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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. 276 - September 2016

Well everyone, rain has been in short supply for a while - a few drops here and there, so I was glad we received 5.5 mms this morning. I think this is just sufficient to avoid watering my bonsai, which I'm afraid are taking a back seat, given we will be moving to our new abode on the 28th and there's a lot to do! I can't deny my head's been spinning, as I check contents of cupboards, pay visits to the Salvos, pack items for transporting, talk to solicitors, contractors etc.

President Ambrose opened the AGM at 7.35pm, with a welcome to 22 members and visitor Joyce Corner. There were also 5 apologies. Noel's trip to islands in the Indian Ocean seemed to have agreed with him (although he has been somewhat unwell in the meantime), while Rob seemed to be feeling tired - as can be seen from the photo later in this newsletter.

Minutes of last year's AGM were read and Ambrose's request they be accepted was proposed by Rose and seconded by Evelyn. The president's report (featured in last month's newsletter) was also accepted. Treasurer Rob provided members with a detailed report on the Society's financial position which, despite additional expenditure relating mainly to the convention, was offset by our share of that event's profit. Stuart, who had the unenviable task of convention treasurer, provided a separate report. Ambrose, Chris and Rob were re-elected unopposed as were Tony H., Evelyn as editor and Alex as incoming committee member, who we hope will enjoy her participation.

Stuart moved a motion that the Society seeks an audit exemption for the 2016/17 financial year. This was seconded by John, with all in favour.

The AGM closed at 8:20pm and was immediately followed by our normal monthly meeting, with reminders to members of the Camellia and Daffodil show at the Town Hall on 26th & 27th August. Trees to be delivered after 4pm on Thursday, August 25th, and picked up on Saturday, August 27th from 4.30pm. If you need help re delivery or pick up afterwards, please let us know either at the August meeting, or email to myself. And if you can spare an hour or so either on Friday between 1-5 pm or Saturday between 11am and 4pm it would be very much appreciated. You don't need a wealth of bonsai knowledge to answer questions - most visitors are happy to admire the display. Ensure trees are looking their best and have been well watered, pots are clean, potting mix free of weeds etc.

Ambrose reminded everyone that our next workshop will be held on Sunday 28th August.

Vice President, Chris provided a brief report on his meeting with John Dados and Neil Hardstaff, and the formation of the Tasmanian Bonsai Collective. The group discussed a range of issues, most important of which have been agreed:-

- that local clubs will always continue to function independently, but we all desire an opportunity for the serious enthusiasts within the State to engage in an **intermediate to advanced level** meeting;
- development of friendships amongst the State's bonsai community, and increase the level of enthusiasm for the art of bonsai and improve the quality of our trees.

Feedback from our respective clubs will be obtained before finalising any future plans, but it is expected that once a year events will occur between bonsai enthusiasts around the State.



The following is from Rob re this year's Spring Exhibition:

The Society's Spring Exhibition and Sale at the Rosny Barn is just about one month away and it's time to get busy. Now is the time to make a start on selecting and preparing the trees that you intend to display. Hopefully every member will display at least one tree!

As usual, we will be setting up the show the day before, Friday 13 October 2016. We will let you know shortly the times that we have access to the Barn. Ideally, trees should be delivered before lunch so that the final display can be put together in the early afternoon. And of course, many hands make light work, so if you are able to be at the Barn on the Friday to assist, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Exhibition will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on both Saturday and Sunday and, as always we need as many people as possible to help with the various tasks - take the entry fees, sell raffle tickets, talk to our 'customers', be on the sales table. And, of course, take down the Exhibition on the Sunday afternoon.

The Sales Table will be marketing all things bonsai. Hopefully there will be plenty of material available - again, it would be good if it can be delivered to the Barn on the Friday. The usual minimum 20% commission will apply.

And finally publicity - there can never be too much! So please start spreading the word far and wide! Rob White will e-mail a copy of the poster above to all those who are digitally connected. He will also have many printed copies for you at the Monthly Meeting on 20 September 2016.

Raffle: Lucky Herbert - a lovely tree already in training and in a pot, donated by Chris; Scott chose the bonsai book; Evelyn opted for the chopsticks and Koula won the gloves.

Display table: Don't forget our monthly display table. No matter what time of year our bonsai, be they bereft of foliage or covered in blossom, have their beauty. And one can always be sure of some advice if they bring along something "untouched". A small collection which included Herbert's

Italian Stone Pine (*Pinus pinea*), a "Democrat" apple tree for which he had some assistance in wiring it down, and the Trident Maple group planting which has been styled and pruned; Tony showed his lovely informal upright fuchsia, which had started life as a clump until the rest was removed, also a pretty Rosemary in flower and a tiny fuchsia.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Treasurer Rob thanks all those who have paid their 2016-17 membership fees and gives a gentle nudge to those who still have to do so. The membership fee can be paid to Rob at a meeting or directly into the Society's Bank Account (Account name: *BSST Account*, BSB: *067000*, Account: *28039262*, Reference: *Your surname*).

Bonsai Events & Diary Dates:

Next meeting: September, Tuesday 20th. Will Fletcher will be discussing the Bonsai Masters. This will also be Chris's last night before heading off to Japan for three months.

Next workshop: Saturday, 24th September 2016 at Bellerive Community Arts Centre from 1 - 4pm.

