

❖ **Presidents Message**



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I'm currently writing this message from the bitter cold of Melbourne, which reminds me that it *is* actually winter in Australia. For the most part we have been lucky so far and have had a mild winter in Brisbane, for which I am truly grateful, although it's interesting that my Chinese Elms, Chinese Hackberry and Swamp Cypress are still green and pretty much in full leaf. I even have heaps of coloured leaves left on my Trident Maple. That said growth has slowed down, and aren't anywhere near as thirsty as a just a couple of months back, so it's time to watch your trees closely before watering. I've overwatered at this time of year in the past and killed branches and trees. While you are down scratching your soil to check if it watering is needed, be sure to have a good all over check for pests, especially sap sucking pests like scale and mealy bug as they are still active, and can weaken your tree's energy store for their spring flush. Now is a great time to spray to get rid of these nasties on your twigs, branches and in your bark before the fresh growth of spring.

For our June meeting we were privileged to have had a visit from Melbourne's Quentin Valentine. We had a massive turn-out, and everyone I spoke to loved listening to, and talking with our special guest. The Sunday workshops were also very enjoyable, and I have 2 trees that are going to be much better for the styling input provided. The committee is in the process of shoring up our guest line-up for next year, and hopefully we'll see him back in 2026.

Upcoming Events 2025

- ❖ **RBS Meet July – Saturday 26th**
- ❖ **Workshop & Learners Group 10:30am**
- ❖ **Guest Speaker - Tim Knox July 26th**
- ❖ **Marija Hajdic September 26th**

We also hope that you enjoyed the first outing of our new video camera and big screen. It certainly helped with close-ups during styling discussions which has always been a challenge when you have a large group of people. The chopping between the slide show and the video feed was a little "challenging", and my camera work left a lot to be desired, but we are committed to rejig set-up and backdrop, until we get things right. To help with this we are looking for video camera operator/s. Whether this is a skill you possess, or you are pretty sure you could do a better job, or you'd just like to have a go, I **BEG** you to come talk to me, and I will show you the basics of the camera and the set-up, and let you work your magic. Also if there is anyone who likes to edit video, it would be nice to have a video for members who can't make meetings or as a resource for the future. Nothing fancy required.

For July's meeting we will be having a presentation on pots with Tim Knox talking Tokoname, along with a session where some of our senior members share their bonsai experiences. We still have a couple of speaking spots available, so if you'd like to speak, we'd love to hear from you. Please let me know if you can help out. Ryan will also be holding a repotting demonstration during the afternoon tea break for those that are still a little apprehensive.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on Saturday 26th July.

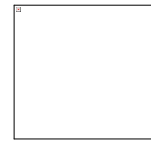
Happy Bonsai

Nick

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Coming presenters

August 23rd – Lance Wilson

Our August meeting will feature Lance Wilson (Toowoomba), who will be sharing his knowledge and flair on how to create magnificent landscapes



September 26th Marija Hajdic (Croatia)

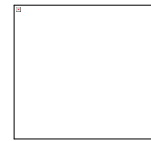


We are delighted to have Marija Hajdic visit us all the way from Croatia. As per the last newsletter, we are looking at a venue change for our September meeting and have secured the hall at Whites Hill State College, which is around 20km away to the west (near Carina/Camp Hill/Coorparoo area). I realise that this won't be in Redlands for once, but as part Marija's limited tour around Australia, we want to ensure that we have a suitable larger venue for as many bonsai enthusiasts from around SEQ as possible to see her. We also want to make sure that none of our members miss out on the opportunity. If you think you will need assistance in travelling to and from Whites Hill, can you please let myself or Karen know, and we will have arrangements made for your transport.

With the venue change, we will also be looking to hold a special paid workshop on Saturday 26th September at Whites Hill prior to her free Presentation and Demonstration in the afternoon. This is in addition to holding the 2 paid workshop sessions on the Sunday. Details will be coming out on flyers very, very soon.

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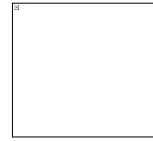
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RBS Meeting Protocol

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.

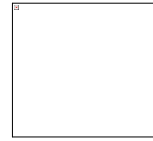
Sign-in and Raffle

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.

Banking details for on-line renewals are:

Name: Redlands Bonsai Society Inc

BSB: 633000

Account Number: 169724416

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*

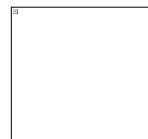
Member: *Karen*

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
	28	Sat	Guest Demonstrator - Quentin Valentine (VNBC & Bonsai Northwest)	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
	29	Sun	Workshops with Quentin	2 Sessions - 8:30am - 4:00pm
July	26	Sat	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
			Senior Members Presentations & Winter Warmer Session	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
August	23	Sat	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
			Members Workshop continues + Side Demonstrations	Demonstrations from 12:30pm
September	27	Sat	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
	27	Sat	Guest Demonstrator - Marija Hajdić - Meleda Bonsai Studio (Croatia)	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
	28	Sun	Workshops with Marija	2 Sessions - 8:30am - 4:00pm
October	25	Sat	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
			Members Workshop continues + Side Demonstrations	from 12pm
November	22	Sat	Members Workshop & Learners Group	10:30am - 12pm
	22	Sat	Guest Demonstrator - Hugh Grant (Tree Makers)	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
	23	Sun	Workshops with Hugh	2 Sessions - 8:30am - 4:00pm

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