



❖ **Presidents Message**



❖ **RBS May Meeting – Saturday 28th**

❖ **Workshop & Learners Group 10:30am**

❖ **Guest Speaker - Quentin Valentine 28th
June**

❖ **Quentin Valentine Workshop 29th June**

President's Message

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The shortest day of the year has been and gone for another year, and I am loving that the days are getting longer again. That said, our trees have slowed down, as have their demands for watering (but weirdly my weeds are still growing like well... weeds).

Now is a great time to prepare for the spring repotting season, whether that means cleaning and sharpening tools, getting potting media and pots sorted, or working on that new watering system you have been pondering.

Our May workshop meeting was full of activity, and the largest workshop that I've seen in my time at the club. Thanks to all that brought their trees, and those who shared advice. It's certainly great to get new perspectives on how to develop our bonsai while chatting with like minded enthusiasts. Thank you also to Tony for sharing a mini workshop on fake rock construction. We held back the wiring workshop for later this year

and for those who want to see my slideshow of photos from the Convention, these will be up on the AABC Website very soon.

For our meeting this month on Saturday June 28th we will be joined by talented bonsai artist Quentin Valentine from Melbourne. For those that didn't read last month's newsletter I have repeated the paragraph below.



"Quentin is well known, and is highly regarded in Victoria with over 35 years of experience, and this is his first ever visit to talk to a bonsai group in Brisbane. Now retired to a life of

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peaceful bonsai obsession, Quentin worked in horticulture for 30 years and took up bonsai in 1989 after borrowing a book from the library. He thought "I could do that easily" and so he did, helped by the numerous variety of plants he was already propagating in the backyard. One tree remains from that first batch of trees, a shohin Liquidamber! Quentin joined a few clubs and went to Japan Seminar House as he sought advice and gradually developed his skills. He is prepared to tackle almost any plant material and has tried his hand at an increasing number of Australian species. He now has a number of significant Australian native bonsai as well as continuing his interest in Pines, deciduous trees, and broadleaved evergreens. He has had trees on display at the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia in Canberra. Quentin was one of those instrumental in setting up the Victorian Native Bonsai Club that commenced in 2013, and took on the presidency at that time, as well as imparting his knowledge at meetings and workshops. After seeing his personal collection, I have been blown away by not only the breadth of varieties of species, and styles, but also the breath taking levels of refinement (I was lost for words)"

Quentin will be with us from early Saturday to provide advice at our general workshop in morning, before

presentation and demonstrating in the afternoon from 12:30. He will share his bonsai experience and talk about his trees, and will also be talking about his approach to refinement work which is a hallmark of his bonsai.

He will also be hosting 2 sessions of paid workshops on the Sunday (\$40 each session), where I encourage people to attend to seek his guidance for styling and refinement, but if you don't have a tree, please, please, please just come along to listen and observe (only \$10 each session), as knowledge you gain is well worth it.

For those that would like to have a meal and a catchup with Quentin, we will be organising a table at local venue for Saturday evening. Please let Karen or I know if you are interested.

For July's meeting we will be having a presentation on pots, and will be having another session where some of our senior members share some of their bonsai experiences. If you'd like to speak, please let me know. We will also have a repotting demonstration during the afternoon tea break for those that are still a little apprehensive.

The Bayside Community Fund raffle was a great success, raising \$1890 for the club. Thank you to all those who bought

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and sold tickets, but I would like to give a special shout out to gun raffle ticket sellers Greg Hatfield and Tony Sumpton who each sold in excess of 5 books each.

Happy Bonsai

Nick

The funds raised will be invested in our guest speaker program, and to assist with our AV Upgrade which is currently underway. All going well at this meeting we will be able to show our presenter (and zoom in to what they are working on) and slides on a big screen that will be easily seen by everyone around the hall.

Lastly we are looking at a venue change for Marija Hajdic's visit for September, 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. As part of 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.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on Saturday 28th June.

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Redlands Bonsai Society JUNE WORKSHOP



Redlands Bonsai Society is proud to present:

Quentin Valentine

Quentin Valentine is well known in Victoria as a skilled bonsai practitioner. His commitment to the art and his willingness to share knowledge and experience with others is widely acknowledged.

Quentin worked in horticulture for 30 years and took up bonsai in 1989 after borrowing a book from the library. He thought, "I could do that easily," and so he did—helped by the wide variety of plants he was already propagating in his backyard.

**One tree remains from that first batch:
a Shohin Liquidamber!**

As his interest grew, Quentin joined a few bonsai clubs and visited the Japan Seminar House to seek advice and develop his skills.



Sunday Workshop 29 June 2025

Location: Birkdale School of Arts Hall

*Join us for a hands-on bonsai workshop,
offered in two separate sessions:*

Morning Session:

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Afternoon Session:

12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Workshop Fee: \$40 per participant

Observer Fee: \$10 per person

He is prepared to tackle almost any plant material and has experimented with an increasing number of Australian species.

Today, Quentin maintains a number of significant Australian native bonsai, while continuing his interest in pines, deciduous trees, and broadleaved evergreens.

He has also had trees displayed at the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia in Canberra.

Quentin was instrumental in setting up the Victorian Native Bonsai Club in 2013. He served as its founding president and continues to share his expertise through meetings and workshops.

Wellington Point Recreation Hall, 347-371 Birkdale Rd, Wellington Point QLD 4160

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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



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

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