

NEWCASTLE BONSAI SOCIETY

Newsletter

**SEPTEMBER
2007**



The next meeting will be on Saturday 8th September 2007 at the Warners Bay Guide Hall with a Committee Meeting commencing at 9-30 am.

September Sales Day. At this months workshop we will be holding a Sales Day to take the pressure off the sales table at our annual show in November. Individuals selling stock on this day will be responsible for their own sales. All sales will attract a club charge as outlined on the sales sheet included with the newsletter.

AGM Results. The following positions have been filled following last months AGM. Congratulations to all those elected.

President:	David Wood
Vice President:	Max Smider
Secretary:	Geoff Farris
Treasurer:	Graham Wilson
Assist. Secretary/Treasurer:	Vacant
Newsletter Editor:	Shane Scott
Librarian:	Bev Wakeling
Honorary Tutor:	Vacant
Committee Members:	Erika Smider, Lorne Henry, Penny Davis, Greg Hawke, Jan Shephard
AABC Delegates:	David Wood, Shane Scott

August Raffle Winners were Jessica, Samantha, Liz, Anne, Gerry, Graham, Maurice and Vic . The progressive raffle was won by Greg. Congratulations to all our winners.

Membership Fees are now due for 2007/08. Fees are \$52 for individuals and \$57 for a family. Please pay the treasurer at this meeting.

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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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Sub-committee Formation. A proposal to form a sub-committee to handle enquiries from organizations requesting demonstrations/shows has been presented to the committee. The committee has agreed in principle, but the formation of the sub-committee has been deferred until after the AGM in August. This sub-committee would also assist the show convener with the organization of the annual exhibition. Please speak to David W if you are interested in becoming part of the sub-committee.

Nelson Bay Display. Some members of the club will be participating in a display of trees for exhibition and sale at the Port Stephens Community Arts Centre in Nelson Bay from 14th September to 15th October. In addition to bonsai, other items on display will include paintings, quilts, embroidery, pottery and cards. If you are interested in participating please contact Liz on 4981 4464.

An olive dig is planned for the 21st October in Singleton. The meeting place will be Townhead Park at 9am sharp. More information will be provided in the October newsletter.

Annual Show. Our annual show will take place from the 2nd to the 4th of November at Club Macquarie. Similar to previous years we are looking for volunteers to assist with setup, manning of the door and club sales table, and to steward. Included with this newsletter is a show volunteer timetable. If you are able to help please complete the form and return to Greg H at the next club meeting.

Sunrise bonsai viewing. Peter R is looking for interested people to visit his bonsai collection approximately 30 minutes after sunrise with the follow up of tea and coffee. If you are interested, please speak to Peter at the next meeting for more details.

The Taree Pun-jing Bonsai Club wish to extend an invitation to club members to an upcoming demonstration by Ric Roberts and Chris Allnut on 16th September. The demonstration will commence at 10am at Club Taree. For more information contact the Taree club president, Mr Garry Tyrie, on 6556 9128.



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OPEN 7 DAYS

9am to 5pm

GO WEST YOUNG MAN

As the heading says, lately we have been going west looking for new material to dig up and turn into bonsai. Now don't think that these trips are a walk in the park, they are minimum 15 hour days full of lots of driving and back braking work for only one tree a trip .But wow, what a tree. Three trips in a month and a half, three wonderful big specimens that will be very impressive bonsais in a couple of year's time. This is the story of one of those trees.

Since I have joined the club I have seen some lovely Bougainvillea bonsai trees and lately I have had an urge to get one for myself. So when an old friend of mine said that he knew where a huge old one was, I had to go and check it out. I know what you're thinking, 'Boug's' are from the coast and yeah, there are some real beauties around. But unless you have been inland, you won't appreciate that there are some great spots out west that have the same if not more potential trees available.

You never know, until you go. That's the motto that Michael and I have been keeping lately. It's a long way and you are never really guaranteed a tree. We have been very lucky on the last 2 trips to get a big powerful fig each, so away we went again, for the last time, Mick said. Once we met up with my friend, we headed out of town to an old farm site that had been the home of a huge 'Boug' for many years.

"It's just around the corner" was what I heard as in front of us came to view the biggest boug I had ever seen. "Bloody Hell"; I thought to myself, I have come a long way for nothing as this is far too big to dig out. Now I like big material but this was ridiculous, first impressions were "WOW" but on viewing the big 'Boug' a smaller one had grown on the outer edge and this is the tree we targeted.



The mother 'Boug'

The decision was made to get the smaller tree out but the main problem was that it was entangled and under the canopy of the mother 'Boug'. After cutting off the main leaders that went into the enormous canopy the little room we had to dig out the 'Boug' stump was drastically reduced as the thorns and branches sat down on our tree. After some pretty hard digging and quiet a few good scratches and thorn cuts we had it out.

The trip home from these bonsai digs are a real drag. You're tired and sore and this one was no exception. The trick is to not muck around, keep the tree moist on the way home and get it into a pot as soon as you can. As you can see it's potted up and fingers crossed, it will shoot back soon and start to become a big 'Boug' bonsai. There's nothing better than finding a tree, getting it out and turning it into something great, it's a thrill that keeps me going and wondering what and where the next tree will be. Have a look around and see.

Greg



The 'Boug' after potting

The 'Boug' after initial carving



Jobs for the Month of September

Everybody by now should have completed repotting their deciduous trees. If you haven't and the trees have already burst into new leaf then you should wait until the new growth hardens (or wait until next year) before repotting.

The best time to repot flowering trees is after flowering and Aussie natives are best repotted prior to a growth spurt, while the tree is still dormant.

Spring is a great time to repot most of your collection but it is recommended that figs be repotted closer to summer.

Don't forget to increase the regularity of watering as the weather gets warmer. As watering frequency increases, you should consider applying a liquid fertiliser to your trees to replace the leached nutrients. Commonly used fertilisers are 'Charlie Carp', 'Power Feed', 'Thrive' and 'Fish Emulsion'. Remember that natives don't like phosphorus so consider using 'Osmocote for Natives' or similar. Don't forget to water each tree before your fertilise.

Now is a good time to start pinching back growth as soon as shoots start to grow and elongate (unless you wish to encourage growth in certain areas of your tree). Frequent pinching will promote the development of improved branch ramification.



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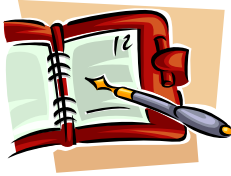
Ninja 6mm shaft - \$199 (For work on medium and large size trees where precision & accuracy are needed)

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(For pictures and additional information see above website)

For purchase enquiries phone number as above or email: raynescibonsai@bigpond.com



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER 8 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop and SALES DAY

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

OCTOBER 13 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop

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

NOVEMBER 10 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop plus guest demonstrator
Chris Di Nola

DECEMBER 8 Newcastle Bonsai Society monthly workshop plus Christmas Party

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