



# Cairns Potters Club

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## AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER



*The Cairns Potters Club House with recently tidied front garden  
thanks to the volunteer working bee participants*

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## CLUB MEETINGS

*The Management Committee meeting is held on the first Monday of the month at 4.00pm at the Club premises at 28a Grove Street Cairns. Members are welcome to attend and/or bring issues to the Committee at this time.*

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

*The club has now around 100 members, which includes groups and schools. It is great that people are realising that clay is both relaxing and enjoyable to work with. I have always said that anybody can play with clay and create something interesting.*

*Thanks to the many members who turned up for the club clean up of shed and garden. The clubhouse has been cleaned outside and the garden bed "refreshed" and it is now much easier to find things in the shed.*

*We are now ready for the Open Day weekend 17 and 18 August. Hope you all can find time to call in and perhaps give a hand of an hour or two and perhaps glaze a few pots for the raku firing on the Sunday. ~ Lone White*

## WHEELS WILL BE OUT OF ACTION

*From this Saturday 10 August, the wheels will be out of action with the full intention of having them back in working order for the Open Weekend. Russell, Geoff and Michael are constructing new throwing benches and will also service the wheels. We will post an update via Facebook and email, to let you know when the wheels can be used again. We apologise for the inconvenience.*

## OPEN WEEKEND - UNEARTH YOUR LOCAL POTTER Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 August

*As you read in last months newsletter, the Cairns Potters Club will open its doors to the public over the weekend of 17/18 August between 10am and 4pm each day.*

*Along with lots of activities, we will have a shared Sales Table selling your works should you wish to submit them for sale. Please fill out the Sales Sheet as per our previous fairs (contact **Suzy** if you need a copy of this form)*

*To help facilitate the Open Weekend we require the help of you, our wonderful volunteers! Here are the positions we need filled:*

*~ **Setting up and Breaking down each day (place tables, gazebos, eskies etc out for use)***

*~ **Sales Table (selling pottery works, pre-bisqued pots for the raku firing, and cold drinks)***

*~ **Clay Play (hand building and wheel throwing for adults and children)***

*~ **Glazing and decorating of the Raku Pots***

*~ **Assisting the Raku Masters with small tasks in the raku area***

*(to help with the Raku you **MUST** wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, have your hair tied back safely, **and adhere to all instructions given**)*

*If you are able to help out, even for a short time, please contact **Lone**  
(contact details on last page).*

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

*When you come to the Clubhouse you **MUST** sign IN and OUT in the book next to the entrance. Students attending classes must also have their names entered in the book, however the teacher running the class is responsible for doing this. It is an insurance requirement. Please take a moment when you next arrive to locate the book and fill it out when you arrive and leave.*

# REGULAR CLUBHOUSE CLASSES & CASUAL GATHERINGS

## **EVENING CLASSES - Contact Yuki for Prices**

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS - 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Wheel throwing and hand building class for beginners and existing potters who would like to refresh their skills.

Contact Yuki - yuki.koyuki@hotmail.com or 0438741922 (prefer SMS).

## **CLUB MEMBER GET TOGETHERS - No Cost Involved**

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNINGS - 9.00am to 12.00pm

Members can practise their hand building, wheel throwing, decorating and glazing techniques and perhaps share a firing. It is also a chance to get to know other potters and share their joy in pottery making.

Contact Glenys - 0487194747 or

Contact Yuki - 0438741922 (prefer SMS).

## **CARVING IN CLAY WORKSHOP Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 October**

Renowned local potter Ellen Terrell will conduct this two day workshop, which will involve looking at suitable patterns, mixing and applying coloured slips, and using tools to make patterns both directly into leatherhard clay and also through the slips.

The aim of the workshop is to enable participants to take home decorated pots which can be glazed in their own time and kept as samples of the different aspects covered in the workshop.

The course will include a folder of hand-out sheets for each participant, covering information on slip & glaze recipes, a suggested list of tools and options for firing.

Arrive at 9.30am for a 10am start, until 4.30pm, with 30mins lunch each day (it is recommended you bring lunch so time is not wasted having to leave and buy food - For your convenience there is a kettle, fridge and microwave available for use in the club house).

**Cost for Members - \$120 / Cost for Non-Members - \$150 (10 Participant Maximum)**

### **BOOKING PROCESS:**

Email us and register your interest. We will let you know if there is still space available. If there is an available spot, the next step is for you to pay for the workshop. Bank details are below.

Payment needs to be received into our bank account before your application to participate is approved.

**Account Name: Cairns Potters Club | Account Number: 119552826 | BSB Number: 633-108**

## **RUSSELL'S WHEEL THROWING WORKSHOP**

We had a huge amount of interest in the beginners wheel throwing workshop that Russell is holding soon! There have been discussions about holding another workshop in November, so please keep your eye on this newsletter, our Facebook page and website.

**Please be aware of the dates for Russell's workshop and do not use the club house during these times: Sat 24/Sun 25 August and Sat 7/Sun 8 September - 9am to 4pm each day.**

### **WE ARE SEARCHING FOR ONE TEACHER'S AIDE FOR RUSSELL'S WORKSHOP**

Russell needs someone to help prepare tools & materials, clean up and prepare morning and afternoon tea. This is a chance to listen, look and learn from a master!

Please contact **Suzy** if you wish to be Russell's Teacher's Aide. (contact details on last page).

