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President's Message

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Hoping that you are all recovering well post Cyclone Alfred. A couple of notes for the Redlands Bonsai Annual Show

It's our chance to display our best to the bonsai and Redlands community, and an opportunity to trade items. It is also our club's major fundraiser for the year.

We need details of your Display trees by Sunday 16th, including Species, Common Name, Height, Width, Age and Years in Training. This allows the Show Captain to plan out space & layout and print off detail tags.

Location same as previous shows - Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland

Setup Day - Saturday 22nd March

- Volunteers for Setup from 12 Midday
- If you are not helping to Set up, please don't come before 2pm with Display Trees and Sales Items. Any time after 2pm we will have tables set up for use.
- All Display Trees must have a signed Show declaration. Please ensure that you have labelled your name and number under each tree & stand
- All Sales Items need to have a Sales Sheet, and Sales declaration.
- Each item for Sale needs both a detachable tag, and a sticker/piece of tape marked

- ❖ RBS Annual Show 23rd March
- ❖ National Bonsai Convention 16-19 May 2025

Membership fee now due
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with your initials and a unique number marked & priced. For example, Joe Mawell Bloggs would use JMB01 \$10, then JMB02 \$7. Please aim to round up to the nearest \$.

- Members will have first opportunity to buy things on late Saturday afternoon. Any items withdrawn from the Sales area must be labelled with the buyer's name and number and must be paid for by close of day. Otherwise, any unpaid will be returned to the sales area

Show Day - Sunday 23rd March

- Volunteers arrive by 8:30 am
- Doors Open to Public at 9 am
- Sales & Show Close at 3 pm
- Quick Debrief from 3 to 3:15 pm
- Pack-up from 3:15 pm

Catering on Show Day

- We will be providing tea, coffee and biscuits on the day to our members
- If you'd like to bring something that you baked at home or baked at the supermarket that would be appreciated.
- Lunch will be provided for our show volunteer members. There will be a few lunch selections to choose from.

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Any questions please call Nick on 0419 705 611 or
Karen on 0434 127 016

Looking forward to seeing you all on Show
Weekend

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Nick

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National Bonsai Convention



All roads lead to Canberra

Canberra is the easiest Australian capital to get to – a short drive or a shorter flight from Sydney and Melbourne and just a few hours flight from other capitals. If you are driving – particularly from regional NSW – all roads lead to Canberra.



Canberra and the ACT are ablaze with autumn colour in the cooler months. The deciduous bonsai of course follow suit, making another reason to take in a unique Canberra experience.

Natives: where do they fit in Future Directions?





For more information:



SCAN THE CODE to visit
Convention website:
www.canberrabonsai.club

Here you'll find detailed profiles of the demonstrators, the complete program and pricing for the four days, venue information, video links and access to registration.

The website is where you can book your place for the 2025 convention. Email us with any questions or queries at: aabc2025@cbs.org.au

Other useful sites:
Canberra tourism: VisitCanberra.com.au
Rex Hotel: canberrarexhotel.com.au
National Arboretum Canberra: nationalarboretum.act.gov.au
National bonsai collection: nationalarboretum.act.gov.au
(National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia)

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37th AABC National Bonsai Convention

Canberra Bonsai Society Inc



We invite you to join us in Canberra for the 2025 Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs Convention

The four-day program is packed with internationally and nationally recognised demonstrations, discussions on the future, masterclasses, a dinner, welcome reception and tours.

Join the 50th birthday celebrations of the Canberra Bonsai Society and see an exhibition of high-quality trees from members' collections.



Future



Five reasons to join us in Canberra in May 2025:

- Your future.** The convention gives you the opportunity to have a voice in the future directions of bonsai in Australia. The Canberra Bonsai Society marks 50 years of achievement in 2025 – and now with AABC wants the bonsai community to look ahead at trends into the future – that's the theme for the convention – Future Directions 2025. Demonstrators and discussion leaders will raise questions and invite discussion on the changing influences on Australian bonsai practice.
- Venues.** Venues are international standard including Canberra's 4.5 rated Rex Hotel conference facilities and the Margaret Whillam Pavilion at the award-winning National Arboretum Canberra.
- Canberra's best.** The opportunity to look over the Canberra Bonsai Society's convention exhibition of members' bonsai – curated as the best in the ACT in 2025.
- Trees aplenty.** Whether your interest is in Australian natives or exotic species, there will be trees aplenty (some for auction) and also pots a plenty (there's a session on ceramics on Sunday), auctions and raffles and with a planned vendors section, there's a feast for the bonsai enthusiast.
- Only in Canberra.** In Canberra you will get an insight into the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection (with its nationally famous bonsai) and the National Arboretum Canberra (a mosaic of living forests with over 44,000 rare and endangered trees across a 250-hectare site).

International and national demonstrators

Our acclaimed demonstrators will bring their expertise, experience and artistry to the convention in demonstrations and masterclasses.



Jennifer Price, from Chicago, developed the art of movement as a ballerina, and now trains her bonsai to dance. Jennifer views bonsai as a living art that is constantly evolving. She emphasises the importance of continuous learning.



