



Bimer Bonsai Club Inc.

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February 2016 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 4th February 2017
Church hall, Jaguar St, West Chermide
Meetings held 1st Saturday of each month, except January
Trade table / library open approx. 1pm
Meeting commences 1:30pm
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Membership Fees

Single \$20
Family \$25

President's Message

Hello All,

It was good to see many of you at the December Christmas party in a relaxed atmosphere. I am usually running around tending to duties at the meetings and don't get much time to chat to the members. I hope you all had a nice end of year break. Brisbane had some nice cooler weather over the holiday season. I had a nice gift of not needing to water on Christmas day due to the rain that we had.

The February meeting will be a general workshop for all members. This one will start at the normal meeting time of 1:30pm and I hope you take advantage of the time to bring a couple of trees to work on in a friendly environment. Bring whatever you need to work on your trees (ie wire, tools, etc). It is also a good opportunity to get advice on any problems you are having with your tree or some styling advice. There will be experienced members that can assist. Ask a committee member if you are unsure who to ask. We will be having more general workshops later in the year prior to the normal meeting time, so look check the notice board at the end for these dates.

Bimer was asked late last year to provide some bonsai for display at the Japanese consulate. See Bruce's write-up for more details in the newsletter. We received a formal thank you letter from the Consul General showing their appreciation of our efforts. I think events like this help raise the profile of the club and bonsai in general. Thanks to all those that participated.

Don't forget to start preparing your trees for our annual show in April. We encourage all members to put up their best tree for the display. We also have the AABC national conference being held in Brisbane in May, so I hope you consider putting up your tree to be displayed there also. Please ask a committee member if you need more details.

Regards,
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BIMER CALENDARS 2017

Everyone should now have their wonderful 2017 calendars to keep notes on all their horticultural activities. Thank you to Belinda for all her hard work collating the photos and working on the layout.

CLUB SHIRTS

Anyone who has ordered shirts should be able to pick them up at the February meeting. Orders are being taken for the next order to be placed in April. Please see Elaine.

BIMER CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016



REDLANDS BONSAI SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM

Just a reminder to all our members that an excellent 8 part Bonsai Foundations program is available for beginners. This starts in March – see http://redlandsbonsai.blogspot.com.au/p/annual-program_9.html for details.

DISPLAY TABLE



Please remember to bring along a tree, a **flowering** or any tree for display this month. You may need some feedback or assistance with developing it into a bonsai. Any tree is welcome. An afternoon tea break will be available to pursue advice about your tree. Members are encouraged to share their accumulated knowledge with the newer members. There's also the chance to win an additional lucky door prize for any member who brings in a tree for display.

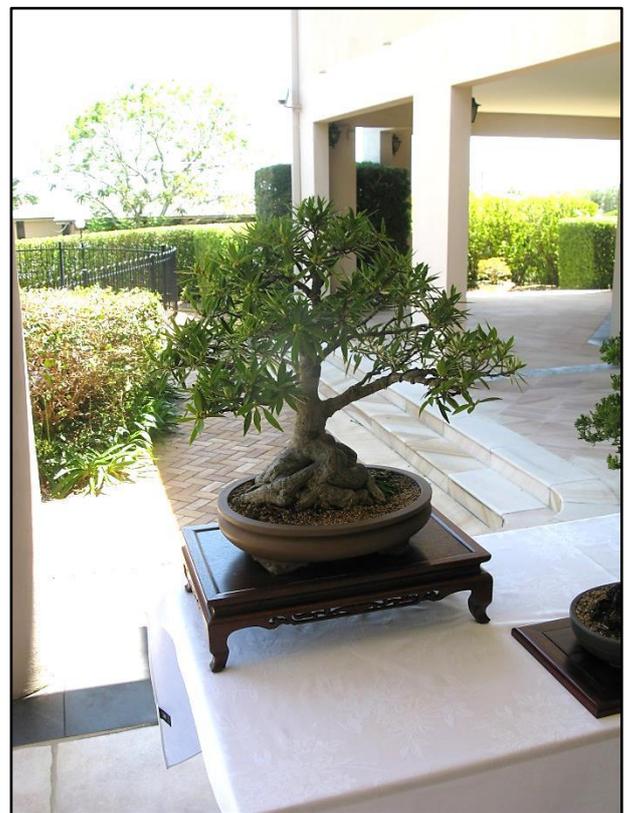
JAPANESE CONSULATE

Recently the club was approached by Mr Hosaka, the Consul General of Japan, Brisbane, to provide some bonsai trees at a reception to celebrate the birthday of his imperial majesty, the Emperor of Japan.

A total of seven trees were provided by David and Peter of Bimer and Robin and Glen from the Bonsai Society of Queensland.

The space available for the display was quite constrained, so it was necessary to select trees that not only had a suitable visual impact, but would not be damaged by any of the 300 mingling guests.

The formal proceedings, which included speeches by the Governor, Paul de Jersey, and Mr Hosaka and the traditional tea ceremony, and also involved a formal introduction and a discussion of the bonsai trees. A long-time member of Bimer and BSQ, Gordon Channery, was the next door neighbour of Governor de Jersey.



ACCENT PLANTS

With our annual show coming up, it's a good time to talk about accent plants. A good bonsai can be made to look great with the addition of a well-placed accent plant. It can help to balance a display, especially if the accent also has direction. Evenly shaped accents can be placed on either side, depending on the tree's direction. Accent plants must be full and can spill out over the pot. The accent may be displayed on a slab or stand or a bamboo mat. It should be noted that whatever the accent sits on is not more formal than the bonsai as it's meant to compliment. Some plants suitable for use as accents include ferns, terrestrial orchid, sedums, hosta, succulents, moss and even cacti.

Memberships are overdue for 2016/2017

NOTICE BOARD

Bimer Bonsai Club Activities	
February 4 th 2017	Workshop
March 4 th 2017	Craig Jurd Trident Maple/ Cut Above Tools talk
April 1 st 2017	10AM WORKSHOP/Lindsay and Glen Bebb review of club trees
April 22 nd – 23 rd 2017	Bimer Annual Show Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
May 6 th 2017	Steve Cullum
June 3rd	10AM WORKSHOP/ Averil Stanley Driftwood
July 1st	AGM/ Albert – Forest Style
August 5th	10AM WORKSHOP/ Tony Bebb – Stones/ Geoff Smiley Mame
September 2nd	Chris Xeppas
October 7th	10AM WORKSHOP/TBA
Other Bonsai Related Activities	
May 19 th – 22 nd 2017	AABC Convention Brisbane Royal on the Park
June 17th	Esk Garden and Lifestyle Fair