

## Newsletter: February 2025

### The President's Post

Dear Members,

Welcome,

Hope you and your trees are doing well.

With the warm weather, I hope all your trees are growing well. I have only lost a couple of little ones after moving some of the bigger trees into a more shaded area off the ground. I will be doing this on an annual basis from now to help the trees survive the heat.

We are looking for a new President, Secretary and Media person to join the Committee from February.

I would especially like to thank Rolf for the many years producing the Newsletter, launching and looking after the Website. This is a great effort and time for other members to take on the challenge.

Rolf will be there to offer assistance, where it is required.

I would also like to thank Matti for taking on the role of Secretary over the preceding three years.

We are looking for some new committee members to bring in new ideas and help with the club's general business.

Conrad will be staying on in the committee and has a full understanding of how the committee works for anyone interested in taking up one of the positions.

Please speak to a member of the committee if you would like to nominate. The election is at the AGM at the February meeting.

Please remember to pay your membership fees as this provides money to pay for our visitors and other club items and needs.

A thank you to all members for your continued support.

See you all on Saturday.

Michael Kelly

President

Bonsai Workshop of W.A.

**Re potting of Japanese Box, *buxus microphylla*.**

*by Rolf Mahler*



“Wow it certainly looks healthy, but I think it’s time to re pott ”!!



I’m very tough on Japanese Box regarding root system. I usually take a saw or an axe to cut it down. It may seem cruel but it works fine for me, they’re very good growers. After that I use the root hook to remove some of the old root’s on the surface close to the nebari.

Re potting of Japanese Box, *buxus microphylla*.....

by Rolf Mahler



Here it is after removal of approximately 40% of the existing roots.



Closeup

Re potting of Japanese Box, *buxus microphylla*.....

by Rolf Mahler



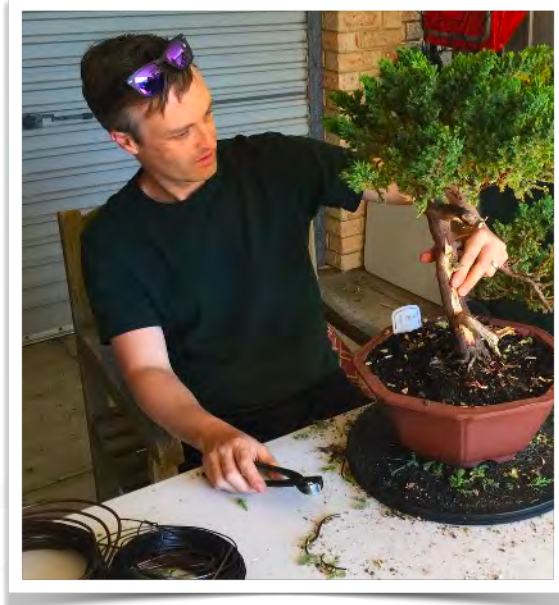
And here freshly re potted in new container with fresh akadama and pumice.

**Joe Morgan-Payler**[www.nichigobonsai.com](http://www.nichigobonsai.com)

“Joe has spent the last 17 years of his bonsai obsession studying under a range of teachers in both Australia and Japan.

He has a unique approach that combines his fine art and design backgrounds with bonsai, which helps him communicate his methods via analysis of the logic behind the technical and growing practices that he uses.

Joe has a solid grounding in classical bonsai but is comfortable stepping outside of these bounds to challenge accepted forms, and styles. He is comfortable working on a range of deciduous, coniferous and native species although he has a soft spot for pines, junipers and maples.



He has a wide range of skills and enjoys sharing his knowledge with those eager to learn and listen and is interested in most phases of a bonsai's creation, whether that be the growing of stock, dramatic first styling, re-styling or high end refinement and display.”

**Here are some great styling examples**

JBP before starting the work.



After the work.

**Joe Morgan-Payler.....some great styling**



Another JBP before starting the work.



After the work.

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**We will have Joe Morgan-Payler here in October, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> for workshop at the Pony Club.**

**Also Tony Bebb will be here in March, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> for workshops also at the Pony Club.**

***There might be an opportunity for another workshop on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> providing we will get enough members participating. If you're interested in Thursday, please email:***

**[rolf@aussiebroadband.com.au](mailto:rolf@aussiebroadband.com.au)**

**There are also private sessions available at your own place. More info to come.**



**Please do not come to the workshop  
if you have any flu symptoms!!**

**Workshop starts at 12:00PM 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

## **Notices**

Please remember to wear your name badge to the workshops.

