



**Ground-breaking treatment:** Thorsten and Thor Beowulf with their bonsai Wollemi pine

## Wollemi pine goes bonsai

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A SYDNEY gallery owner has created the world's first bonsai of the ancient Australian Wollemi pine.

Thor Beowulf will show the pint-sized prehistoric pine at his eastern suburbs bonsai and art gallery.

Mr Beowulf created the bonsai from nine plants he bought at the world's first public auction of Wollemi pines in October.

Without wanting to put too fine a figure on what he paid, Mr Beowulf said it was "as much as you would

for a new Subaru WRX".

One bidder who did not want to be identified paid \$150,000 for a lot of 20 trees.

Although the Wollemi pine bonsai is not for sale, Mr Beowulf can see the possibility for anyone to own a piece of Australian prehistory in their living room or balcony, but admits it would be some time off.

Mr Beowulf's bonsai Wollemi pine stands a little over a metre tall and will be kept at this height. In the wild, it could reach 40m.