

The Yarra Valley Bonsai Society Newsletter

Highlights from March & April 2010



Trevor provides a chronological analysis of branch development and ramification on elms.

The YVBS meets on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the Mt. Evelyn Presbyterian Church Hall, 30-38 Birmingham Rd. Mt. Evelyn



Informal/Review sessions begin at 7:00pm with a call to order at 7:30.

Saturday Workshops are 2-5pm on the first Saturday of the month. (Japara House Shed; Melway 52 D7) Check the website for details!

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It seems to have been a fairly warm autumn so far, but given that we fared well summer temperature-wise as compared to 2009, it's hardly much more than a hiccup. Nevertheless, many members report maples which haven't even flirted with changing their colours yet, and many even shooting new buds. Annual flowering azaleas providing colour in April? Most odd, but as we see out April it looks as though the autumn precipitation is coming back to a more regular rate. As acknowledged last year by a couple of members, there's a certain kind of March-April lethargy which manifests itself among some bonsai aficionados.... Something we might call 'post-summer-watering-traumatic-stress-syndrome'. Just keep them alive....just keep them alive.... A mantra, a dogma, a plea, or a prayer?

The club members have been busy over the last two months, securing items for the trade table, expanding the library, acquiring furniture, etc. and as you can see from the calendar on the right (and on our webpage) there's a lot going on with us and with other clubs.

Following two informative meetings (Jeff in March on advanced tool selection and use and Trevor visiting us from the Waverley Club and speaking on branch development and ramification) members have been quite inspired to augment their collections. This is further evidenced by the quick response to the winter course offerings, participation in the first nursery trip for 2010, and a ravenous pot sale scramble akin to Myer on Boxing Day.



Trevor brought in a diverse selection of elms to illustrate a variety of styling strategies.

Deadline for ordering stock from Tasmania: 7 May.
For a list refer to the forum or contact
cjones@bigpond.net.au

Calendar Dates:

- 1 May. YVBS Workshop 2pm Japara House, Montrose.
- 11 May. YVBS Monthly Meeting. 7.00pm. Mt. Evelyn Presb. Church Hall
- 14-17 May. AABC Conference Bankstown/Sydney, NSW (pg.6)
- 29 May (Sat): YVBS Nursery Buying Trip.
- 29 May (Sat) 12.30pm Demonstration by Leigh Taaffe (Ledanta Nursery Canberra) at Bonsai-The Imagination Tree. www.sashieda.com.au
- 30 May. (Sun) BSV Sales Day. 10am-2pm \$2 entry. Kew Masonic Lodge. Melway 45 G3/4
- 5 June. YVBS Workshop 2pm Japara House, Montrose.
- 8 June. YVBS Monthly Meeting (Annual General Meeting and 'tax' free sale. 7.00pm. Mt. Evelyn Presb. Church Hall
- 26-27 June. Bonsai Workshops with Hirotoishi Saito in Ballarat

See also the Events Calendar on our website: www.yarravalleybonsai.org.au



Jeff provides an overview and practical demonstration of some advanced tool topics.....



Jeff's tree from photo at left after wiring.

Please note we've changed the date for our **second buying trip of the year** from **Saturday 24 April** to **Saturday 29 May!** We'll go first to PLANTMARK Nursery (Wholesale) at 30 Mahoneys Road, Thomastown (Melway Map 8 H 11). We need to be there by 10:30am, because they close at 12:30pm.. We'll break for lunch, which is BYO (or nearby takeaway).

After lunch we'll continue with the Orient Bonsai Nursery (20% group discount) at 11 Mahoneys Road, Reservoir (Melway Map 8 H 11), just almost opposite from PLANTMARK.

Again we'll need the names of the participants prior to our next monthly meeting to enable us to finalise our trip. Please send a confirmation of your intention to attend to: Rudi via the forum or email.

We're looking at possibly doing a pot throwing workshop in late winter and we'll keep members up-to-date on its costings and such. Several members are planning on attending sessions with Hirotoishi Saito, either in Ballarat or Kew. Rudi and Marlene will be attending the AABC Convention in Sydney in May and will be representing our club at the AABC Annual General Meeting. Speaking of AGMs... the next newsletter will be coming out after our AGM and elections. Information on voting for the Committee of Management will be forthcoming via email. We've put a couple of new sections in this newsletter and we hope that maybe some other members will also become contributors!

We will soon be approaching seventy members, our 'target' for the year ending 30 June. Hmm...target; it sounds so corporate.... But then again, the number doesn't matter so much as long as we can maintain an informal, fun, and non-hierarchical atmosphere.

