



Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Soc Inc

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NEWSLETTER

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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, On a sad note, we farewell our friend and long standing member, Elaine Mancell, who passed away recently after a long and busy life. Her contribution to the society over the years has been outstanding and she will be greatly missed.



The visit by Don de Luca was a great success. At the Wednesday night meeting he discussed and styled a large Japanese Black Pine. He shared a tremendous amount of knowledge, entertained us as only Don can, and the final result was terrific. The Saturday workshops were booked out, and Don worked steadily on all the trees, giving much more time than he was required. I'm sure all participants were very happy with the results achieved. It is well worth members attending workshops, either to work on a tree or just to observe, because much can be learned by doing so. Again, a big thanks to Jill for hosting the workshops at her home. Spring is quickly approaching and the time to re-pot conifers and other evergreen trees is upon us.

Our next Wednesday meeting on August 16th is a workshop, and this will be a good opportunity to carry out some re-potting, styling or simply to bring along a tree for advice. See you at the next meeting.

Cheers Steve,

CLUB NIGHT WEDNESDAY 16/8/2023

*Our August Meeting Night is coming up on **Wednesday the 16th** August, 7.30 pm, this will take the form of a **full Workshop night** where you are able to design your trees, repot, trim and get some good advice from other Club members. As Gwen and I both won't be there on the night any help in setting up and putting away would be greatly appreciated by Steve.

*Dons two workshops on the Saturday were excellent and I'm sure all persons who attended had an enjoyable time, I know I did.

*The reason this newsletter is coming out early is that I am off on the Variety Vic Bash for the 25th time on Wednesday 16th August (Club Night) and by the time we are finally driving home from up North, it will probably be the first week in September, that's if the car doesn't happen to break down. That has happened on a number of occasions over the years. See you when I get back.



Photos from Club Night 19/7/2023 - Don de Luca



So much wiring to be done. Steve helping Don with the wiring.

THE RESHAPED PINE



Don de Luca's Workshops, Saturday 22nd July—We had a great day and I am sure all who attended enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot.

Don & Cail with Cail's BIG trees



Don & Robyn



WORKSHOP CTD:

Don & Karen



Russel working on his trees



Elaine working on her pine



Don & Lou



WORKSHOP CTD:



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Picture No.7 Don, advised on what I should cut off as regards branches etc and then; **Picture No.8** Steve helped me out with his carving tool, (wouldn't let me use it, I might hurt myself). **No 9** It is now in a growing pot half the size of what it was and will probably not be touched for another two years or so, until we see how it has weathered and where branches have sprouted again.

Jill dug this Olive tree up from a friends house in Cowwarr, Gippsland. After digging round the edges, we yanked it out with the friends Ute. A 10-15 year old tree. We cut the bottom off with a chain saw to level, so it would fit into a Bonsai pot when the time comes. At **Picture No 6.stage**, it has been in a growing pot in Jill's back yard for 18 months.



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August Seasonal Notes

This is a busy time of the bonsai year, as trees are root pruned and re-potted before the buds burst. Prepare for potting by sorting your pots; ensure they are clean, choose which pots to use for which trees.

Best Times to Re-pot

For deciduous trees. The ideal time for re-potting is when the leaf buds start swelling but are not yet opened into new leaves. Maples develop new growing very quickly. Mulberries and Liquid Ambers are usually very early in sending out new shoots. Zelkovas and Beeches later.

Cedars, Spruces and pines tend to be early; Chryptomerias later.

Most blossoming and fruiting trees are best potted after flowering, but sometimes leaves emerge during the flowering period - repot before leaves emerge, even if during flowering. Use the swelling of new buds as a guide to ideal potting times.

Some Variations: Cotoneaster late spring to summer. Flowering Quince best in autumn.

Other Trees:

Chinese Elm may be root pruned later
Figs late spring (October to February)
Azelea spring, after flowering
Eucalypt summer
Serissa later in spring
Juniper anytime

Plants that have been re-potted should not be fertilized for about 4-6 weeks and you should usually place the plant in a sheltered area for most of that period of time.

Root Pruning

Most deciduous trees can withstand quite drastic cutting of roots and even bare rooting.

Warning – Beech, Hornbeam, Oak and Conifers should not be bare-rooted as they have mycorrhiza (a beneficial fungi) on their root systems. Trees are generally top pruned in conjunction with root pruning.

