

PREFACE

This serves not only to introduce this booklet on Wild Olives but also to commemorate the 21st birthday of the Pretoria Bonsai Kai.

The Pretoria Bonsai Kai has grown over the years, under capable leaders into an active Kai which can be justifiably proud of some South African trees, which, with loving care, have become bonsai masterpieces.

Our Kai was privileged to be able to receive famous bonsai masters such as John Naka, Shigeo Kato, Melba Tucker, Ben Oki and Vaughn Banting in Pretoria. These masters each left their own stamp on the development and bonsai education of our members. It does justice to John Naka to recognize him as our greatest teacher.

May this booklet which is being published in a champagne moment of the Pretoria Bonsai Kai also play a role in providing information to lovers of bonsai. Hopefully it will also inspire someone to create a living sculpture from nature and to grow to love it and to bear the responsibility for it.

KOOS LE ROUX
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