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Members of "Extreme Pruners Anonymous" at the recent YVBS Nursery Crawl.

TAX FREE TRADING:

At the June Meeting (which is also the AGM), we'll offer a special for the Members' Trade Table: Any member who wishes to sell trees, pots, tools, books, etc. will not need to pay the club the standard 10% of sale price! So if you have some items you are thinking of selling, wanting to free up some space on your bonsai benches, hoping to upgrade your starters, June is the month to sell or buy!

Course Sign-Ups for Winter 2010

At the March Monthly Meeting we set out a sign-up sheet for the upcoming YVBS courses with Craig Wilson. While there are two spaces left in the Novice Course, the Intermediate Course is already now filled!

Due to this demand, we'll be looking at doing a second run of each course towards late winter/early spring. As we offer this not as a fund-raising venture but more to assist members in honing their skills at bonsai care and crafting, we have priced each course at \$65 for YVBS members and \$100 for non-members...the latter which just happens to include a club membership. Participants will also need to provide their own tree stock. Details already sent by email to those who've signed up by ANZAC Day.

FOR SALE: Dell 17" Flat computer screen monitor. Digital or VGA cable compatible. Two years old. Works fine, simply no longer needed. \$50.00 firm. Get in touch with Rudi.

QUIZ QUESTION:

(Answer— page 5)



Is this an example of the cascade or the semi-cascade style?

Five steps from the Warburton Trail !

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Getting to Know You...

Julie H.: I'm married with three grown children and one grandson. I have lived next door to Rudi and Marlene for about 11 years. In that time I have occasionally seen their bonsai collection. They invited me to attend the YVBS show last year and from the moment I walked in the door and saw the trees I was hooked. I was really interested in the deciduous varieties to begin with, but as time has gone by seeing different trees at workshops etc., I have expanded my interest to some conifers and at the moment one Australian native. I drive a tip truck for our family excavation business. Dad (George) and I share the duties of caring for our bonsais. I like to read, love the St Kilda football club, Facebook and talking on Skype to my youngest daughter, who is travelling overseas, when I can and going to local Kilsyth basketball games. I hate grocery shopping, but know we all have to eat! Spending time with my grandson is a delight.

George M: My wife, and I have one grown daughter (Julie—above) three grandchildren and one great grandson. I have been retired for about 11 years. (I think I work harder now than I did when I had a job) and have looked after Marlene and Rudi's bonsais for about 10 years when they go on holidays. I have had an interest in bonsais for a while but never took the plunge into owning one until the YVBS show last year where I purchased my first ficus. I like the ficus varieties and their hardiness and trunk formations. I like conifers and anything that is a little unusual. I have always enjoyed gardening and working on little projects. I enjoy reading and gardening and spending time with my family, whatever keeps me busy and active. I enjoy the monthly meetings and workshops and experimenting with different plants and styles. The YVBS library is a wonderful resource and I look forward to getting different books each month.

In each newsletter, we profile a member or two as a means of getting to know each other better. In that spirit, and as our group continues to grow, members are reminded to bring their nametag/membership cards to meetings

Ask Mr. Miyagi.....



Q: Dear Mr. Miyagi: There's a lot of info out there about getting trees ready for summer. And not much about getting your trees ready for winter (unless you live in snowy zones of North America or Europe). What do I need to do to get my trees ready for winter in non-Alpine southeast Australia?

A: Dear Reader: As with any zone, winter preparation varies by species. In general, however, your concerns are basically the same as in any other season: food, water, pests, and temperature/light. So.... Maybe this will help:

	FOOD	WATER	PESTS	TEMPERATURE/LIGHT
Deciduous (Exotics)	Cut food to next to nothing. In late winter begin to feed as roots wake up before branches.	Soil should remain slightly moist.... Don't allow to go bone dry. Guard against the roots being water-logged by having an open (freely draining soil mix) by not over-watering.	The biggest pests are microscopic: soil that is too wet can lead to rot; oaks and liquid ambers tend to be prone.	Snow is an insulator vs. extreme cold; protect in case of hard frost. Roots more sensitive to frost than top growth.
Conifers	Feed but not as generously as in spring.	If you have trees which are pot-bound, monitor this carefully, as pot-bound trees drain poorly...or sometimes not at all!	Pest-oil to ensure removal of mite nests. Remove browned growth to ensure light penetration.	Make sure your pines and conifers are getting sufficient light during the shorter days.... -10C seems to be the critical freezing point. For some species, but the shallower the pot the less forgiving of cold and frost.
Pines	Continue to feed lightly. (Note than some pines may yellow naturally... but in others this can be a sign of starvation.)			
Azaleas	No feeding until late winter signs of growth. (late Aug?)		Check for mildew and fungal disease with EcoPest Oil or other.	Azaleas also need sufficient light AND air circulation. MUST protect from frost.
Other Ever-greens	Feed very lightly		Check for scale and pest nest remnants.	Light is important; safeguard against heavy frost for some species.
Natives	Feed with monthly immersion. Some are least dormant in winter.	Roots should remain very moist, but not soaked or saturated.	Same pest vigilance as autumn.	If well-established, no worries. If new, guard against heavy root damage from frost.

