeting in December)

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## Presidents Report:

Unfortunately the June meeting was cancelled due to Covid lockdown, but it looks promising for the meeting on July 21st. Please bring along your mini bonsai for display and discussion. Include any project mini's so that we can share growing techniques of our favourite species.

Elaine has recently announced her retirement as newsletter editor. After 20 plus years on the job, I cannot thank her enough for her contributions to the society in this role. Thank you Elaine for the newsletters. Jill has taken on the task, as well as continuing with her position as secretary. We encourage and welcome more members to volunteer and help with the running of the society.

On Saturday, September 18th, we have Don Deluca conducting workshops in the morning and afternoon. If you are intending to book in, or have already done so, begin to consider what you would like to work on. If you are in doubt of a tree's suitability, bring the tree to a meeting to discuss it, prior to the workshop.

Steve.

## Our Sickies

A big shout out to the Club Members out there who may not be feeling so well and in particular to Adrian Davis one of our long standing members who has not been well of late and Brian Clark who is hoping to get back soon. Get well soon Adrian and Brian from all your friends at Club.

If you know of any Club member who is unwell, please let Jill know.

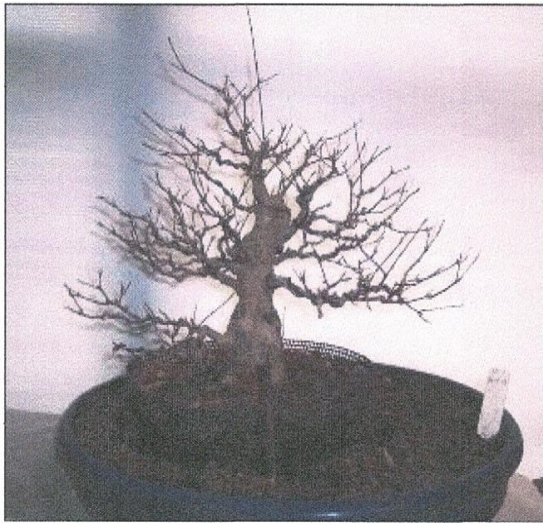


## REPOTTING A TRIDENT MAPLE

I have been growing this *Acer buergerianum*– Trident Maple for many years, aware that the root system was extremely ugly. I addressed the problem in 2011 by successfully grafting some new roots but the following year I decided to place a layer on the trunk just above the root system and thus replace the old root system with a new one. This was carried out in October 2012.

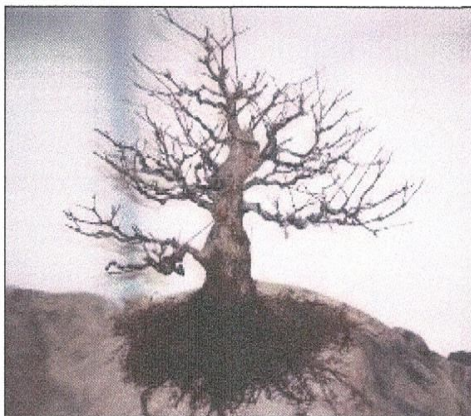
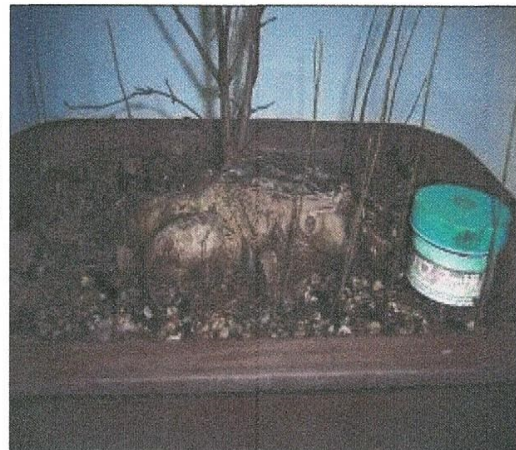
A ring of bark with a width about equal to the diameter of the trunk was removed. This was to ensure that the tree would not attempt to heal the wound. A mesh screen was used to built up the soil level around the trunk to cover the wounded area. Unfortunately there are no photos of the tree at this stage.

In July 2014 it was decided to separate the old roots from the tree as new root growth seemed to be well developed.



