





- ❖ **Presidents Message**
- ❖ **Bonsai with Leigh Taafe (invitation information below for workshop and demonstration.**

President's Message

Hey folks,
I hope you are getting excited about our interstate visiting demonstrator Leigh Taafe, who will be coming to our September meeting and doing two workshop sessions the following day. We still have room for observers for the workshops. If you are interested, please let me know.
Our RBS market day is on the 28th of October. Our flyers with all the details will be posted soon. I'm sure we will have a great day as we have had for the last 2 years.
We are starting to think about our program for next year and with that in mind, we are putting together a survey of questions that will help us decide what to include in next year's program and also moving forward as a club. I hope you will all take the time to fill it out when you receive it. See you all on Saturday 23rd
Karen 😊

- ❖ **RBS Market Day – 28th October**
- ❖ **Sunshine Coast Bonsai Society Annual Show 29th October 2023**
- ❖ **Gold Coast Tweed Show 12- 13th November 2023**

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Redlands Bonsai Society is proud to present:

"Discover the Art of Bonsai" with Leigh Taafe

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Now, as the Curator of the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection, Leigh manages over 120 trees including the permanent collection and trees on loan, manages and trains bonsai volunteers, engages the public and bonsai professionals through an ongoing event program.

Leigh will be discussing his work as the Curator of the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection and giving tips on how to improve your trees to get them up to this standard.

DON'T MISS THIS RARE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM A RENOWNED BONSAI PROFESSIONAL. WHETHER YOU ARE A SEASONED ENTHUSIAST OR JUST STARTING YOUR BONSAI JOURNEY, THE AFTERNOON PROMISES TO INSPIRE AND ELEVATE YOUR SKILLS.

SATURDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2023
12.00pm - 3.30pm
Venue:
Wellington Point Recreational Hall
347-371 Birkdale Road, Wellington Point
Cost: Free



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BONSAI WORKSHOPS WITH LEIGH TAAFE

Sunday, 24th September, 2023

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This is a rare opportunity to work with Leigh on your trees, and plan what is necessary to have your bonsai worthy of being with the National Collection.



**LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE
2 SESSIONS**

SUNDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2023
9.00am - 12.00pm (8 spaces)
1.00pm - 4.00pm (8 spaces)

**Cost: \$40 members
\$50 non-members**

**Venue:
Alexandra Hills Community Hall
131-155 Finucane Road, Alexandra Hills**

10 additional
spaces available
for silent viewing
of the workshop.
Cost \$10 per
person.

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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.

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 2023

Our membership fees for 2023 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 a number of 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...

Your Committee Members for 2023

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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Member: Ryan M.

REDLANDS BONSAI SOCIETY - PROGRAM FOR 2023				
Month	Date	Day	Meetings and Workshops	Additional activities
January	28	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Foster tree return / Show raffle tree rework with Steve	Learners group from 11am
February	25	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			AGM 2022/2023 Prep your trees for show / Workshop	From 12pm
March	25	Sat	Show Setup	
	26	Sun	Annual Show	
April	22	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Forest trees 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 Meeting 12pm
June	24	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Ugly Tree day Problem tree advice session	From 1200
July	22	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Workshop / Deciduous tree wiring and pruning	Learners group from 11am Meeting 12pm
August	26	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Jeff Bray from Gold Coast Tweed Club	From 1200
September	23	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Leigh Taafe	Learners Group 11am
October	28	Sat	RBS Market Day	
November	25	Sat	Committee Meeting	11am
			Native Tree bring back and native workshop Q&A	From 12pm
December	9	Sat	Christmas Party	

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