When to Fertilize

Do not directly fertilize after root pruning and potting trees, as this may burn roots. Start fertilising these trees once they have recovered from the re-potting and are growing strongly again. This can vary from a month after re-potting or until late summer.

Trees that have not been root pruned can be fertilized with a weak solution as soon as new buds burst, and leaves begin to unfold.

Wait a Bit to Wire

After re-potting, wait a few weeks before attempting to wire a tree, to avoid damaging fine roots just emerging. Do not wire new shoots until the wood begins to harden.

Watering

Deciduous trees may need more water as they come into new growth, so adjust watering. Water thoroughly but do not over water.

September Seasonal Notes

Re-potting & Pruning. The last of the trees should be root pruned and re-potted before the buds burst. Trees are generally top pruned in conjunction with root pruning.

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Conifers. Shape conifers and deciduous trees as long as growth is no apparent. Add wiring to set the shape but monitor for any signs of cutting in as the growing season proceeds.



Vale Elaine Mancel 7th February 1929 - 29th July 1923

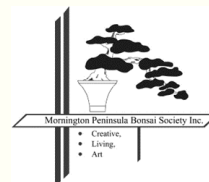
-Member of Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Society since the beginning.

-Life Member, Past President.

-Loved her Bonsai

-A lovely Lady who will be missed by us all.

Your friends at the M.P.B.S.



BONSAI CALENDAR 2023

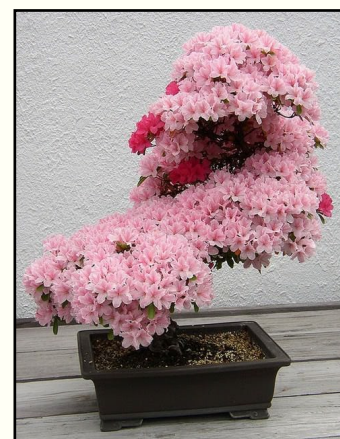
- JAN:** Check/remove wires, Water/Feed regularly Good time to work on Figs if you have any, they love the heat.
- FEB:** Keep watering but stop feeding, reduce trimming
- MAR:** Growth at a standstill, only Nitrogen-free fertiliser
- APR:** Deciduous trees lose leaves, water if necessary
- MAY:** Remove 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



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



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.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bonsaimornington/>

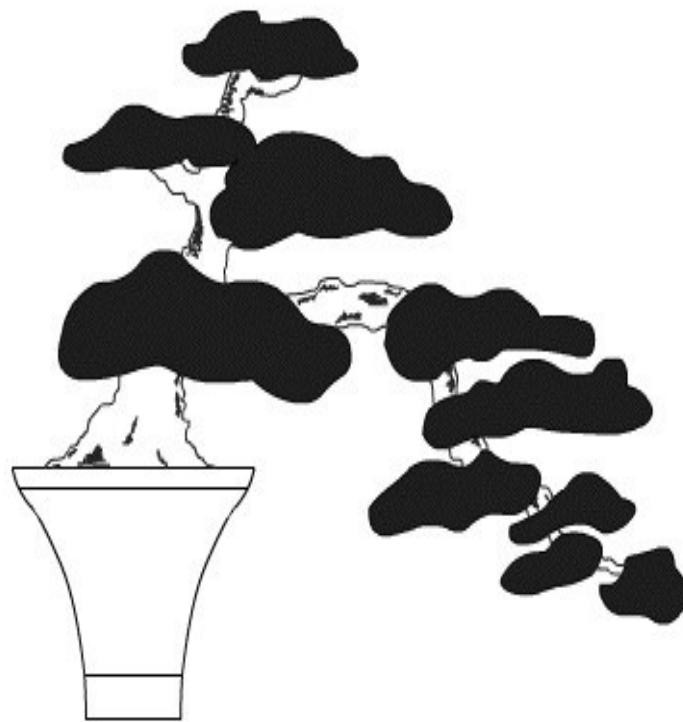
Diary Dates 2023



- 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 Workshop for members—bring along your trees and work on them.**
- 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.

**Please do not forget to bring trees for the Display Table.
Thank you.**



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- Creative,
- Living,
- Art

Established: 1979