



# Bimer Bonsai Club Inc.

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July 2018 Newsletter

**Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
**Church hall, Jaguar St, West Chermide**  
**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

Hello All,

Thanks to those who attended the AGM and general workshop last meeting. There were some delays but we managed to get through the AGM fairly smoothly and allow members to get back to working on their trees. My president's report from the AGM is included below.

The next meeting will be a repotting demonstration. This may not sound too exciting, but it is one of the areas that we do not see too often. We will have 4 demonstrators at the same time repotting different trees and talking about all this encompasses, including species specific information and soil mixes. Speaking of soil mixes, I have been using diatomite in my soil mix for many years. I recently read in another club's newsletter that the Mt Sylvia diatomite sold as Kleensorb has stopped being produced due to issues with the mine. A visit to my local supplier (a pet store) confirmed that there is currently no stock available due to, in their words, "the diatomite being too hard to mine currently". Whatever the reason, there will be a short supply of this product, so if you use it in your mix, I suggest you try and stock up. We will discuss soil mixes and alternatives at the next meeting.

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**2018 AGM President's Report**

*We have had a good year in the Bimer club.*

*In July last year we had Averil showing us bonsai styling with driftwood.*

*In August Tony Bebb discussed viewing stones and Geoff Smiley Mame sized bonsai.*

*In October we had Chris Xepapas from Tasmania working on a club Shimpaku.*

*In November we had Michael talk to us about Swampies and styled one of own trees.*

*In February of this year was my turn demonstrating on the club's Corky Bark Elm.*

*In April we had ex-member Roger Lunt working on a club Black Pine.*

*In June we had Glen working on a club Willow Leaf Fig as part of the Presidential swap program we perform with BSQ. We also celebrated life member Jill's 90th birthday.*

*We have also held general workshops more frequently throughout the year including morning sessions. The aim is to encourage more members to work on trees in a friendly environment and get hands on experience and advice with their own bonsai.*



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*In April we held our annual show which was a great success. We had a larger number of members showing their trees with a lot of high quality trees on display, including a lot that have not been displayed previously.*

*I would like to thank my fellow committee members and of course the catering staff Margaret and Merv. It has been tough juggling family and club commitments and they have made my job much easier.*

*We already have mapped out most of the activities until the end of year, so we have some interesting and educational sessions to come. We are always looking for ways to improve the club and the meetings so please have a chat to a committee member sometime about what or who you would like to see.*

*Thanks*

### **AGM ELECTION RESULTS**

The current committee was returned unopposed and the last general committee position has now been filled. The President is Albert, Vice President is Michael, Secretary is Steve and Treasurer is Jim. Library is Jayne and the general committee members are Bruce, Averil, Tony and Keith. Please see any committee member if you have any feedback or suggestions.

### **BIMER BUS TRIP**

This year's bus trip is to Toowoomba for the Toowoomba Bonsai show on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please see Jim to pay and secure your seat. You may also pay online for your seats - again just make sure you include your surname as a reference or you will have made a donation. Cost is only \$10 which includes entry to the Toowoomba bonsai show. Leave from the hall Jaguar Street, Chermside West at 8am sharp. Pick up at Jindalee Hotel, Sinnamon Road, Jindalee 8.30am. Travel to Toowoomba. Bonsai Show at Rose Garden, Newtown Park, Cnr Holberton Street & Pottinger Street, Newtown. Leave at 11.15am Travel to Harmony Tea Garden, 10483 New England Hwy, Highfields. Check out the junipers and have BYO lunch break here. Leave at 12.45, travel to Coroneos Nursery, Cnr Anzac & Herries Street. Leave at 1.45, travel to Queens Park, Margaret Street. Leave at 2.50 for return to Brisbane with drop off at Jindalee. Arrive back at hall Jaguar Street by 5pm.

### **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. Pay online is available.

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

### **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 JULY**

Purchased as advanced nursery stock in 2012. Styled in 2014 and potted 2015. Currently undergoing refinement pruning and wiring and awaiting more detailed and refined carving. Juniperus chinensis 'foemina'. Foemina Juniper – same species as that created by John Naka for his legendary Forest – "Goshin" Protector of Spirit".



## DISPLAY TABLE



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

## JULY MEETING – WORKSHOP AND AGM





## **NOVEMBER MEETING – JAMES MILLAR**

James Millar a Bonsai Artist originally from South Africa but now resident of the Sunshine Coast will share his knowledge of Mame and Miniature Bonsai. James has had his work selected for the AABC National Bonsai Convention and his trees on show at the National Arboretum in Canberra. A true master of the art.

## **UPDATE FROM BONSAI HOUSE – MT COOT-THA BOTANIC GARDENS**



Bimer Bonsai Club members volunteering at Bonsai House on Tuesdays are encouraged by the appointment of Senior Gardener Perry Naumann, a permanent staff member, dedicated to the Bonsai House -- and his full time attendance will ensure that the current collection receives increased attention. Ariana (apprentice) is his assistant and both are receiving hands on training!! – They are both intensely interested in Bonsai – with particular emphasis on Natives for Bonsai.

