

**Singapore Arboriculture Society (SAS) is running TWO Educational Workshops on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015**

**Workshops will be held prior to the Asia Pacific Tree Climbing Championship and Tree Carnival Singapore 2015**

### **Introduction**

The workshops titled 'Tree Climbing Championships Master Class' and 'Applying Correct Tree Pruning Practices' are designed and delivered to transfer the latest techniques, skills and knowledge from the expert International trainers to the workshop participants.

### **Workshop A - 'Applying Correct Tree Pruning Practices' Andy Neverman**

Tree pruning is the most common element of tree maintenance performed in Singapore and worldwide. Yet it remains as the one specific tree maintenance component that is often misinterpreted in its use, instruction and performance. This can often lead to damaging tree outcomes and/ or unsafe practices.

The intent of this pruning workshop is to go back to the basics and fundamentals of amenity tree pruning. Informative lessons will be delivered on pruning methods and how to achieve desirable outcomes by applying best Arboricultural practices.

### **Topics will include-**

- Common pruning tools
- Pruning methods
- Pruning outcomes
- Collars or stubs
- Short and long term effects of pruning upon trees

### **ABOUT THE TRAINER**



Mr Andy Neverman is an internationally respected arborist and trainer who has had over 15 years of international arboriculture experience. Mr Neverman, who holds the ACTA Version 5 Advance Certificate in Training & Assessment amongst many other qualifications has been a regular trainer for the Centre of Urban Greenery & Ecology (CUGE) and is very well known amongst the Certified Arborist and tree climbing specialist in the Asia Pacific region.

### **Workshop Details**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015**

**Session Duration: 8.30am-4.00pm (lunch will be provided)**

**Venue: Fort Canning Park**

**Cost: SG\$150**

**Accreditation:** ISA Certified Arborist and Certified Practising Horticulturists are awarded 7 CEUs upon completion of each programme

## **Workshop B - 'Tree Climbing Championships Master class' Gerard Reynolds**

Tree Climbing is a necessary component for the inspection, assessment and maintenance of urban trees. On the world scale, significant advancements continuously occur at rapid pace in relation to the equipment, techniques and safe practices in accessing and working in trees.

This workshop will cover the latest innovative techniques in tree climbing and educate on how to improve climbing efficiency and safety. The areas of training focus will be on tree access, aerial rescue and general climbing efficiency and fluency.

The trainers will transfer their skills and knowledge through demonstration and learner participation, on when certain techniques should and should not be used and how the use of certain techniques can give climbers a competitive edge in tree climbing competitions, as well as becoming more productive and energy efficient in their day to day workplace activities.

### **Topics will include-**

- Tree Climbing Equipment – selection, use and maintenance
- Tree Access
- Aerial Rescue
- Tree climbing movement and fluency

### **ABOUT THE TRAINER**



Mr Gerard Reynolds started climbing trees at the age of 17 and has had 18 years of climbing experience since. For sixteen of those years he has competed in competitions not only in Australia, but also in Germany, England, Sweden and New Zealand. He has represented the Asia Pacific Region twice at the International Tree Climbing Championships and has been a finalist in the Australian TCC for 12 consecutive years. Mr Reynolds has been running his own Arboriculture business 'Arboressence' since 2006.

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