



# Bimer Bonsai Club Inc.

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## June 2016 Newsletter

### Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Church hall, Jaguar St, West Chermside

Meetings held 1<sup>st</sup> 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,

I hope those that attended last month's meeting enjoyed the demonstration by Lindsay and Glennis on root over rock style. We are privileged to have two such well known bonsai practitioners on our door step. I think the main message from the demo is to start as early in the design phase as possible to get your roots hugging the rock so that they will cling to it tightly and provide the best impression of age and harmony.

This month we have two experienced club members demonstrating. David G will discuss bonsai refinement to take our bonsai to the next level. Michael C will then do a demonstration on Swamp Cypress. Please bring a Swamp Cypress along to show off or possibly get some advice on.

We will have an open workshop in July starting at 10am. We will also have the AGM. It is hard to believe I have been the club's president for a year already. Please note that there will be an open slot on the committee, so please consider volunteering, even if it isn't for the Treasurer position. We can move positions around to get the best fit for the club.

Last weekend I went to the bonsai market at the Sunshine Coast. Let's hope this event keeps growing and a big thank you goes to Peter W for organising this event.



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By the time you read this, the 2016 AABC convention would have been completed. I hope those that went enjoyed it. The 2017 convention will be hosted in Brisbane by the Bonsai Society of QLD. This is a great opportunity to see an international demonstrator without the added costs of travel and accommodation (for those members living in Brisbane). I encourage all members to consider attending this event.

There is a notice later in the newsletter about this year's visiting demonstrator to Bimer. Joe Morgan Payler will be here in August and workshops will also be offered. Joe does fantastic work with Junipers and Black Pines, so it should be an informative weekend.

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### Last Month's Meeting



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### June Activities

As with last month, more time becomes available for updating records, photos, planning and preparing for spring – re-reading pots, organizing what potting mixes you will need, catching up on bonsai related reading. Keep your eye out for different mosses to collect for the repotting season, store in trays of potting mix, under your display benches.

**Watering** – Continue morning watering, but reduce according to the trees' needs – deciduous species will require much less water. Ensure that the soil surface is dry before re-watering.

**Positioning** – Full sun is the ideal now. If you are in a frost prone area, think about a more protected site for your frost-sensitive species for the colder months on their way.

**Potting** – Look at your trees to decide which will benefit from a re-pot in late winter and onwards. Note them, together with your reasons and thoughts, so that you won't be reinventing the wheel when the time comes. Is the pot too small, unsuited to a new design, does the tree need re-positioning; is the soil old, does the tree need better drainage...?

**Styling** – Continue to watch for scarring from old wiring. Deciduous trees can be wired more easily after leaf fall. To reduce the risk, don't water the tree for a day or two before wiring – this will reduce any brittleness. Wire can be left on for long periods and branches may set by the time growth starts again in Spring.

**Pest** – Check, especially deciduous trees once their foliage drops, for any lurking bugs. All trees can be sprayed with a dilute solution of lime sulphur as a preventative (this will help control mildew spores before next season). This can be done each May, June and July.

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### Display Table



Please remember to bring along a tree, **Swampy**, for display this month, if you 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.

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### Visiting Tutor in August

On 6 August, we will have the pleasure of having Joe Morgan Payler as our visiting tutor. Joe has been around bonsai since 1999 and is a member of both the Bonsai Society of Victoria and Bonsai Northwest Inc. Joe has spent his time in bonsai learning from the many knowledgeable people in the Victorian scene and has benefited greatly from the visits from Hirotoishi Saito. More recently he made the jump and studied in Japan under Mr. Urushibata where his passion for bonsai and its related techniques grew exponentially. Joe also demonstrated at the AABC conference in Brisbane in 2014 and Adelaide in 2015.

There will be a Saturday morning workshop, 10am to 12:30pm, with a maximum number of 6 participants at a cost of \$30. There are currently 4 spots left. A cost of \$5 will be charged for observers. There will be a possible Sunday morning workshop if there is enough interest (9am to 12pm with the same cost involved and maximum of 6 participants).

To find out more about Joe, visit his bonsai blog at [nichigobonsai.com](http://nichigobonsai.com).

### Announcements



Our long term Treasurer James (Jim) Towsey has announced his retirement from the Treasurer role. If anyone would like to nominate for the position, please contact a committee member. Some accounting experience would be preferred but not necessary as training will be provided. All positions will be open at the AGM, so you are encouraged to nominate to be on the committee.



**Demo observer etiquette – Just a reminder to everyone that while demonstrations are being performed, to please keep conversations between each other to a minimum so as to not interrupt the demo for all other members. If you wish to have a conversation with someone, please move outside to do so or wait until the tea break. Please also keep mobile phones on silent or switched off.**

### AGM Nominations



All committee positions will become vacant at the Annual General Meeting in July. Please consider joining the committee and helping out your club, it's a chance to be involved in the decision making. There are the named positions as per the nomination form, as well as five general positions responsible for the trade table, newsletter, publicity and hospitality. Nomination forms need to be either mailed in or handed to the secretary at the next club meeting.

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If you have any questions about what is involved in any of the committee positions, please speak to a current committee member. You need to be a financial member to be eligible for nomination and to vote at the AGM, so please remember to pay your membership for the next financial year.

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## Notice Board

<b>Bimer Bonsai Club Activities</b>	
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	David Gibson – Refining Bonsai/ Michael Clark – Swampies
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am Workshop. AGM 1:30pm
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Morgan Payler – Visiting Tutor for 2016, Workshop 10am – 12pm, meeting 1pm to 4:30pm
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Geoff Bray – Wisteria
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Averil Stanley – Juniper Demo / Potting
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Phil's Organics – / Peter McCloskey – forest Swampies
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bus Trip to Gold Coast – details to be confirmed.
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Xmas Party

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