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President's Message

Hi everyone,

I will start by saying sorry for the confusion regarding our show, we did decide at the committee meeting before the last club meeting that we would postpone till November due to covid spikes and concerns that we may not get a good response to a March event. We have however had a change of heart and are now going ahead as previously planned for March 27th with set up on the 26th as usual. I hope this is not going to be short notice for our exhibitors. Please bring your show trees to our February workshop for a critique and assistance if needed. For our annual show to be successful we require a team of volunteers to assist setting up on the day prior and

on the day of the show. I hope I can count on our members to assist on at least one of the days. Please let me know if you can help out. Your assistance is always greatly appreciated.

See you at our February meeting.

Karen 😊

In My Garden - February

I had the pleasure of running a short presentation on Melaleuca at the last Bimer meeting. To illustrate the story, I took along some of my Melaleuca collection, mustering samples of 16 different species, some more developed than others and some only recently acquired. It certainly does show the diversity of our native flora, even in just a single genus. There are close to 300 species of Melaleuca in Australia and so 16 from essentially southeast Queensland doesn't sound too many but with those 16 we have plenty to choose from: different leaf characteristics, different bark, pace etc.

We've had a couple of 'native buys' in the last few years and I know there is now a fair diversity of Melaleucas in members hands. I look forward to seeing them come forward as they develop; to workshops and shows in the years ahead.

With the moist conditions, humidity and fluctuating temperature it's been a challenging time for managing the growth not to mention the weeds, bugs, fungus and green/black algae/slime. I've been relying heavily on my Copper Sulphate spray to deal with the latter. Three teaspoons per half litre is about the right rate. The best spray

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bottle to use is a reused household cleaner bottle. These things are made to handle more than just water and seem to cope much better than the cheap Bunnings offering.

This morning I walked around my nursery and made a list, a show short-list. More than I can put in but the ones I'll choose from. Only a few weeks away, so start now with the preparation. There might just be time for a new flush of leaves. Remove and cut off damaged leaves and let the tree replace them. A little wire now will set a position, to take it off again for the show. Lots to do and time is flying.

Happy bonsai, Steve

Annual Show - Sunday March 27th

Our club exhibition will be held on a Sunday at the Donald Simpson Centre in Cleveland. Setup will happen the Saturday afternoon before, as usual.

Trees will be entered into either Open or Novice classes. Novice is for members who have been practising bonsai for 4 years or less.

Within the Open class there will be 4 sizes judged, including:

Miniatures: under 250mm

Small: from 250mm to 450mm

Medium: from 450mm to 650mm

Large: over 650mm.

EXHIBITORS, PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Forms for exhibition trees will be attached to this newsletter, and or available at our February meeting.

Please supply the trees information to Karen - karen.freeland@outlook.com so that the layout of the display can be planned.

When preparing your trees, please place a removable ID tag with the same information supplied to Karen, so they can be easily matched with the prepared label, and include your initials as ID. All accessories, stands and accents should have name of owner written somewhere underneath.

Trees will be displayed in their size classes.

If you are entering the Novice class, please write this on the tag as well.

SELLERS, PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

All financial members are invited to provide items for sale. Commissions to the club will be 20% this year, however if you exhibit a tree, the commission will be discounted to 10%.

Plant sales will be in the same room as previous years. For those members with items to sell, please register your availability to assist on the day with Karen. We will need at least four people on the checkout and more for rotation throughout the day.

A copy of the Sales Inventory Sheet will be attached with this newsletter. If you want to sell anything at the show, please fill out this form and give it to Karen on the Saturday.

Sellers are asked to attach price tags to each item.

The tag should contain three items of information, one your price, the item number, and your initials. The tag is removed on sale and retained to determine distribution of proceeds.

No tag means no sale. Tags are readily available at most newsagents, or you can make your own.

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You should have other appropriate descriptive information on the sale item as well. (Species/age etc if it's a tree, for example.)

For security this should be in a form that is not able to be removed or shifted to a different item. Masking tape is the preferred material to use for this since it's difficult to re-attach once it's been peeled off.

Pricing advice: For small items please keep prices to round dollars. Anything over \$30 make the steps in \$5 jumps.

For established bonsai consider the following guide: The likely nursery price for a tree of that height, plus \$10 for each year of age, plus the cost of the pot. You can then adjust this for the quality of the bonsai.

If you want to change a price of an item during the day, you will need to replace the fixed tag, the sales tag, and edit the sales inventory form. One change in three places, so be prepared.

SETUP:

Setup will be from approximately 2pm on Saturday March 26th and show trees to go into the hall from approximately 4pm. Trees can be marshalled in the foyer while we set up. Covid vaccination restrictions will apply, but please can we have as many people as possible to help with setup.

