



# Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Soc Inc

## JUNE

## NEWSLETTER

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### Club Details:

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

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**PLEASE**—if you have any photos of what you have been doing with your trees, email them to me, the photos with the story, so that I can put them in the Newsletter.

### President's Report

Hi Everyone, Winter is well and truly upon us, and as a result there is very little incentive to get outside to work on our trees. However, if you are enthused there is still plenty to do. Conifers and evergreen species can be cleaned up by removing dead needles or leaves. Dead or unwanted branches can be removed and you can do any wiring that is required to improve the overall appearance of the tree. Deciduous trees can also be pruned and wired as required. In previous years, I have begun to re-pot my deciduous trees in late June, but this year I intend to wait until mid to late July as I have not been happy with the trees' response to re-potting when done early. The response to Don de Luca's workshops has been great, so if you are intending to do a workshop with him but have not yet booked in, do so ASAP or you may miss out. The June meeting is a discussion on Jade as bonsai. Alan G will discuss his approach to his Jades and then we will open a general discussion with members who grow or would like to grow a Jade. Please bring along your Jade bonsai and share your experiences with us.

Cheers Steve



### CLUB NIGHT WEDNESDAY 14/6/2023

Our Club Night is coming up on Wednesday next the 14th June, 7.30 pm. This night we will have **Allan Gaza** speaking about **Jades** and we ask that you bring along any Jades that you might have so that we can have a combined discussion about them.

It would be lovely to see a Display table full of Jades.

**Don de Luca Visit Club Night 19/7/2022** and Workshops AM & PM Saturday 22nd July at Jill's house 8 Charles Drive in Pearcedale. Bookings for Workshops are still open.

Cheers, Jill



This shows you  
what can be done  
with a JADE



## Photos from Club Night 17th May



Steve spoke to all members about their trees, with a view to helping them decide how they would like to train or alter their tree. The group also put forward their suggestions for what could be done with each tree. These are some of the trees that were brought along.



**As we are having Allan with us at Club Night to talk about his Jades, here is a bit of prior information for your interest.**

**Scientific/Botanical Name:** Crassula Ovata

**Description:** The jade tree belongs to the succulent class of plants. The trees oval-shaped leaves are fleshy and deep green in colour. The brown stems are rather thick. Succulents usually grow in arid environments such as deserts, and their leaves are adapted to retain water for extended periods.

**Position:** Jade plants grow successfully in light conditions ranging from full sun to part-shade, and a day-time temperate range between 70o and 75o Fahrenheit. They prefer night-time temperatures that hover around 50o and 55o Fahrenheit. Jade plants are adapted to dry climates and may be safely planted outside where such conditions exist.

**Watering:** Less is more as far as watering jade plants is concerned. The fleshy leaves conserve water so allows extended periods between watering. Depending on ambient conditions, a watering schedule could be once every 10 days or once every 20 days. It is typically once every 30 days in the winter.

**Feeding:** Lite from Spring onwards

**Leaf & Branch Pruning:** Spring and summer are the best times for pruning jade trees. This is when the plant is undergoing the most active growth, and the plant will heal faster after pruning. Using clean, sharp implements, cut away heavy and/or awkward branches by clipping right above the node. The point where one branch grows out from another branch is known as the node.

**Re-potting & Growing Medium:** Jade trees grow slowly, and keeping the jade plant in a small pot will maintain a dwarf size. If a larger size plant is desired, the tree should be re-potted into a larger container.

**Wiring:** Jade plants take quickly and easily to wiring. Wires may be used to train jade plants into various styles, and within one month the new position will become set.

**NOTES:** When it is grown outdoors, the jade tree produces star-shaped white blooms that have pink tips, but the plant does not bloom when it is grown indoors. The well-lit conditions that typically exist indoors are known to interfere with the mechanism by which the plant detects a reduction of light in wintertime — and the plant must detect reduced light so as to trigger the production of blossoms. Mealy bugs may attack jade plants. If this happens, use a cotton swab that is saturated with rubbing alcohol to treat the section of the plant that is affected. Aphids can damage jade plants and cause the development of fungal growth. A natural predator of aphids is the ladybird beetle, and the beetles may be introduced to control aphid infestation. Failing that, an aphid-specific insecticide can be used to treat the plant.