## CLUB MEMBER EXHIBITION

*Our club member Lyndel Turpin is having a Ceramic Sculpture Exhibition called 'Off the Wall' Please show your support by heading along to the Frond Cafe/Gallery at the Lake Eacham Tourist Park. The opening night is Friday 9th August from 5.30pm - 7.00pm.*



## VOLUNTEER WORKING BEE THANKS

*A fantastic effort was seen on Sunday 28 July by fellow Club members happy to give up their Sunday and help clean up the clubhouse! Special thanks to Geoff, Cate, Beth, Laura, Yuki & Chris, Lone, Mark, Tom, Christine and brand new member Jacob. Here are the before and after shots of the front! What a difference!*

## WE HAVE NEW WHEEL THROWING STOOLS!

*With great thanks to Russell French, we now have 8 new custom made and padded wheel throwing stools! We also thank Sandra Anlezark who made the covers for them. Not only are they very comfortable, but because they will encourage good posture while you are wheel-throwing, they will also improve your wheel throwing techniques!*

*We have four spare stools available for sale, for \$125*

*If you would like to purchase one, please contact **Suzy** (contact details on last page)*



## THE NEW KILN HAS ARRIVED

*The new kiln has arrived and been installed to the power supply. We thank Ken Ison and his team, as well as John Charlton our vice president, for helping get the kiln installed.*

*As we now have two kilns, we require a much tighter turn around on the use of each kiln, seeing we can only run one at a time. While the first kiln load is cooling, the second kiln load can start firing. This also requires the person using the kiln to be present at the end of their kiln firing, so they can read the electricity meter, before the next kiln / and next meter reading, gets underway.*

*Each kiln works the same way. We have printed out and laminated an operation sheet, which you will find near each kiln. The manual for the new kiln is also out the back if you wish to read about the kiln in more detail. If you are keen to learn more about loading and firing a kiln, please contact us.*

*Please note that we have also reprogrammed the types of firings, and these are the only ones to be used. If you need a new programme, you must not alter the kiln programme yourself, but instead contact Amanda McGahan - our kiln booking officer. We will discuss your request for a new programme and let you know if there are any problems, and if none then we will enter your new programme to the list.*

## SECOND HAND PUG MILL FOR SALE

*The club has decided to sell the pug mill we have in the club house. It does need some TLC. Please contact **Lone** with your offer if you would like to buy it.  
(contact details on last page).*



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - CHILDREN'S CLASSES

*If you would like to hold regular Children's Classes, please put forward your expression of interest via email. Include the following information if possible:*

*~ what time of day ~ when must people book by ~ how do they book ~ cost per child  
~ how do they pay ~ what is included ~ minimum group size ~ maximum group size*

***Please note, a copy of your current Blue "Working with Children Card" will be required.***

## PICKING UP CLAY FROM THE CLUB HOUSE

*Please note that Di Sant will be away from 6 to 26 August. If you need to pick up clay from the clubhouse, please contact **Lone or Chris**. (Contact details on last page)*

### CLAY FOR SALE - Price Per Bag 2019 \*

Blackwattle - White Paper Clay Stoneware	\$25
Walkers No. 10	\$24
Walkers White Handbuilding	\$20
Walkers School Earthenware / Stoneware	\$20
Walkers / Feeneys White Stoneware	\$23
Walkers PB 103	\$24
Feeneys Dark Stoneware	\$21
Feeneys Red Stoneware	\$21
Feeneys White Raku Stoneware	\$20
Feeneys Raku - Sand	\$20
Feeneys Buff Raku - Trachyte	\$20
Feeneys Terracotta	\$18
Feeneys White Raku	\$19
Keanes White Raku	\$26
Keanes Special K	\$29
Keanes Stoneware 33	\$29
Keanes Stoneware 7	\$29
Australian Sun Clay	\$35
Bats (masonite) 20cm diameter	\$4
Bats (masonite) 39.5cm diameter	\$8

**\* Non members of Cairns Potters Club will have to pay \$5 extra per bag.**

*Clay types – can all be fired to stoneware temp except Feeneys Terracotta.*

#### **How to order:**

*If you would like to purchase some clay, please contact Di Sant, whose contact details can be found in the 2019 Management Committee Contact Details list towards the rear of the newsletter.*

#### **Payment:**

*Payment for clay can be either cash in person, or directly deposited into the Club's Bendigo Bank account by making an electronic transfer. If you choose to do an electronic transfer, please make sure to **add your name and reference** what you are ordering when you make the payment, so we can match your payment to your order.*

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## KEEPING THE CLUB CLEAN AND TIDY

- All members should respect the club and the facilities offered, and be considerate enough to clean up after they use the facilities.
- Please clean up after yourself, including cleaning of all bowls, tools, tables, sponges, wheels and surrounding floor. Take your wheel thrown slops home in a sealed bucket, do not leave at the machine.
- Please clean the kitchen area after you use it. Hang out sponges and dish towels to dry
- Please remember to take your rubbish home with you as the Club does not have a council rubbish pick up service. **We are trying hard to control the rat population in and around the club, therefore NO FOOD, SCRAPS, TEA BAGS etc TO GO INTO THE RUBBISH BIN.**
- Please do not store your belongings at the Club. It would be brilliant and easy if we all could do this, but there simply is not enough room for everyone to be doing this. Come and take your items home ASAP! Any unclaimed pottery will be sold on by the club for the next experimental raku sessions, or disposed of.

## IDENTIFY YOUR WORKS

If you plan to take the risk and leave your work in the clubhouse (please see final point above in 'keeping the club clean and tidy') then please leave a note with your work that contains the following info:

- **Your name**
- **Your contact details**
- **Date when you plan to return to finish the work**

This way we can at least have some idea how long work has been at the club for, and if it's been left untouched for more than one month, we will contact you to find out when you are coming back. If we cannot contact you, there is a high chance the items will be disposed of.

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