



Bimer Bonsai Club Inc.

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June 2018 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 7th July 2018
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

Hello All,

It was good to have Glen demonstrate for us last month on one of the club trees. The work turned out well and I look forward to the progression of the tree with the intention to repot in the new season. We have a good relationship with the BSQ which benefits all and helps spread the word of bonsai further. I also want to congratulate the BSQ for their bonsai weekend they held recently. I heard it was a good event and I look forward to attending their next one.

The next meeting is another general workshop starting at 10:00am with the AGM at 1:30. Bring your trees along to discuss or to work on them in a friendly environment. I also encourage the members to raise any questions or comments at the AGM, which would help in the direction of the club over the next year. That reminds me, I better start preparing the president's report.

We have just entered our 'winter' here in the south-east. The temperatures have finally sunk below the 10°C mark in my area, so things slow down (but not stop). Our mild winters mean we generally have growth all year round compared to those in the south. Now is a good time for wiring, especially the deciduous species as the leaves have dropped and allows you full access to the branches. Now is a good time to get those odd jobs done – cleaning benches, bonsai areas and doing some weeding. Also start looking at your trees in preparation for the main repotting time. I have found late winter - early spring (going by the calendar) is a good time for me. Decide what to repot, what needs its first pot or a different one. Each year I always run out of time to repot what needs to be done, so I am going to try and get stuck into it more efficiently. I have been experimenting with repotting some trees in autumn to spread the workload, so hopefully I can get on top of them all. Maybe I have too many trees...

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BIMERS WEBSITE

Please take the time to visit our newly made over website at <http://bimerbonsai.org.au/>

Keith has put a lot of time and effort into bringing the club into the 21st century. Any input and constructive criticism is very welcome! Photos and video from meetings and shows are being uploaded to the site – if you don't wish to appear please see a committee member.

BIMER BUS TRIP

This year's bus trip is to Toowoomba for the Toowoomba Bonsai show on Sunday 23rd September. Please see Jim to pay and secure your seat. The tentative itinerary is as follows:

Pick up from hall at 8am. Pick up at Centenary 8.30am. Bonsai show at the Rose Garden in Newtown, Toowoomba, with morning tea. Harmony Tea Garden at Highfield with BYO picnic lunch at this stop. Visit Coroneo's Nursery cnr. Anzac Ave. and Herries St. Brief stop at Queens Park for flowers, drinks and the necessary. Return to Brisbane, drop off at Centenary and on to hall by 5pm.

PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH DIRECT DEPOSIT

We are now taking payments by direct deposit for membership, workshops and bus trips. The details are as follows

Bank of Queensland Account name: Bimer Bonsai Club Incorporated

BSB: 124 001 Account Number: 10112801

REMEMBER: you must put your surname in the reference section so we know who has paid.

CALENDAR TREE JUNE

I have had this *Pyracantha* in my collection for approximately 27 years and it was developed into its present form after the parent tree died some 15 years ago.

This tree which had a much smaller trunk (at the time) was attached to a larger one in the style of a parent/child form. It does flower, very petite white ones, which are followed by small orange berries that have a tendency to last a long time. However, the flowering and fruiting are sparse and while it is fertilised regularly, I do not particularly fertilise to encourage it to flower or fruit - perhaps I should!

David



OCTOBER WORKSHOP WITH TONY BEBB

This is a great opportunity for our members to work with a very well-known national and international demonstrator. Should you wish to participate in the workshop please see Jim at the hall entrance to register your interest. Please note that prior payment is required to secure your position for the workshop on October 6th.

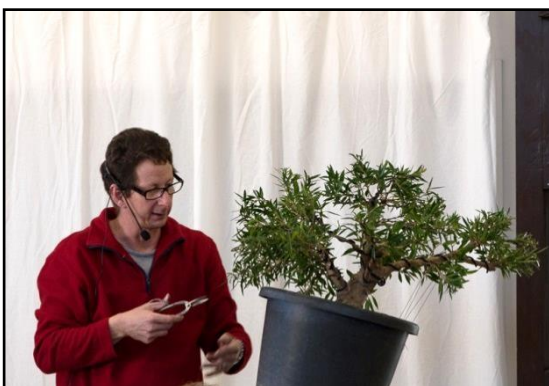
There will be 6 positions available in the morning workshop at a cost of \$30 for participants and \$5 for observers.

DISPLAY TABLE



Please remember to bring along a tree, a **deciduous** or any tree for display this month. You may need some feedback or assistance with developing it into a bonsai. Any tree is welcome. 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.

JUNE MEETING – GLENN SMITH



Growing Root over Rock bonsai - reproduced with permission from Neil Padbury

I really love root over rock style bonsai, especially trident maples. Well established trees have roots that flow over and flatten out to clasp the rock as if the tree has been there for ages. I have been experimenting with ways to develop root over rock bonsai for more than 20 years in an endeavour to produce ever better root over rock plantings.

