

# NEWCASTLE BONSAI SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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2007



**The next meeting** will be on Saturday 14th April 2007 at the Warners Bay Guide Hall with a Committee Meeting commencing at 9-30 am and a Workshop later. Bob will be doing a Saikei demonstration.

**Library.** I have spoken to Bev, our librarian, and she is home and recovering well from her hip replacement but will not be able to attend this meeting. We need a volunteer to look after the library until Bev returns, probably in May. Please see Max or Erika if interested.

**Bus Trip 17th March.** Our bus trip on Saturday 17th March to Greenlight Nursery at Moorlands and barbecue lunch at Harrington was a great success attended by a small but enthusiastic crowd who purchased an assortment of excellent trees and shrubs. Thanks to Margaret and Brian who looked after us superbly.

**Bob & Wendy's 25th March.** 32 people braved the rain and attended Bob & Wendy's bonsai viewing and barbecue. A great time was had by all and recipes for some of Wendy's fantastic food are included further on in this newsletter.

**September Sales Day.** At our September workshop this year, we will be holding a Sales Day to take the pressure off the sales table at our exhibition in November. If there is less stuff for sale at the exhibition then we should be able to display everything better and this will bring better prices for quality trees. This sale will be advertised to other clubs and the general public. So if you have stuff to sell please bring it along to the workshop on 8th September and we will do our best to sell it for you. We also expect to have a guest demonstrator at that workshop. More details on this later. This is an advance warning so that you can sort out your surplus trees and pots and have them ready for sale.

### NEWCASTLE BONSAI SOCIETY

Newcastle Bonsai Society meets on the second Saturday of every month at the Warners Bay Guide Hall Cnr Burton Rd and Lamington Drive, Mt. Hutton. A bonsai workshop commences at 10.30 a.m. which usually includes a demonstration.

There will be a committee meeting commencing at 9.30am and all members are welcome to attend.

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**AGM in August.** Don't forget the AGM in August. All committee positions are vacant and we need people to fill them. Please think about what you might be able to do and speak to Max or Erika about nominating yourself for a position on the committee.

**AABC Conference.** The 20th National AABC conference will be held at Moonee Ponds on May 18-21. We have donated a tool kit as a raffle prize.

**Progressive Raffle.** We will be having another progressive raffle from May to July this year. The prize will be one of Peter's trees and a Pat Kennedy pot. Tickets will be available from May workshop on and the prize will also be on display then.

**New Newsletter Editor.** Shane Scott has volunteered to take over editing the newsletter. This edition is a joint effort and Shane will be doing it from now on. Shane will be grateful for any contributions. Thanks Shane.



## NEW SHIPMENT OF POTS AND TOOLS HAS ARRIVED FROM JAPAN

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**9am to 5pm**

### Kimura's handiwork – a retrospective #4

Have you ever wondered what has happened to some of those incredible creations that Masahiko Kimura has entertained us with over the years in that great magazine “Bonsai Today”?

Whilst on the tour of Japan in February 2006, we had the good fortune of having a visit to Kimura's nursery added onto the itinerary. There I was elated to see that some of these creations were in his collection and on view. Have a chat to Gerry, he has just got back from the tour of February this year.

Here is one that was featured in Bonsai Today #43, issue 3, 1996. The article is entitled “Dividing the trunk of a tree” and started on page 18. A Five needled pine was styled by means of segmenting (splitting) the trunks using an electric sabre/jig saw, then wiring, wrapping and styling. This shows that Kimura is not only a great carver but a master of other “serious” techniques that produce equally stunning results.



The photos above were scanned from that article and show the beginning, power tooling and the end result. The following picture is the tree that I saw last year at Kimura's nursery and believe it to be the subject of the article.



It certainly looks like it. Cheers for now.

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## INTERVIEW WITH SHANE BOYCE

