REDLANDS BONSAI

Newsletter of the Redlands Bonsai Society October 2022

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- **Meeting 22nd October – 11am – 2pm**
- **RBS Market Day 22nd October**
- **SCBS Show 29th October**
- **26th November Meeting**
- **10th December Christmas Party**

President's Message

Hi folks,

LAST CHANCE to secure a table at our market day on the 22nd of October. We had a great response from the bonsai community last year, so if you have trees, pots, tools or books that you want to sell, now's your chance. Send me an email if you are interested.

Our newsletter editor Rod has been busy working on our new website. It has now gone live so check it out at www.redlandsbonsai.org.

Thanks to Rod for all your hard work. We will be adding elements to our website as they come along so if you have any ideas, let me know.
We still have heaps of bags of soil mix, Diatomite, Zeolite and Scoria if you are not finished your repotting yet. Let me know if you want to purchase anything.
Your committee is starting to think about the program for 2023. Do you want to see something added to that program or have a demonstration idea that you would like to share with the group. We want to hear from you. We need input and assistance from our members to make our club the best we can.
See you all on the 22nd. Happy Market Day
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.

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In My Garden – October 2022

With later seasonal prep this year the seasonal start in my garden is only now picking up speed. Last year I started a lot of Ligustrum australianium (Australian privet) cuttings and after initial pruning and wiring let them grow with multiple shoots to about 400 to 500mm long. They developed nice little trunks.

A few weeks ago, I cut them right back to no more than 150mm high and root pruned at the same time. As the new shoots emerged, I applied my usual 'rules' of selection (no double or triples, no basal shoots, nor barring, and binary division only) to reduce the shoots to those I want to progress, building the 'core' structure of the tree. By this week these shoots have grown to about 75 to 100mm and were strong enough to be wired. Now I'll let them grow, only tipping where necessary to balance the growth for this season. 23/24 will be the time to start developing ramification.

The process has been just as I described at a meeting a couple of months ago. I have a number of other species where the same process is being applied to groups of developing bonsai.

I'm still watering by hand to manage the different water demands of those which have had full root and leaf pruning through to those that are now back in full leaf. I keep hearing about people killing off things like melaleucas by putting them back in a saucer of water after root pruning and hard branch pruning to bare branches. No leaves, no water is a good place to start with trees like this. Not no water of course by just enough to keep them slightly damp, never wet, until new growth emerges.

Nearly time to fertilize. I've just bought another bag of Osmocote and loaded up all the trees I've repotted with Osmocote Exact Standard that is good for 8 to 9 months, for a constant trickle, supplemented with occasional liquid fertilizing.

Happy bonsai, Steve

New Website up and running.

Exciting news! we now have our Redlands Bonsai Society website up and running and look forward to the interest in our club that it will hopefully generate. Take a look and give us your feedback or any suggestions on additions or improvements. 130 views in the first few weeks since it has been published.

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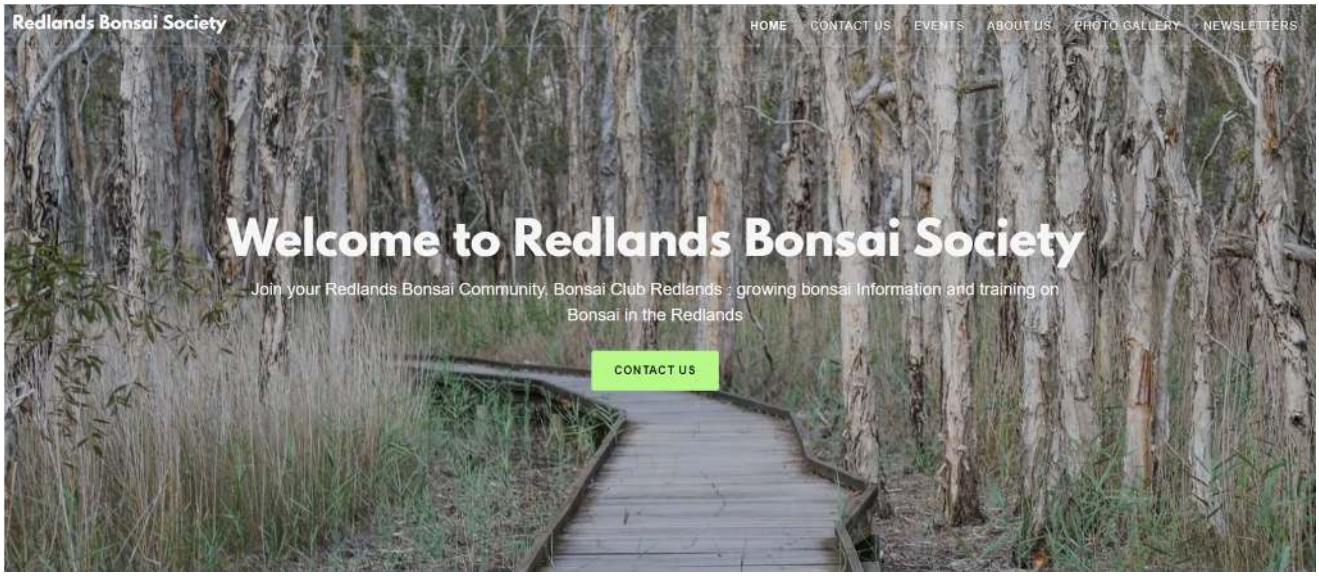