## FUNNY, INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL BONSAI



## BONSAI CALENDAR 2023

- JAN:** Check/remove wires, Water/Feed regularly 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



## June Seasonal Notes

**Pests & Diseases**—Keep checking plants for pests and diseases.

Avoid Pruning deciduous trees because growth spurts can get winter burns when / if frost comes.

**Remove**—wires and let trees rest over winter.

**Do not feed trees.**

**House Keeping**—Try to remove all fallen leaves from your benches and pots. As well as keeping the area tidy and clean, it removes a potential source and habitat for pests and diseases. Scrub down the benches to remove algae and dirt build-ups and disinfect discarded posts.

## NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

### WAVERLEY BONSAI GROUP - 12—13th August

Waverley Bonsai Group Show

Waverley Community Centre.

### GOLDFIELDS BONSAI SOCIETY

Bonsai Exhibition—Daylesford Town Hall

Saturday 21st to Sunday 22nd October

10am to 4pm on both days



## Our Sickies:

If you know of a member who is not well, please let me know.



## Facebook & Website

Remember, we have a Facebook Page and Website. On the Facebook Page, feel free to put up any photos of your trees or items that you may think are of interest to members, we would love to see them and on the Website you are able to see what is happening during the year. Thankyou Jeff for co-ordinating the Website.

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## Diary Dates 2023

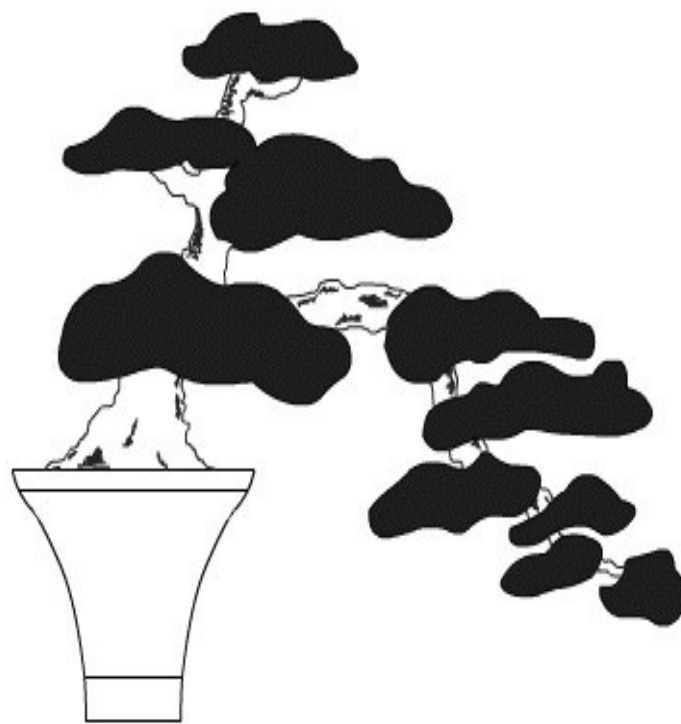


- Wed Jan 18 Club Night - Fig Workshop & discussions 7.30pm
- Sat Feb 4 Open Workshop Advance 10.00am—2pm
- Wed Feb 15 Club Night - Due to unforeseen circumstances cancelled
- Sat Mar 4 Open Workshop Advance 10.00am—2pm
- Wed Mar 15 Club Night—Information on the carving of our trees.
- Sat Apr 1 Open Workshop— Carving Follow-up, bring along your own trees and try some carving or see someone else try it.
- Wed Apr 19 Club Night & Workshop night
- Sat May 5 Open Workshop Advance 10.00—2pm
- Wed May 17 Club Night - Bring your Problem Trees
- Wed June 21 Club Night - Allan Gaza Jades & Very Small Trees**
- Wed July 19 Don de Luca**
- Sat July 22 Don de Luca AM & PM Workshops at Jill's Home**
- Sat Aug 5 Open Workshop Advance 10—2pm**
- Wed Aug 16 Club Night**
- Sat Sep 2 Open Workshop Advance 10—2pm**
- Wed Sept 20 Club Night**
- Sat Oct 1 Open Workshop 10—2pm at Jillian's place.**
- Wed Oct 18 Club Night - Quentin Valentine—Natives**
- Wed Nov 15 Club Night—AGM—Christmas Breakup —Last Club Night for the year.**



**Club Fees** —Club Membership fees are now due for the 2023 year. You can do a bank Transfer BSB: 633-000 A/c No: 151674512 or hand cash to Gwen on the Next Club Night. Please put your name in the reference. Thank you.





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