- *What got you interested in bonsai?*
- I'm a horticulturist by trade. One of our lecturers gave a short talk on bonsai and the interest grew from that.
- *How long have you been working with them?*
- It was about 30 years ago, but I became serious about it in 1995 when there was a BCI convention in Sydney and I realized that what I was doing was just playing with plants in bonsai pots.
- *What was your first tree?*
- I had so many in the beginning, I can't remember, but I did have a fig which I've had for at least 20 years. I'm about to re-style it yet again.
- *What different types of bonsai do you have?*
- Ficus, Elms, Olives, Shimpaku Junipers. Because I work such long hours, I stick to growing trees I really like. I love to work with twin-trunks and literati styles.
- *What is your favourite bonsai and why is it your favourite?*
- That would have to be the Seigu Elm and Shimpaku Junipers. I've a couple of hundred Shimpakus and Elms in the ground. I expect to sell them in 10 to 15 years. Over here we don't have access to specially grown pre-bonsai.
- *What is the most difficult bonsai you've worked on so far?*
- Azaleas. They're hard to grow in Perth because of the heat and salt air. They can be grown successfully if you have the time to look after them.
- *Are there any styles more suitable for some trees and not others?*
- No. Any style can be done with any tree.....if you've got the skill.
- *Do you have an opinion on suitability of pots to styles and types of trees?*
- The right pot will enhance the tree, however, it's your tree, you put it in any pot you like. But then you might not be able to exhibit the tree because you haven't followed the guidelines.
- *What is your opinion on soil types and potting mixes?*
- It's essential to have the correct potting mix for your climate.
- *What fertilizers do you use and when do you use them?*
- I just use osmocote. I don't have time to be fussy.
- *Do you have any problems with diseases?*
- No, not really.
- *Do you have any other problems to deal with?*
- Not enough time to work on my trees.
- *What is important to remember when working with a particular specimen?*
- Let the tree tell you what it needs. The tree is a living thing - don't kill it with kindness.
- *What, in your opinion, is a good tree for beginners to start with?*
- Chinese Elm, Olive, Ficus.
- *What basic tools do you think are indispensable?*
- Wire Cutters. Garden can do most of the other jobs to start with.
- *Can you recommend any books or authors?*
- John Naka -both 1 and 2; Deb. Koreshoff's "Bonsai Techniques".
- *Is there a place or nursery you go to, to get special trees?*
- No. I generally go to wholesalers of general plants.
- *Do you have a story or incident you'd like to share with us.*
- I'm renowned for wire-cutting on my trees because I had too many trees to maintain. So now, I have less trees and less cutting wire on trees.
- *What haven't you yet done with bonsai that you would like to do?*
- Get better at it.
- *Any advice for beginners?*
- Be more bonsai-oriented in your stock selection.

*Thanks Shane. Shane is a horticulturist who is self-employed in a garden maintenance business based in Perth.*

*He has been a long-term member on the committee of the WA Bonsai Society fulfilling most roles at one time or another.*

*He has completed Dorothy Koreshoff's advanced bonsai courses. He has demonstrated and lectured at clubs and events around Australia and is in Bonsai for the long haul.*

## BBQ Munchies

I'd like to thank all the people who braved the inclement weather and attended the BBQ hosted by myself and wife Wendy. A few people had requested the recipe of a couple of taste delights that Wendy had prepared for us to eat. Whilst the recipes are not strictly Bonsai, they were after all subject of conversation at the Club function.

### CHOCOLATE AND MACADAMIA BROWNIES

200g macadamias  
250g good quality chocolate, broken into pieces  
175g butter, cubed  
3 eggs  
220g (1 cup) caster sugar  
1 tsp vanilla essence  
150g (1 cup) plain flour  
0.5 tsp baking powder  
0.5 tsp salt

Preheat oven to 160°C. Grease a 20cm X 30cm slab pan and then line the base with non-stick baking paper.

Chop the macadamias and set aside.

Place the chocolate and butter in a heat-resistant bowl and stir over a pan of simmering water until the mixture is melted and combined. Set aside.

Whisk eggs and sugar until thick and creamy. Add the melted chocolate mixture and vanilla essence and whisk to combine.

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Use a large metal spoon to fold flour mixture and macadamias through chocolate mixture.

Pour the mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 35-40 minutes until an inserted skewer comes out clean.

Remove from the oven and cool in the pan. Turn onto a cutting board and cut into serving portions. Sprinkle with icing sugar.

### NOODLE SALAD WITH FRAGRANT HERBS

125g cellophane (glass) noodles, soaked in hot water until soft, then drained  
0.5 small red capsicum cut into strips  
0.5 small yellow capsicum, cut into strips  
2 sticks celery cut into small strips  
1 cup bean sprouts  
2 shallots, finely sliced  
0.5 carrot, julienned  
Julienned daikon (white radish) (optional)  
Coriander leaves  
0.5 cup Vietnamese mint leaves

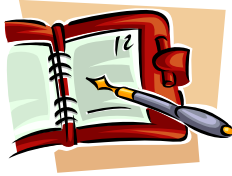
#### Dressing

1 Tbsp rice or wine vinegar  
2 Tbsp fish sauce  
2 Tbsp fresh lime or lemon juice  
0.5 tsp grated ginger  
1 lemon grass stalk, finely chopped  
1 small red chilli, finely chopped  
1 Tbsp chopped chives

Mix all salad ingredients together.  
Combine dressing ingredients and toss over salad just before serving.

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and Wendy.



## DIARY DATES

APRIL 14 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop. Saikei demonstration

MAY 11 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop.

MAY 18—21 20th National AABC Convention at the Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds.

SEPTEMBER 8 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop and SALES DAY

SEPTEMBER 8-9 Megumi's Annual Bonsai Exhibition at Checkers Resort at Terry Hills

NOVEMBER 2—4 Newcastle Bonsai Society Annual Exhibition at Club Macquarie

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