Even if you don't have a tree to bring, it's worth attending these afternoons, with experienced bonsai artists available for advice and assistance. Cost is \$3 per workshop and members are asked to bring a plate of something to share at afternoon tea - there's always something yummy to whet the appetite! Our August workshop was a very busy one, with the venue accommodating twenty people, including visitor, Gerard Schoofs, President of the Victorian Bonsai Society. Gerard did the rounds of members asking questions, providing advice and ably assisting during his visit. Thank you, Gerard, for spending time with us and imparting some of your valuable bonsai knowledge. We look forward to welcoming you again.

Bonsai Society Exhibition 15th & 16th October 2016 at The Barn - our Spring Show, and another good reason to attend workshops!

October meeting on Tuesday 18th - presentation to be decided.

Annual Garden & Bonsai Sale - Saturday, November 19th 2016 with Treasurer Rob hosting it in the carpark. Hopefully everyone has plants and items for sale on this occasion.



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Library Collection:

The Society's selection of books and journals is available for members to borrow for a month at a time, without charge. It's regarded as a further source of gaining information and improving our bonsai skills. New members in particular might find copies of "*Bonsai Today*" especially helpful on re-potting, shaping and pruning, see numbers 50 - 52, 57- 60, 63, 65 and 66. The first 49 copies also include useful information, with bonsai enthusiasts such as Peter Adams looking at optional designs for particular trees.

Invitation:

If you have something interesting you would like to share with other members, or a request for information, let's hear from you. And if you'd like to tell us about yourself and your own "bonsai journey", it gives everyone an opportunity of getting to know you better. Photos are also accepted - whether they are your own, or something from the internet (don't forget to include your source!).

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Emergency care for bonsai broken pot!

Living 380 meters above sea level on Constitution Hill has had its challenges. The biggest being wind! I can have wind gusts well over 100km hour for over a week at a time.

Some of you might remember the end of year BBQ at Heritage Bonsai Tasmania last December and how windy it was, but believe me it got much worse. The next day I had 3 broken pots and over 15 trees blown off the benches.

So how to tackle a bonsai with a broken pot? Quite easily!

The best way to tackle this situation is to take the tree and plant it into a larger plastic pot, and let it rest in there until the next repotting season. Most times the root ball will still be entire, don't tease it out, just replant it and leave the teasing till repotting time.

You could slip it into another bonsai pot if you have one the same size or a fraction bigger, but most of the time we don't have that option.

Broken branches can also be an issue. If the branch is partially broken, you can use grafting tape and try securing the branch, but most times the branches can't be saved.

Prevention is the best way to tackle the wind problem. I now secure my bonsai to the benches with blue packing strap, available from Bunnings. Most of my trees are quite big and not easily moved so this method works best for me.

Another way is to have a sheltered area in your garden where the wind isn't an issue.

But the most effective way to tackle the problem of wind is to watch the weather regularly and, with the knowledge of a windy day approaching, simply go outside and place your bonsai on the ground until the wind passes.

Good luck

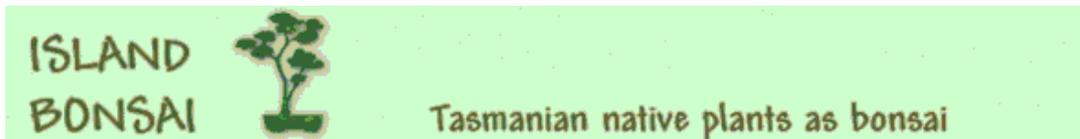
Chris.



Caught Napping!

Poor Rob – seems his visit to Italy, feasting on delicious pasta and quaffing local vino might have caught up with him at our last meeting.

Sorry, Rob. Hope the jet lag has left you in peace!



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The 8th World Bonsai Convention, Saitama

Bonsai world tour with Megumi Bennett, visiting Kyoto, Kanizawa, Nikko, Sendai, Hiraizumi, Aomori, Omiya 13th - 30th April, 2017.

Megumi is a qualified horticulturalist. She is a member of the Nippon Bonsai Association and Ikebana Sydney Chapter. She has been interviewed on radio, television and magazines and has been a contributor to articles on bonsai in Australia, Japan and USA. In November 2008 Megumi received the Bonsai Instructor's Certificate from the Nippon Bonsai Association. She is the first person overseas to receive this recognition.

Tour highlights:

Discover Kyoto, the former imperial capital, visit peaceful villas and historical sites.

Enjoy leisurely walking tours in Kanazawa.

Visit Satsuki Bonsai Nursery in Kanuma.

Explore ancient temples and shrines in Nikko, as well as scenic Lake Chujenzi and Kegon Falls.

Travel north to Sendai, take an excursion to beautiful Matsushima Bay and visit gardens and temples.

Visit Chusonji Temple in Hiraizumi and see the Pure Land Garden at Motsuji Temple.

Admire the beauty of Hirosaki Castle.

Explore Aomori and the spectacular scenery of Oirase Gorge and Lake Towada.

Price per person from Australia with Qantas :

Twin Share \$6,795 Single Supplement \$925

Land Only (starts Kyoto & finishes in Omiya) \$5885

For detailed itinerary, inclusions and other travel information please contact Opulent Journeys or visit our website.

8th World Bonsai Convention, Saitama

Registration Japanese Yen 35,000 (Booked by 31st October, 2016)

Convention registration and hotel accommodation need to be booked on line at:

www.world-bonsai-saitama.jp

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