



# WAVERLEY BONSAI GROUP NEWSLETTER

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## September 2007

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

**Venue:** rear hall, St John's Church, cnr  
Virginia & Alexander Sts, Mt Waverley  
(Melway.ref 70 D1)

**Date:** Tuesday 18 September – 8.00 pm start

**Presenter:** Brian Sampson who will be doing  
a Special Demonstration (as usual).

**DISPLAY TABLE THEME** (novice,  
intermediate)

**Tree type:** Saikei and rock plantings

**Tree Style:** Your choice

**&**

**Ken Woolven's choice:** All styles & species

**So, there are two categories:**

1. **Tree of the month and the style** – bring in that type and style as your first alternative
2. **Ken's 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.

## NOTES FROM AFTER THE AGM.

**President** – Trevor Wicks

**Vice President** - Peter Thackray

**Secretary** - Bruce Wensor

**Club membership** - Liz Hunnekens

**Committee** - Margaret Smith,, Ray Ashton

**Treasurer** – *currently unfilled, we need a volunteer for this position*

**Club catering duties.** - *Diva would like someone to take over this function please.*

*Volunteers eagerly received into the kitchen.*

**Suggestions summary:** Only 17 replies were received to the recent survey from our 70 members (shame!) and no notes have been put into in the suggestion box for 5 months! (it's at the sign-in desk).

**2008 syllabus,** Work has started on this and we still need ideas that can be used by the Committee? It's your club – what do you want it to be?

**Fines** for non return of library books (each book), will be 50 cents for the first month & \$1.00 for subsequent months. Money will be used to purchase new books.

**The Annual Show & dinner** were well done but disappointing for the members who helped & attended, as the profit was only \$100.

## Events Calendar

### Programs & Exhibitions

**5-7 October,**

ABC Gardening Australia Expo, Caulfield Racecourse

**13-14 October,**

Bonsai of Victoria Show, Glen Eira Town Hall cnr Glen Eira Rd & Hawthorn Rd Caulfield

**3-4 November**

Ballarat Bonsai Society Show, Robert Clarke Centre

(Botanic Gardens), Gillies St, Ballarat

**10-11 November**

Geelong Bonsai Club Show, Geelong Masonic Centre, Regent St, Belmont

## INTERMEDIATE Program

**7 November 2007 + 5 weeks**

Please **contact Trevor Wicks** (mobile 0419 001 206) to reserve your place. Takes place at the meeting hall, 7.30 pm set up time → 10.30 pm. Should we not get the 8 people required we may be forced to cancel this event for the year. Please support your club and committee. Attendees will be notified to confirm details.

## Last Meeting



After the AGM comes the Food and Fun chat.



Thanks to the 2006/2007 departing office bearers.

## Display Table - Waverley Members





Camellias Victoria - Waverley Garden Club  
Camellia Festival - 2007  
BEST EXHIBIT CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS  
Donated by CAMELLIA LODGE NURSERY

Recent visitors to the annual Waverley Bonsai show in August made comments about the standard of the exhibits. When we look at these pictures above from our members of all grades and note that we get new exhibits month after month, we should take a collective bow, with pride, at what great work our members are generating. Well done to all the exhibitors who make the effort.

### Seasonal Notes –SEPTEMBER/ Spring

The last of the trees are root pruned and repotted before the buds burst. Trees are generally top-pruned in conjunction with root pruning. After repotting, wait a few weeks before attempting to wire a tree, to avoid damaging fine roots just emerging. Do not wire new shoots until the wood begins to harden. Plants that have been repotted should not be fertilized for about 4-6 weeks and usually place the plant in a sheltered area for most of that period of time

Maples develop new growth very quickly – check the tip growth and pinch it asap.

Most blossoming and fruiting trees are best potted after flowering, but sometimes leaves emerge during the flowering period – repot before then, even if during flowering.

Shape conifers and deciduous trees as long as growth is not apparent. Add wiring to set the shape but monitor for any signs of cutting in as the growing season proceeds.

Start fertilising these trees once they have recovered from the re-potting and are growing strongly again. This can vary from a month after re-potting or until late summer.

### Seasonal Notes –OCTOBER/ Spring

This is still a time for changeable weather and it is advisable to check the trees daily when possible. Watch for the growth spurts that might need a bit more water. Leafy trees take more water but go lightly on fruiting trees.

