

Stage 3 Bonsai Course.

The Stage 3 bonsai course consists of 6 off 3hr weekly lessons conducted by Hugh Grant and is intended for experienced bonsai artists wishing to increase their skill, knowledge and capability.

Due to the advanced nature of material covered, theory and practical work will be aligned and embrace the following:

Construction

(Weeks 1 to 4) **

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Analysis and aesthetics methodology○ Horticultural influences in design○ Aspects & timings pertinent to different species	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structural<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Trunk○ Primary branch selection, identification & position○ Branch manipulation (Raffia, structural wiring etc)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secondary & Tertiary branching<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Selection and pruning○ Wiring procedure○ Bifurcation theories○ Progressive development of fine branching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Containerised zone<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Soil selection, Root design & improvement○ Pot selection○ Anchoring theory & strategies○ First repot vs maintenance repot

Bringing the concepts together

(Week 5) ^^

Refinement – the beginning of the next phase

(Week 6) ^^

** A tree and pot will be provided free of charge for the duration of weeks 1 to 4. (Students may elect to purchase the tree & pot for \$40)

^^ Students should bring a reasonably mature tree for weeks 5 & 6.

Class size: Limited to 6 participants

Cost for 6wk course: \$150

Location: "Legends" function room, Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi

Time & Dates: 9am–12pm (Sunday 30 June, 7th July, 14th July, 28th July, 4th Aug & 11th August)

Students to bring tools and wire as required (wire in a variety of sizes is available for purchase if required)

Advise Hugh (hughgrant@treemakers.net) if you would like to participate in the course & pay via:

1. Cheque (payable to "Bonsai Society of the Central Coast Inc") & sent to
Treasurer, Bonsai Society of the Central Coast
PO Box 3676
WAMBERAL NSW
2. Direct payment to the bonsai club's account:
Commonwealth Bank
BSB 062 689
Account No 10032981
As a reference, please state: **YourNameStage3**