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July was a great meeting, and I think we all learnt quite a lot more about how to display Shohin bonsai. It would be great to have more displays of these dynamic works at future meetings and shows.

Our Deciduous plants are waking up, so that if you haven't repotted them already, and their buds have started to extend (but before the leaves have burst open), this is the best time to repot. Act now!

Due to the way the calendar sometimes works, we have our Wednesday Night Workshop this 21st August (3rd Wednesday of the month). Please come along for advice, assistance, bonsai chat, and beverage or two.

At this month's main meeting (Saturday 24th August) we will be **giving away** native tube stock and will have a workshop with training stations on:

- Repotting – We'll talk about soil mix, and show you what to do, and if you are unsure about how to repot, or want help to repot (for example, if it's a big tree), bring your tree in and we will have members available to give you a hand.
- Wiring – Get some wire on your evergreen's to get some movement in the hardened off growth before it becomes too hard to bend

Upcoming Events 2024

- ❖ August Meeting – Saturday 24th
 - ❖ August 24th – Learners Group
 - ❖ National Bonsai Convention 16-19 May 2025
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- Tool Sharpening – Clean and sharp tools made for easy snipping and cutting, which you'll need for all the great growth that is coming.

For those that are new, or just keen to grow their collection, we will be holding a paid "Build a Bonsai" area as well.

Last month I mentioned Hugh Grant will be visiting for our Saturday 26th October meeting and will run club workshops on Sunday 27th October. A workshop space will even be part of a special raffle pool for the next couple of months.

Hugh is also keen to stay in Brisbane for a couple of extra days around before and after that weekend. If you are keen to have a one on one, or a private group workshop with him, please let me know, or contact Hugh directly on 0429 195 514 or hugh@treemakers.com.au to make arrangements.

Happy Bonsai 😊

Nick

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In My Garden - August 2024

In 2018 and then again in 2020 I bought some *Metrosideros queenslandica*, or golden myrtle; now known as *Thaleropia queenslandica*. They only come from a small area near Cairns, although there are a couple growing in Mountjoy Terrace in Manly and every year they make a spectacular display of golden yellow flowers.

The first two did not recover from my normal practice at the time of seasonal root and branch pruning in spring. Not a shoot. So I tried again and got two more and when they grew a little struck one cutting. The second two succumbed in the same way when it was their turn. That's probably the definition of insanity. I think I was being given a message and decided to move on to other things.

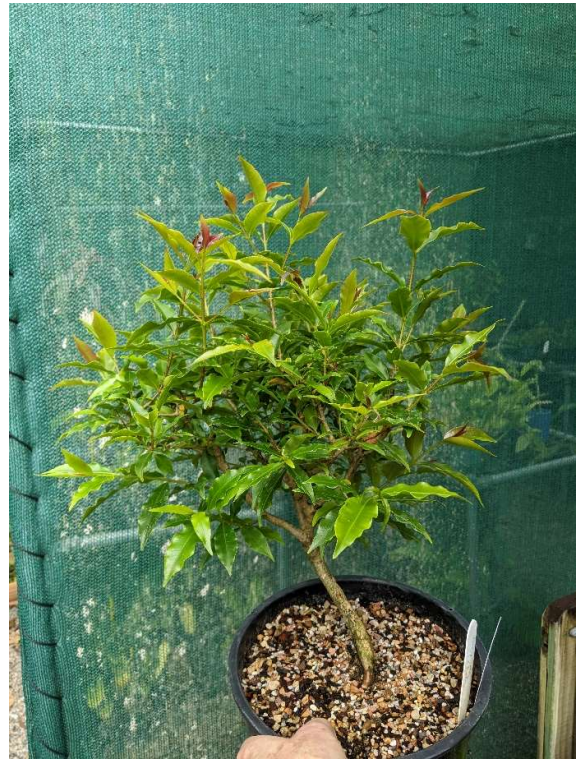
But this year I revisited spring root pruning without branch or foliar pruning. The strategy is to harness the root stimulating effects of apical shoot generated Auxin, not to mention photosynthate from the leaves, by leaving the foliage and in particular the apical shoots in place when root pruning. August offers mild weather and is conducive to this practice, providing an opportunity for quick root recovery. Developmental branch and foliar pruning can then be done when the weather is warmer, thus separating the two interventions. I started work on my evergreen trees in this way in late July and by mid August have root pruned some 50 trees with hardly a suggestion of a problem.

Which brings me back to my surviving cutting struck golden myrtle. It continued to grow over

winter this year and had a nice flush of fresh leaves and shoots. If there was ever an acid test of the 'full foliar root pruning' strategy, this would be it. I went ahead and root pruned it as I had with the others, taking off 60 to 70% of the roots and as you might guess it didn't look back, not even the slightest wilt! Now I know how to deal with them I'm looking forward to the foliar prune to strike some more cuttings.

Happy bonsai,

Steve



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Reminder of our upcoming Monthly Nighttime Bonsai Meeting – Wednesday 21st August (7-9pm) everyone welcome. If you can't come on a Saturday, then the Wednesday meeting may be for you. It is a great opportunity for you to experience bonsai mentorship and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Same meeting location.



Did you know we have a well-stocked library with books and magazines on all topics Bonsai. Check out the range at our next meeting. The library has been created for all members enjoyment and use!

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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 2024 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

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.

Fees for 2024

Our membership fees for 2024 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.

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- 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.

Committee Members for 2024

President: *Nick*

Vice President: *Heather*

Treasurer: *Karen*

Secretary: *Noreen*

Newsletter: *Rod*

Member: *Eugene*

Member: *Ryan*

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REDLANDS BONSAI SOCIETY - PROGRAM FOR 2024				
Month	Date	Day	Meetings and Workshops	Additional activities
August	21	Wed	Evening Workshop	7pm - 9pm
			Learners Group and Workshop	10:30am - 12pm
	24	Sat	Tool Sharpening, Potting & Wiring Workstations. Bring trees (including big ones) you need help with	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
September	18	Wed	Evening Workshop	7pm - 9pm
			Learners Group and Workshop	10:30am - 12pm
	28	Sat	Senior Members group Demonstration	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
October	16	Wed	Evening Workshop	7pm - 9pm
			Learners Group and Workshop	10:30am - 12pm
	26	Sat	Guest Demonstrator - Hugh Grant - TreeMakers Bonsai	12:15pm for a 12:30pm start
	27	Sun	Workshops - Hugh Grant	2 Sessions - 8:30am - 4:00pm
November	20	Wed	Evening Workshop	7pm - 9pm
			Redlands Christmas Bonsai Market	Setup from 10am Market open 11am - 1pm
	23	Sat	Club Members Christmas Party	1:30pm to 4pm

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