Notes

1. Figs (a tree from warmer climates) do NOT like to be wet AND cold. If your leaves go spotty and yellow, then it's a sign that the roots are too wet for the temperature.
2. Some elms do not lose their leaves..... Be careful to keep these moist and lightly seasol-ed over the winter.
3. Don't strip the shriveled leaves off of beech trees: the stems harbour next year's buds!
4. Stone fruit treated are against curly leaf and stone slugs in winter in anticipation of next spring.

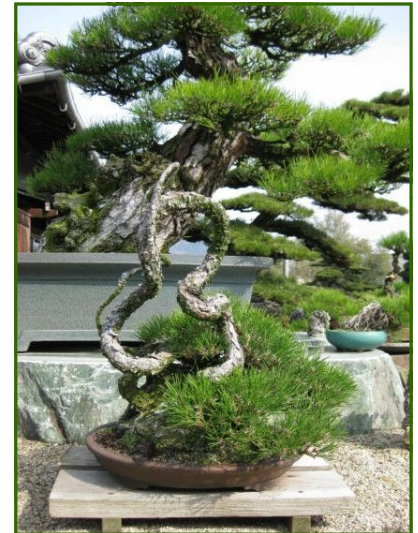
Members may submit questions to Mr. Miyagi c/o the YVBS web forum or per the club email: info@yarravalleybonsai.org.au

“The Natives are Restless”



In lieu of a restless native tree, we'll look at a restless native YVBS member who journeyed to Japan for his honeymoon. Jarrod (pictured at left with his two masters: new bride Natalie

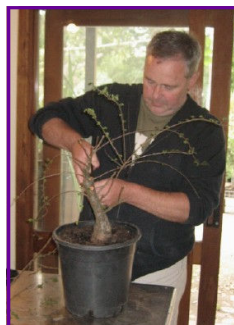
and world famous artist Masahiko Ki-mura) is still suffering from sensory overload with acute black pine overdose, but is coming along nicely!



New in Stock: We've recently taken delivery of boxes and boxes of new pots, glazed and unglazed. Many as tray sets. We're open every day 10am-4pm except

Mondays. Don't forget: YVBS members receive a discount on cash sales to a mere 10% above our wholesale price!

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Alan works on some branch selection and shaping at a tutorial at Craig's nursery.



For those who remember Trevor McC beginning to craft this black pine at the February meeting, (see newsletter Vol 3.1) here's the AFTER photo.

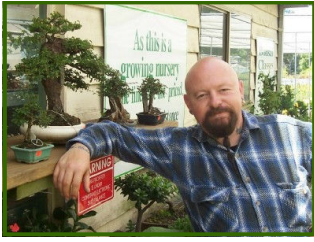


“When the pupil is ready to learn, a teacher will appear.”

--- Zen proverb

From the Bonsai Dictionary: **branch bender**. *Brānč bēndr* /noun/ A period of prolonged inebriation set off by having a fine lower branch die for no apparent reason. Common with some eucalypts, beeches, and birches. Usage: “His balancing branch on that tree just wilted and died within a few days, so he's been down at the pub on a branch bender.”