Michael Hagedorn is an artist in various media from Portland, Oregon, and is well-known internationally as a writer, teacher and leading bonsai practitioner.



Jarryd Bailey is a Tasmanian bonsai artist who draws inspiration from the wild hill country where he lives and works. He has adapted traditional bonsai techniques to Tasmanian natives despite the lack of information on many species.



Marcela Ferreira is a Victorian bonsai artist who has followed her love of Australian native flora to make her reputation as a specialist in Australian native bonsai.



Sam Thompson is a young Canberra bonsai artist who has created some of the most innovative bonsai displayed at recent exhibitions, by thinking outside the pot. Sam has been the Assistant Curator of the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia since 2017.

Future Directions

In a changing world, Australian bonsai artists ask what the future holds.

The Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs (AABC) and the Canberra Bonsai Society are taking up this challenge at the 2025 National Convention.

Across the four days of the 2025 Convention the demonstrators and leaders will raise and invite discussion on the twists and turns in the road ahead.

What will influence Australian bonsai practice and what does that look like? Influence from Europe and Asia, emerging technology and the changing environment are just some of the possibilities.

The sorts of questions that will get an airing include:

- How does a 21st-century future fit with an ancient and traditional art form?
- Should future directions be guided by the philosophical roots of bonsai rather than the specific Japanese canon that arose from these?
- Does the use of native species constitute a distinct school of bonsai?
- Where is the balance between bonsai as a home hobby and the display of elite trees?
- Is the tree the item of focus? Or can the pot or the display setting be the star?
- Does the scope include things associated with bonsai such as viewing stones, accent plants, tokonoma and scrolls?
- Should future directions be led by civic and often local objectives such as environmental sustainability – including water consumption, winter heating, collecting native or invasive species.



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Feb Meeting Day trees show case



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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 2025 program calendar or check out the website. The hall will be open at 10:30am for members and visitors' workshops, with the demonstration for the day from 12:30.

Foundations Development Program

See Course information above - 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.

Sign-in and Raffle

All members are required to sign in as they arrive. The sign in sheets are located on the front table as you enter the hall. If you don't want to sign into the meetings, please talk to one of the executive committee members.

There will be a raffle at each meeting and tickets are available for purchase at the sign in table.

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Fees for 2025

Our membership fees for 2025 are \$25 for a single, \$35 for a family and we have removed the monthly \$2 entry fee.

- Fees are due in December for the following year
- New members who join the club in the first 6 months of the year pay full membership fees
- Members joining after 30 June pay half fees for that year, with full membership fees due in November for the following year.
- Any member who has not paid their fees by 31 January for that year will be deemed unfinancial and not eligible to exhibit in the annual show, sell products at the show or meetings or vote at the AGM.

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Workshop Meetings

We aim to provide several workshop meetings throughout the year. These are great opportunities for people of all stages of their bonsai journey to come together, discuss and work on their trees. The more experienced members of the club are available to answer any questions and assist you in deciding the future style and care of your trees.

Remember advice will vary across the members, so weigh up the information and follow the advice you are most comfortable with.

Committee Members for 2025

President: *Nick*

Vice President: *Ryan*

Treasurer: *Eugene*

Secretary: *Noreen*

Newsletter: *Rod*

Member: *Karen*

Member: *Heather*

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REDLANDS BONSAI SOCIETY - PROGRAM FOR 2025				
Month	Date	Day	Meetings Activities	Times
January	25	Sat	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
			Open Day & Welcome Back Sausage Sizzle. Presentations - Preparing Trees for a Show, Show Judging	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
February	22	Sat	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10am
			AGM 2025	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
			Guest Presentation & Pre-Show Critique	from 1pm
March	22	Sat	Annual Show set-up	Donald Simpson Centre - From Midday
	23	Sun	Annual Show	Donald Simpson Centre - From 9am
April	26	Sat	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
			Demonstrations - Making Landscapes & Rocks, and hiding ugly Nebari	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
May	24	Sat	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
			Members Workshop continues + Side Demonstrations	Demonstrations from 12:30pm
June	28	Sat	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
	29	Sun	Guest Demonstrator - Quentin Valentine (VNBC & Bonsai Northwest)	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
July	26	Sat	Workshops with Quentin	2 Sessions - 8:30am - 4:00pm
			Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
August	23	Sat	Senior Members Presentations & Winter Warmer Session	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
			Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
September	27	Sat	Members Workshop continues + Side Demonstrations	Demonstrations from 12:30pm
			Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
October	25	Sat	Guest Demonstrator - Marija Hajdić - Meleda Bonsai Studio (Croatia)	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
			Workshops with Marija	2 Sessions - 8:30am - 4:00pm
November	22	Sat	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
			Members Workshop continues + Side Demonstrations	from 12pm
November	23	Sun	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
			Guest Demonstrator - Hugh Grant (Tree Makers)	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
			Workshops with Hugh	2 Sessions - 8:30am - 4:00pm

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