The collection (consisting mainly of Ficus species) has been reviewed with the intention to reduce the number of Figs with a view to increasing the Bonsai on display to include significantly more Natives.

Council is investigating the installation of a security system to assist in safeguarding the collection.

Visitors may also have noted that the current structure has been repainted as part of its continuing upgrade.

Two huge Bougainvilleas were uprooted from the Alpine Lookout late last year. Prior to that they were growing in the Brisbane City Botanic Gardens. They are flourishing and will be planted into decorative containers to feature at the entry. Show stopping indeed!!!! And a great feature. Be sure to catch them in full flower in spring 2018!!

## Happy Birthday Jill

Club members celebrated long-time member Jill's major significant birthday at the June meeting with cake and good cheer.

Jill has been active in the Bimer Club from its earliest days, having joined more than 30 years ago. During her continuous membership, she served on the management committee and for a number of years was our dedicated club librarian.

At club workshops Jill is still styling trees and offering encouragement and advice to newer members, ably assisted by granddaughter, McKenzie.

It was at a club workshop held at a nursery in Albany Creek where I first met Jill and we have been friends ever since.

As well as attending regular club functions and meetings, Jill has increased her bonsai knowledge and experience by attending many national and international conferences.

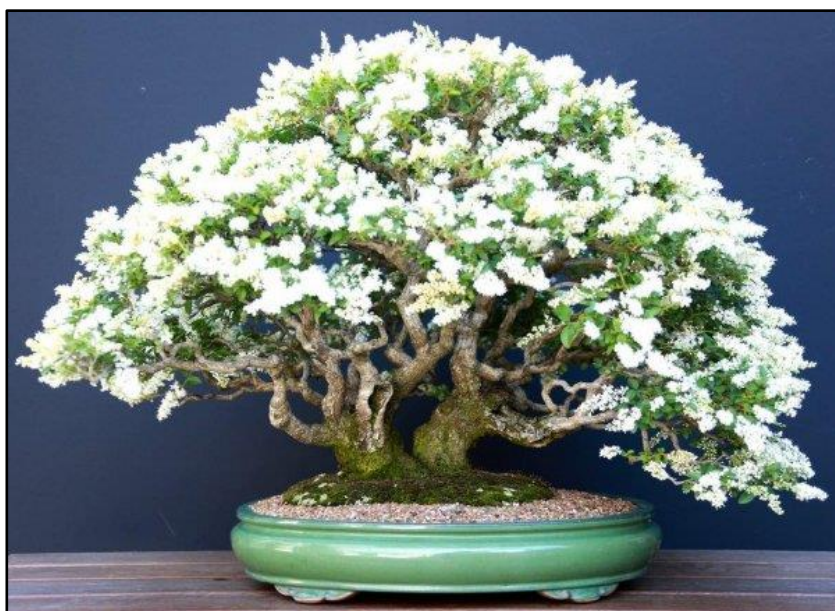
Always crafting, Jill also enjoys the thrilling world of twilling and for exercise she stamps on cards!

On behalf of all the Bimer Bonsai Club members I congratulate you Jill on achieving this milestone. May you have many more happy years annoying little trees. Bruce.



### **UPDATE ON POTENTIAL BONSAI/PEJING FOR LOAN**

#### **TO THE NATIONAL BONSAI AND PENJING COLLECTION OF AUSTRALIA**



Now is the time for Queensland Bonsai Artists to showcase their talents and have their Bonsai or Penjing on display in Canberra and visited by over hundreds of thousands of visitors a year.

The NBPCA have announced that the return of Bonsai and Penjing on loan from Queensland will be returned in November 2018.

At the same time they will be collecting a new intake of Bonsai and Penjing from Queensland Bonsai Artists for loan to the NBPCA for a term of 18 months. How does it work?

Artists are invited to submit their Bonsai – Penjing in the form of photographs on the attached form, direct to Curator of the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia, Leigh Taafe, ([Leigh.Taafe@act.gov.au](mailto:Leigh.Taafe@act.gov.au) )

The entries are then assessed by members of the Selection Advisory Committee, who represent all states of Australia. Bonsai are collected from a central point in the Brisbane area and transported with the greatest care by customised vehicle to Canberra. So, start thinking about what Bonsai in your collection you would like submitted for loan – start grooming them now!!!

For any further information; contact Averil Stanley ([averilstanley@gmail.com](mailto:averilstanley@gmail.com)) or 0438 194 750 – member of current Selection Advisory Committee and Ambassador for the NBPCA.

## NOTICE BOARD

Bimer Bonsai Club Activities	
August 4th	Repotting and soil mix demo
September 1st	The 4 Junipers
September 22nd	Bimer bus trip - Toowoomba
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Bebb - Workshop and Demo
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	James Millar - Mame and Miniatures
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Dutch Auction
January	NO MEETING
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All day general workshop starts at 10am
Other Bonsai Related Activities	
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Japanese Cultural Day – Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Ipswich Gardeners Expo
24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Redlands Show
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Gold Coast Tweed Show