"Tim's Tips" Corner



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A novice was asking me some feeding questions the other week, and I realized that some information about bonsai gets confused because there is a different feeding regimen for trees already in bonsai pots versus trees still in a growth stage in a nursery pot or in the ground. Basically a lot of advice you see on websites or in newsletters talks about low nitrogen diets for trees. Yes, that's appropriate advice for a tree in a bonsai pot that you needn't fatten up. High nitrogen fertilizer in this instance can not only make leaf reduction more of a drama, but it can actually be harmful to some species. HOWEVER, nitrogen is the key element in protein, so anything you are trying to thicken up should be fed lots of it! Scaling back on feeding your training or ground stock simply lengthens the calendar until you can get to the point of maybe putting it in a bonsai pot for display. That said, don't run outside and dump a whole bag of dynamic lifter into every black nursery pot. (And remember my advice from the last newsletter about mixing fertilizers over the course of the year.) You still have to be mindful of the season, how well-established the tree is in the pot, its particular pH and feeding requirements, etc. The main thing I wanted to point out is that advice for black-potted or ground stock is not the same as advice for bonsai in bonsai pots or shallow trainers..... Nor is advice for more 'finished' bonsai appropriate for stock in a far earlier growth phase. (An exception to this might be for deciduous trees in winter: a dormant tree is a dormant tree, regardless of its location....but some still feed in late winter as roots become active long before anything above ground) *Tim Vivoda is the owner of A to Z Bonsai in Monbulk. His section appears in each newsletter.*



Quiz Question:

Answer: Although its trunk *does* cross below the line of the pot rim, given that the trunk shows more lateral than downward movement without coming close to the bottom of the pot, this is clearly a semi-cascade. The height/width proportion

Websites Of the Month:

Sooner or later we had to reference it:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bonsai>

Not a bad set of pages actually, with a quite fine set of links and references. As with other wikipedia pages, the knowledge is only as good as the volunteer contributor, and this is a more than decent site for the beginner without access to a library.

Tree Mini-Profile: Cedar

In terms of taxonomy (classification) this is a troublesome group. Trees which are called cedars but aren't.... Others which are not called cedars but are in fact. Rather than go into a full page explanation, refer to the website: <http://www.bonsai-bci.com/species/cedar.html>

The two most common species here are the cedar atlantica glauca (blue atlas cedar) and the Deodar or Indian cedar. The former is recognized by its shorter needles whereas the Deodar has longer 'droopier' needles. Both species are fairly slow growing compared to other trees, so this is most definitely a tree NOT to slap in a bonsai pot hoping for rapid development and ramification.

Most noteworthy with this tree would be the sensitivity of its roots. Most resources point to the tree being repotted only when necessary and without a full bare-rooting in early spring. They are also quite sensitive to over-watering and you should allow them to dry out slightly between waterings. This creates a bit of a challenge because cedars require a fair bit of full sun and yet must have an open soil.



Kanji/Ideograms of the Month

Edwin O. Reischhauer, a Japan scholar, referenced the writings of early Dutch and Portuguese missionaries to Japan as saying that Japanese was "the devil's language." Yet in many ways the grammar is very logical and systematic. Where the devil resides is in one aspect of the writing: a single kanji usually has at least TWO readings or pronunciations, and for commonly used ideograms often many more.



So.... If you recall last month's **BUNJIN**, not only will not every "JIN" be represented by the lower ideogram, but that kanji can also be read as **NIN** or **HITO**, or a couple of other isolated

pronunciations depending on the compound word of which it's a part. So don't assume that the "JIN" on your conifer would be represented by this ideogram. There is a wiki which asserts that it is, but I swear I've seen it represented by another ideogram. Though the language can be seen as misogynistic in some ways, to think that a protruding piece of bleached deadwood could have a masculine semantic etymology is a bit too easy. I've seen it as



'jin' which refers to being expended, exhausted or used up.

Here are only three of nearly 20 iterations of kanji combos with -jin .



JIN: Benevolence



JIN: Blade



JIN: god

If you think that's twisted, explain to a non-native speaker of English why through, tough, trough, and though, all with -ough, have different pronunciations....or rather why a language with write, rite, wright, and right is any more logical!

FAME, FORTUNE AND GLORY SECTION

Many trees were dormant last winter, but a few of our members obviously weren't!

Three of our members welcomed new additions to their families since the publication of the Jan/Feb newsletter. Our club congratulates the parents and welcomes its future members!



"Todd-ler": Todd J brings us news of the birth of Max James on 25th March. Parents very tired, especially mum Rhiannon.



Steve and wife Trysha announce the arrival of their daughter Ava on 25 March....same date as Todd's son!



Starter for a starter: Steve's son and Ava's older brother, Alexander. Steve reports: "This maple took root a month or so before he was born so hopefully, providing I can keep it alive, I'll give it to 'Zander' for his 21st. It should look fantastic by then."



One at a Time: Despite any hint of resemblance of the critter on the left to dad, Jeff basks in the birth of his first child, beautiful daughter Mae on Feb 18.

Speaking of Children.....

