REDLANDS BONSAI

Newsletter of the Redlands Bonsai Society September 2022

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- **Meeting 24th September – 12 o'clock**
- **RBS Market Day 22nd October**
- **SCBS Show 29th October**
- **9th World Bonsai Convention 8th October**

President's Message

Hello folks,

I hope you are all enjoying this lovely Spring weather. Our next meeting is a workshop, and I am expecting a good turnout with lots of Spring work to be done. If you need help with repotting, we will be there to assist you. We will have some bags of Diatomite, Zeolite and Scoria for sale if you need them for your soil mix.
Unfortunately due to minimal interest in our planned bus trip next month, we have had to cancel it. If you will still be driving up to the SCBS show and have room for another person/s in your vehicle or would like a lift, let me know and we can try to organise a carpool. Sorry for the inconvenience but just a few people on a large bus are not viable.

The Market Day is going ahead on the 22nd October. I hope you received the email regarding the native display we will be doing on that day along with our sales. I hope you can participate in that display. Any questions can be answered at our next meeting on the 24th.
See you all then.

Karen 😊

Club Purchase Information for Members

The club has taken delivery of 3 pallets of soil mediums for your convenience. Details below:

- Diatomite bags (Kleensorb) for $39 per bag.
- Zeolite 2.2+ mm size for $25 per bag
- Scoria 5mm size for $22 per bag

Payment to the club is required prior to collection. Payment can be made via direct bank transfer or with cash at the club meetings.

Bank details below:

BSB # - 633000
Acc # - 169724416

If paying via direct bank transfer, please put your name in the reference so we can track who has paid. Once you've paid, please email Karen.freeland@outlook.com with details of your order. Karen will then give you the pickup details in Capalaba.

Please see attachments to the email with the relevant changes to the Redlands Bonsai Society Show Rules changes for this year's show. Please review the changes so you are up to date for the show.

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In My Garden - September

Will this repotting ever end. That's about the summary for this time of year as spring picks up pace.

With every pot I pick up there is yet another dryish impacted root ball. It just shows how hard they are to get water into them when the roots fill up all the spaces between the particles of mix. Those that I have re-potted stay moist for days.

It's always a risky time too depending on the extent of root work in previous times. So crossed fingers for all my developers after a hard branch and root prune. I started later this year but after only two weeks many of these are now showing the first signs of new shoots coming through. All those benches with apparently empty spaces will soon be looking very busy again.

I visited the Victorian Native Bonsai Society last week to talk about choosing the shape of a bonsai. The club has a membership of about 120 but most of them are somewhere else and they stream a live video of their presentations and so they only have 25 to 30 at a meeting. It was interesting to see the same sort of club dynamics that we see in SEQ as well as the same 'how to/what to' conundrums that enthusiasts have everywhere. The doubts and uncertainties we face in our hobby are commonly felt, not to mention the time pressures that are all too common.

Find the time, maintain concentration and enjoy the challenge.

Happy bonsai, Steve

Workshop Meeting August

The workshop in August involved working on several trees showing different types of Grafting and Air Layering practices.

- Approach Grafting
- Thread Grafting
- Hairpin Grafting

The discussion was then finished with an informative lesson by Steve on the science of grafting and air layering.

