



# Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Soc Inc

## NOVEMBER CHRISTMAS 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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### Social Media

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

There will be no December Newsletter.

**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.

### CLUB NIGHT WEDNESDAY 15/ 11/2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.



Dear Members,

Well, it is that time of year again and this will be the last Report from Steve and myself until next year. The Club has had its ups and downs, but I believe a good year overall. We have had presentations from Don, Quentin, Steve, Allan, learnt about carving our trees (I absolutely loved it), how to choose and look after our tools and seven Open Workshops at Advance. All in all, not too bad a year.

Our Committee for this year has been Steve-President, Jill-Secretary, Gwen-Treasurer and Committee members Thelma, Jeff and Elaine Mancell (RIP). A big thank you to all the members of our Club and we hope to see you back next year.

**There will be door prizes galore and  
DON'T FORGET A PLATE TO SHARE WITH OTHERS ON THE NIGHT  
Thank you**

**As this is our last meeting of our Bonsai Year,  
recommencing in January, 2024, Steve, myself  
and the rest of the Committee would like to  
wish you all, a very Happy Christmas and  
Prosperous New Year.**





## BEFORE

The transformation of two different trees *Melaleuca Bracteata* 'Gold Gem' & *Melaleuca Raphiophylla*, Swamp Paperbark



*Melaleuca Bracteata* 'Gold Gem'

## AFTER



*Melaleuca Raphiophylla*,  
Swamp Paperbark



*Schefflera*  
Arboreol

Dwarf  
Umbrella  
Tree.  
Before &  
After







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## NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

### **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

11:00am - 12:30pm  
Martin Walters Rock making

#### 1:30pm - 3:00pm

#### 12:30pm 1:30pm Lunch

Koji Hiramatsu Demonstration

Martin Walters Rock making

#### 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  
**1:30pm 3:00pm**

11:00am 12:30pm  
Andrew Sellman Demonstration

Koji Hiramatsu & Martin Walters Demonstration

Lindsay & Glen Bebb Demonstration

#### 12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch

#### 3:00pm - 3:30pm Afternoon Tea

3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Koji Hiramatsu & Martin Walters Demonstration

3:30pm - 4:00pm  
Lindsay & Glen Bebb Demonstration

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)



## SEASONAL NOTES

### November

#### Check Your Wires

Check wires on all trees regularly as trunks and branches expand/ grow rapidly at this time of year. As new branches harden you may start to apply wire.

For those who work on the trident maples and the corky bark elms - keep an eye on the wire. The heavier lower branches and the apex will thicken the most quickly and start to bite in. Let the wire cut in a bit and then cut it off. Then shorten those branches and that will allow the thinner branches to catch up and then do the same to those branches once they thicken.

#### Pinch Back New Growth

Pinch back new growth on shoots as early shoots start to grow and elongate. More frequent pinching and nipping will promote the development of fine branches and thicker foliage pads. **Maples** still grow rapidly and put out long shoots. Pinch back to first pair of leaves. Remove shoots with long internodes.

#### Air Layering

This is the start of air layering season, so select next year's starter tree from the limbs of another and in a few weeks to a couple of months they will be ready on most species.

#### Azaleas

As azaleas finish flowering, prune back to maintain shape of the tree. Repot after flowering.

#### Repotting

Junipers and cedars can be re-potted now

Azaleas repot after flowering

Natives - leave repotting until November/ December or even wait until early next year.

#### Fertilize

Fertilize regularly using liquid fertilizer in conjunction with organic fertilizer.

#### Watering

With the warmer weather here ensure your plants are obtaining sufficient water. Do not leave your plants on concrete or brick paving (they get too hot)

#### Pests & Diseases

If you see 'slug trails' on leaves, get out the spray and get the aphids under the leaves above. Ants are a tell-tale too as they feed off aphids.

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### December

**Check wires** on all trees regularly as trunks and branches expand/grow rapidly at this time of year. As new branches harden you may start to apply wire.

**Pinch back** new growth on shoots as early shoots start to grow and elongate. More frequent pinching and nipping will promote the development of fine branches and thicker foliage pads. **Maples grow rapidly** and put out long shoots. Pinch back to first pair of leaves. Remove shoots with long internodes.

**Azaleas** when the late flowering has finished, prune back to maintain shape of the tree. Repot shortly after flowering.

**Cryptomerias** are OK to prune into shape in the November – March period. Trim out the vertical shoots and keep the crown trimmed to invigorate the lower branches. Drooping ends can be wired to shape and dense growth needs to be trimmed out to keep insects away. Pinching the shoots when they are still young is the main task over summer. Fertilise from Nov-January.

**Young Zelkovas and Elms** can be pruned in December. Mature ones are defoliated. Fertilize regularly using liquid fertilizer in conjunction with organic fertilizer

**Natives** Leave repotting of natives until January/ February. Ensure your plants are obtaining sufficient water. Put water trays under the trees to keep the moisture and humidity moderated. If you are worried about trays filling and over-watering, drape a wick of cloth or tying-stocking out of the pot and let it siphon out (to a tree below?). Regularly check plants for pests and diseases

**Heat!! Do not leave your plants on brick paving or tin shed roofs (they get too hot).**



## BONSAI CALENDAR 2024

- 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
- DEC:** Time to commence working on your figs as the weather should be getting warmer.