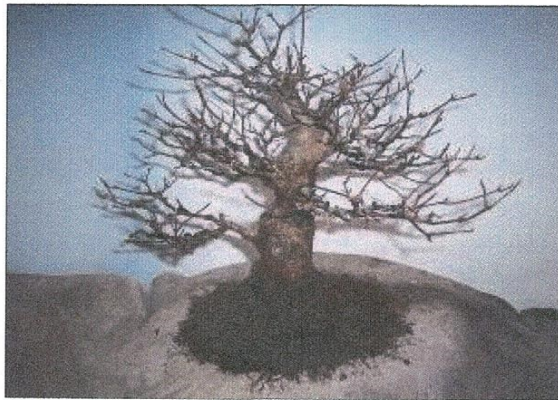
The Maple in July 2016 prior to repotting. In summer 2014 I built up the soil level around the new root system as I was worried that the new roots would be harmed by the hot sun.

The old root base that was separated from the tree in 2014. Regrowth has occurred.



The Maple as it appeared after removal from the pot.

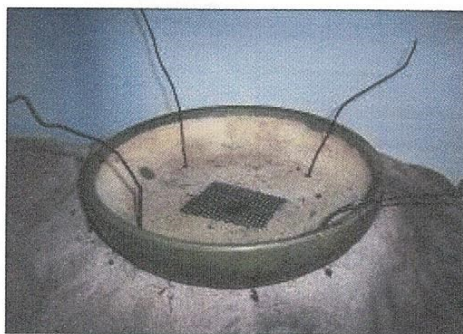




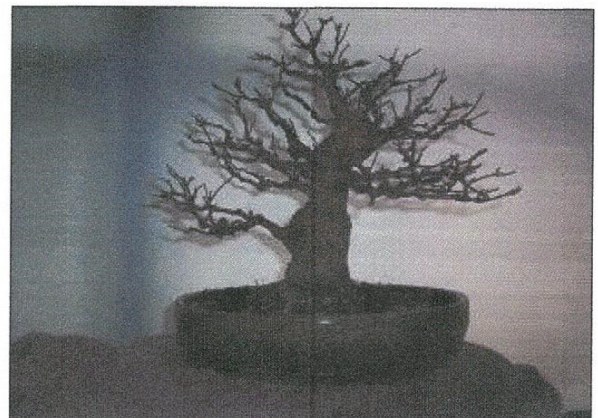
.After root prune. The roots were gently combed out and the old mix was washed out.



Before and after root pruning. The base of the trunk is clearly visible and root growth is prolific around the trunk. The cut was sealed with a paste sealant when it was separated from the original roots.



New pot prepared with mesh wired in and tie wires to hold the Maple securely in place.



Maple repotted in a mix of approximately 3 parts Diatomite, 3 parts orchid nuggets (3-6mm), 1 part perlite and 1 part coco peat. This mix I use for all my trees. The tree has also been pruned removing long or unnecessary branches. The main task for the future is to increase the ramification on the branches.

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The above information on the Trident Maple was kindly forwarded for the Newsletter by Steve our President.

## Waverley Show

Saturday 14th August 2021—10.00am to 4.30

Sunday 15th August 2021—10.00 am to 4.00

Mount Waverley Community Centre

Cnr Stephenson's Road and Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley

### **Future Meeting Dates & What's On**

- 21st July - Wednesday Club Night
- 7th Aug - Saturday Workshop Advance Nursery
- 18th Aug - Wednesday Club Night
- 4th Sep - Saturday Workshop Advance Nursery
- 15th Sep - Wednesday Club Night—Don Deluca
- 18th Sep - Saturday paid Workshop with Don Deluca - Don't forget to book with Jillian.
- 2nd Oct - Workshop at the home of Jillian Lewis
- 20th Oct - Wednesday Club Night - Quentin Valentine Natives
- 7th Nov - AGM Christmas Break Up

***Bonsai trees are awesome. Just ask Mr Miyagi. They look beautiful, they fit in your house, they encourage patience and dedication, they relieve stress, and they help to purify the air. What's not to like? People have been caring for Bonsai trees for over a thousand years. The ancient horticultural practice originated in China, where it was known as "penzai", and was later redeveloped under the influence of Japanese Zen Buddhism. The plants are kept small due to growth-restricting techniques such as pinching buds, pruning and wiring branches and restricting the use of fertilizer. It's a delicate and time-consuming process, but as you can from this list compiled by Bored Panda, those who persevere are rewarded.***

**This Bonsai is over 800 years old**



Looks like two or three dragons hanging out in the sky, in between the clouds.