



# Bimer Bonsai Club Native Dig

## Summary

One of our goals at the Bimer Bonsai club is to develop Australian styles of bonsai based on our unique tree species. While some species are already popular (who *doesn't* own a fig yet?), experimenting with other native species will take Australian bonsai to the next level. Some superb examples of Eucalypt bonsai already exist, like Peter Hanrahan's *E. nicholii* (2020 BCI's Tree of the Year).



Peter Hanrahan's *E. nicholii*. Height: 900mm. Taken from <https://www.bonsai-bci.com/index.php/2020-tree-of-the-year-contest/1108-peter-hanrahan-eucalyptus-nicholii>

Other species (e.g. Casuarinas, Melaleucas) have been previously displayed at Bimer's monthly meetings and our yearly show. We have been given permission by one of our member's family to go to their property for some Yamadori collecting! If you want to experiment with some natives and try your hand at field collection, we encourage you to join us.

## Location and Date

The property is located in 724 Yabbra Road, in the Kyogle area. Located next to Yabbra National Park.



The plan is to go during the second (12/08 to 14/08) weekend of August.

Because of the long drive, it may be convenient to stay overnight at a local hostel overnight (the closest one is the Dog & Bull Bonalbo, about 20 min) and do the dig the following day. There's also an option to camp in the property if that's preferable. Firewood will be provided.

The family has offered to prepare a barbecue for us to have lunch on the day for if we provide some money for them to purchase food in advance (\$5 per person).



Local Flora

Name	Description	Sample photos
Casuarina / Allocasuarina	Some varieties of casuarinas / allocasuarinas exist in the property.	
Ficus Obliqua	There are small patches of rainforest areas in the property, and you can find some nice small-leaved figs. A few species were collected last year.	
Eucalyptus	<p>There's a few varieties of eucalypts with different bark textures, including <i>E. sideroxylon</i> (Red ironbark, Ironbark), <i>E. albens</i> (White / grey box), <i>E. punctata</i> (Grey gum). One red ironbark was previously cut to prepare for collection and has recovered well.</p> <p>It's hard to know all of the available varieties, but the EuCLID app can help you with identification.</p>	

Additionally, there are other exotics and weeds that are known to be good for bonsai, such as Lantana and Camphor Laurel, and some other weeds that may be nice for companion plants (e.g. Fireweed).