

## WAVERLEY BONSAI GROUP NEWSLETTER

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# **May 2016**

Date: Tuesday, 17 May 2016, 8.00 pm start

(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

**PRESENTER:** Lindsay Farr from Bonsai Farm

nursery

Venue: rear hall, St John's Church, cnr Virginia

& Alexander Streets, Mount Waverley

(Melway ref 70 D1)

#### **MEMBER DISPLAY TABLE** (see last page)

**Tree of the Month:** Autumn trees

**Style**: Formal and informal

& Your choice: Any

### So, there are two categories:

1. Tree of the month and the style – bring in that type and style as your first alternative

2. Your choice – any other trees at all that you think might be worthy. No excuse for not bringing in something because anything is OK to display.

#### **SUPPER ROSTER**

Supper roster for the month is:

Barry Butterworth & Peter Bake



#### NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE.

- Workshops with Craig Wilson for 2016 = currently in recess
- Beginner's workshops for 2016, please check with Bruce Argaet or Zyggy.
- Member visit to our Japanese Festival display would be appreciated & the food is great.
- Everyone please start thinking about our Annual Show (what you can show), & dinner (your attendance), weekend 12/14 August.
- We are still missing books from the library so please check and return at the next meeting when you find them

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

**Japanese Festival**, at Box Hill Town Hall, on Sunday 15 May, 10am- 5pm

#### FROM LAST MEETING:

Sue Brennan, AABC Demonstrator from Sydney demonstrating on a Shohin sized Black Pine











Sue was indeed an animated presenter!

The tree: Before and after





Member Trees on the Display Tables
As always, please respect the member trees and ask for details rather than handling them yourself.







































#### Seasonal Notes -May

Keep checking plants for pests and diseases. Avoid pruning deciduous trees because growth spurts can get winter burns when/if frost comes.

Start to remove any fruit and berries to allow your tree to recover. Last growth on some conifers like Junipers and Cryptomerias means one last pinching can be done before winter sets in. Remove wires and let trees rest over winter.

Constantly remove all fallen leaves from your benches and pots. As well as keeping the area tidy and clean, it removes a potential source and habitat for pests and diseases. Scrub down the benches to remove algae and dirt build-ups and disinfect discarded posts.

You should be starting to enjoy some touches of autumn colour, colourful berries and small fruit on your trees. If you don't have any of these trees in your collection, it is a good time to scout around the nurseries and buy one.

Attend the coming bonsai shows to seek more inspiration ©

#### Seasonal Notes - June

It's start of root rot season – so remember to reduce watering except when we have a prolonged dry spell. If the soil in your bonsai pot is constantly wet during winter, root rot may occur – look for signs of leaf dieback and white rings on the roots at soils level.

Regularly check plants for pests and diseases

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This is a great time of the year to shape your trees. All the leaves have fallen off your deciduous trees and you now have the skeletal framework enabling you to see where last season's excess growth has spoilt the tree's shape or design. Firstly, cut off any dead wood, then re-shape or restyle.

Fertilizing isn't required for any dormant trees. Constantly remove all fallen leaves from your benches and pots. As well as keeping the area tidy and clean, it removes a potential source and habitat for pests and diseases.

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#### **Special Trees**





Brian Sampson's Bonsai book is available at the meetings for purchase @ \$50.00.



#### **WAVERLEY BONSAI GROUP - PROGRAMME 2016**

Date	Demonstrator and/or topic	Display Table	Style
19 January	4 club members speaking on favourite subjects	Any - Your choice	Any
		Figs/ Ficus	
16 February	David Allen from Bendigo speaking on Jade as Bonsai	Your choice	Groups
		Maples	
15 March	Member practice night	Your choice	Group
	Sue Brennan, AABC Demonstrator from Sydney on Shohin	Pine trees	
19 April	sized Black Pine	Your choice	Informal and Formal
		Autumn Trees	
17 May	Lindsay Farr from Bonsai Farm	Your choice	Your choice
		Deciduous	
21 June	To be advised	Your choice	Informal
		Flowering	
19 July	To be advised	Your choice	Informal and Formal
		Australian Natives	
16 August	AGM, birthday with pizza, various topics	Your choice	Penjing
		Sakei Landscape	
20 September	Ali, Joanne and Ziggy	Your choice	Your choice
		Junipers	
18 October	Bruce Burleigh on wisteria	Your choice	All types
		Satsuki Azaleas	Broom and Informal
15 November	Trevor McCoombe on Satsuki azaleas	Your choice	
		All types	
20 December	Xmas various club speakers	Your choice	Root over Rock

Single- \$40, Family \$45, Student \$12, one off joining fee \$15 cash or cheque or Direct Bank Deposit /EFT for membership. Waverley Bonsai Group – Commonwealth Bank = BSB 063 151 Account 1008 4248. Please include your <u>name</u> as the reference.

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