



# Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Soc Inc

## JULY

## 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)

### Office Bearers:

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### Social Media

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**Web Site** <https://bonsaimornington.com.au>

**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, I hope you are keeping well in this rather chilly weather we have experienced over the last few weeks.



Don de Luca will be our presenter at the next club meeting on Wednesday July 19th, and he will be working on a Japanese Black Pine. Those who know Don will agree with me when I say that this meeting should not be missed! Don is very knowledgeable and entertaining. He will then be running workshops on Saturday July 22nd. The workshops will be held at Jill's home. A big thank you to Jill for hosting this event.

If you are attending a workshop please remember to ensure your tree is weed free and is clean and tidy (no dead leaves or needles) and bring along a good selection of wire, tools, a turntable if you have one, and garbage bags.

Please Note: It is your responsibility to clean up and take all rubbish home with you. The Club will have a selection of wire for sale, and will also provide raffia, rubber tubing, wedges and other tools that Don may require to get the most out of your tree. Tea and coffee will be provided, but bring your own lunch if required.

See you at the next meeting.

Cheers Steve,

### CLUB NIGHT WEDNESDAY 19/7/2023

Our July Club Night is coming up on Wednesday next the 19th July, 7.30 pm. Don de Luca will visit talking about all things Bonsai.

**Don's Workshops on Saturday 22nd July at my house are; PM fully booked. AM 2 places left**—Bookings can still be made for the AM Workshop. Just give me a ring 0407 361 989. The cost is \$35.00 per head and you can either pay in cash on the day or direct into the Club's bank account:



Bendigo Bank, BSB: 633 000, A/c 152750512, Name: Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Society. **Please put your name in the reference area. Paying into the bank prior to the event is preferable**—if you are completing both sessions, you will need to bring your own lunch.

As I will be heading off on the Variety Bash on the 15th August, I will need to organize the Newsletter to go out on the 9th August, so could I please have any information you may like included by then. Thank you. Cheers, Jill





## Photos from Club Night 21st June—Allan's Jades



## Display Table—all Jades



One of Jill's Jades in flower. This was a tree that Jill dug up from a friends house 5 years ago. Never looked back.





## July Seasonal Notes

### Shape & Redesign

Autumn to winter is an excellent time to shape, re-style and re-design any of your trees, especially with deciduous trees. The bare branches allow you to see your tree's framework and any defects. Also a good time to remove wires that have been on for some time.

### The Visuals

Good time to go rock collecting. Spend time making your display area more attractive; re-position your trees and/or build or repair shelves.

### Tree Health

Move trees into sunnier positions as required. Reduce watering and only water in the mornings AS NEEDED as this reduces the likelihood of root rot. Also allow soil to dry out between watering. Remove excessive moss to improve air circulation and drainage. Retain excess moss in a seed tray for later use.

### Records

Excellent time to update your records.

### Think Ahead

Prepare or obtain your soil in preparation for the potting up season. Obtain pots that you will require for when you pot your plants into bonsai pots.

### Maintenance

Clear away dead leaves and debris from your pots and regularly check trees for fungus and insect attack.

### Frost Protection

Move trees that require protection from frost and cold to more sheltered areas.

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

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

**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, this removes a potential source and habitat for pests and diseases. Scrub down the benches to remove algae and dirt build-ups.



A Very Large Jade

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## 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



## 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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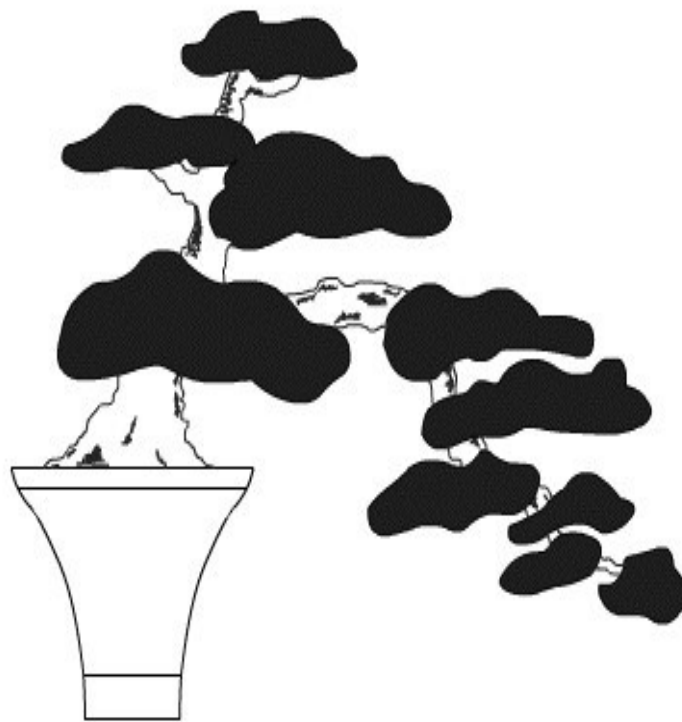
## *Diary Dates 2023*



- 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 talking about all that is Bonsai.**
- 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.**





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