Parallel to our usual "First Saturday of the Month" Workshop, we'll again be sponsoring a Children's Workshop on 3 July from 2-3.30pm at the Japara House Shed in Montrose. Under the direction of club members possessing a Victorian "Working With Children" check, kids will get a basic intro to bonsai and will be able to create and keep their own small potted starter. Cost: \$5. Open to any interested children. Bookings highly recommended due to space and supply limits. Email to yarravalleybonsai@gmail.com.



Excerpt from a Japanese primary school notebook:.... Title in upper right— The Bonsai News.



Library Check-out!

Ruth reports some 50 items checked out in a single meeting. Members are reminded that the check out period is for a single month between meetings. Renewals are possible, but a book must be brought back one month after checkout in case there is a waiting list. Compliments are due to the members who convinced our president (who wanted to go in the direction of an on-line only library) that books are indeed alive and well. He reports: "I stand corrected, humbled and grateful; I shall no longer refer to book fans as Luddites."



Trade Table Cheque-out!

We recently created an inventory of current stock for the trade table, secured a couple of cabinets, and have done a bit of a restock (wire, cut paste, clamps, mesh, and leaf cutters). In addition, "A to Z Bonsai" and "Imagination Tree" may well be featuring a small selection of tools/supplies each month for purchase. As always, speak to Warren or any of the other committee members if there are specific items (except pots or training stock) we might source on behalf of members.

Bonsai Forum Review (aka: "The Dynamic Sifters" or "Thread Grafts") by JS & TJ

This is the first installment of a new column which will review some of the resources and current discourse in selected bonsai forums here in Australia and overseas. The purpose is to sift through some of the mountains of information and data available therein, but also to suggest time-efficient ways for our readership to begin engaging directly on these forums and on our own club chat-space.

The World Wide Web contains many wondrous things. For bonsai enthusiasts it opens up a whole new world of information and firsthand knowledge. Bonsai forums contain a plethora of different opinions and methods that we can now access like never before. This allows free transfer of knowledge like we have never seen before. However, note the highlighting of "opinions": just because something is on the net, doesn't make it fact!

We are fortunate as a club to have our own forum (alas underutilised!) where we can ask questions of other members who live in a very similar climate to our own. This is important as most of the information we find in books is for international conditions or in a northern hemisphere calendar and doesn't always apply in our hot dry climate. I would suggest every member of this club use our forum to share knowledge and give tips and hints, or simply ask questions.

You will also find local information on the Australian forum called ausbonsai.com. You can enter this via bonsaisolutions.com.au, which is itself a great resource of information. There are always new posts on every bonsai topic imaginable. From repotting to photographing your trees, every aspect of bonsai cultivation is at your fingertips. Just use the search button and you should find some answers to your question. And if you don't find any, start a new thread and you will probably get something.

There are also many international forums that are bursting at the seams with the answer to your questions. Internet bonsai club - <http://ibonsaiclub.forumotion.com>, Bonsai Vault - <http://www.bonsaivault.com> and the knowledge of bonsai forum - <http://knowledgeofbonsai.org/> just to name a few.

So don't be frightened of the technology, use it to your advantage. For YVBS members: if you have any specific 'forum related' questions please write us and will see if we can address the query in a future issue!

PS: Not being Latin snobs, and for convenience, we'll use 'forums' as the plural, rather than foræ or fora!



Inspiration and Perspiration: Short Ideas from Members

Ruth made a posting last year on the forum for an item called a "rocket pot"; this is a new product and basically a nursery pot with indentations and perforations to stimulate rapid root growth through aeration. Being too cheap to go acquire some, I thought about fabricating the next best thing. So armed with drill and 8.5mm bit, I put several holes into many of the pots of my growing stock. Rocket pots are designed for above-ground growing, but I've been looking for an alternative to putting some trees directly into the ground. So my hybrid "perforated pots in the ground" system has been on trial for the past year. Here are some preliminary conclusions:

Advantages:

1. Putting the pots in the ground helps keep slaters out.
2. Easier to keep snails and slugs out as well. Pellets can be scattered around outside the circumference of the pot and the right brand degrades to fertiliser.
3. The trees require less frequent watering in summer. (Vary number of holes per drainage requirement of individual trees.)
4. The pots can be turned several times per year to change sun exposure to different areas, and can be moved to allow for seasonal sunlight/shade shifts, without major disruption to fibrous roots.
5. You can extract a tree easily for wiring/bringing to a workshop and then back it goes.
6. Pots can be placed at angles as in the top photo to foster slanting/windswept styles with complimentary branch growth.
7. Pots can be raised higher or lower with respect to soil level for deeper or more shallow root growth and/or better drainage and aeration if needed.
8. Feeding and watering the ground OUTSIDE the pot can stimulate root growth.

