



# Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Soc Inc

## FEBRUARY 2024

## 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 into the Newsletter.

### President's Report

Cheers Steve



Hi Everyone, I have just finished cleaning up in the garden following the horrendous storm we experienced yesterday afternoon (Feb 13). There was hail, followed by an incredibly strong wind blowing the torrential rain horizontally through the air. Luckily there was no damage to my bonsai. I do hope that if any of you were in the storm's path, you and your trees are ok.

The topic of the January meeting was Ficus or Figs. We discussed figs in general and then I worked on two separate figs. The first tree worked on was one Jeff brought along, a trunk chopped and neglected tree. This was quickly cut back and wired to form the basis of a broom style. I brought a large tree that was quite old but also very neglected. This was also heavily pruned and wired, to create the basic structure of what should become a presentable tree in the future. It was very encouraging to see a good turn up of members, and a very impressive display table. See you at the next meeting.

Cheers Steve.

### CLUB NIGHT WEDNESDAY 21/02/2024

#### 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Next Wednesday is Club Night. The night will be an interesting one where we bring along our own tree/s (no more than two) that we are/maybe having trouble with, not sure how we should design it or just darn well don't know what to do with it. I know, this happens to me all the time.

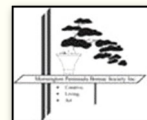
It has come to my attention that our very own President, Steve was awarded **Best in Show** last year. This Show was held by the Waverley Bonsai Club. Congratulations Steve from us all.

A Heads up for March. I will have 30 Bonsai available for Sale and also 6 possible Bonsai stock. I am trying to down size.

Remember, I like to have photos to put into the Newsletter, so please don't forget to send them to me, with their story, if there is one.

Don't forget, membership payments for 2024 are now due. Thank you.

Jillian  
Secretary

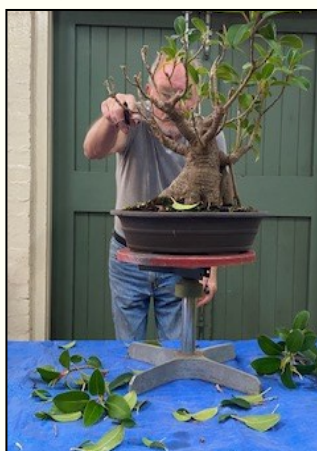


## JANUARY CLUB NIGHT - Demonstration on Ficus Figs By Steve

### FIG TREE #ONE



### FIG TREE #TWO - THE LARGEST—Trimming & Repotting and old tree





## Display Table



## 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.

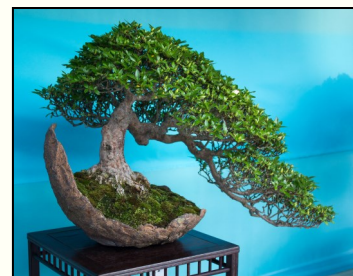
Friday will kick off proceedings with a Nursery, Bonsai House and Gardens Tour, which will visit our biggest Bonsai Nursery, Australian Bonsai Grower, in the morning before heading to the Brisbane Botanic Gardens for lunch in the Gardens Café before touring the brand new Bonsai House and Bonsai Collection 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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## MAY 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)



## **- URGENT NOTICE -**

### **AABC CONVENTION 2024 ACCOMMODATION UPDATE**

Please continue to promote and encourage your members to register for the Brisbane Convention. More information for AABC 36 - *Bonsai By Design* - can be found by visiting the website: <https://bonsaisocietyqld.asn.au/events/#!event-list>

The Convention venue is:

Royal on the Park Hotel  
152 Alice Street, Brisbane City 4000

International Demonstrators are:

- Koji Hiramatsu, from Japan,
- Martin Walters, from Auckland, New Zealand.

with supporting Australian Demonstrators:

- Lindsay & Glen Bebb, and
- Andrew Sellman, (one of the AABC VTs from Queensland).

**Frank Kelly**

**Secretary AABC**

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## **Victorian Native Bonsai Club 2024 Exhibition**

Friday Night March 15th 5.30pm to 8.30pm

Saturday March 16th 9am to 4pm

Preston City Hall, 284 Gower Street, Preston

**Adults \$7.00— children under 15 free**

**Sales of bonsai, pots, tools available at the Show.**

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## **Bonsai Northwest Melbourne Exhibition & Sale 20 & 21 April 2024**



**BONSAI**  
**Exhibition & Sale**

**Hundreds of  
Bonsai on  
display &  
for sale**

**Demonstrations  
on both days  
11am & 1pm**

**Contact Us:**  
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**Footscray Community Arts Centre**  
**45 Moreland St Footscray**  
**20 & 21 April 2024**  
**10am to 4pm**  
**Adults: \$5**  
(Children under 15 free with adult)

**Bonsai Northwest Inc**  
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## Royal Horticultural Society—2024

**Gardeners's Day Out** - Saturday 15th June 2024 from 9.30am. Rusden Theatre, Deakin University, Burwood Highway, Burwood. Presentations by Stephen Ryan & Mathew Lucas (The Horticulturalists), Jane Tomkin, Dr Greg Moore and Clive Larkman.

### Fernery Creek Horticultural Show-2024

**Autumn Show 2024** Sat 27 April 12pm to 4pm

Sunday 28th April 10am to 4pm

**Spring Show 2024** Sat 7 September 12pm to 4pm

Sun 8 Sept 10am to 4pm

**Flower Festival 2024** Sat 26 October 12pm to 4pm

Sun 27 October 10am to 4pm

### The Restorative Power of Nature & Gardens

4th March 2024—West Gippsland Art Centre, Warragul

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

#### Speakers:

**Dr Sue Stuart-Smith** from UK Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist—Key-Note Speaker, Author of “The Well Gardened Mind”.

