



Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Soc Inc

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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,

It is great to see Spring arriving, bringing some much needed warmth to us. Of course Spring also means more work for us with our trees. There is the need to constantly pinch deciduous and evergreen trees, establish regular watering habits, as the temperature increases and to fertilize trees as they begin to put on new growth. While I have been working on my trees, I have been considering the future of our society. As you will be aware, the number of our members has been decreasing and attendance at meetings is suffering. This is a grave concern for the future of our society. Therefore we are desperately seeking someone to actively promote the Mornington Peninsular Bonsai Society, to inform people on the peninsula of our existence and attract new membership. This is not a skill set that I possess. If one or two members are interested in this role, please come and talk to me, it would be greatly appreciated. Please give it some serious thought, as your involvement will help ensure the future of our society.

See you at our next meeting 20/9/23

Cheers Steve



CLUB NIGHT WEDNESDAY 20/9/2023

7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

For our Club Night, Steve will talk about bonsai tools and their maintenance and if there is enough time, he will run through a repotting exercise.

As we are now into Spring, for the Display Table, it would be lovely to see the trees with leaves that are now bursting out all over. Might be the only time we see them with very small leaves. If they are already there, that is fine, still bring them along.

Looking forward to seeing as many members there as possible on Wednesday night.

Jill





Congratulations to our very own President, Steve Jarrold, for receiving “Best In Show” for the above Red Pine at the Waverley Bonsai Group Show held recently.

Beautiful Steve.

NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

GOLDFIELDS BONSAI SOCIETY

Bonsai Exhibition—Daylesford Town Hall
Saturday 21st to Sunday 22nd October
10am to 4pm on both days

AABC - AGM

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the AABC will be held via an electronic online Zoom meeting on 14 October 2023.



Bonsai Society of Queensland inc.

**Welcome to the 36th AABC National Bonsai Convention.
17th - 20th May, 2024**

Proudly hosted again by the Bonsai Society of Qld Inc. As we release this event to the public, we are celebrating 50 years from our humble beginnings in 1973. A milestone celebrated by only a handful of clubs throughout Australia. BSQ has always endeavoured to provide Bonsai knowledge in a relaxed atmosphere where Bonsai Artists of all levels of experience can learn from each other. Whatever we learn is ours to share with others as we develop Bonsai for the pleasure of the present and the benefit of the future. We host this convention with the same spirit.

We are very proud of the program we have put together for you to enjoy in the very comfortable surrounds of the Royal on the Park Hotel in Brisbane City. We have a rolling and interactive program of demonstrations to keep you entertained and informed throughout the program as well as the social activities of the Friday night Welcome BBQ Reception, where we will fill your bellies in a casual atmosphere, and then do it again a little more formally for the Saturday Night Dinner. An exhibition of trees from local Bonsai clubs in SE Qld will be a beautiful sight and we will attack your wallets in the sales area, which will be open exclusively for delegates for the first hour of trading.

Friday will kick off proceedings with a Nursery, Bonsai House and Gardens Tour, which will visit our biggest Bonsai Nursery, Australian Bonsai Grower, in the morning before heading to the Brisbane Botanic Gardens for lunch in the Gardens Café before touring the brand new Bonsai House and Bonsai Collection housed permanently within the gardens. You will get a presentation on the history of the collection and its time at the gardens where you can enjoy some afternoon tea before a tour of the Australian Native Garden to see more of our species in a natural bush setting.

Koji Hiramatsu will also host an Advanced Workshop Day on the Friday for those serious Bonsai Artists looking to improve their skills and share it with their club members. Spaces limited to 10 people for that one, so you will need to get in early.

Saturday and Sunday are the main Convention days, with a full program of activity on both days. Full registration includes all daytime activities on the Convention Program and also Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea on both days. Single day registration is also available for either day for those that can't make the whole weekend and also includes all food on the day selected.

Monday Koji will host morning and afternoon workshops at the venue for those wanting to get a more personal taste of what the Master has to offer for your World of Bonsai. There will be 8 participants in each session and observers are welcome to learn from the whole experience also.

