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President's Message

Hi folks,

Hello folks,

It's that time again for repotting and root pruning. We have ordered some soil for the club this year and have subsidised the cost of the soil for our members. The details are in this newsletter.

Our next meeting is on Saturday the 27th starting at midday. We will be doing a group participation day on grafting and air layering. Bring in your trees that need a a graft or air layer and we will work on it together. We will also have a repotting station for those of you who are not feeling confident to do your repotting alone. We will have some bags of Diatomite, zeolite and scoria for you to purchase at the meeting.

If your deciduous trees are looking nice in their winter silhouette, bring one along to display for the group.

I hope to see you all on the 27th.

Karen 😊

Upcoming Events 2022

- ❖ **Meeting 27th August – 12 o'clock**
- ❖ **RBS Market Day October**
- ❖ **Bus trip to SCBS Show October**
- ❖ **Toowoomba Show 17-18 September**
- ❖ **9th World Bonsai Convention 8th October**

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
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 - August

Everywhere I look I'm seeing cold impacted bonsai, mostly leaves with a bronzy tinge and looking like there are in hibernation. Autumn colouration seems to have been more pronounced too. As a reference check I looked back over these bonsai garden notes I've been doing for years now. For the last 5 years August 1 was my starting date for root pruning/repotting, getting most of it done by mid-month. But not this year. A couple of days ago I 'did' my 4 Celtis because at last a few buds started to leaf out, but that's it so far. Even the week ahead is forecast to have sub 10 overnight temperatures all week. It's been a very different winter and a slower spring.

And with the lower temperatures there are a lot of frustrated bonsai enthusiasts who just want to get into it and get the new growth season rolling. Me too, but all in good time and that will be soon.

The deciduous trees are the priority. Some will need the old leaves stripped of if they haven't turned or dropped. I still have no buds showing on my swamps or elms but by next week it might be their turn to be prepped. Defoliate, prune and wire and then root prune. The evergreens can really be done at any time

in the growing season but I usually like to get into them before the big spring flush of new foliage comes through.

Supply of potting mix ingredients has been a bit uncertain over recent times. Even coir was absent from the Bunnings shelves for a while. I've bought when available and so fortunately am well stocked for the spring demand ahead. The club's initiative to acquire stocks of the essential inorganic components is a great step and I encourage you to make use of it. Always best these days to carry your own buffer stock.

Happy bonsai, Steve

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Melaleuca linarifolia

'Claret Tops' Claret Tops"

The 'Claret Tops' variety of *M. linarifolia* is a more compact form with distinctive claret coloured new growth. Because of its more compact size it is much used as a landscaping plant and can commonly be seen hedged and on traffic islands in Brisbane. This is an excellent, adaptable and forgiving species for bonsai. Its opposed leaf structure and small internodal distance does however demand regular attention to decongest pruned areas.



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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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