REDLANDS BONSAI

Newsletter of the Redlands Bonsai Society October 2022

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President's Message

Hello folks,

The rain didn't put the buyers off for our Market Day, we had a great turn out and a fun time was had by all. The Native display was well put together by Steve with lots of info on each tree. Great job once again. Thanks again for all the helpers on the day.

The year has flown by and our last club meeting for this year is on November 26th at midday. We will be having a few things going on. Steve will be doing a demo on his large Callistemon. I will be bringing mine for a repotting as well. Mal Cox will be doing a brief talk on Black Pine candle pruning for this season as requested by members.

We will be assisting members with repotting a larger type tree that may be difficult to do alone so if you are struggling with a particular tree, bring it along and we will give you a hand.

If you have a tree that is looking great at the moment, bring it to display for the group.

I hope to see you all on the 26th.

Karen

Club Christmas Party

The Xmas party will be held at Karen's place again this year on December 10th. Invitation attached to newsletter. If you are not able to make the last club meeting but still want to attend the Christmas party, please email Karen with details of what you would like to bring to share.

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 repotting and pruning
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

I've just come back from 5 days in Gladstone working with the Botanical Gardens on their bonsai collection, again. They are working at upskilling employees and a force of volunteers to look after their growing collection, in time. They are now running Foundation programs to introduce the locals to the mysteries of growing bonsai and have a surprising number of followers of a local FB page. While there I spent a day with the latest class and then another half day with the volunteers for a workshop.

On the day with the foundations class I spent a fair amount of time talking about the stagewise process of developing bonsai, the things you hear me say a fair bit. Building from the ground up and the inside out, grow and cut and select and wire, decongest, compress etc. Seems self-evident and straight forward to those who understand but just a complex mystery to those who don't. Seeing what we do through beginner's eyes, there are lots of 'most important things' to get right. But most of it starts with knowing how plants operate and respond.

I stumbled across another new plant while away, Decaspermum struckoilicum. A quite rare member of the myrtaceae (myrtle) family, with small opposite glossy leaves and beautiful flowers. Similar to the Grey Myrtle and anyone who grows them will know how happily they flower well as bonsai. I'm hoping the Decaspermum will too as its flowers are vivid white. Strange name, strukoilicum. I've taken enough space already so will leave you to make your own inquiries.

Happy bonsai, Steve

Insight of a Bonsai beginner

I have had a visitor to my Bonsai patch over the winter months although I have seen them periodically before. I am now thinking the only option to fix the problem is to invite Davey Crockett over to sort out the situation. Even the crows are having an issue with him or maybe her. Being a cooler winter, it must have found it difficult to find enough food sources. It started with two Podacrophyllus being fully stripped, then next taking all the leaves off 10 azaleas that I had spent 6 months growing from cuttings. Not being content with his already broad choice of my plants the visitor stripped the Leopard trees. Like my grandchildren when they come over, I have to move most of the trees to keep them out of their reach this has been necessary with the visitor as it looks like he knows the path each night to get the best trees. Over the next couple of nights all was good until he got a taste for the figs new growth stripping the tops of my trees. Did I tell you it also has a big bum what he did not eat he knocked over.

I have been told several possible solutions from making a witches potion spraying his travel path to running party lights and feeding them with carrots. I am warned the party lights might invite his friends over.

He's now so comfortable in my garden and having mowed down a good selection of my bonsai's he is bringing food from next door namely tomatoes and leaving the chewed skin in my pots. It has been an eye opener for me in understanding how the seasons impact on both nature and bonsai growing.

If you haven't already guessed my friendly visitor is a possum. Nature and bonsai in my patch go hand in hand.

We'd love to hear about your "garden" experiences.

Rod

New website now has 260 views.

With the introduction of our new website to the Bonsai Community we have had very positive feedback. To date we have had 260 views. Our next step in the website journey is to add more educational content to make available for encouraging Bonsai enthusiasts. Let us know what you would like to see.

