



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 into the Newsletter.



President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Another year is coming to an end and at the meeting on November the 20th, we will have our AGM. All committee positions will be declared vacant, so now is the time to consider joining the committee to help plan the Society's direction for the coming year. After the official business is concluded, we will turn to the social side of the night. It's always enjoyable sharing food and conversation with members so please bring a plate of nibbles to share. Tea and coffee will be provided as usual.

We also invite all members to partake in a sales/swap/give away event on the night. Bring along things Bonsai related to sell, swap or give away. If you are intending to buy or sell items, make sure you have a supply of cash (sellers may need to give change on purchases). Members will be responsible for their own items.

See you at the next meeting

Cheers Steve



Annual General Meeting Wednesday 20/11/2024 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Next Wednesday 20/11/2024 will be our Club Night and Annual General Meeting at the Moorooduc Hall, as you will have noticed, all the information pertaining to the night has been emailed out to you in the last week or so. If you would like to nominate for a position on the Committee, we are always looking for new members.

As this is our AGM and last Club Night before Christmas, after the meeting, we will have our Christmas Party break-up, each member is asked to bring along a plate of goodies to share, whilst having what is called a "Tree Swap". Bring along a tree to swap with someone else, at no cost. Could be fun, never know what you might get.

Jillian Lewis
Secretary



Quentin's Visit in July



ABOVE: The tree above is one Quentin worked on last year which he brought along to show it's progress to date. The very large one on the right was purchased from one of our members and brought back to show what it looks like now.



This tree Quentin commenced designing our October Club night—Quite a mess it was originally, many branches but still a lot more styling to do. I'm sure we'll see it again down the track. When Quentin thinks the time is right.



Display
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INFORMATION FROM OTHER CLUBS

Head Start for the 2025 Convention

Members of the Mornington Peninsula Bonsai Society have been invited to register early for the AABC 37th National Bonsai Convention to be held in Canberra in May next year (2025).

President of the Canberra Bonsai Society, Tony Gill, has encouraged AABC club members to register before the Early Bird registrations close at the end of October.

Early Bird registration is important for two reasons. It gives club members a \$50 discount on the convention cost and second it means you are more likely to secure a place in the workshops and masterclasses – which are already filling up.

The Canberra Bonsai Society has been working on making the Convention the best it can be.

The four-day program (16-19 May 2025) is packed with demonstrations from internationally and nationally recognised demonstrators, discussions on the future of bonsai, masterclasses, a dinner, welcome reception and tours.

Demonstrators include Jennifer Price from Chicago, Michael Hagedorn from Portland Oregon, Jarrod Bailey from Tasmania, Marcela Ferreira from Victoria and Sam Thompson from the ACT.

The convention also marks the 50th birthday of the Canberra Bonsai Society and will feature an exhibition of high-quality trees from members' collections.

The convention will give delegates the opportunity to have a voice in the future directions of bonsai in Australia. Demonstrators and discussion leaders will raise questions and invite discussion on the changing influences on Australia bonsai practice.

Registration and all the information on the convention (including a welcome video) can be found at www.canberrabonsai.club. Email inquiries can be directed to aabc2025@cbs.org.au

2025 Convention Brochure

<https://www.canberrabonsai.club/images/2025%20Convention/Convention%20brochure%20web%20final.pdf>

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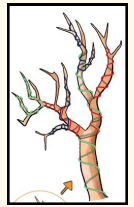


NOVEMBER SEASONAL NOTES

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.



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 or snail trails' on leaves, get out the spray and get the aphids under the leaves above. **Ants are a tell-tale sign too, as they feed off Aphids.**



The Bonsai National Arboretum Canberra Australia—Some trees I thought members might like to see that are in the Arboretum in Canberra—Beautiful



BONSAI CALENDAR 2024

- JAN: Check/Remove wires, Water/Feed regularly Good time to work on Figs, 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, check for pests and diseases, water regularly.
- DEC: Fig pruning and repotting, water regularly.

