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Bonsai boost for Canberra

Canberra will be the centre of Australia's bonsai world in May 2025.

The Canberra Bonsai Society has been awarded next year's national convention by the Association of Australian Bonsai Clubs (AABC).

The announcement was made at the weekend at the AABC's 2024 Convention in Brisbane.

The four-day Canberra convention will be a drawcard for hundreds of bonsai enthusiasts from all over Australia.

According to Canberra Bonsai Society President Tony Gill, the art of bonsai – growing and shaping trees into pots or trays – is increasing in popularity in Canberra and across Australia.

The convention, which will be held in Canberra from Friday, 16 May through to Monday, 19 May 2025, offers various activities for experienced and beginner bonsai artists.

Delegates will meet and learn from an internationally and nationally recognised line-up of bonsai demonstrators and discuss the future directions of bonsai practice.

The four-day program is packed with demonstrations, discussions on the future, masterclasses, a dinner and a welcome reception. The convention includes the 50th birthday celebrations of the Canberra Bonsai Society as well as an exhibition of high-quality trees from members' collections. The exhibition will be open to the public.

Venues for the Convention are the Canberra Rex Hotel and the National Arboretum Canberra, the latter supported by the ACT government. PDFs inquiries: aabc2025@cbs.org.au

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