**Steven Wells**—Horticultural Therapist

**Tanya Bearup**—Founder “My Garden Space”

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### HEADS UP—JILL IS DOWNSIZING HER COLLECTION OF BONSAI

I have 6 stock plants that I have been growing for some time. They are:  
2 Maples, 1 Ornamental Pear, 1 Lilac, 1 Olive and a Pomegranate.

The Bonsais I have for sale, are either there as a Bonsai or very much on their way to being one. There are also several forests/groupings of Olive, Ash, Lilly-pilly and Liquid Amber in oval pots. The trees range from small to large trees in size. There are Figs, Olives, Lilly Pillys, Desert Ash, Maples, Jades, Umbrella Trees, and Liquid Ambers and probably some I've forgot.

Feel free to contact me whether it be at Club or via phone 0407 361 989. Sometime between now and the March Club Night I will have produced a pamphlet showing most of the trees I will be selling.



## 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.



### Seasonal Notes—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

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.

#### 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

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

Thank you. **If you know of a member who is not well, please let me know.**





# Diary Dates 2024



- Wed-Jan 17: Club Night - Fig Workshop & discussions 7.30pm
- Sat-Feb 3: Open Workshop Advance Native Nursery 10.00am-2pm. Tea & Coffee provided, BYO Lunch.
- Wed-Feb 21: **Having trouble deciding on design or just a problem with your tree/s, bring them along and we may be able to help.**
- Sat-Mar 2: Open Workshop Advance Native Nursery 10.00am-2pm.
- Wed-Mar 20: Club Night—Craig May on Coastal Tea Trees (to be confirmed).
- Sat– Apr 6: Open Workshop Advance Native Nursery 10.00am-2pm.
- Wed-Apr 17: Club Night - Repotting Trees, why, when and how.
- Sat-May 4: Open Workshop Advance 10.00-2pm follow on from previous Club Night-Repotting-bring along your trees etc and design.
- Wed-May 15: Club Night—Forest Planting
- Wed-June 19: Club Night—Root over rock
- Wed-July 17: Don de Luca talking about all that is Bonsai and designing.
- Sat-Aug 3: Open Workshop Advance Native Nursery 10.00am-2pm.
- Wed-Aug- 21: Club Night and Workshop—Artificial rock making and the recipes for making a soil that will stay on a flat surface with out washing off.
- Sat-Sep 2: Open Workshop Advance 10-2pm
- Wed-Sept 18: Club Night—Steve Jarrold –Pines
- Sat-Oct 5: Open Workshop 10—2pm at Jillian's House.
- Wed-Oct 16: Club Night - Quentin Valentine—Natives & Others



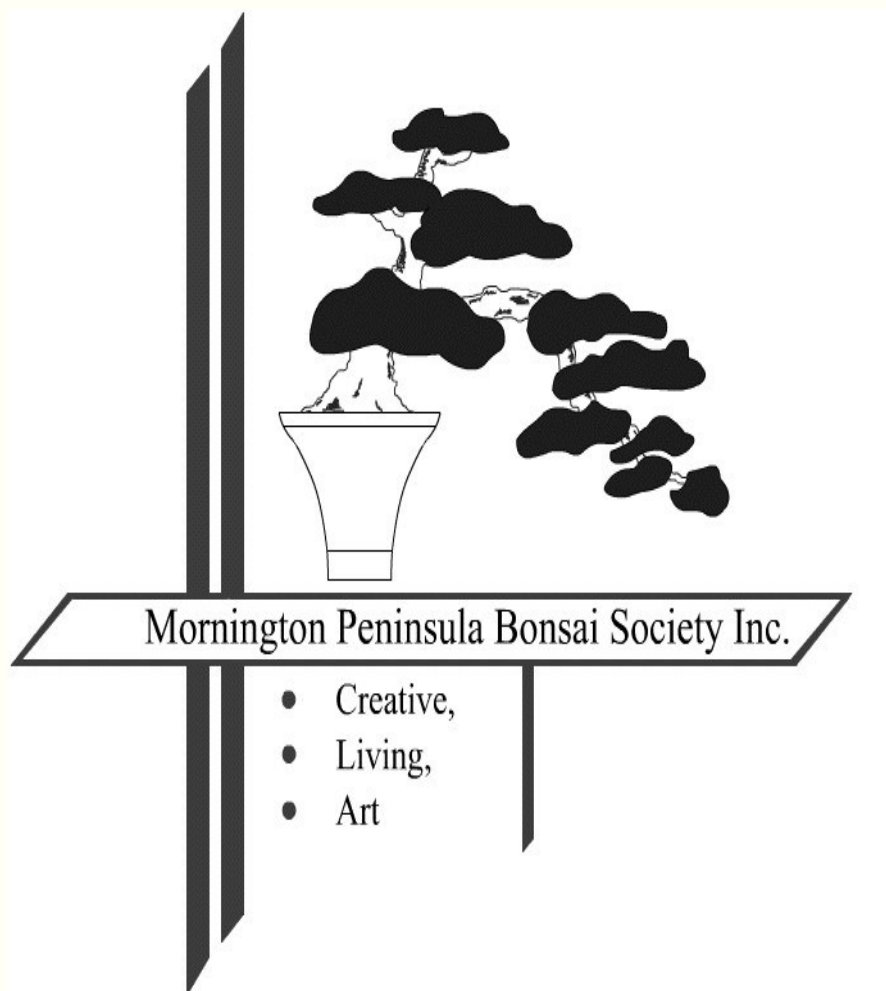
**Wed Nov 20 Club Night-AGM-Christmas Breakup and Last Club Night for the year. Please bring along a Plate to Share for supper.**

**Please, do not forget to bring a tree for the Display Table each month. 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. We have received a few enquiries in the last couple of months.

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

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



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