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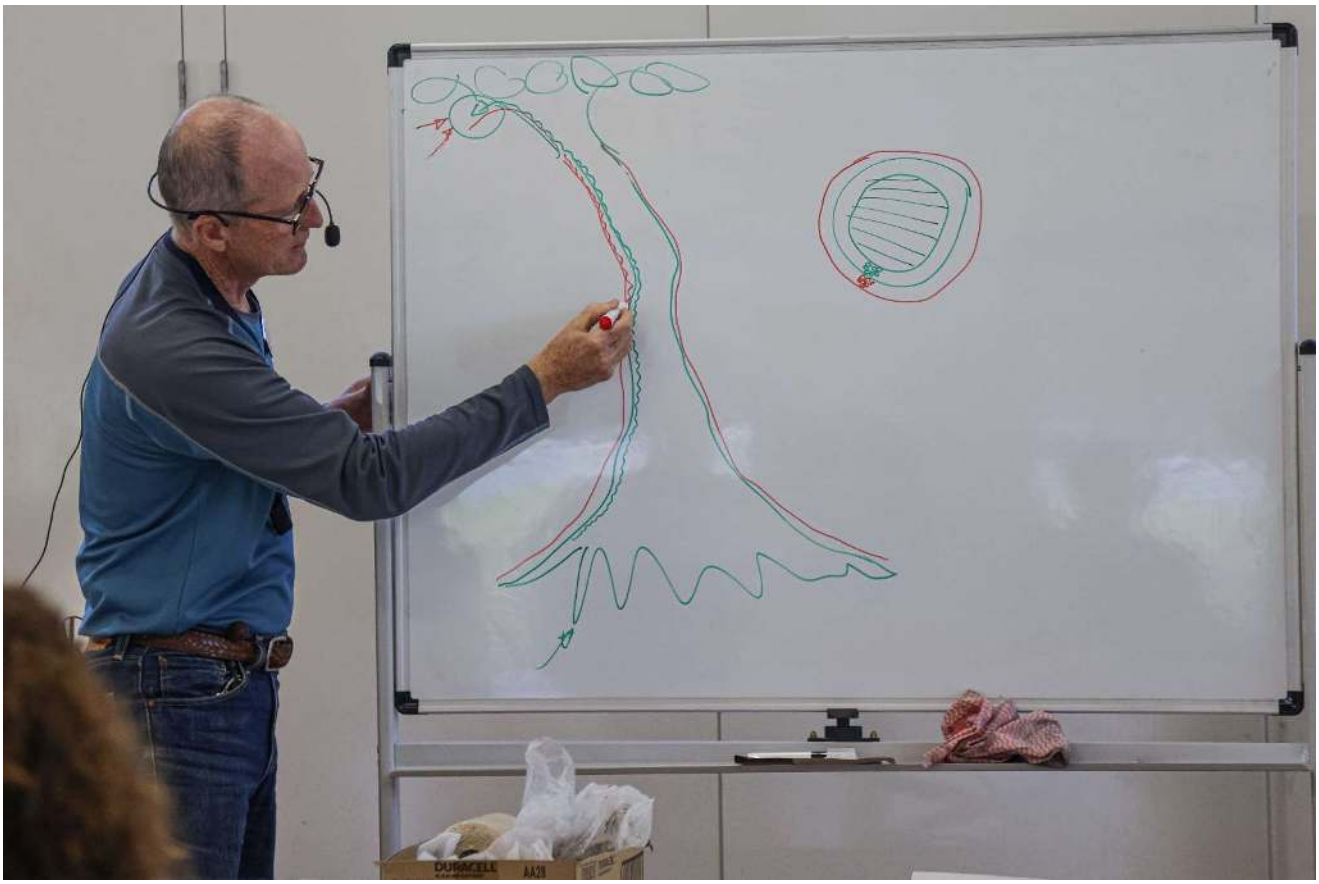

Member display trees at club meeting day August

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Melaleuca leucadendra

Weeping paperbark

The weeping paperbark is widespread in northern Australia, Southeast Asia and PNG. It is a tree, sometimes growing to more than 20 m with a trunk covered with thick, white, papery bark and weeping thinner branches. It has a long flowering season, can flower at almost any time of the year and is often grown as a tree in parks and on roadsides. It was the first melaleuca to be described and was described from a specimen growing in Indonesia. Its thick bark is papery, usually white but also pinkish or cream and it has weeping branches It grows in forests near the edges of rivers and streams on a range of soils It has been widely used in Brisbane as a street tree and there are now many specimens of significant size. They tend to develop several trunks and their lateral fine branches have weeping habit. There are two dominant leaf forms. It is the fine leafed form which is most often used in Bonsai. Like most Melaleuca it is very amenable to bonsai cultivation practices.

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
			Members Demonstration	From 1200
July	**23**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			Azaleas & Camelias with Kieth Stanley	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**	SCBS Show	
November	**26**	**Sat**	Committee Meeting	11am
			TBA	
December	**10**	**Sat**	Christmas party	

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