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Don't forget to sign the attendance book, this is for insurance purpose

## **Some links of interest:**

<https://bonsaitonight.com/2020/08/28/summer-repotting-dwarf-flowering-quince/>

<https://bonsaitonight.com/2018/06/29/repotting-young-chojubai-in-summer/>

<https://bonsaitonight.com/2013/07/12/korean-hornbeam-summer-cutback-and-leaf-pruning/>

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## AABC Update to Clubs January 2025

Welcome to 2025. I hope this year is a great one for all clubs and their members. With the hot weather being experienced during summer time I hope members are not losing bonsai and are coping with the extra stress of maintaining their collections under these conditions.

We held our 2024 AGM on-line and I am pleased to report that Nick Justo from Redlands Bonsai Society was elected as an AABC Director along with my re-election as President. Board Director positions retire in alternating years and the other Board members will be up for election at the 2025 AGM. Please also keep in mind that all organisations benefit from renewal and new ideas. I note that while we have three Directors from Queensland clubs we don't have any representation from the larger states of NSW and Victoria. We welcome nominations to join the Board and you can contact me or any of the other Directors to find out more information on how you can become involved in your Association. We hold our regular board meetings online via Zoom so participation is very convenient.

This year the AABC National Convention with the theme of "Future Directions" is being held in Canberra from 16 – 19 May. With a great response already please encourage club members to book soon as there are only about 40 places left. This is wonderful news as the Canberra Bonsai Society team are working very hard to make it a great event and reunion. There is the added opportunity to also visit the NBPCA where bonsai from around Australia are displayed and where local bonsai enthusiasts volunteer. Further information is available on the Canberra Bonsai Society's website

<https://www.canberrabonsai.club/> or on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/canberra-rex-hotel/37th-aabc-national-bonsai-convention/>

It is always great to see new faces attend our conventions which are the major fundraising events for AABC and importantly the surplus funds the Visiting Tutor Programme (VTP). I encourage each club committee to promote the Convention to their members, explaining the opportunity not only for increased learning and viewing high standard trees on display but also networking and having great fun.

To the larger or more financially well off clubs, I ask why not think about encouraging an enthusiastic member from your club to attend the convention by providing some level of financial support. You could also raffle off a convention registration as a prize.

We have finalised the outcome from last year's convention in Brisbane and the Bonsai Society of Queensland have forwarded to the AABC an amount of \$ 11,100. This was a fabulous reward for the effort from the BSQ convention organising committee. We applaud the club and members for their time and effort over a number of years in the planning and running of the 2024 Convention, especially given the unexpected hiccup of the NRL holding their combined round of football on the same weekend putting pressure on accommodation availability.



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The AABC's Visiting Tutor Programme (VTP) has continued to be popular and we expended \$4,386.90 on travel assistance to get VTP Tutors to clubs and provide demonstrations and conduct workshop last year. Club members attending the AABC conventions assist as surpluses from convention receipts are shared with the host club and provide funding of the VTP.

To assist clubs and their members with planning I am giving early notice that the 2026 Convention will be held in Hobart, Tasmania, on the first weekend of May. This is a fortnight earlier than usual but was necessary as there was a prior booking at the venue for our usual mid-May timing. Full details will be announced at the end of the Canberra Convention. It will be 10 years since our last convention in Tasmania.

In preparation for an expected large Australian contingent attending next year's 10<sup>th</sup> World Bonsai Convention in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the Board has been considering whether there is member club support to have a polo or Tee-shirt designed for Australian delegates. Those of us who have attended recent overseas conventions have seen other countries delegations wearing identifying clothing and it is good advertising of where they come from. Australia was the co-host of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Bonsai Convention and we had a polo shirt produced. Even though COVID necessitated the WBC being held virtually as an on-line event, when I and other Australian delegates attended overseas conventions in 2018 and 2019, we proudly wore these polo shirts. See photos below of our 9<sup>th</sup> WBC shirt together with designs from other countries for recent conventions as well as the one designed by the Malaysian Bonsai Association as the host of the 10<sup>th</sup> WBC.

