



Bimer Bonsai Club Inc.

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November 2018 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 1st December 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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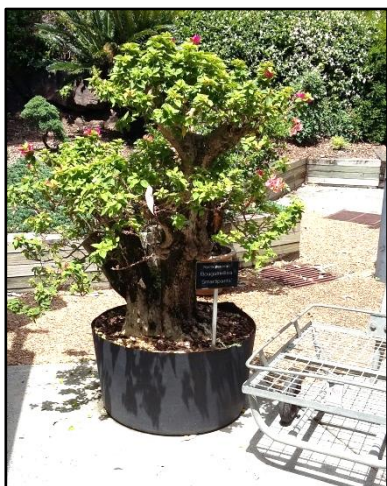
Membership Fees

Single \$20

Family \$25

Hello All,

A big thanks goes to James Millar for presenting at the October meeting on miniature bonsai. He had a great selection of his smaller trees on display and gave some great information regarding styling and tree care. If you missed it then visit the Bimer website as we intend to put the video up there for people to view.



I had the pleasure of joining a few of the Bimer members who regularly volunteer their time at the Bonsai House at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. On the day we tackled the repotting of the monster Bougie shown in the pictures. It was dug up from the grounds near the lookout picnic area. It is a Smartipants variety and is quite old (and heavy). The tree in the new pot has been placed at the entry to the Bonsai House with another to accompany it once it has been potted up. The current person in charge of the collection and the volunteers have done a great job to improve the health and quality of the trees with an aim to have more variety. If you are at the gardens, please take the time to visit the bonsai house and have a look around.



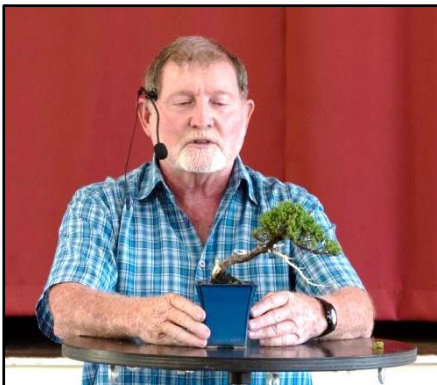
The next meeting is our end of year celebration with our regular Dutch auction and refreshments. Further information is found in the newsletter. I hope to see you all there.

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NOVEMBER MEETING – JAMES MILLAR MAME DEMO



DECEMBER MEETING

Our last meeting of the year is a little laid back – come and help us celebrate the past year and enjoy some good food and company. Remember to bring change along with you as well as the items you plan to donate for the auction. These items can include any bonsai related items you no longer need, but think someone else would like. For example, green stock with no ants or water coming out and for Michael, some wine. The money raised will help fund future club activities and a portion of the money raised will be donated to our farmers who are struggling through the drought.

Just a reminder that the Trade Table will not be open at the December meeting and the Library will only be open to accept the return of books etc.

As December is the ideal time to do some work on black pines Averil will make a short presentation on the club tree at 1.30pm with bidding continuing after that until 2.15pm. See you there!

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

NOVEMBER 2018 CALENDAR TREE – CLERODENDRON “Tree of Little Stars”

Every tree should tell a story and this one has it!!!

“Once upon a time”... I had the pleasure of having some of the boys from Bundaberg attend my bonsai workshops in the mid 1980's where I chanced upon Brian Inglis who was a regular at these workshop sessions.

Most of us are aware that the ‘Bundy boys’ are credited for bringing the beauty of Clerodendron to our attention for bonsai cultivation. Trend setters indeed!! Thanks Brian Inglis, Brian Bishop, Rod Lovett and Shannon Young!

Apart from being passionate about Bonsai and cleros in particular, Brian also had an enviable collection of bronzes. Like bonsai, bronzes need display bases. So it transpired Brian had a clero and Averil had an antique rosewood bonsai table. Both superfluous to their needs.

The deal was done.

The collaboration gets better....Bob and Averil were lucky enough to enjoy the hospitality of our old mate Gordon Chenery for 2 weeks at his holiday home at 1770. On our way back to Brisbane we stopped into Brian's in Bundaberg and did the exchange. We both secretly thought that we each had the better end of the deal!!!

At one time, the clero was popularised for bonsai on the mistaken belief that it was a native – because of its prolific existence in coastal central and north Queensland, where it seems to have ‘naturalised’ so commonly that it was thought to be a native and was incorrectly labelled by bonsai hobbyists as *Clerodendron inerme*. However, the flowers were clearly not the flowers of ‘*inerme*’ so Averil and Bob took the plant in flower to the Queensland Herbarium at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens and had it positively identified as *Clerodendron heterophyllum*. The Herbarium staff explained that its introduction from overseas was most likely due to more relaxed quarantine controls at the time it was brought to our shores. Let's hope its proliferation does not give it the same status as other introduced species so stunning for bonsai like *Celtis* that are now classed as noxious weeds.

The bonsai has been styled very much as they grow in nature – where it is bushy and vine like. The tree responds well to extensive root and foliage pruning, loves fertiliser, and frequent trimming does not appear to weaken the tree and leaves reduce to a very small size. It has beautiful ridged bark giving an ‘instant’ aged appearance. We have 6 as Bonsai in our collection and they certainly keep us busy – being repotted every six months because of their active root growth. Stunning for Shohin sized bonsai too.

The Bonsai now belongs to Bob, he not having a clero, and Averil eyeing off a stunning bonsai container she coveted in Bob's bonsai pot collection. Another deal done!

Since the bonsai has been in our possession it continues to provide us with links to many wonderful memories of people whose presence in our bonsai journey is enriched by them.

The Bonsai in 2014



The Bonsai in September 2018



QUEENSLAND ART GALLERY (GOMA)

Should you have a spare hour or so, I can recommend a visit to GOMA. They currently have an exhibition of Japanese art from their collection on display. It comprises some magnificent folded screens, ceramics, photographs and paintings. Entry is free.

DISPLAY TABLE

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

MEMBERSHIPS ARE OVERDUE

If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter please see Jim to pay your dues, or pay online.

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.

NOTICE BOARD

Bimer Bonsai Club Activities	
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
March 30 th – 31 st	Bimer Annual Show - Mt Coot-tha
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	
TBA	BSQ Annual Show
TBA	Toowoomba Show
TBA	Sunshine Coast Show
TBA	Redlands Show
TBA	Gold Coast Tweed Show