



Bimer Bonsai Club Inc.

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August 2016 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 6th August 2016
Church hall, Jaguar St, West Chermside
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

I can't believe it has been another year since the last AGM. This year we had a workshop in conjunction with our AGM, which meant members could continue to trim while the necessary procedural stuff happened. Some changes were made to the committee, the most notable being Jim who stood down after 9 years of service as treasurer. Thanks for your efforts over the years Jim, your service has been appreciated. Thanks to Jill Tomkins for running the meeting during the time when the previous committee had stood down. Paul takes over as Treasurer moving from Editor and Tony steps into that role. Jim stays on the committee helping David with the trade table. Thank you to all committee members and especially the catering subcommittee – thank you Margaret and Merv for all your behind the scenes work. I have stayed on as President and look forward to another year in the role with as many highlights as there have been over the last 12 months.

Bruce Harkness was also made a life member at the AGM and was presented with his life member badge. Bruce has been a member of Bimer for over 30 years and has served at various times as secretary, newsletter editor, vice president and President. He also ably fills the role as show captain as well as bus trip captain. He is well known for his story telling ability, and has been known to talk underwater. Thank you Bruce for all you have done for Bimer over the years.

Repotting time is upon is almost in full swing for me. The recent rains and warmer than normal weather has started waking up my Trident Maples, so I will be doing some late night repotting on them as they won't wait until my time off in August. The next meeting we have Joe Morgan Payler visiting from down



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south. There are spots left for the Saturday Morning if you are interested. You can also come along and observe. You will get some great knowledge either way. See details later on in the newsletter.
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Last Month's Meeting



If you would like to receive the newsletter in colour via email, with extra photos, instead of a printed copy, or have an article or other item you would like to see printed in the newsletter, please email bimernews@gmail.com

August Activities

Now is the time to re-pot your deciduous trees that have gone dormant. They should be root pruned every year at this time during development, and re-potted. If the tree has not gone completely dormant you can simply strip the leaves and continue as normal. It is also a good time to wire the tree while it is bare – much easier with no leaves getting in the way! All other trees have slowed down a little and it is a good time to look and plan, deciding on what your next moves are.

Display Table



Please remember to bring along a tree, **Deciduous**, 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.

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 2 spots left. A cost of \$5 will be charged for observers. Please phone a committee member if you would like to join Saturday night's dinner with Joe and the committee.

To find out more about Joe, visit his bonsai blog at nichigobonsai.com.

BUS TRIP GOLD COAST NOVEMBER 12TH

This year the annual bus trip will be to the Gold Coast and Tweed Bonsai show at Robina. The cost will be \$10 plus your entry into the show. After visiting the show there will be the chance for lunch at Robina Fair and then stops at The Defined Garden and Red Dragon bonsai on the way home. Bruce will provide his famous commentary and has asked for chocolates to keep him sustained. There will also be a raffle on the way home. See Paul to book your seats now.

NOTICE BOARD

Memberships are now due for 2016/2017

Bimer Bonsai Club Activities	
August 6 th	Joe Morgan Payler – Visiting Tutor for 2016, Workshop 10am – 12pm, meeting 1pm to 4:30pm.
September 3 rd	Geoff Bray – Wisteria
October 1 st	Averil Stanley – Juniper Demo / Potting
November 5 th	Phil's Organics – / David Gibson
November 12 th	Bus Trip to Gold Coast – details to be confirmed.
December 3 rd	Xmas Party
January 2017	NO MEETING
February 4 th	Workshop
March 4 th	TBA
April 1 st	TBA
April 22 nd – 23 rd	Bimer Annual Show Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
May 6 th	TBA
Other Bonsai Activities	
August 14 th	Japan Day Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens 10am – 2pm
September 3 rd – 4 th	Bonsai Society of QLD Annual Show, Mt Coot-tha
September 9 th – 11 th	17 th Annual Weekend Workshops at the Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops.
September 16 th – 18 th	Toowoomba Bonsai Group Show, Rose Cottage, Toowoomba
October 29 th & 30 th	Sunshine Coast Bonsai Society Annual Show, Buderim.
November 6 th	Redlands Bonsai Society Annual Show.
November 12 th & 13 th	Gold Coast & Tweed Show, Robina
May 19 th – 22 nd 2017	AABC Convention Brisbane Royal on the Park

JAPAN DAY AT MT COOT-THA BOTANICAL GARDENS 14TH AUG

The annual Japan Day is being held at Mt Coot-tha between 10am and 2pm. Bimer and the Bonsai Society are showing some trees and handing out information, as well as working on some trees for the public. Come along and support the club.

DISPLAY TREES FOR 2017 AABC CONVENTION BRISBANE

Over the next several months we will be selecting Bonsai for the display. If you have bonsai that you would like to submit for consideration please send; front view photo, description, including species, height and width. Photos just need to give a clear view of the trees. To be eligible for insurance coverage on your bonsai whilst exhibited at the Convention and also in transit to the venue, you must be a financial member of an AABC member club.

Please send your submissions to: Glenis Bebb - glen@bonsainursery.com.au