

President's Report 2006

I have held the office of President from December 05 and I have found the position challenging and exciting and look forward to another 12 months in office.

The great support I have received from the committee has made the transition from Vice President-to-President much easier and to this end I extend my sincerest thanks to all these members involved. Peter Coulton has accepted the position of Vice President and Geoff Farris has agreed to do the Editors role until a replacement can be found, thank you to these members for taking up these positions.

The committee have endeavoured to make the monthly workshops as diverse and interesting as possible and this is reflected in the good numbers attending the workshop each month. Our tutor Bob Felton and his team have certainly been motivational in encouraging members to bring along a tree and actively participate in these workshops and Bob and other members are always willing to provide advice and assistance to anyone in need.

The club has organised some interesting demonstrations in the past 12 months utilising the talents of local club members as well as Guest demonstrators, these included:

- December 05 Dennis McDermott tutorial on Australian Natives.
- February 06 Group Planting by Bob Felton
- March 06 a rather large Black Pine was re-styled by Bob Felton, Michael Carr, Bob Flanagan and Samantha and David Wood.
- May 06 A special 30th Anniversary workshop, with Bob Flanagan presenting a tutorial on Bonsai Basics, and a demonstration by the club's special guest Dorothy Korichoff (which I won't forget)
- July 06 Guest demonstrator Chris Di-Nola demonstrated carving techniques and participated in a special members workshop.

Other organised events:

- Olive dig at Singleton
- Bus trip to Kingston Wang's, Ray Nesci's and Bibo Nursery
- The club supported the "Treasures of the Orient" theme at the Hunter Valley Gardens, Peter Coulton organised this event.

The club continues to organise the purchase of Club Tee shirts, hats and has sourced Bonsai tools at wholesale prices for members

David Wood is doing a great job in recording demonstrations on DVD, and along with Bob Nieass ensures that all the shows and events are captured on film.

The skilful organization of the show convener, Greg Hawke and his many helpers, ensured that the 2005 annual show was again a success with a record number of trees on display. The show was run over 3 days with the gate takings, again being donated to charity.

The Librarian Bev Wakeling is doing a marvellous job maintaining the books and magazines in the ever-expanding library.

The club is still attracting new members and continues to grow, and is still in a very financial position.

Next year will be an election year where all executive and committee positions will need to be filled, please give it some consideration.

In conclusion, I reiterate in thanking the hard working committee and the members for supporting the club,

with such commitment the club can only go forward.
I look forward to the next 12 months.

Thank You
Max.