The Exhibition will run from 9:00am to approximately 4pm on Sunday, March 27th. Clean up and pack up will be straight after closing. Again, many hands make light work, please help where you can.

The successful operation of the show needs everyone to take a share of the many tasks, from front desk, to sales, as well as keeping an eye on the exhibition area.

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We'll do what we can to keep the rotation of jobs happening so no one gets bored. Last exhibition we had a great response from members, and we're relying on it again this time to allow us to have a successful and Covid-safe exhibition.

How to measure your show tree

Please see below how to measure the height and width of your show tree.

Height - Measure from the rim of the pot to the top of the foliage.

Width – Measure the widest point of your show tree. Please note this may be either the pot or the foliage.

Please measure in millimetres.



January Round Up

Our January meeting's main theme was figs. From the different varieties that are grown, to lesser-known varieties that may have some merit. There



was also a session to provide some constructive critique on those brought in by members. Thank you, Stephen for conducting these sessions and to our experienced members for providing additional information.

Thank you also to Karen for conducting the sessions on the remedies available for common pests and diseases.

Nick



Annual Fees

Just a reminder that 2022 membership fees are due. Please pay by electronic funds transfer if possible. It makes Nick's life a little easier. Please include your surname in the payment reference.

Banking details for online renewals as follows:

Name: Redlands Bonsai Society Inc

BSB: 633000

Account: 169724416

For Your Information

Steve is once again running the Foundations Program this year. This program is a fantastic start to your bonsai journey packed with information. Please see the attached flyer and contact Steve if your interested in joining this year's curriculum.



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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'll find the program on the last page. Here is an explanation of some of the items:

The hall will be open at 11am for most meetings, with committee meetings to be held from 11am before each normal meeting.

Foundations Development Program

This program of 8 x 3hr lessons was first run in 2015. Please talk to Steve C if you wish to join in this program.

Learners' Group This group has been in place for a couple of years now and will continue in our new venue. The group is intended for informal tuition and coaching from 11am to 12:00 pm on meeting dates when a demonstration or presentation is scheduled. Senior members will be available to offer advice and support.

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. Midday start.

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Name Badges

Name badges are provided by the club, and we ask that you wear them at the meeting to help everyone with bad memories.

Door Prize / Raffle

At each meeting there will be door and raffle prizes drawn. Members displaying trees will be given a free raffle ticket. Don't forget to let the people on the front desk know you're entitled to a free ticket if you've brought a display tree.

If you are wondering about the **experience level definitions**, you will find them online in the blog:

<http://redlandsbonsai.blogspot.com/p/experience-levels.html>

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It has become necessary to update and clarify information on club annual fees. They are currently \$20 per year for single membership and \$30 for couples or parents and children and can now be paid online.

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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

We generally schedule club workshops at every second regular monthly meeting.

As we have a number of newer members attending these workshops it is timely to describe their purpose and how they are intended to operate.

For many the workshop afternoon is an opportunity to put aside some time and give a couple of their trees some quality time. For others it is an opportunity to get some advice or assistance.

Please feel free to come along and work independently on your trees. If on the other hand you want some advice, then there are always several senior club members in attendance to ask. The workshops aren't designed to be formal teaching workshops, so rule number one is if you want some help you need to ask for it and make sure someone hears.

The other challenge is that you might get different advice from different people, actually you will get

different advice! That's because there's never a right answer or just one, it depends.... on so much. This is one of the challenges of bonsai; learning enough to be able to discriminate and evaluate the advice you are given. It's like going to two doctors and getting three opinions. It happens and it's in your hands to choose.

So that comes back to the advisers present. You can speak to one or as many as you can get their attention or the one that stands in front of you and says 'Hello, can I help? So, rule number two is you don't have to do what is suggested if you are unsure or don't want to. Just say 'thanks I'll think about it'.

Workshops:

- Ask for help if you want it.
- Evaluate the advice you are given.
- Take action on the advice only if you want.

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Committee members for 2021

President: Karen F.

Vice President: Heather L.

Treasurer: Nick J.

Secretary: Bob S.

New member greeter: Julie B.

Newsletter: T.B.A

Member: Mel B.

Member: Sandy C.

Member: Craig P.

Please consider joining the committee to help add your voice to the operation of the club. It's always good to get feedback and suggestions.

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 Repot	From 1200
May	28	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Workshop	Learners group from 11am
June	25	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Tony Watt talks about Shohin Bonsai/ Fertilising with Brian.	From 1200
July	23	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Workshop	Learners group from 11am
August	27	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			TBA	From 1200
September	24	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Workshop	Learners group from 11am
October	22	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Bus trip to SCBS Show	Learners group from 11am
November	26	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			TBA	
December	10	Sat	Christmas party	

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