



# Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Soc Inc

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Club Membership fees for the 2024 year are now due

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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.**



Dear Members,

Hi Everyone, I hope all of you had a very happy Xmas and new year.

Our bonsai are growing strongly at this time of year, so we will be busy pinching new growth and watering. Even though we have not yet experienced any really hot weather, our trees are drying out very quickly. I am watering every day. All repotting should be finished, with the exception of Figs. They can be done through into February. I generally repot my Figs any time from October to January. Our first meeting for 2024 on Wednesday, January 17th, will cover all aspects on the growing and maintenance of the species. Let's get the year off to a great start with a good attendance and lots of display trees.



There may be some old figs for sale so bring along some cash if interested .

See you at the next meeting.

Cheers Steve

Hi Everyone

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your families.

On Wednesday the **17th January at 7.30 pm**, our first Club Night of the year will be held, and it will be great to see you all again. This will be a night of learning about the treatment and styling of the Fig tree. Also, our first Open Workshop at Advance will be on the 3rd February at Advance Nursery, off Mitchell Street. Mornington. Tea, Coffee and biscuits are provided.

Jillian  
For MPBS Committee



Port Jackson fig

## Seasonal notes—January & February

### 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.

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

Repot **Natives** in January and February.

### Water!!!

With the warmer weather here ensure your plants are obtaining sufficient water...remember to water thoroughly and regularly.

### Pests & Diseases

Regularly check plants for pests and diseases.

### Defoliation

You can defoliate now, if you haven't already done so. Sit back and enjoy your trees whilst sipping on your favourite beverage.

### Deciduous Plants

Remember that deciduous plants come from cooler climate area and therefore may need shelter from the hot burning rays of the summer sun.

### Fertilizing

Reduce fertilizing during January and February

### Pines

For pines, allow the soil to dry out between watering as this reduces the size of the pine needles.

### Preventative Measures

Use mesh over your moss to keep the blackbirds away and to go forage elsewhere.

To keep mosquito larvae from growing on your water trays, put a layer of sand in the bottom.

When leaves have hardened and plants are strong, you can defoliate, if required, to reduce the size of leaves on your plants.

### Natives

Repotting of natives, should be completed in February.

### Figs and Cedars

Figs and cedars should be re-potted by late February

### Watering

With the warmer weather here ensure your plants are obtaining sufficient water...remember to water thoroughly and regularly. Be vigilant for signs of leaf end browning and burning. Never put water on leaves in hot sun. For pines, allow the soil to dry out between watering as this reduces the size of the pine needles.



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### Pests and diseases

Pests and diseases need to be looked at closely. Look under leaves and branches too.

### Weeds

Kill star weed and liverwort with brown vinegar (apply with cotton bud or a fine paint brush).

### Fertilizing

Reduce or even eliminate fertilizing during January and February

### Check Your Wires

Keep checking wires on all trees regularly as trunks and branches expand/grow rapidly at this time of year.

Pinch and nip new growth on shoots to 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.

### Defoliation

Defoliation is the premature removal of usually leaves, by cutting .

Defoliate means to take the leaves or branches off of a tree or bush.

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**Heat!!**

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

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**PORT  
JACKSON**



**FIGS**





## MEMBERS TREES

Picture and information courtesy of Steve:

**Pinus Thunbergii 'corticosa'** ( Japanese Cork Bark Black Pine). It is a project tree that has been developed from a seedling, age being 10 to 15 years. They are an unusual Black Pine in that they have cork bark and a reverse taper at the base, as a result of being grafted.

They are not very popular as bonsai these days, but I have grown to admire it's character. I treat it in the same manner as normal **Pinus Thunbergii**.



Thank you Steve.

## 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

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Koji Hiramatsu Shohin Demonstration

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

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)

## 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 2024 year are now due.**

**Single \$35**

**Family/Couple \$40.00**

**One off Joining Fee \$20**

**Bank Transfer:**

**Bendigo Bank: BSB: 633-000.**

**Name: Mornington Pen Bonsai Soc.**

**A/c No: 151674512.**

**Please put your name in the reference area.**

**OR hand the cash to Gwen on the Next Club Night. 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/?ibextid=oMANbw>**

