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President's Message

Hello folks,

Happy new year folks,

I hope you all had a great break with your family and friends. We had a very pleasant afternoon at my place for the Xmas party with lots of yummy food. Mal won the best decorated tree. Unfortunately, I was quite unwell on the day and didn't get a chance to make a little speech to thank the committee for the support and help during the year. I also want to thank Steve for his assistance and knowledge to pull me out of the shit at most meetings. Lol. Our senior members are continuing to do a great job with the learner's group, so thank you very much guys. Love you all ♥

Our 2023 program starts on Saturday 28th January with a learner's group at 11am and at midday we will have a bring back of our foster trees and then after afternoon tea, Steve will work on our show raffle tree that he and I fused together in November 2021. (Steve did all the work, I just held stuff and passed tools. Lol). I hope you can all come to the meeting as it should be very informative.

Karen

Upcoming Events 2023

- ❖ Meeting and Learners Group 28th Jan
- ❖ AGM 25th February
- ❖ Annual Show 26th March

First meeting 2023 fees now due

Our membership fees for 2023 are going up to be \$40 for a single and \$50 for a family. We will be removing the monthly \$2 entry charge. There will still be a raffle for those who want to participate. Fees are due by the end of this year. Banking details for online renewals as follows:

Name: Redlands Bonsai Society Inc – BSB 633000 – Account 169724416

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 repotting and pruning

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 - October 2022

At our last meeting in November 2022, I demonstrated some seasonal and remedial pruning of a couple of Melaleuca (Callistemon) Viminalis.

Mine had gone pretty wild for some months waiting for the time to demonstrate the seasonal cutback. The structure had been well worked on in the past and the roots regularly pruned and so the work was straightforward. I had been 'top hedge pruning' it just to keep it under some sort of control. So, the pruning I did at the meeting was pretty thorough leaving it entirely defoliated and heavily compressed. You might remember it was then root pruned and repotted.

Did it survive? Well, you of course it did. The tree was 'kept moist but not wet' until shoots emerged. As you will see from the photos, in the 6 weeks since the meeting the new shoots have extended nicely. Those placed higher in the tree are as expected more active.

The work that needs to be done now is to look at the structure branch by branch and choose which of these new shoots to keep, where necessary wire them for shape and then not long after tip prune only those higher up to encourage the tree to allocate some resources to the lower branches.

Happy bonsai,
Steve



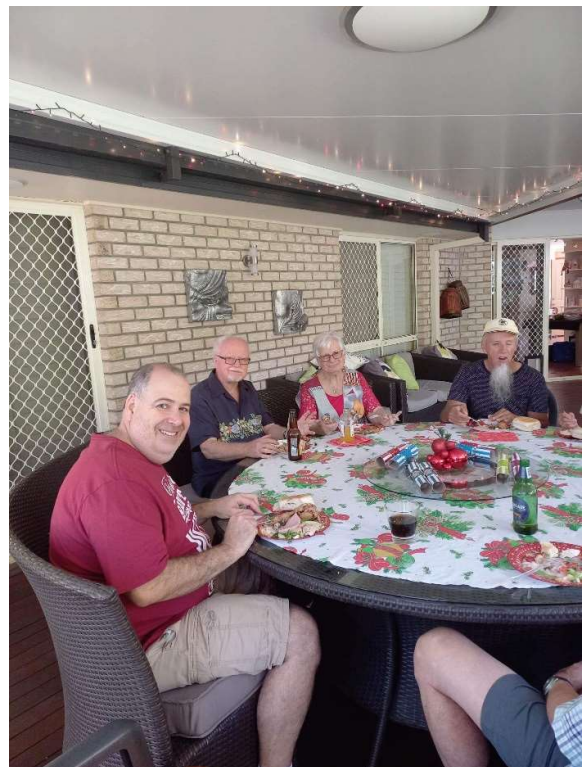
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RBS Meeting Protocol

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 2023 program calendar or check out the website.

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.

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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.

Annual Fees

Fees for 2023.

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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

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?

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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.

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 2023				
Month	Date	Day	Meetings and Workshops	Additional activities
January	28	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Foster tree bring back / Show raffle tree bring back and trim with Steve	Learners group from 11am
February	25	Sat	Committee Meeting	From 1200
			AGM 2022/2023 Prep your trees for show/ Workshop	11am
March	25	Sat	Show Setup	
	26	Sun	Annual Show	
April	22	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Forest tree bring back and forest making demo	From 1200
May	27	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Talk on Minis with Tony Watt and arvo Workshop	Learners group from 11am
June	24	Sat	Committee Meeting	From 1200
			Ugly tree day / Problem tree advice session	11am
July	22	Sat	Committee Meeting	Learners group from 11am
			Workshop / Deciduous wiring and pruning	From 1200
August	26	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Demo TBA	From 1200
September	23	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Workshop	Learners group from 11am
October	28	Sat	RBS Market Day	From 1200
November	25	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Native tree bring back and native workshop and Q&A	From 1200
December	9	Sat	Christmas Party	

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