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 21: Club Night— Val Garth the trick to making artificial rocks.
- 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
- Wed-May 15: Club Night— Grouping/Forest Planting
- Wed-June 19: Club Night—looking at advanced trees and learning what to do if a problem arises.
- Wed-July 17: Don de Luca talking about all that is Bonsai “Designing a Grouping of trees.
- Sat-July 20: Don de Luca Work shops at the home of Jillian.
- Sat-Aug 3: Open Workshop Advance Native Nursery 10.00am-2.00pm.
- Sat-Sept 7: Open Workshop Advance Native Nursery 10.00am-2.00pm
- Wed-Sept 18: Club Night—Steve Jarrold –Pines
- Sat-Oct 5: Open Workshop 10.00am to 2.00pm or further at Jillian’s House.
- Wed-Oct 16: Club Night - Quentin Valentine—Natives & Others



Wed Nov 20 - Club Night-AGM-Christmas Breakup and the last Club Night for the year. Please bring along a Plate to Share for supper and maybe a tree to swap.

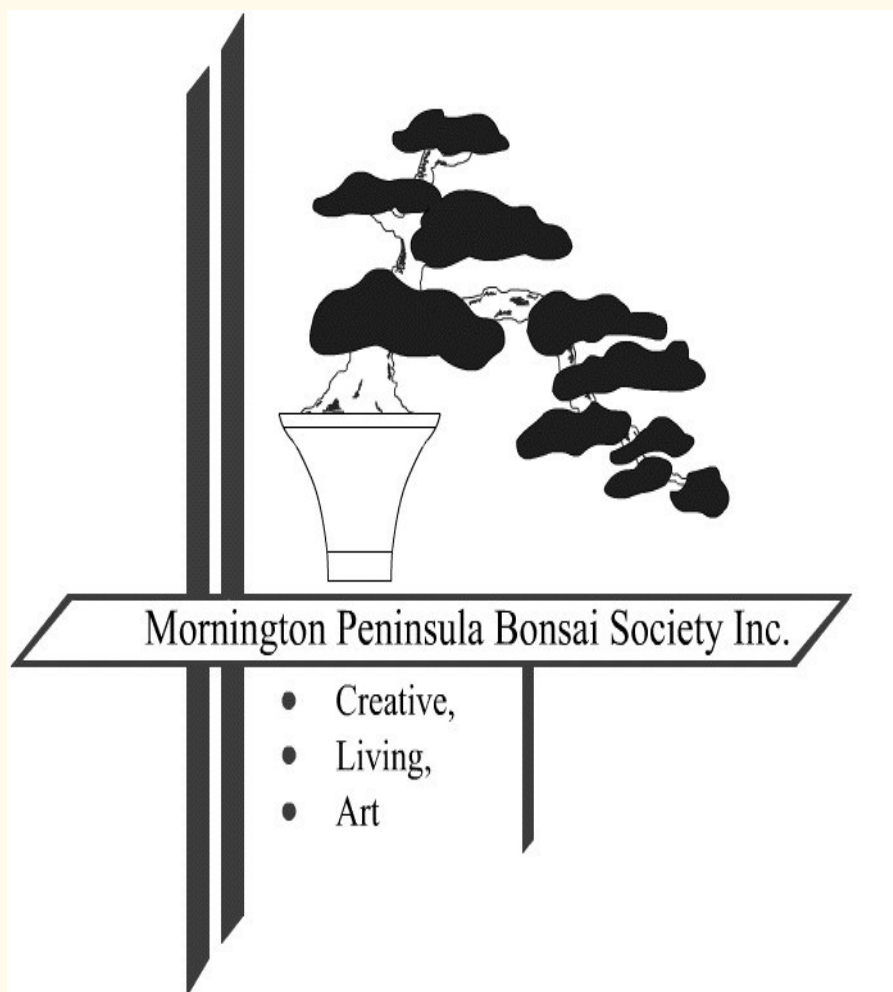
2025 Year will resume again on Wed, Jan 15th, Club Night. Open Workshops due to construction works at Advance will re-commence at the home of Jillian Lewis Saturday, Feb 1st, 10.00am–2pm. Probably for all of 2025.

Please, do not forget to bring along 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.

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