

7th National Symposium of Australian Plants as Bonsai

Sunday, 04 February 2018

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The road less travelled….

Using Australian species not commonly grown as bonsai

in conjunction with

2018 National Exhibition of Australian Plants as Bonsai

Australian National Botanic Gardens Canberra

17-18 March 2018

In Australia, we have a wide range of flora available as potential bonsai material but tend to use only a small portion of the available resource. This can be because individual species don't lend themselves to bonsai styling but, in many cases, it's simply because they haven't been tried.

We are often inspired to try new species when we see someone else has been successful, allowing us to draw on the knowledge gained by these pioneers, who have gone off the beaten path and tried new species to see whether they can be grown as bonsai.

The 7th APaB Symposium will celebrate the value of these less well known, and used, species as part of the range of Australian trees available for use as bonsai. The event is structured to allow participants to share experience in growing or attempting to grow, less commonly used species as bonsai and to trial these trees for their own collections through the workshops.

We are very pleased to welcome Andrew Edge from the Central Coast Bonsai Society to the presentation team this year and to welcome back Roger Hnatiuk, Gavin Gostelow and Doug Harris who have been involved previously.

To complement Roger's introductory presentation 'Less treading here, please!', we are inviting a number of people who are growing less common species to share their experiences in a panel presentation.

The Saturday afternoon workshop will be a critique style workshop using less commonly used species led by Roger and Gavin. All symposium participants will be able to sit in on these discussions, see the progress in styling during the afternoon and hear further discussions as each tree comes back for review during the afternoon.

There will be two workshops on Sunday. The themed workshop on Sunday will be a retrospective, bringing back some of the species used at previous symposia, such as *Podocarpus lawrencei*, *Leptospermum horizontalis*, *Banksia*, etc. There will also be an 'open' workshop on Sunday afternoon.

There will be a range of suitable plants available for all workshops or you can bring your own plants, provided you can get it/them to the ANBG by 4:15 on Friday 16 March for inspection by ANBG horticulture staff.

All symposium participants are invited to enter trees in the exhibition which will be held at the same time. Tree registration forms and information are available here .

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Canberra in March

Symposium Program

[Click here](#) to view the Symposium Brochure

[Click here](#) for information for symposium participants

Registration

Anyone interested in growing Australian plants as bonsai is welcome to participate.

[Click here](#) to register online or

[Click here](#) to download the registration form.

Location

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Clunies Ross Street, Acton ACT

Registration will occur in the Theatre Foyer (next to the Visitor Centre) from 8:45 on Saturday 17 March and Sunday

18 March.

Presentation and Demonstration sessions will be held in the Theatrette.

Workshop sessions will be held in the Banks Building.

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