



## Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Society Inc

# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2022

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### Club Details:

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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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Established: 1979

### President's Report:



Hi Everyone, At the September meeting Quentin Valentine worked on a large Melaleuca. After heavy bending and structural wiring the tree looked sensational. I'm sure the members present would have found the demonstration to be very rewarding. The following Saturday, Quentin conducted two well attended workshops that were well received by the participants. A great day was enjoyed by all, particularly those who were lucky enough to be given some of Jill's magnificent pumpkin soup at lunch time! Well done to members who provided trees for the great looking display table at the Wednesday meeting. It would be great to see such a display at all meetings in the future. At our next meeting, on Wednesday 19th October, Quentin has agreed to visit us again. The topic for his presentation has not yet been finalised, but will be one not to be missed! See you at the next meeting,

Cheers, Steve



**Club Meeting Night**  
**Wednesday Next, October 19th, 2022**  
**7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

**Quentin will be visiting on the night to demonstrate more of what you can do with a tree.**

Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be provided for all.





## Quentin Valentine's

### Presentation 21/9/22—Melaleuca

What do I do?



The end Product





## Quentin Reviewing Club Members Trees at the Display Table 21/9/22



**Workshop Run by Quentin on the 24/9/22—A very good day.  
I'm sure all participants would agree.**



Quentin with Jeff Top photo and Paul Bottom photo





**Saturday 24th Quentin workshop continued**



**Diana**



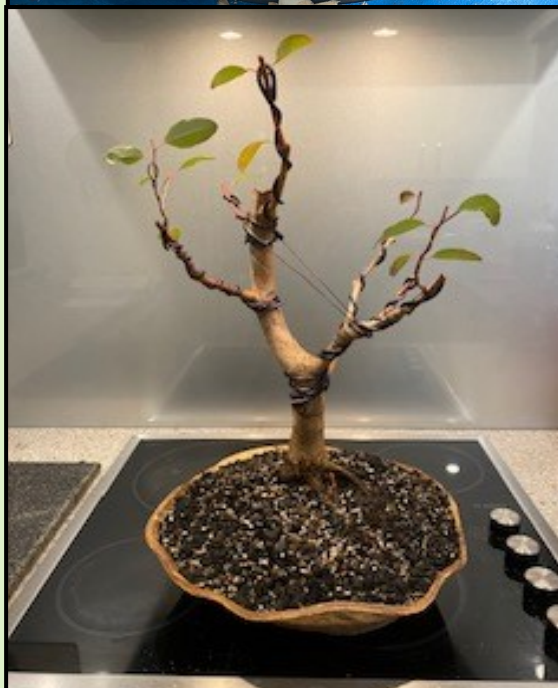
**Keith**



**Gwen's Olive  
before, and  
later after  
much  
pruning and  
scraping.**



**Jill's Gum,  
before  
and after.  
Hopefully  
it survives  
the  
transition.**





## UP AND COMING EVENTS TO PUT INTO YOUR DIARY

**Annual General Meeting - Club Night, AGM and Christmas Breakup, November 16th at Moorooduc Hall.**

If anyone is interested in being on the Committee or taking up an official position, please feel free to put your nomination in one month prior to Wednesday 16/11/2022. If you have any questions, give me a call. We only meet about 6 times in the year or when necessary. Usually on the Open Workshop Saturdays. Feel free to have a chat to one of us on the committee.

**Club Fees Update**—Due to Covid lockdowns etc, we have been rolling over membership fees. Those who paid in 2020 or 2021, your fees were carried over for 2022. **From our AGM in November this year, Club Memberships are due to be paid for the 2022/2023 year.** Hopefully things will become more normal in the future. We have missed seeing you all.

MPBS Committee

**BONSAI CALENDER 2022-JAN:** Check/Remove wires, Water/Feed regularly

- JAN: Good time to work on Figs if you have any, they love the heat.
- FEB: Keep watering but stop feeding, reduce trimming
- MAR: Growth at a standstill, only Nitrogen-free fertiliser
- APR: Deciduous trees lose leaves, water if necessary
- MAY: Remove wiring carefully, check all plants for pests
- JUNE: Water if necessary, do not feed
- JUL: Dormant period for most trees and plants
- AUG: Prune hardy deciduous trees, prepare for repotting
- SEP: Wire deciduous trees and repot most trees
- OCT: Prune most trees, end repotting and watch for bugs
- NOV: Start feeding and light trimming, water regularly



IRIS



GIANT GINKGO TREE JAPAN



IRIS





## JOBS FOR OCTOBER

We are now well and truly into Spring and the warmer weather is certainly making trees grow quickly. Remember that the best way to keep the trees compact and improve ramification (branch network) is to continually prune. Most of the new growth, heads to the top of the tree so prune this area harder than the weaker branches.

