REDLANDS BONSAI

Newsletter of the Redlands Bonsai Society June 2022

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- **RBS Market Day October**
- **Bus trip to SCBS Show October**
- **Toowoomba Show 17-18 September**
- **9th World Bonsai Convention 8th October**

President's Message

Hello folks,

I hope you are all managing to stay warm in this cold snap we have had. I must admit I have been a bit lazy (more than usual. Lol) and staying inside snuggled up with my dog instead of attending to my trees.
Our next club meeting is June 25th at midday. We are having a presentation on Azaleas and Camellias with Keith Stanley. This will be a great afternoon of bonsai information and entertainment by Keith, so I am looking forward to a big turnout. We will have a display table so bring your favourite azalea or camelia to show the group.
See you all on the 25th.

Karen 😊

Editor's notes

I have endeavoured to make the newsletters informative and hope that you enjoy and find the June edition of the newsletter interesting this month. Remember we are open to all, and any contributions of content would be appreciated.

Note to members: as we take photographs at the club meeting if you wish not to be featured in the newsletter and on the Club Facebook page, please let us know.

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I am just back from a couple of weeks in the UK and not much has changed in my bonsai garden in the time. It is just that time of the year.
I love seeing the trees in the UK at different times of the year and this time it was on the cusp of summer, although in the midlands that means temperatures up to a dizzying 18 if you are lucky, a bit like our coldest winter day. But the trees seem to have their own calendar, despite the temperature and are a picture of vigorous growth with masses of foliage. I went to a classic English event, a Tractorfest, in the grounds of an old property. These old places are the best place to go to see old trees! Being in the hands of the same family for hundreds of years means the trees are of very advanced age too. I have attached a couple here for inspiration. One is an Oak, not sure of the other relatively young one. At first glance they are not much like our native trees but that might be more about the leaves. They need more over there to catch enough light! There is still plenty about their shape to contemplate and apply to the shaping of our bonsai.

Happy bonsai,
Steve

Insight of a Bonsai beginner

They say that the last thing you learn and the hardest to master is watering, I am not sure I believe that! At this point in my bonsai journey I am thinking the art of wiring is possibly more difficult to master. Several of my trees will testify that my lack of understanding showing wiring scars and wounds making the tree unsightly and sometimes unusable not to mention the broken branches. This has come about as I have struck and grown a lot of cuttings and with them growing quickly and then needing to start the first movement early. I have found they require attention and early intervention for the wiring to be removed in the growing season at least every 14-20 days to be sure the wire is not biting into the bark. It's great if you can remember which one you did and when, but for me so I could remember I started to apply paint to pot name tags but found the cheap one I was using broke easily as they appeared not to be UV stabilized. I have found several different coloured name tags at an orchard show that I now use with success to manage the removal of my wiring.

Now I need to remember what colour identifies what wiring needs to be removed. Who reminds the reminder?

As I have wrote before I have been told each tree needs to tell a story so the photo of the tree on the right was taken as I walked in the Border Ranges National Park from a vine. Looks like the wire worn on some of my trees?? May be my story

Rod

Flowers of the bonsai patch

With our bonsai mainly being a leafy display most of the year, I started to think about how you could get several different trees to flower rotating over the four sessions.

Does the fruit of the fig substitute as a flower???

Or does the changing of the seasonal leaves??

Why not tell me what flower in your patch would qualify as a seasonal plant?

One of my flowering plums has now lost all its leaves as the season changes with several flowers starting to bud. A hover fly showed up as I was taking this image below. The hover fly and bees vote are for the flowers and not the colourful seasonal leaves.

Colour of the season

Winter flowers

Fruit of the season

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Workshop Meeting May, The Revisit of forest planting from April 2021

Craig Jurd presented a demonstration to club members in April 2021 on forest plantings.

The plant saplings used in the forest are Clerodendrum and Lilly Pilly taken from cuttings from Karen's own trees.

The Melaleuca were from a batch that Nick had bought from a nursery and were a more advanced stock than the other two planting species. After the meeting in 2021 three members were invited to take home and maintain and care for the forest plantings. These were then brought back to the club for the May 2022 meeting to be reviewed and trimmed. This discussion session of trimming was led by Karen. Although more work is required on these trees it was decided to undertake more drastic action to the foliage when the weather warmed up.

Looking forward to the return of these forest plantings in Spring and watching the development over the coming years.

The start of the Clerodendrum forest back in 2021

Return to workshop 2022

Winter trim 2022

The start of the Melaleuca Forest 2021

Return of the Melaleuca Forest 2022

Winter trim 2022

The decision made for this forest planting is to wait until warmer weather and remove the trees and replant in new locations and add the extra tree.

Something to tune into

On Friday 17th June 22 there will be a tour of the AABC National Bonsai Collection on Gardening Australia."