# Diary Dates 2024



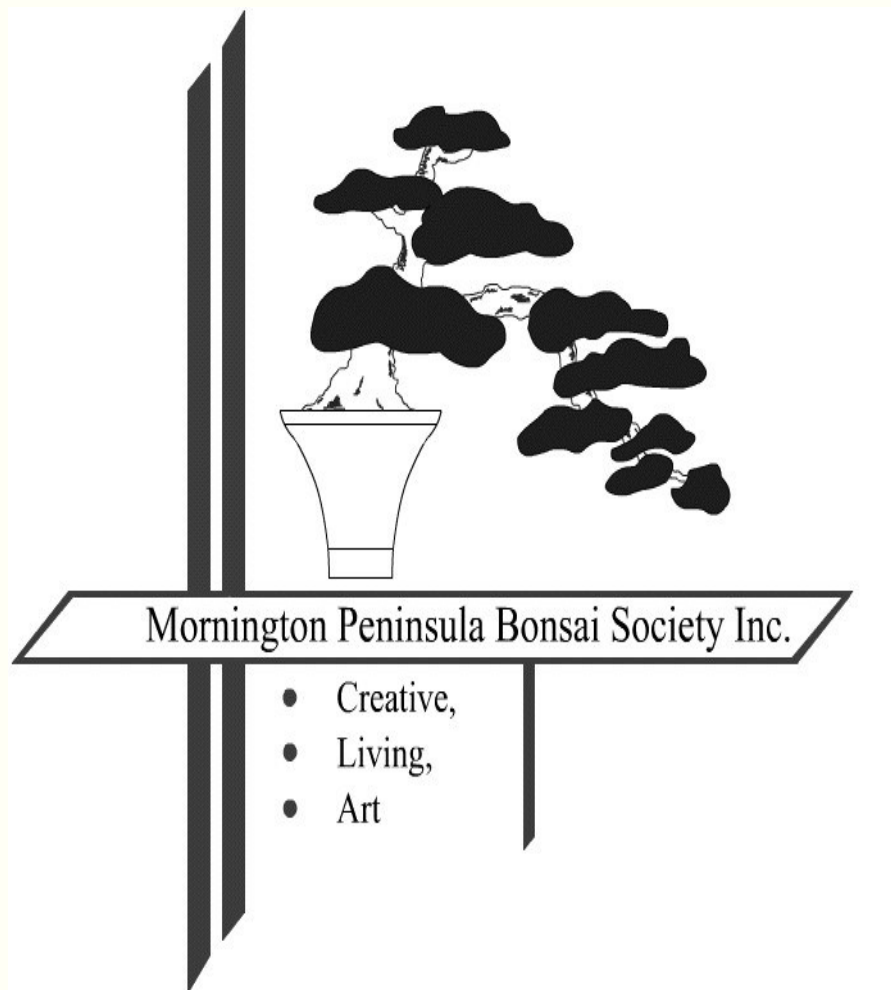
- Wed Jan 17** Club Night - Fig Workshop & discussions 7.30pm-10.00pm
- Sat Feb 3** First Open Workshop for Advance 10.00am—2.00pm Advance Native Nursery, Mornington
- Wed 21** Club Night—7.30pm Having trouble designing your tree or a problem-bring it along and we may be able to help you.
- Sat Mar 2** Open Workshop Advance 10.00am—2.00pm
- Wed Mar 20** Club Night—7.30pm **TBA**
- Sat Apr 6** Open Workshop Advance 10.00am—2.00pm
- Wed Apr 17** Club Night—7.30pm Discussion on the repotting of our trees i.e. trimming branches, roots and wiring etc. We can use the next Open workshop Sat 4th May to repot our trees.
- Sat May 4** Open Workshop and repotting follow up Advance 10.00am—2.00pm
- Wed May 15** Club Night—7.30pm **TBA**
- Wed June 19** Club Night 7.30pm - Root over Root Over Rock demonstration
- Wed July 17** Club Night-Don de Luca talking about all that is Bonsai. 7.30pm—10pm
- Sat July 20** Don de Luca AM & PM Workshops at Jill's Home 9.00am to 4.00pm
- Sat Aug 3** Open Workshop Advance 10.00—2.00pm
- Wed Aug 21** Club Night 7.33—10.00 pm Rock making and how do you mix soil to stay on a flat rock without washing away?
- Sat Sep 7** Open Workshop Advance 10—2.00pm
- Wed Sep 18** Club Night 7.30—10.00pm Steve on Pines
- Sat Oct 5** Open Workshop 10—2.00pm at Jillian's House.
- Wed Oct 16** Club Night 7.30—10.00pm 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. We need to know what you want

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





**Established: 1979**