



Bimer Bonsai Club Inc.

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October 2018 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 3rd November 2018

Wavell Heights Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights

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,

We had a great meeting last month with Tony Bebb as the guest demonstrator. As usual he performed fantastic work whilst providing lots of knowledge regarding bonsai. The morning workshop with Tony was also well attended and some great results came from the session.

Please remember that the meetings going forward will now be held at Wavell Heights Hall. The first meeting in the new hall was a success. We had plenty of space to work with and will work towards bringing the rest of the equipment, including the library, to the Wavell Heights hall over the next few months. A few issues have been raised with the committee and we will work to rectify them.

The next meeting will have James Millar from the Sunshine Coast club discussing the smaller end of bonsai (Mames and miniatures). James has many years of experience, so it should be a good session.

With the weather warming up (and a large amount of rain), our trees and gardens should be bursting with new green growth. The weeds are also waking up, so keep on top of them when you can so they don't get a foothold in your pots (I'm one to talk). The warmer weather now is a good time to repot your tropicals, such as figs and bougainvillea. Remember that aftercare is important in the hot days we can experience. Ensure they are shaded from the hot midday/afternoon sun and kept out of the wind until new growth shows it has established itself in the pot. I have a backlog of figs and bougies that are overdue for a repot which will get some attention when I have a bit more free time in a couple of weeks.

Our Christmas meeting is coming up and we plan to have the Dutch auction again. More details will be in the next newsletter, but start considering what you can donate to the auction.

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WAVELL HEIGHTS – OUR NEW HOME



The committee has met and discussed all of the feedback we received – the great majority of it being positive. We have decided that the Wavell Heights Community Hall will be our new home starting in November. The address is on the header section of the newsletter.

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.

BIMER BUS TRIP

Bimer Bonsai Club Trip to Toowoomba

Every year the Bimer Bonsai Club organises a club bus trip for members to visit a show put on by one of the other clubs in South East Queensland.

This year's bus trip was to Toowoomba for the Toowoomba Bonsai show on Sunday 23rd September with 23 members. The cost was only \$10 which included entry to the Toowoomba Bonsai Show.

Most of us gathered at 8am sharp and the bus was waiting. We picked up the others on the way at Jindalee and travelled to Toowoomba. Steve, the driver was great, very accommodating and had interesting tit-bits of information along the way. Of course, the trip would not be complete without the raffle.



Steve kindly drove us to Picnic Point Parklands as we arrived in Toowoomba and we had an amazing view of the whole valley from the top of the range. A perfectly clear day we could see for miles.

The Toowoomba Bonsai Show was at the Rose Garden in Newtown Park, the clubs regular meeting place. The venue was a cute cottage with some beautiful rose gardens in flower, we loved the David Austins over the arches.

The exhibition was excellent and what a friendly club they were. There was a great mixture of exotics and native bonsai, root over rock, bonsai on a slab, mame and shohin as well as figs, junipers and many others. A beautiful pomegranate just shooting caught my eye.

The Toowoomba Club had kindly organised some morning tea and food for us. Thank you, guys! There was a sales area including some elusive scoria from Kimberley in the club which was snapped up and loaded into the bus.

Loaded up with goodies we went to Coroneos Nursery not far from the show. We were welcomed by a massive wisteria archway on the entry to plant paradise. Large maples of countless varieties, conifers of every colour, and a massive variety of exceedingly healthy plants. Some of us couldn't resist so more plants on board.



Next stop was a surprise add-on to the trip. Steve our driver had found where the Carnivals Garden of the Year was. A quick stop saw an incredible garden with waterfall, flowers of every colour and a couple of vintage cars.



Next stop was Harmony Tea Garden (10483 New England Hwy, Highfields. Entry is by appointment only. Call 0430 132 556). Sam Chen was most welcoming and had set up some shelter from the hot sun. We all were a bit overloaded and sat and had our lunch in the great setting surrounded by Bonsai mmmmm. There are 3 main areas of the garden. A display area has some mature bonsai in various stages of development, the weed mat area goes down the side and has a huge amount of mature pre-bonsai trees, and the undercover are a has everything from mame to large plants in various stages of development. Nothing is priced, and Sam was happy to discuss pricing.



Next and final stop was to the Carnival of Flowers in Queens Park. It was amazing! Large crowds. You can see how many people it brings into Toowoomba. Beautiful displays and lots of photographs and people enjoying the sheer beauty of flowers.

After an ice cream and a drink, it was time to head for home which Steve did in quick time. But not without the obligatory raffle of a couple of plants purchased on the way. Simply put, a great day.

SEPTEMBER MEETING – TONY BEBB WORKSHOP AND DEMO





JOHN KENNEDY

John KENNEDY, who participated in last month's Four Junipers, sadly died aged 72. Our thoughts are with his wife, Helen, and children and grandchildren. Here are a few words about John by his friends, Neil & Margy Hanson.

John Kennedy was introduced to Bonsai by his friend and fellow club member Neil Hanson.

John started his career as a Stone Mason and actually laid the final stone on St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane.

When he saw that the opportunities for Stone Masons was diminishing he became a very successful baker and an award winning Master Beer Brewer.

John was semi-retired and had moved from acreage to a near city apartment. John loved his acreage enjoyed nothing more than when he was toiling on the land and cultivating plants and veggies. He was getting itchy fingers that needed to again feel the enjoyment of tending to a garden.

So, Neil suggested he try growing Bonsais. To give him a taste of the Bonsai craft, Neil took John to visit a great fellow Bonsai enthusiast – Ven Grasso – once John saw the magnificent specimens that Ven had, the rest as they say in the classics was history. John was hooked!!

John loved the art of Bonsai from the get go and purchased and cultivated many different Bonsais. John was a perfectionist and he read and googled as much information as he possibly could.

Soon, the extensive front balcony wasn't enough – John's hobby sprawled out on to the rear balcony and even some in the house (on a rotation with some of the outside ones of course)!!

Growing Bonsais had truly become a passion.

He will be sadly missed – Vale John!

DISPLAY TABLE

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

DUTCH AUCTION DECEMBER MEETING

Now is the time to start looking in your bonsai cupboard for any spare pots or stock in the garden. Michael also stated that wine is a very acceptable donation. Other non-bonsai items are welcome and remember that part of the proceeds are donated to charity!

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.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome Beau-Timothy

NOTICE BOARD

Bimer Bonsai Club Activities	
November 3 rd	James Millar - Mame and Miniatures
December 1 st	Christmas Dutch Auction
January	NO MEETING
February 2 nd	All day general workshop starts at 9 am
March 2 nd	Lindsay Bebb
April 6 th	Albert Garcia
May 4 th	All day general workshop starts at 9 am
Other Bonsai Related Activities	
17-20 May 2019	Melbourne Convention
Local Bonsai Shows	
	BSQ Annual Show
	Toowoomba Show
27-28 October	Sunshine Coast Show
4 th November 2018	Redlands Show
10 th November	Gold Coast Tweed Show