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A few words from Bryan Everts, President of Sydney City Bonsai Club.....

The late Sue Brennan, SSBC Patron

On behalf of Sydney City Bonsai Club and all members who have been aided, assisted, tutored and mentored by Sue, I would like to express sincere condolences to Sue's family and loved ones.

When Sue joined the then Eastern Districts Bonsai Club around 2000, I don't think anyone appreciated the impact she would have. Within a short period she was serving on the Committee and soon was Vice President. A role she held for over a decade and a half. She felt as Vice President, she could contribute more to the club and its members – and she did. Though still learning, she immediately began giving back to the club, demonstrating and helping others learn and improve. This generosity extended to the public who soon came to know Sue through bonsai information stalls and information sessions across Sydney.

Personally, I remember Sue's openness, curiosity and innate ability to captivantly convey the fundamentals of botany, tree science and bonsai. She broke down complex concepts and presented them in an understandable manner that made them readily applicable. Through her stories of how trees on the savanna communicate when threatened by a hungry giraffe, to 'growth buds' on plants, she had a way of bringing horticulture to life the result of which is reflected in better gardeners, arborists and bonsai artisans alike.

Sue witnessed our name change to Sydney City Bonsai Club in 2002 and membership struggles over the years, each time she selflessly dug in and gave more of herself. She won dozens of prizes at the Royal Easter Show including 'Best in Show' but no doubt will be best remembered as a regular demonstrator who drew in crowds with engaging talks of transforming a mere stick into a living sculpture – a bonsai. I, at least, will always remember her thus.

Sue, as Club Patron and long-time member, will be deeply missed by all of us at Sydney City Bonsai Club and the larger bonsai community.

Bryan Everts

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