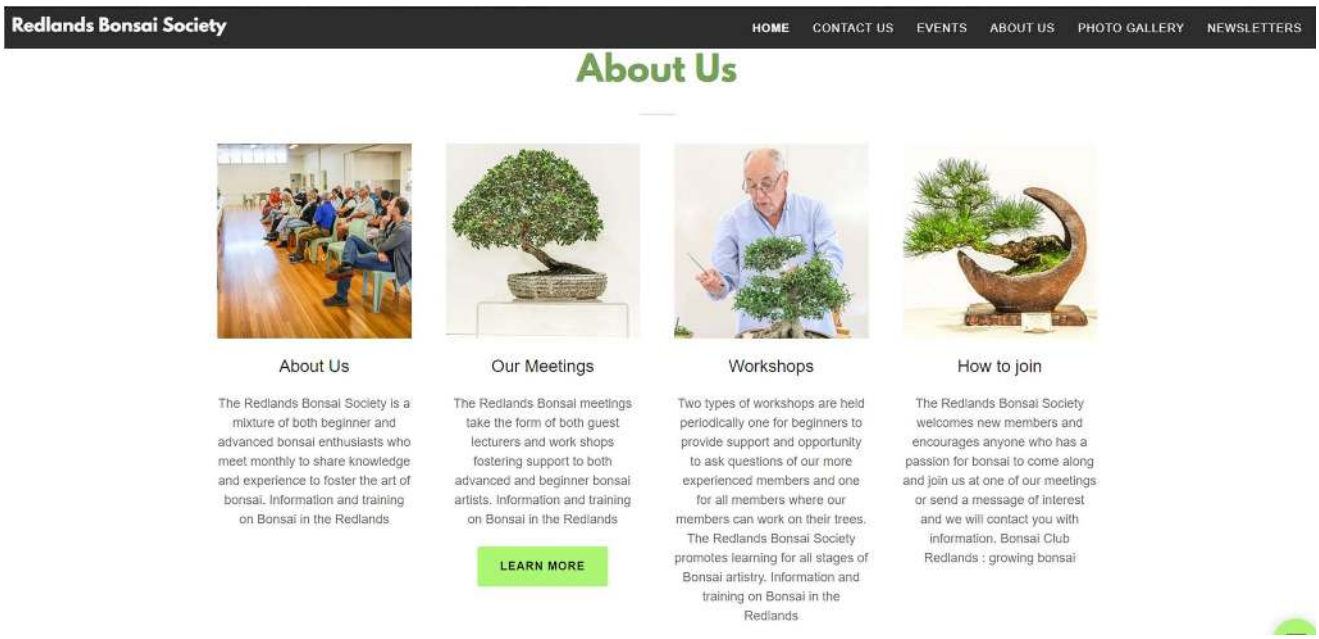

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BONSAI MARKET DAY & NATIVE DISPLAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22nd 2022
11am to 2pm

Wellington Point Recreation Hall
247 Birkdale Road, Wellington Point

- **Bonsai Trees, Starter Trees, Pots, Stands and Soil for Sale**
- **Bonsai Display**
- **Raffle Tree**

Free Entry
Eftpos Available

Redlands Bonsai Society Inc.

Member display trees at club meeting day September

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Melaleuca nodosa

Prickly Leafed Tea Tree

M. nodosa is native to eastern Australia. It is commonly found on alluvial soils, from sandy through shale- to clay-based, as well as heathlands, and can form dense thickets. This typical habitat can be found around Lota Creek in Ransome. Areas it grows in often have poor drainage. It grows as a shrub or small tree, sometimes growing to 10 m tall with thick, papery bark and sometimes needle-like leaves with profuse heads of yellow flowers as early as April or as late as January.

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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