

March 2022

Meeting this Sunday 20th at West End Hall, View St Castlemaine from 11am



Goldfields Bonsai Society

Founded 2001
Incorporated 2002

Trevor Wheeler **President**. 54 762286
Kristy Dodder **Secretary**
Stuart Cochrane **Treasurer**
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Presidents Notes

The 10-minute talk this month Yvonne will discuss what to look for when buying a tree... (and maybe selling one)
Bring a tree for display and (if you have), a tree you are thinking of trading

Our wiring workshop will include.
Wiring basics for members who may have missed earlier workshops.

Wiring well.

Bring a wired tree for a group critique. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

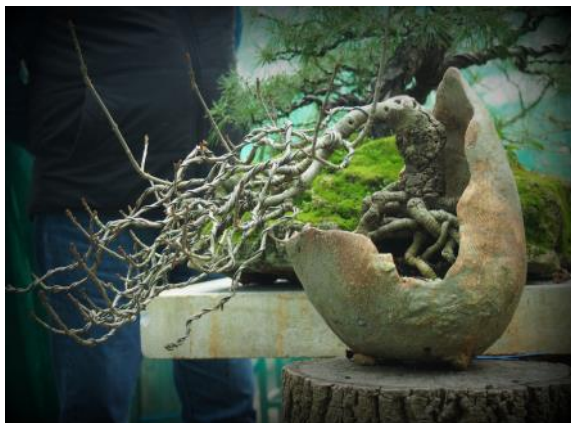
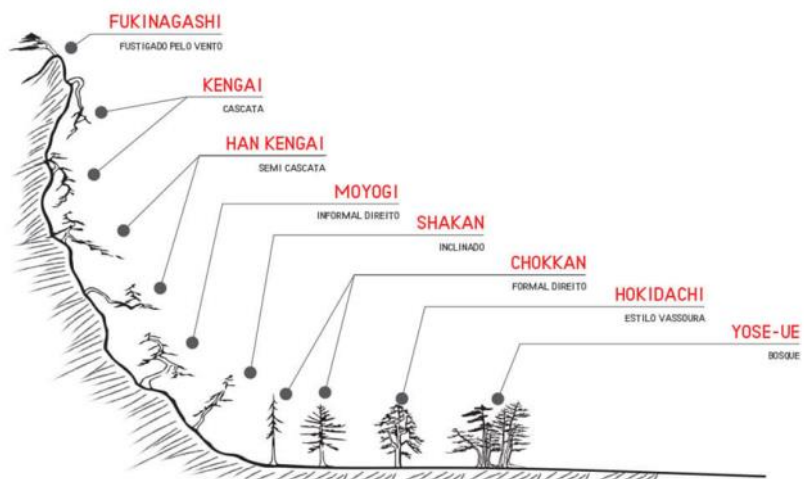
Wire may need to be removed.

It can be reapplied with a change of angle so you don't exaggerate any furrows caused by tight wire.

Worth a look. Web search- **Bonsai for free.** Herons Bonsai
Or this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tuV5rsixPjU>

Looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday, Trevor

Regarding our future workshop **Making Bonsai pots.**
Look for a tree in your collection that needs a pot.
The shape of the pot may be decided by the style of the tree.
When designing a bonsai pot, I sometimes refer to Naka's drawing for inspiration on how my pot can represent the landscape where it may have been collected.
Bonsai Techniques, **John Ishio Naka** in our library



Here is an example, a pot David Allen commissioned Trevor to make around 2017.

He asked to have several small 'tie in' holes so the tree can be secured in the pot and a large drainage hole to prevent water logging

Feb Meeting

Kristy's Meeting notes

Nicky talked about the Library, the books are sorted along with John Wilson's notes in a folder for members to borrow. There is a borrowing book to keep record.

Nicky then gave a talk on how to sharpen, clean, disinfect and oil your tools.

Correctly working on the bevel edge, she has a EZE- Lap sharpener, or a stone for bigger pieces.

It's also a great idea to engrave your tool to keep them from getting misplaced. Thank you Nicky for an informative talk.

Members worked on their trees. See below photos when our annual AGM was held, and a more detailed program for 2022 was decided also.



Nicky's Tool Sharpening & Maintenance Talk

Wisteria floribunda (Japanese wisteria)

Grown from seeds January 2020. Three seedlings bound together with grafting tape to form a triple trunk. The tree stands about 20cm high from the rim of the pot. It may take decades for it to flower but when it does the fragrant, mauve racemes can reach up to half a metre in length.