The old Japanese method was to paste 'muck' (a mix of clay and cow manure) onto the surface of the rock where the roots are to grow then press the roots of a seedling into it and plant the result into a pot or the field. When I tried this I found many of the roots with muck rotted and new ones sprouted which often were not in contact with the rock, spoiling the arrangement. Even if the roots in muck survived, new roots often sprouted and grew off into the surrounding soil. These new roots often grew better than the carefully arranged roots on the rock and left large scars when removed. Panty hose was suggested as a way of holding roots onto the rocks but roots grow through and the nylon takes a very long time to degrade and is almost impossible to remove once the roots have grown through it. Cling wrap and electrical tape were other methods trialed. These work really well but only on convex surfaces. If the rock has a hollow the wrap spans straight across, leaving the roots underneath free to wander away from the surface of the rock. Eventually I tried another material from the kitchen drawer which has worked best and produces excellent results more often than any other I have tried.

Here's what you need:

Trident maple seedlings:

You don't really need this many but you will need a few to choose from. Not every seedling will have the right roots and not all will suit each rock. The more choice you have the better your results will be.

Rocks:

Again, you can get away with a few less than this but a few choices will give better chances of a good match.

While you sort the seedlings, put the chosen rocks into a tub of water to soak. Dry rocks may suck the moisture out of the tender roots and may damage your plant.

Some of the seedlings will have a single strong 'taproot'. Put them aside for other projects. Select the ones with several strong roots that will go over your rock. Wide spread roots will usually fit better than strong vertical ones (the trunk usually splits or roots break off when you try to force the base of the trunk tight against the rock).

Select a rock and decide where the tree will look best. Root over Rock plantings usually look better if the tree is **not** sitting at the top of the rock. Try to avoid placing the tree where it will cover the best features of the rock as well. The rock might look best in a vertical position, horizontal or on an angle somewhere in between. Take some time to closely examine the rock and see what might be best.

Now try to imagine the angle the trunk will take. Will it follow the line of the rock or emerge at an angle? After you position your tree on the rock this critical angle will be hard to change so plan well.

Also look where the roots will run down the rock. They will look best following natural fissures in the rock but imagine them much thicker and spreading on the rock surface and arrange the roots to avoid obscuring prominent features of your rock.



If your rock is not too tall, fold the foil lengthwise so that it is the same width as the depth of the rock the roots will cover.

When finished you should have rock and roots wrapped in a cylinder of foil open at the top and bottom.

It is not necessary for the roots to stick out the bottom at this stage. They will grow quickly when the tree comes out of dormancy and because of the foil they have to follow the rock down to the bottom.

Now plant the whole thing up to the base of the trunk. The pressure of the soil will push the foil and roots within close against the rock surface. Do not let the soil cover the top of the foil because tridents will send out new surface roots at the expense of your chosen root hugging ones.

Root over rock plantings will need more water than others because the rocks act as a wick and suck up water and evaporate it into the air. I make sure new ones are watered daily until they are well established and plenty of roots have made it out the bottom of the foil package.

After a year you can unpot the tree and unwrap it to check progress. The foil will have started to decay and will probably need replacing anyway.

At this stage you may still be able to make modifications to the roots if they are not in the ideal positions. If lots of new roots have sprouted you can remove some to leave discrete roots running down the rock. Where roots cross, the top root will be pushed away from the rock as the one under it thickens so try to avoid crossing roots.

Lots of roots close together will merge into a single plate of root over time.

Prune the trunk back hard to give movement and direction, wrap the rock and roots in fresh foil and replant for another year. I plant into my growing beds in the ground for the second year to speed up development.

When the trunk and roots have reached a suitable size in relation to the rock, lift the tree, unwrap and plant at the required depth in a training pot. For most smaller trees one year in the ground is enough to get the roots and trunk to a suitable size.

This technique will also work well with other species if you want to try root over rock plantings with Japanese maple, Chinese elm, pines and other species.

[Link to original article \(http://shibuibonsai.com.au/?p=188\)](http://shibuibonsai.com.au/?p=188)





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Conference Highlights

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- ✓ Australian native bonsai exhibition
- ✓ Australian culture and art on display
- ✓ Workshops with the Masters
- ✓ Panel discussions with world leading experts
- ✓ Tea ceremony by Xu Hongli
- ✓ Traditional and emerging penjing trends and styles
- ✓ Evening networking functions



About the venue

The conference will be held at the stunning multi-award winning **National Arboretum Canberra**, home to the **National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia**. With spectacular views across Canberra, the Arboretum is a mosaic of living forests surrounding an entertainment and events venues.

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Bimer Bonsai Club Activities	
July 7th	All day general workshop starts at 10am / AGM
August 4th	Repotting and soil mix demo
September 1st	The 4 Junipers
September 22nd	Bimer bus trip - Toowoomba
October 6 th	Tony Bebb - Workshop and Demo
November 3 rd	James Miller - Mame and Miniatures
December 1 st	Christmas Dutch Auction
Other Bonsai Related Activities	
13-15 July	QLD Garden Expo NAMBOUR
20 th – 23 rd July 2018	AABC Convention Melbourne – Bjorn Bjorholm
19 th August	Japanese Cultural Day
25 th August	Ipswich Gardeners Expo
24 th – 26 th August	Illawarra Tops Weekend Stanwell Tops Convention Centre
18-20 September	Universal Penjing Conference – National Arboretum - Canberra
Local Bonsai Shows	
15 - 16 September	BSQ Annual Show
21 – 23 September	Toowoomba Show
27-28 October	Sunshine Coast Show
4 th November 2018	Redlands Show
10 th November	Gold Coast Tweed Show

Committee Nominations for 2018 AGM

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