**AZALEAS** - always remove any spent flowers as soon as possible and in order to prevent Lace Bug it is a good idea to spray monthly from now till December with Malathion, on the underside of leaves. Any Azaleas should be re-potted immediately after flowering.

**NOW** the weather has warmed up you can safely start working on your figs. Remove any large leaves and remember to pinch out the unopened leaf between two new leaves to maintain a compact growth habit. If your figs have become a bit leggy over winter, cut them back as hard as you like as they shoot back on old wood. Any leaves with black spots should be removed as soon as possible, with remaining leaves sprayed with 'Baycor' and/or 'Pest Oil'. With all the new growth on your plants and the more frequent watering, don't forget to fertilize regularly. A fortnightly hit with fish emulsion or Seasol etc. is a good idea at this time of year. If you want to 'push' growth along on young plants, use a product with high nitrogen rates.

**IMPORTANT** - Aussie Natives don't like Phosphorus, so use products especially designed for Natives. Seasol, Fish Emulsion, Blood and Bone etc. are fine however some say that Banksia and Seasol don't work together. Always fertilize after watering so as not to burn the roots. Except for figs that grow right through summer, I would discontinue fertilizing other trees at the end of Spring until Autumn.

## OUR SICKIES

Please don't forget to let me know of anyone who may be ill, it's always nice to receive get well wishes from friends.



Don't forget, as it is time for your committee to be thinking about the Syllabus for next year, PLEASE send in any thoughts or ideas you may have for 2022/2023 or give me a call on the phone to discuss. The more input we have from members the better, as we would be giving you the opportunity to put forward suggestions on what you would like to learn or do. Maybe visit some Bonsai Nurseries or Gardens. Don't be frightened, all ideas will be considered. Just contact one of the Committee.



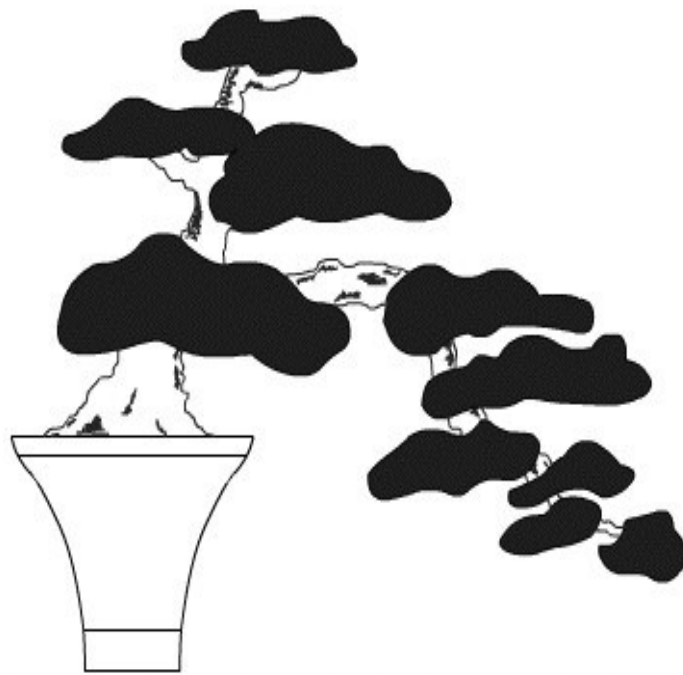
## *Diary Dates 2022*



- Wed Jan 19** Club Night - Fig Workshop & discussions 7.30pm
- Sat Feb 5** Open Workshop Advance 10.00am—2pm
- Wed Feb 16** Club Night 7.30pm and AGM (2021)
- Sat Mar 5** Open Workshop Advance 10.00am—2pm
- Wed Mar 16** Club Night—Display Table & Mini Trees with discussions by Gwen, Alan and Steve.
- Wed Apr 20** Club Night- Lou, Jill & Steve, 3 persons styling the same type of tree at the one time.
- Sat May 7** Open Workshop Advance 10.00—2pm
- Wed May 18** Club Night - The care of tools and wiring of trees.
- Wed Jun 15** Club Night -Workshop night—deciduous trees or others.
- Wed Jul 20** Club Night - RAFT Styling
- Sat Aug 6** Open Workshop Advance 10—2pm
- Wed Aug 18** Club Night—Air Layering of trees Lou Leman
- Sat Sep 3** Open Workshop Advance 10—2pm
- Sat Oct 1** Open Workshop 10—2pm at Jillian's place.

**Wed Oct 19 Club Night - Quentin Valentine—Natives**

**Wed Nov 16 CLUB NIGHT/AGM 2022 and Christmas Breakup**  
**Club fees for 2022/23 due at this time.**



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