Carefully look at the wire and test to see if it is biting in. Remove the wire if the branch has set, otherwise rewire is in a different place and loosen the pitch.

When the buds are growing out, it is too late to do repotting. In any case, finish all repotting before November.

October is the time for a 2<sup>nd</sup> feed but don't do feeding until the buds are growing well.

Maples grow rapidly and put out long shoots. Pinch back to first pair of leaves. Remove shoots with long internodes.

You can do pruning but make sure you seal the cuts. Conifers can still be shaped. This is a good time for conifers and they will like the position to get the sunshine. For air layered conifers, this is the time to cut off last year's work and replant the new section.

Nice tender leaves attract the pests, particularly aphids. Conifers can exhibit problems that need insecticide applied and again 2 weeks later. Be prepared to scrub trees to get rid of old algae and scaled bark.

The visit to the wholesale pot supplier in Oakleigh in early September was a good opportunity for members to obtain some pots that might have otherwise been hard to find. Members of several clubs attended and bought up quite a few pieces at favourable prices.

Water levels of our water storages in Melbourne and Victoria in general are looking like a mini disaster area this summer. It looks like external watering may be banned altogether if the heavy rains don't come in September/October. So, it's time to review your water saving measures, use of Zeolite and trays, hessian covers and tank water. As the gardening show presenters keep saying, untreated grey water is not so good to use in gardens and it's more so for bonsai trees. Maybe there will be a rise in popularity of "indoor bonsais" and succulents - because you could still legally water them within the house confines. ☺

Finally, here's a picture from the Waverley Bonsai show on 11-12 August. A separate article will be sent to email subscriber-members.



## WAVERLEY BONSAI GROUP PROGRAMME 2007

Month	Topical Ted	First Demonstrator	Second Demonstrator	Supper	Critique (If Time)	Display Trees	Style
January 16	15 min Subject	<b>Ted Poynton</b> , Presentation		<b>9.15pm</b>	Selected Club Member	All Types Ken's Choice	Your Choice
February 20	15 min Subject	<b>Trevor Wicks</b> Styling Junipers from Nursery Stock		<b>9.15pm</b>	Selected Club Member	Pines Ken's Choice	All
March 20	15 min Subject	<b>Workshop Night</b> Members work on trees.....		<b>9.15pm</b>	Selected Club Member	Junipers Ken's Choice	Your Choice
April 17	15 min Subject	<b>Craig Wilson</b> Developing Ramification and Growing on Trees		<b>9.15pm</b>		Elms Ken's Choice	Informal and Broom
May 15	15 min Subject	<b>Seasol Presentation</b> Talk and Presentation on Sea Sol and its many benefits.		<b>9.15pm</b>	Selected Club Member	Autumn Colour Ken's Choice	Your Choice
June 19	15 min Subject	<b>Steve, Major Demonstration</b>		<b>9.15pm</b>	Selected Club Member	Deciduous Ken's Choice	Groups
July 17	15 min Subject	<b>Workshop Night</b> Members work on trees..... <b>Sale Night</b> , Members can bring in Bonsai Trees and good stock they want to sell to others.		<b>9.15pm</b>	Selected Club Member	Azaleas and Flowering trees Ken's Choice	Formal and in formal
August 21	15 min Subject	<b>Annual General Meeting - With "birthday" cake and bring a plate too please</b>	<b>Bonsai Tree Critique</b> , Bring in any Bonsai Trees you want advice on or critiqued.	<b>9.15pm</b>	Selected Club Member	Australian Natives Ken's Choice	Penjing
September 19	15 min Subject	<b>Brian Sampson, Major Demonstration.</b>		<b>9.15pm</b>	Selected Club Member	Saikei & L'scape Plantings Ken's Choice	Your Choice
October 16	15 min Subject	<b>Workshop Night</b> Members work on trees.....		<b>9.15pm</b>	-	Viewing Stones & Beech Trees Ken's Choice	Your Choice
November 20	15 min Subject	<b>Major Presentation by AABC interstate demonstrator</b>		<b>9.15pm</b>	Selected Club Member	Maples Ken's Choice	Formal or Informal
December 18	15 min Subject	<b>Short topic then Christmas party.</b> (Bring a plate...)		<b>9.15pm</b>	-	All types Ken's Choice	Root Over Rock