For members who may not be familiar with the Gardening Australia show on TV, it comes on at the conclusion of the ABC News at 7.30 to 8.30 pm on Friday evenings. It should be a good segment.

Workshop Meetings

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Member display trees on club meeting day May

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Melaleuca linarifolia

Snow in Summer

M. linariifolia is endemic to Eastern Australia. It is commonly known as snow-in-summer, narrow-leaved paperbark, flax-leaved paperbark. It is a hardy plant, flowering prolifically in late spring or summer, making it a popular garden shrub or small tree in temperate places. It will grow into a small tree to a height of 6–10 m with distinctive and attractive white or creamy white, papery bark and a dense canopy. Commonly sold as 'Snow in Summer' because of its profuse flowering it is commonly used as a street tree here and overseas. The 'Claret Tops' variety is more commonly used for bonsai, but the straight species has different characteristics making it a highly desirable bonsai species.

RBS Meeting Protocol

Our meetings are held at the **Wellington Point Recreation Hall,** 347-371 Birkdale Rd, Wellington Point QLD 4160, unless otherwise noted. Our annual show is generally held at the Donald Simpson Centre in Bloomfield Street, Cleveland. You will find the yearly program on the last page of our newsletter.

The hall will be open at 11am for members and visitors' meetings, with committee meetings to be held from 11am before each normal meeting.

Foundations Development Program

This is a course of 8 x 3hr lessons, please talk to Steve C if you wish to join in this program.

Learners' Group

The group is designed for informal tuition and coaching from 11am to 12:00 pm on meeting days when a demonstration or presentation is scheduled. Senior members will be available to offer advice and support. Please check program calendar at end of newsletter for dates.

Workshops

Meetings generally consist of workshops and/or demonstrations. Tables will be provided for members to work on their trees.

Bring trees that need work, or trees for which you would like some advice. More experienced members are encouraged to share their accumulated knowledge with the newer members.

Name Badges

Name badges are provided by the club, and we hope that you wear them at the meeting, so everyone can converse freely.

Door Prize / Raffle

At each meeting there will be door and raffle prizes drawn. Members displaying trees will be given a free raffle ticket. Do not forget to let the people on the front desk know you are entitled to a free ticket if you have brought a display tree.

Annual Fees

Annual Fees for 2022 are $20 per year for single membership and $30 for couples or parents and children and can now be paid online.

Banking details for online renewals as follows:

Name: Redlands Bonsai Society Inc – BSB

633000 – Account 169724416

Fee arrangements are as follows:

- Annual fees are payable from the date of the AGM in November, for the following calendar year.
- For members, fees unpaid on 31st March in the year make the member unfinancial and no newsletter or other club services will be available until membership fees are paid.
- New Members who join the club in the first 6 months of the calendar year pay full membership rates.
- Members joining after 30th June pay ½ fee for that year. They will thereafter be required to pay a full year fee from November for the following calendar year.
- Participation in exhibiting in the annual show, selling product at the show or at meetings, receiving the newsletter and voting at the AGM are not available to non-financial members

Workshop Meetings

Workshop Meetings are scheduled as outlined below in the yearly calendar.

The purpose of these workshop meetings is for both novice and experienced members to work on and discuss their bonsai trees in an informal environment. Experienced bonsai artists are available to answer and assist with any queries and questions. Please reach out to any of these members. Always remember advice comes with many opinions so weigh up all the information provided and follow the advice you are most comfortable with. What story do you want your trees to tell?

Your Committee Members for 2022

President: Karen F.

Vice President: Heather L.

Treasurer: Nick J.

Secretary: Noreen C.

New member greeter: Julie B.

Newsletter: Rod C.

Member: Mel B.

Member: Julie B.

Member: Sandy C.

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Please consider joining the committee to help add your voice to the operation of the club. It is always good to get feedback and suggestions and your input is always welcome to advance the club experience.

REDLANDS BONSAI SOCIETY - PROGRAM FOR 2022				
Month	**Date**	**Day**	**Meetings and Workshops**	**Additional activities**
January	**22**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Fig Demo with Steve/ Bring your figs	Learners group from 11am
February	**26**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Workshop / Pre show critique of display trees. AGM 2021/2022	From 1200
March	**26**	**Sat**	Show set up	
	27	**Sun**	**Annual Show**	
April	**23**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Native tube stock day and report	From 1200
May	**28**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Workshop/ return of group planting update	Learners group from 11am
June	**25**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Azaleas & Camelias with Kieth Stanley	From 1200
July	**23**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Workshop	Learners group from 11am
August	**27**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Grafting / Air Layering Group Participation	From 1200
September	**24**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Workshop	Learners group from 11am
October	**22**	**Sat**	RBS Market Day	
October	**29**	**Sun**	Bus trip to SCBS Show	
November	**26**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			TBA	
December	**10**	**Sat**	Christmas party	

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