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The Bonsai Society meets at the Bellerive Community Art Centre,  
17 Cambridge Rd, Bellerive at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month  
(February – November)

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## **Newsletter No 223 – November 2011**

**This Month's Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 during which Will Fletcher is providing us with some excerpts from his trip to Central Australia. Don't forget trees for the display table.

The October meeting commenced at 7.45 with President Noel welcoming 18 members, including our roving member, Aaron who is based in Launceston.

The Committee held a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October and discussed the impending visit of AABC tutor, Andrew Ward who, at this stage will be visiting us on the 26-27<sup>th</sup> May 2012. A questionnaire was available at the October meeting asking members to indicate their choice of workshop participant or observer, and morning or afternoon preferences. An updated copy is attached to this newsletter for those who were not at the meeting. Could you please advise as soon as possible, either by email, telephone or in writing to President Noel Kemp or Secretary. It is important to get an idea how many members would like to participate, so that the number of workshops can be confirmed. Payment is not necessary at this stage, but note the cost for participants will be \$20, and for observers \$5.

**Next Meeting** will be held on February 21st 2012

**Reminders:** the Christmas barbecue will be held on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at Risdon Brook Dam. The site will have a "reserved" sign on it, and is available to us from 11am to 4pm. It is protected from the weather (should it dare to rain!), and includes a gas barbecue, as well as 2 tables with bench seats. It is suggested that members bring along a few extra chairs just in case. The Society will provide sausages and patties, and asks that members contribute with salads and/or something sweet and, if desired, their choice of wine or beer. Soft drinks will be available, as well as tea and coffee. Please ensure you have sunscreen available – JUST IN CASE!!!

**Directions from Hobart to Risdon Brook Dam:**

Follow Brooker Avenue, turn right and cross Bowen Bridge, exit onto East Derwent H/way/B32 towards Lindisfarne, at the roundabout take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit onto Grasstree Hill Rd. Turn left, follow directions and drive to the top end of the car park.

**Those living on the Eastern Shore** would use the East Derwent H/way/B32 towards Risdon Vale and also take the Grasstree Hill Rd. exit.

Park your vehicle at the top end of the car park. Our site is approximately 100 meters above the children's playground. Toilets are located near the car park.

**Our January get together** will be held at 12 Clearwater Court, Blackmans Bay (Tel. 62295741) commencing 12 – 12.30pm. As usual, this is a BYO everything, and if you could bring a chair along that would be great. Don't forget the sunscreen and a hat! Arnold and I look forward to welcoming you on the day. While we don't have a pool, if it's hot, members are welcome to take a dip at Blackmans Bay beach.

**Birthday Greetings:** Your birthstones are Topaz or Citrine. Many happy returns to those celebrating in the month of November,

**Raffle:** Prize of a Ficus was donated by Jenny Alford, and won by Tony Brown. We look forward to seeing something interesting next year, Tony!

### **Display Table:**

Rose brought along a cotoneaster, and a fuchsia and, as the topic is spring pruning/pinching out, advice was given that fuchsias be left until they have flowered before pruning.

Will showed us a very pretty white flowering Epachris and a prostrate form Banksia trained in a cascade style.

Diana's white azalea was very much admired and she advised keeping them indoors in sunlight while they are flowering.

Stuart brought in a *Pinus sylvestris* heavily wired.

Rob's white cotoneaster also looked very pretty

Ambrose let us see his magnificent Wisteria – it's white perfumed blossom permeating the room.

Noel also brought his Wisteria – 2 varieties – *sinensis*, which flowers first, followed by foliage, and *floribunda* which produces foliage first, then blossom.

Irene Chau has a small collection of maples she is training in differing styles.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm, after which tips on spring pruning and pinching out was presented:

### **Noel:**

Oaks – growth springs back on old wood, nip back tips to encourage branches;

Fuchsia – nip back close – remove water shoots;

Chinese Elm – nip back all which are growing too high/too long so they will grow back;

Larch – pull out end tips (hold with fingers);

Maples – pinch or cut back to two nodes;

Noel's Tip: Oil tools .

### **Gill:**

Cotoneaster – this was one created in April, and un-wanted foliage was cut off;

Azalea – reduced branches from 4 to 2 to thin out;

Native myrtle – decided to enjoy new spring growth, prune after it has changed colour;

Maples – need to keep pinching out till around Christmas;

Larch – unlike Noel, Gill finds the nodes on her tree and cuts off what she doesn't want.

### **Diana:**

*Banksia marginata* – now is an ideal time to pick off new shoots – reduced from 6 to 2 or 3;

Native myrtle – young plant so nipped out new unwanted growth;

Camellia – prune new growth after flowering, Dec – January is the time to repot them;

Azaleas – remove flowers before they seed. Best time to loose wire them is when they are young. Once they start flowering bring inside – this prevents flowers from being ruined by rain, and allows for enjoyment of their beautiful, colourful blossom.

**Editor's news:** I have been advised that the Kingston Men's Shed has pieces of Jarrah, Huon and King Billy Pine available from which they would be willing to make bonsai stands of differing shapes and sizes. These stands would be finished in oil and ready for use. At this stage prices are yet to be ascertained and, obviously would depend on size and design.



### **Andrew Ward Workshops & Demonstration**

Andrew Ward is a regular presenter at SA Bonsai Society meetings and is particularly adept at Saikei and Rock/Mallee Settings, although is able to work on other styles and areas of bonsai. Favourite plants are the various Ficus, Ash, Elms and Junipers.

Andrew has travelled widely, including China in 2006 where he was able to experience Penjing firsthand. He has travelled to bonsai nurseries, exhibits and private collections in WA, SA, NSW, ACT, Vic and Qld. He has attended national conventions and been influenced by other bonsai artists including Hirotoishi Saito (Japan), Michael Persiano (USA), Janet Sabey and other demonstrators through the AABC visiting tutor programme. He is proactive in his participation in bonsai events – not happy to be just the observer, ever-willing to “take the risk” and learn more through being a participant.

Our Society has been in contact with Andrew and, at this stage, is planning to have him run four workshops and a public demonstration on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

In order for us to make decisions on venues for these events, we need some idea of how many members would be attending workshops – either as participants or observers.

Please register your intentions to participate or observe, and preferred times. Cost for participation will be \$20 per person, observers \$5 per person. Non Society members \$30 for participation. **No payment to be made until confirmation of workshop date & time.**

**Saturday 9-12noon**

**Saturday 1:30-4:30pm**

**Name & preference (participant or observer)**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>P or O</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>P or O</b>
Gill Roberts	P?	Gill Roberts	O
		Evelyn Black	O
		Will Fletcher	O
		Heather Wiggers	O
Irene Chau	O		
Trish Hosking	O	Trish Hosking	O
Ambrose Canning	P	Ambrose Canning	P
Rob White	P?	Rob White	P?
Aaron Wierzbicki	P	Aaron Wierzbicki	O

**Sunday 9-12noon**

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Heather Wiggers	P?	Diana Jones	P
		Tony Brown	P
		Herbert Harding	O
		Evelyn Black	P
		Will Fletcher	O