Caveats: You still need to keep an eye on them: they can get pot-bound just as easily buried as when above ground. Or (worse), all fibrous roots can start growing outside the pot, making extraction difficult. Water can pool and roots can get waterlogged in the rainy season, but I addressed this with a plastic bag and rubberband around the pot top. There is a slight danger similar to that with over-potting (involving too little wicking of moisture from the surrounding soil and too little of an exchange of gases between waterings). Lastly, too many drilled holes can make the pot itself brittle after a year or two in the sun/ground. Also this system makes a tree more easily stolen...not that I have many worth the trouble. I'm not a horticulturalist and there might be a big flaw I'm overlooking, but I will let you know how it goes.



Members: Start thinking of what your own idea might be.... something you stumbled upon by trial and error, something you read, once saw at a nursery.... The newsletter editor will be tapping YOU on the shoulder.

THE EDITOR



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A group for all lovers of bonsai in the "far east" of Melbourne.....



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*Looking Ahead to
May and June:*

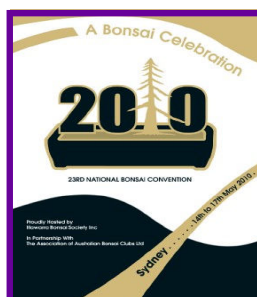


Coming up at the May monthly meeting, we will have a Review/Overview session on main branch selection and wiring basics. We hope this will be timely for novices, as much of these activities are done in winter, particularly for deciduous exotics. For the main session we'll have Tim Vivoda of "A to Z Bonsai" presenting on using driftwood, phoenix grafts, and lots of tips to get your trees looking older than they really are! May Display Table Theme: Informal Upright or Members' Choice. (Don't forget: all displayers get entered into the end of year draw, and receive a free raffle ticket for the evening's pickings!)

The June meeting should be an especially busy one. The 7.00pm Review/Overview Session will look at Winter Care and Feeding for a variety of species groups. It is our Club's Annual General Meeting (which we are by law required to have).

Following this meeting we'll have elections for the 2010-2011 Fiscal/Membership year. Lest you think it'll all be bureaucratic stuff, we'll have a session of Splitting and Using Raffia (and other types of binding) and there will probably be time for a bit of workshoping at the end, so feel free to bring a tree. As the "Freebie" for the evening, we hope to again have sections of raffia and pushbike inner tubes for all your wrapping and binding needs. To offset the 'appeal' of a slightly longer-than-usual business section, the June meeting, as mentioned on page 2, will be GST (Greedy Society Tax) Free: Members wishing to sell anything from trees, to pots, to tools, bonsai books, etc. will have the opportunity for direct sales with no 10% percentage to the club. Sales will be direct member-to-member and not via Warren, the head of trade table. So bring in your items and make sure they are clearly priced and indicate the owner/seller! Display table theme for June: Shohin sized bonsai or Members' Choice.

Of note in May and June are our second nursery trip, a demo by Leigh Taafe at Imagination Tree, the bonsai supply sale by Bonsai Society of Victoria, and the "Weekend in Ballarat" with Hirotoishi Saito, sponsored by The Bonsai Federation of Australia (Southern Chapter). [See the page 1 calendar or the events link on our website for details on these activities.]



LAST CALL! LAST CALL! LAST CALL!

**AABC National Convention
14-17 May 2010**

Hosted by the Illawarra Bonsai Society
(venue Bankstown/Sydney/NSW)

<http://www.aabcltd.org/conference>

Registration Deadline: 1 May



Accolades, Kudos, and Thanks..

- For books contributed to our library by Rudi and Marlene J. and Len Denelson.
- To Ian Glew for a donation of another pristine volume to our library.
- To Jeff B. for the March Session on tools and to Trevor W. for his session on ramification.
- To the Cog Bike Café in Mount Evelyn for donating inner tubes for the club freebie giveaway.
- To Tim Vivoda of "A to Z Bonsai" for a generous discount on instructional materials.
- To all those members who volunteer to help set up and clean up for monthly meetings.



Member Benefits Please refer to the website for a list of discounts to members upon presentation of a current and valid YVBS Membership card. "Freebies" of donated items are also made available from time to time at monthly meetings.



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