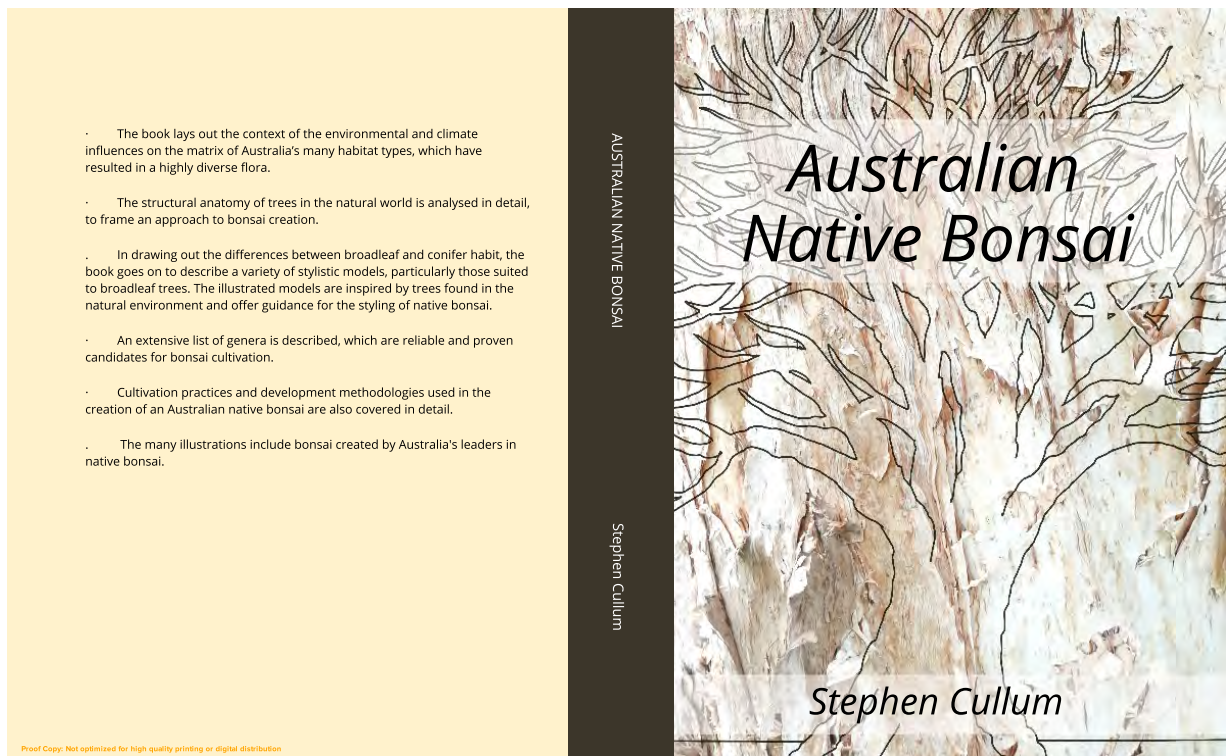


Perhaps clubs could consider submitting a design for a polo / tee-shirt. Also it would be great to be able to support a local business to produce the items and we would appreciate receiving information in this regard. There are also opportunities for sponsors to assist in defraying the costs of producing these items.

Happy Bonsailing

**Dianne Boekhout**  
**President AABC**  
**12 January 2025**

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I am writing to let you know that production has been expedited and copies of the book are now available for immediate despatch.

- The price is \$38 and delivery to anywhere in Australia is \$8, a total delivered cost of \$46.
- If you wish to purchase two copies the combined delivered price is \$89.
- If you wish to purchase a copy of Bonsai Foundations as well as Australian Native Bonsai the combined total delivered cost is \$81.

Payment can be made by direct deposit to BSB 064 186, Account 1025 4305, Stephen Cullum.

Please use your name as a reference with the payment and let me know by email the postal address to send it to. Some email addresses do not have family names. If that is the case for yours please ensure you tell me your name, for posting. Postal delivery usually takes 3 to 5 business days.

If you are a club member and can group several purchases, a small saving can be made on the postage. For example, 4 books can be sent for \$4 each, 10 for \$2.50 each. If you would like to do this, I will be happy to quote you a postal price before you purchase.

I will be visiting Bonsai North West in Melbourne on July 1 and will have books available for sale at the club meeting. If you are a member of the club you may want to wait to purchase at the meeting rather than have it sent now.

Thank-you very much for your support and I hope you enjoy the book.

Best wishes,

Stephen Cullum

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**Happy Bonsai-ing!**



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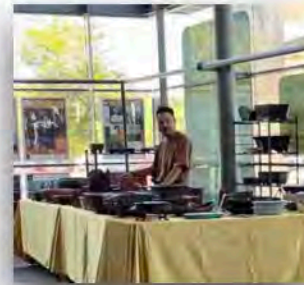
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