**Club Fees** — Club Membership fees for the 2023/2024 year will be due from Wednesday 15th November.

Bank Transfer BSB: 633-000,

A/c No: 151674512, A/c

Name: Mornington Pen Bonsai Soc., or hand cash to Gwen on the Next Club Night. Please put your name in the reference area. Thank you.

**Our Sickies:** Please let us know of any members who may not be well or are ailing. Thank you.



**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.

WEBSITE: <https://bonsaimornington.com.au>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1760779597755277/?mibextid=oMANbw>

# Diary Dates 2024



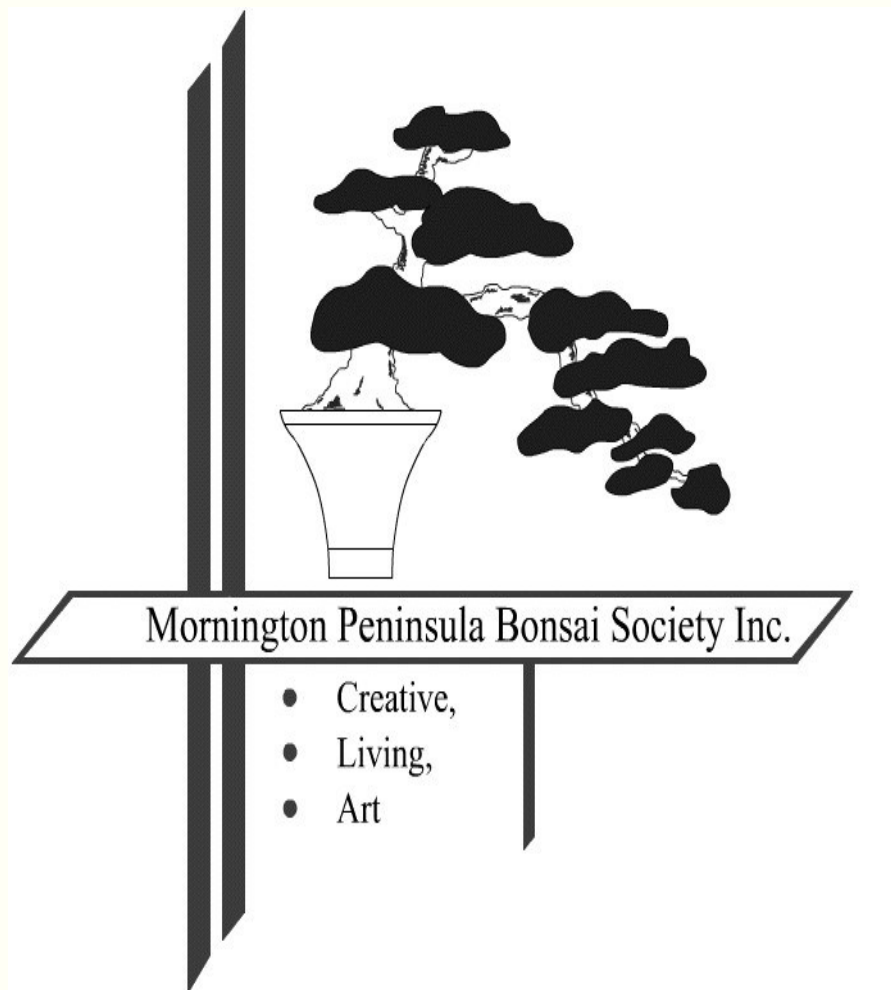
- Wed Jan 17 Club Night - Fig Workshop & discussions 7.30pm-10.00pm
- Sat Feb 3 Open Workshop Advance 10.00am—2.00pm
- Wed Feb 21 Club Night 7.30pm
- Sat Mar 2 Open Workshop Advance 10.00am—2.00pm
- Wed Mar 20 Club Night 7.30pm
- Sat Apr 6 Open Workshop Advance 10.00am—2.00pm
- Wed Apr 17 Club Night 7.30pm
- Sat May 4 Open Workshop Advance 10.00am—2.00pm
- Wed May 15 Club Night 7.30pm
- Wed June 19 Club Night - Workshop bring your own trees along and work on them with help from others. 7.30pm
- Wed July 17 Club Night-Don de Luca talking about all that is Bonsai 7.30pm
- Sat July 20 Don de Luca AM & PM Workshops at Jill's Home 9.00am to 4.00p.m
- Sat Aug 3 Open Workshop Advance 10.00—2.00pm
- Wed Aug 21 Club Night 7.30
- Sat Sep 7 Open Workshop Advance 10-2.00pm
- Wed Sept 18 Club Night 7.30
- Sat Oct 5 Open Workshop 10—2.00pm at Jillian's House.
- Wed Oct 16 Club Night—Quentin Valentine

**Wed Nov 20th Club Night—AGM—Christmas Breakup —Last Club Night for the year. Please bring a Plate for supper to Share. 7.30pm.**

As you can see we have spaces still to be filled for Club Nights, if you have any ideas, feel free to contact me.

**Please do not forget to bring a tree for the Display Table of a Club Night. Thank you.**





**Established: 1979**