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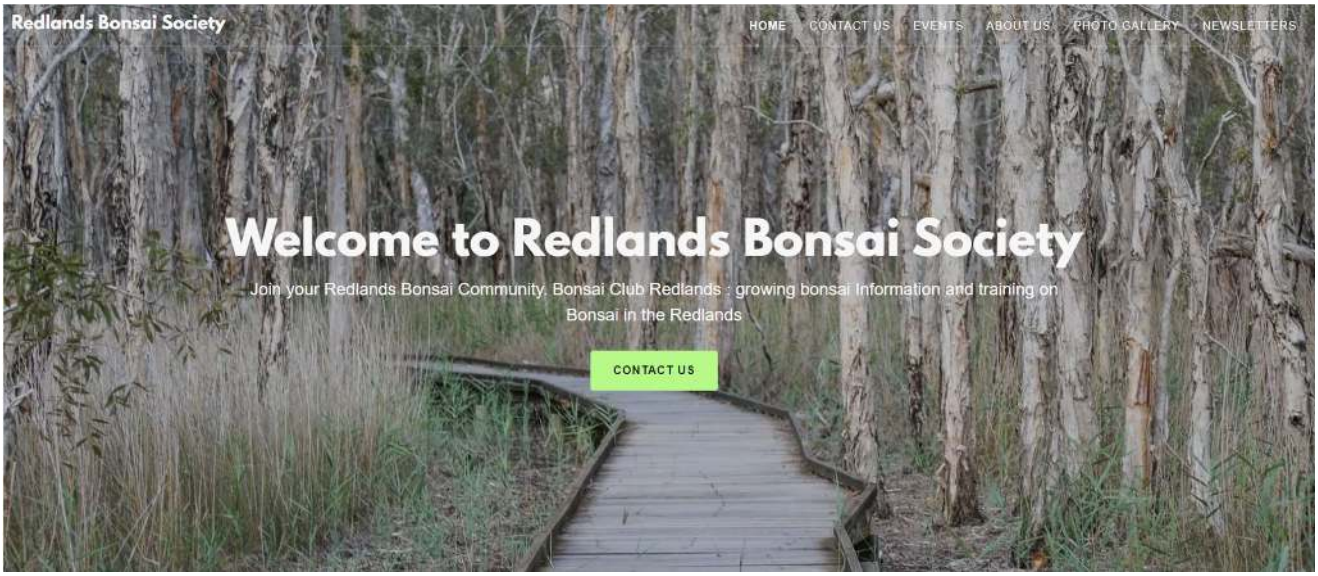

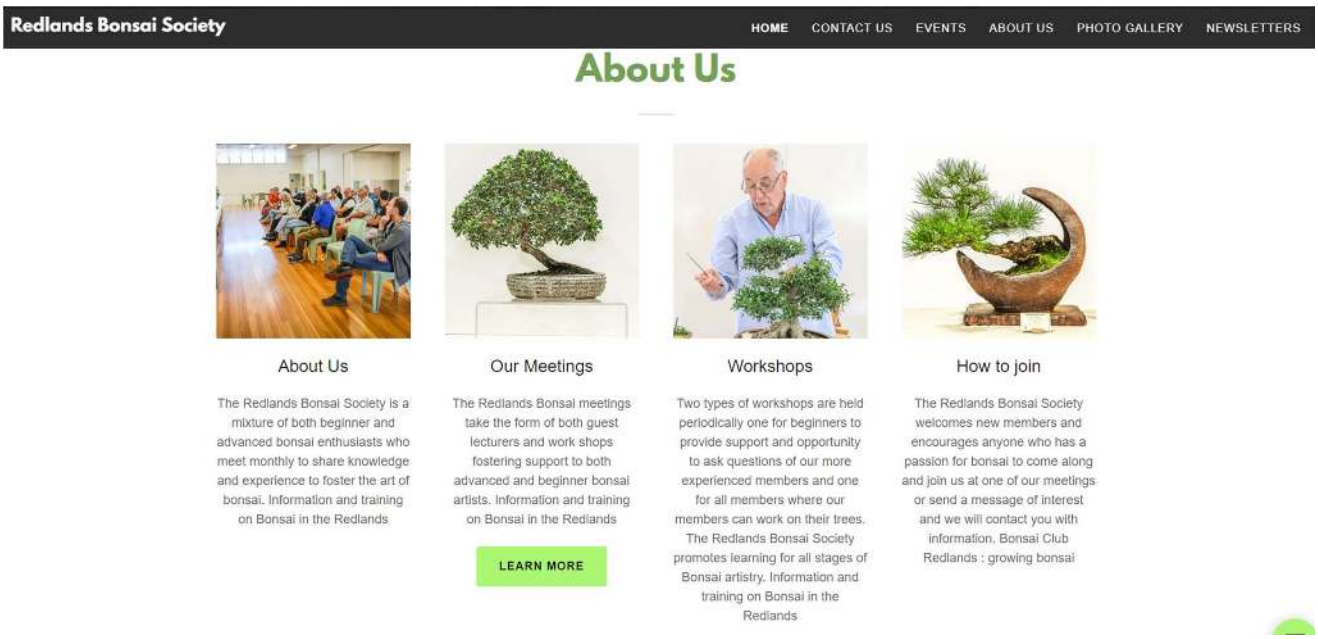

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Market Day Meeting

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Member native display trees at club market day

These are a selection of the members young developing native trees showed at the market day event.

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Fees for 2023

Note new membership fees for 2023.

Our membership fees for 2023 are going up to be $40 for a single and $50 for a family. We will be removing the monthly $2 entry charge. There will still be a raffle for those who want to participate. Fees are due by the end of this year.

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. Watch this space for the 2023 program calendar or check out the website.

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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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.

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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**	Meeting repotting and pruning large trees with a discussion on pines.	12 o'clock
December	**10**	**Sat**	Christmas party	Karen's Place

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