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Upcoming Events 2022

- ❖ Meeting 23rd July – 12 o'clock
- ❖ RBS Market Day October
- ❖ Bus trip to SCBS Show October
- ❖ Toowoomba Show 17-18 September
- ❖ 9th World Bonsai Convention 8th October

President's Message

Hi folks,

Great news, Keith Stanley has confirmed that he is coming to our July meeting for his Azalea and Camellia demonstration. Yay. As you can tell I'm very excited about this. My kirin azalea that I put in the 2020 show is just about dead and I am keen to get some advice from Keith.

Anyway, less about me, I hope you are all well. Nick and Heather will be attending the Mt Gravatt show on the 23rd along with Bimer and BSQ representatives to show some of our trees off and explain to interested people about our clubs. I will be doing the same thing with Diana on the 24th. So, if you are attending come over and say hello. Let's get a knock-out crowd at the hall on the 23rd at midday. Bring your Azaleas to display for the group or for advice, critique after the break.

Karen 😊

Editor's notes

Sorry for the delay this month but this month has found me travelling the Outback and with limited internet at times believe it or not. However, I have put together what I hope is an informative newsletter for everyone to enjoy!

Just a reminder your input is welcome on anything Bonsai, so feel free to share any stories big or small that would interest our members.

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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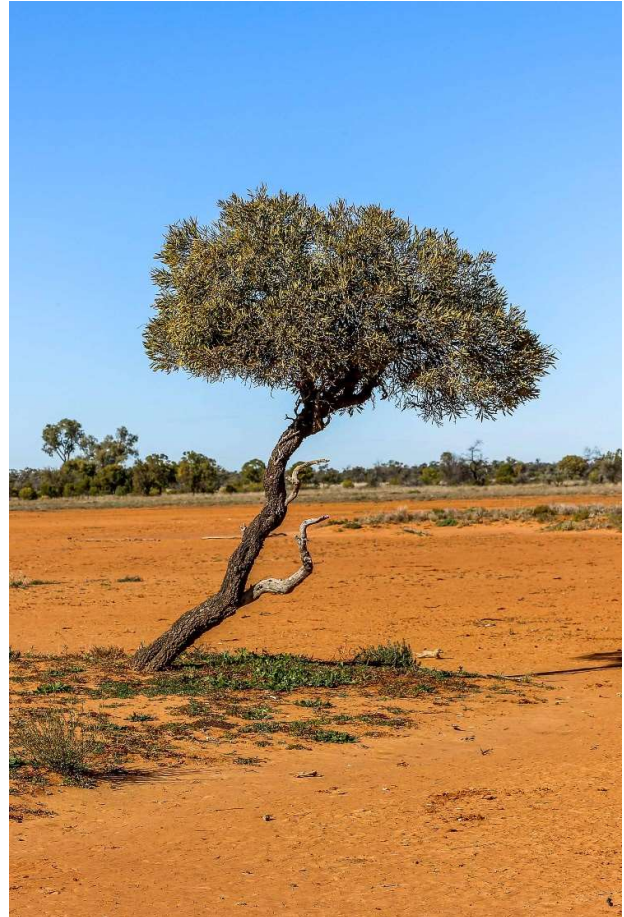


Insight of a Bonsai beginner

With the cold weather we are having it has been a trial maintaining the watering of my plants and on top of the weather I have been travelling for work and pleasure. With all of this in mind I built a new watering system as the previous ones were not successful for long periods of time. This time I have tried metered and timed watering with different watering heads and patterns.

This is an area where everyone would benefit from members experience in how they manage their watering systems. Looking forward to feedback to include in a future article.

Whilst travelling in the Queensland Outback I have observed many trees growing in vast plains separated by distance and some struggling for survival, and they seem to have more of the bonsai form than many we see on the East Coast. I found this very interesting and used the observations to discuss on our long drives. While hard to take photos when travelling on these long country roads I did manage to take some which I have included one in the newsletter.



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Workshop Meetings

With a quick change in plans last month due to our having to re-schedule the Azalea Demonstration some of our senior members jumped in to lead discussions. Topics included Bonsai Tools, cleaning and hygiene, root trimming and re-potting a swamp Cyprus. A demonstration on a Maple showing different pot selections and a discussion on what potting medium was used with this particular Maple.

To conclude we had a presentation on some old Figs that were rescued and how they will be managed in the future.



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Member display trees on club meeting day June



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Information for Members

Kimberly Halter is Toowoomba based and does demonstrations for clubs.

If any members are interested, you can subscribe to her newsletter on kimberly@bonsaiacademy.com.au. Just drop her a line to get on her list.

She presents on Maples, Buxus and Japanese Black Pine and has lots of experience.

As discussed in the last meeting this is a reminder that the committee has purchased early in time for the spring bonsai potting through Capalaba Nursery Diatomite, Scoria and Zeolite for club members. Please see the Treasurer for orders and payment. More information at next club meeting.

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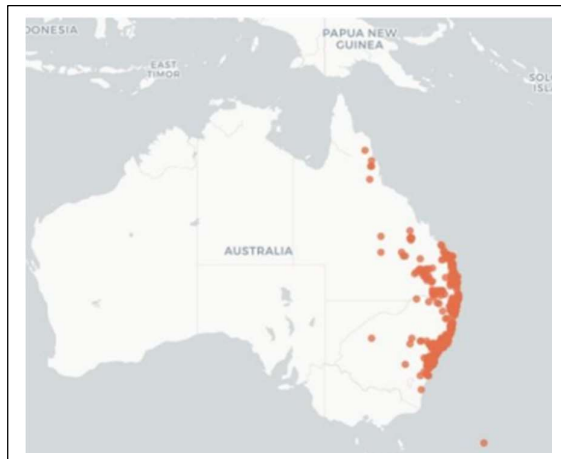


Native Showcase factsheet

Melaleuca nodosa

Prickly Leafed Tea Tree

Melaleuca nodosa Prickly Leafed Tea Tree M. nodosa is native to eastern Australia. It grows 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. This is an excellent species for bonsai. There are different leaf forms of various sizes.



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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.

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.

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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	Bus trip to SCBS Show	
November	26	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			TBA	
December	10	Sat	Christmas party	

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