We hope to greet many of you there to share in this fantastic event and continue to grow the Art of Bonsai in Australia. Read on for more details about our demonstrators

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2024 CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday May 17

9:00am - 4:00pm
Koji Hiramatsu Masterclass Workshop
5:30pm - 7:30pm
7:00pm - 9:30pm

9:00am - 4:00pm
Nursery, Bonsai House & Gardens Tour
Delegate Registration
Welcome BBQ Recep

Saturday May 18

8:00am - 9:00am
8:45am - 9:00am
9.00 am - 10.30am
Koji Hiramatsu Demonstration

Registrations and Sales Area Early Access
Convention Opening
9.30am - 10.30
Martin Walters Rock making

10:30am - 11:00am Morning Tea

11:00am 12:30pm
Koji Hiramatsu Demonstration
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11:00am - 12:30pm
Martin Walters Rock making
1:30pm - 3:00pm
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12:30pm 1:30pm Lunch

3:00pm - 3:30pm Afternoon Tea

3:30pm - 5:00pm Koji hosts SE Qld Club Challenge (includes raffle draws)

5:15pm - 6:15pm

AABC General Meeting

7:00pm - 10:30pm

Convention Dinner/Awards/Auction

Sunday May 19

8:30am - 9:00am
9:00am - 10:30pm
Koji Hiramatsu Shohin Demonstration

Day Registration & Early sales access
9:00am - 10:30pm
Andrew Sellman Demonstration

10:30am-11:00am Morning Tea

11:00am 12:30pm
Koji Hiramatsu Shohin Demonstration

11:00am 12:30pm
Andrew Sellman Demonstration

12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch

1:30pm 3:00pm

Koji Hiramatsu & Martin Walters

Lindsay & Glen Bebb Demonstration

3:00pm - 3:30pm Afternoon Tea

3:30pm - 4:30pm
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4:30pm - 4:45pm Auction & Raffles
4:45pm - 5:00pm 2025 Convention Presentation
5:00pm - 5:15pm **Convention Closing**

Monday May 20

9:00am - 12:30pm
Koji Hiramatsu Workshop

9:00am - 12:30pm
Martin Walters Workshop

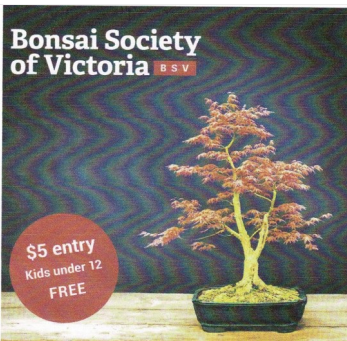
12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch *Not included. Must be ordered or BYO*

1:30pm - 5:00pm Koji Hiramatsu Workshop

1:30pm - 5:00pm Martin Walters Workshop

For more 2024 Convention information please visit:
<https://www.bonsaisocietyqld.asn.au/aabc2024.php>

(Frank Kelly Secretary AABC)



Bonsai Exhibition

This exhibition showcases a broad range of traditional Japanese styles as well as contemporary approaches to bonsai art. Sales of bonsai, plants, imported and local bonsai pots, tools, wire and all bonsai accessories. Adults \$5, Kids free.

Continuous Demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday

7th and 8th October 2023

Saturday: 9.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Box Hill Town Hall,

1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

For more information visit

bonsaisocietyvictoria.com.au



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.

After Re-potting. Wait a few weeks before attempting to wire a tree, to avoid damaging fine shoots just emerging. Do not wire new shoots until the wood begins to harden. Plants that have been re-potted should not be fertilized for about 4 – 6 weeks. Place the plant in a sheltered area for most of that period of time. Maples develop new growth very quickly.

Blossoming & Fruiting Trees. Most are best re-potted after flowering, but sometimes leaves emerge during the flowering period – re-pot these before then, even if during flowering.

Fertilising. Start fertilising trees once they have recovered from the re-potting and are growing strongly again. This can vary from a month after re-potting and are growing strongly again. This can vary from a month after re-potting till late summer.

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.

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



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. Thank you Jeff for co-ordinating the Website. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bonsaimornington/>
Website: <https://bonsaimornington.com.au>

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-(cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances)
- Wed Sept 20 Club Night**
- Sat Oct 1 Open Workshop 10—2pm at Jillian's House.**
- 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.

BASH BUSINESS -An interesting sight—when staying in the Gold Coast whilst I was away—I found a Bonsai, self-growing in the roof guttering of the Motel. It appeared to be an Umbrella Tree. They wouldn't let me climb up to get it out.



The powers that be were most impressed with the fund raising this year, considering only 70 cars went this time and the economic times. Everyone was absolutely excited when we found out the total, the most that has ever been raised by the Bash in any year so far. Last year to Cairns was 1.2million with 100 cars.



This was on Big Screen at Warner Bros where the final night function was held. Just had to put in these photos, I'm very proud of having helped raise lots of money for Variety for the Disadvantaged and Special kids for 25 years.





Established: 1979