(I'm waiting with bated breath!!!) Catherine



From left anti clockwise—Display table, Robert and Chinese elm, Jan working on succulent, and Glenn with his Miniature Pomegranate



Yvonne's Bonsai care notes

Early Autumn

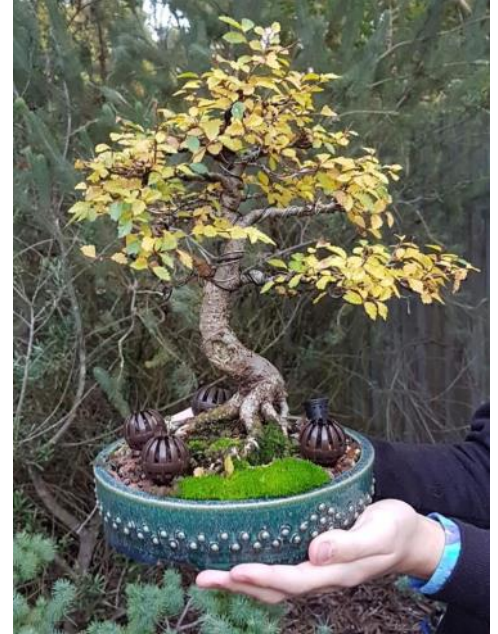
Temperatures and daylight are decreasing, but it's still important to keep checking your watering as we still get some hot days.

If you airtlayered this spring, check to see if they can be separated from the mother plant. If you are leaving them until spring ensure they stay moist.

You can take cuttings from your conifers and plant them.

Autumn is time to start fertilising again to boost your trees before winter. Japanese black pines need a good feed this time of the year as well.

Keep an eye out for pests and fungal diseases as warm and windy autumn days can encourage pests and fungal diseases such as powdery mildew.



Member profile

Nicky

In the hope of weaning me off horses, my partner Max arranged for me to attend a one day course with Lindsay Farr in the Dandenong Ranges. I was hooked and shortly after completed a six week course at Ted and Shirley Poynton's nursery in Clayton South.

I still have 5 of the trees that I commenced training in 1995. I've lost a few trees on the journey and given a few away.

I think that my strength with bonsai is persistence and my weaknesses are pruning and defoliation. I've learned lots and if I can help others with their trees I pass on whatever I know. The way to learn about bonsai is to go to clubs, shows and look online and in books. Also glean info from more experienced bonsai growers.

I've been a member of Waverley Bonsai group and Goldfields Bonsai Society. I do enjoy a club. I've enjoyed my retirement as I have more time for bonsai.

In my collection I have about 40 trees in various stages of training. To Max's dismay I still have horses too.



BONSAI EXHIBITION

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANTS AS BONSAI

Special Opening Night

March 18th 2022

5:30pm to 8:30pm

March 19th 2022

9am to 4pm

Preston City Hall

284 Gower St

Preston

Adults \$5,

Children under 15 free

Proof of vaccination
required upon entry

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VICTORIAN NATIVE BONSAI CLUB 2022

Australian native plants and bonsai related items for sale.

For further information contact sechnativeclub@gmail.com

Meetings are held at: Harry Atkinson Centre, Coburg Lake Reserve, Coburg
at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month.

www.vicnativebonsai.com.au



Glenn's pretty flowering
Luma apiculata (Chilean Myrtle)
Its in a Tom Cockram Pot.

NBPCA – Bonsai Reshaped Whether you're an established bonsai artist or just starting out, join us at the Canberra Arboretum.

Renowned artists share their experiences, influences and perspectives to encourage you to reflect on your bonsai journey, inspire and shape your future.

24 – 27th of March – features including
Bonsai After Dark, Bonsai Market, Beginner + Experienced
workshops with Marcela Ferreira, Tony Bebb, Sam Thompson
and Leigh Taafe.

Goldfields Bonsai Society Program 2022

March 20th- Wiring our trees, Yvonne 10 minute talk. What to look for when buying trees for Bonsai

April 17th- Easter Sunday to be decided, Paul 10 minute talk on Japan visit

May 15th- Zen meditation, Trevor make a pot, Robert 10 minute talk on Rocks

June 19th- Daylesford Exhibition (confirm numbers for Dig on 10th July)

July 17th- Dig with Ballarat will be 10th July at Creswick

August 21st- Carving workshop, Catherine 10 minute talk on diary of Bonsai

September 18th- Group planting, Helen 10 minute talk on propagating

October 16th- Prepare trees for exhibition— Online work shop, - Perth convention (The new library meeting room can be booked for Saturday mornings) 10 minute talk opening

October 29-30- Castlemaine Exhibition Melb Cup weekend?

November 20th- Christmas Breakup

Meeting this Sunday 20th from 11am - 3:30pm

BYO Lunch and a snack for afternoon tea

Wiring our Trees workshop
Bring along your trees for advice and to work on.