



Cairns Potters Club Inc.

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Tom Britton, Sivonne Pryce, Carole Lomax & Tammy Parsons

CLUB MEETINGS

The next Management Committee meeting will be held on **Monday 6 September 2021 at 4.00 pm** at the Club premises at 28a Grove Street Cairns. **Members are welcome to attend** and/or bring issues to the Committee at this meeting.

A word from the President.

The Management Committee had a busy time over the “Open House weekend” 28 & 29 August (see page 5) and many members and non-members had fun with the raku firing on the Sunday.

Our next big event will be our annual Xmas Fair Sunday 5 December 2021, so start to make plenty of pots for that event.

WHEN YOU COME TO THE CLUBHOUSE YOU *MUST* BOTH SIGN IN AND OUT IN THE BOOK NEXT TO THE ENTRANCE – STUDENTS ATTENDING CLASSES MUST ALSO HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED IN THE BOOK – THE TEACHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. IT IS AN INSURANCE REQUIREMENT.

YOU *MUST* ALSO REMEMBER TO LEAVE THE PREMISES AS CLEAN AS YOU FOUND THEM – WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEMBERS LEAVING THE PREMISES FOR OTHER MEMBERS TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEM.

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At the Clubhouse

CLASSES:

CHILDREN'S CLASSES—Wednesday and Thursday 4 to 5.30 pm . The children's classes include clay, colourful glazes, and firing. Contact Astrid 0406566227 or email astridelika4@gmail.com.

ADULT CLASSES Wed & Thursday evenings – 6.00pm to 9:00pm - Wheel throwing and hand building class for beginners and existing potters who would like to refresh their skills. Adult classes are \$25 per session for tuition, with additional clay and firing costs based on individual requirements. Contact Astrid 0406566227 or email astridelika4@gmail.com.

CLASSES Sculpture, wheel throwing (full contact Alison for future ongoing classes) -

Friday 3 Sept (six weeks) – 6 – 8.30 pm

Contact Alison Lacy 0407482858 email alilacy2622@gmail.com.

ADULT CLASSES. Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm

Saturday 10.00-12noon

Cost: \$100- 4 consecutive weeks (a block of 4 weeks is preferred and take preference) \$30 casual. This is an advanced class for those who have completed the beginner's course and are able to centre well and pull up a wall. This class introduces the techniques and processes for throwing multiple pieces off the hump. Contact Carole Lomax:
clomax54@gmail.com

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNINGS - CLUB MEMBERS GET TOGETHER

Between 9 and 12 noon— no cost involved. Members can practise their hand building, wheel throwing, decorating and glazing techniques and perhaps share a firing, also a chance to get to know other potters and share their joy in pottery making.



Freshwater pottery classes

Voucher valued at \$ 186 (3 fully covered lessons, materials, firings, snacks, tea/coffee, towel, apron and a glass of champagne)

Valid until November 2021

100% of the money raised is 100% donated to Kalapata Children's Charity.

ABN: 75979910207

Website: www.kalapata.org
Website: Kalapatapottery.org
Email: Dunkasi@bigpond.com
Mobile: 0478801305

Sessions to choose from:
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.
Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Address: 15 Martin Street,
Freshwater.

Please text to book your sessions a week prior commencing class.

SCULPTURE & WHEEL THROWING FORM & TEXTURE

Commencing on Friday 3rd September 6-8.30pm.
Cost \$240 for a six-week course.
Firing and glaze costs depending on the size of pieces
Clay can be purchased on the first night.
Contact Alison Lacy
0407482858
Email alilacy2622@gmail.com



The club is still looking for a new NEWSLETTER EDITOR. Unfortunately, Dieter had to resign. It is not a very time consuming job, so if you have computer skills and can find the time then please contact Lone, if you would be willing to take on this position

Clay Orders

The Cairns Potters Club purchases clays, materials, tools etc from [The Clay Shed](http://www.clayshed.com.au) (www.clayshed.com.au), [Kunda Park](#), Qld. An order goes in nearly every month or when stock is low.

If you want to order anything from The Clay Shed, send an email to Lone White lone@tpg.com.au with your order and she will include it in the club's next order.

We are expecting our next consignment from the Clay Shed late next week, so if you have already sent an order to Lone, then you will be sent an invoice and a notification of the date the order can be picked up.

CLAY FOR SALE

(when available)

Non- members pay \$5 extra pr bag

Prices as at 10/8/2021

Sales price per bag:-

-Blackwattle White Paper Clay stoneware	\$ 25
Walkers No 10	\$ 24
Walkers White hand building	\$ 22
Walkers School earthenware/Stoneware	\$ 22
Walkers Feeneys white stoneware	\$ 23
Walkers PB 103	\$ 24
Feeneys White Raku - stoneware	\$ 22
Feeneys Buff Raku (Trachite)	\$ 22
Feeneys Raku (Sand)	\$ 22
Feeneys Terracotta	\$ 19
Feeneys Fine blend	\$ 22
Feeneys white school clays	\$ 22
Keanes Stoneware 33	\$32
Keanes Stoneware 7	\$ 33
Keanes Stoneware 7 speckled	\$ 33
Keanes Mid fired black	\$ 45
Keanes White raku	\$ 28
Keanes Stoneware 33 with Ilmenite	\$ 32
Clayworks Chris light speckled	\$ 25
Clayworks earthenware/stoneware	\$ 24

Payment for clay can be either cash or cheque or directly deposited into the Club's Bendigo Bank A/C by making an electronic transfer to the following bank account showing your name and reference to clay and/or materials
Cairns Potters Club – Account # 119552826 BSB 633-108.

POTTERY CLUB OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 August

The Cairns Potters club opened its doors to the public over the weekend between 10am and 4 pm. We invited visitors to have a go at wheel throwing and hand building, look at the facilities and buy pots.

On the Sunday many members and visitors also participated in the Raku and Obvara firings (see page 6).

Thanks to the club members who came and helped setting up the displays, guided visitors on how to work on the electric wheels and glaze pots ready for the raku firings.



Pots on display and for sale



Geoff Riley in charge of the raku firings

THE OBVARA PROCESS

The club for the first time tried a different way to get interesting effects on bisque pots - it is called the obvara firing process, which originated in Eastern Europe around the 12th Century. It involves scalding the finish on the pottery to seal the porous surface. Similar to the raku pottery process, a bisque pot is heated, in this case to around 900°C and removed from the heat. The difference is that the pot is then quickly dipped into a specific obvara yeast mixture before being dunked in water to rapidly cool the piece. The effects are quite stunning.

The traditional obvara brew recipe: -

*1 kg plain flour
2 packets dry yeast
1 tbsp sugar
10 l water*

Mix yeast and sugar in warm water then add rest of water and mix flour into the mixture. Make the brew 3 days before use – leave in warm spot and stir once or twice a day.





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