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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER



Local Clay Bowls by CAROLE LOMAX

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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. We continue to practice social distancing at these meetings.

A word from our President ...

Lone White
*Cairns Potters Club
President*



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The Cairns Potters Club was established in 1974 and moved into the present premises on Grove St in December 1979. Since then the club has been very busy. It has had its ups and downs, however for the moment it seems that pottery is getting really popular, as we have had an influx of new members, so there will be a lot of planning to be done to expand the premises.

Our next big event will be our yearly Mother's Day Fair – Saturday 7 May from 8am to 2 pm. Hopefully you will have plenty pottery or other artworks to sell. At our Christmas Fair we were inundated with buyers

The club managed to lobby the Qld Government to establish a course in ceramics at the TAFE Nth Qld (1978) and even though the course structure has changed since then, it is a great place to get knowledge about pottery. As you can see (page 3) the club also runs classes for both adults and children and, some of our members also run classes from other premises (page 4).

Our AGM (page 3) will take place on Saturday 27 March at 2 pm at the clubhouse. Hope you will be able to attend as we need input from all our members and if you have time to spare it would be appreciated if you would consider being part of the committee.

Lone White

Regular pottery classes for adults and children at Cairns Potters Club

Astrid Erika is running regular **Wednesday and Thursday classes** at the clubhouse — for children from 4-5:30pm and for adults from 6-8pm. Adult classes are \$25 per session for tuition, with additional clay and firing costs based on individual requirements. The children's classes include clay, colourful glazes, and firing.

Please contact Astrid on 0406 566 227 for further information or to make your booking.

Make sure to check our website for more information on upcoming classes and regular clubhouse gatherings.

NOTICE

Cairns Potters Club — Annual General Meeting

Saturday 27 March 2021 at 2pm

Please come to the AGM and support the Club. It will also be an opportunity for you to meet other members and share ideas about the future of the club. You are of course more than welcome to nominate for a position on the Management Committee. Afternoon refreshments will be served.

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

AUDITOR'S REPORT

CALL FOR NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

GENERAL BUSINESS

List of Positions: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, Publicity officer, Librarian, Kiln officer, Glass officer, Glaze officer - General Committee at least 3 (must be a financial member).

Kalapata Pottery at Freshwater

Pottery classes with Samallie Kasirye

12 Feb
2021 –
13 Dec
2021

Fundraiser for Charity

Samallie's "Kalapata Pottery at Freshwater" Fundraiser for Charity classes commenced on Friday, 12 February 2021.

Samallie's new workshop, with seven Venco throwing wheels and two medium-sized Tetlow electric kilns, is set up in a cool open space underneath a modern Queenslander. The workshop is surrounded by an exotic beautiful garden in a quiet street.

Classes will be offered daily on Friday and Saturday.

Once a month Samallie will conduct a workshop at the Cairns Potters Club mainly to induct students in appropriate and safe use of club resources such as the slab roller, as well as glazing, kiln loading and programming for firings, and recycling clay.

Text **0478801305** or email **Dunkasi@bigpond.com**
(please DO NOT RING)

Friday sessions	Saturday sessions
9:00 am – 12 noon	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

3 minimum lessons are required for beginning and intermediate students. After the three lessons, these students can enrol in as many sessions as they wish provided there are vacancies.

Beginners \$52 per session
(min. \$156 for three sessions)

Intermediate \$62 per session
(min. \$186 for three sessions)



Kalapata Children's
Charity Institution



Note that prices cover tuition fees, clay, tools, glazes, firings, snacks, tea, coffee and a glass of champagne or red wine. You only need to bring an apron, wear closed in shoes, cut nails, long hair tied back, remove jewellery and bring a cushion for comfortable seating.



CAROLE LOMAX

Working with clay is something that seems to get a hold of some people, the process of building or creating form,

the magic of the wheel and the alchemy of fire and the earth's materials.

ARTIST of THE MONTH

I decided to take a course in ceramics after I had read an article on Thancoupie. That was possibly nearly 30 years ago. I began as a student, became a technician and finally a teacher at the local TAFE. I learnt the most as a teacher, finding answers to questions and solving endless problems for others. I thought after 20 years, I was an ok potter, but only in the realms of the institution.

I had always been fascinated with ancient Japan and had written a dissertation on its decorative arts. So when I was taken to Japan by my sister in 2012, I said I had to go to Mashiko, to see Shoji Hamada's kiln. I needed a place to stay and found what was termed a club close by. That was the beginning of my new adventure into clay, a new Japanese family pottery, whose studios I played in twice a year until I was invited to work there. It has been a time to relearn, dig clay, absorb an aesthetic and new processes and gain an insight into wood firing. I have met amazing English and Japanese potters and creative young people from all over the world there.

I am still just an OK potter, but a much richer one (not in money terms).



Membership renewal

Have you renewed your membership for 2021? If not, then this will be the last newsletter we will be sending to you.

Membership fees:-

- ❖ Single Member \$55 , Family Membership (2) \$ 65., Associate Member \$ 45 (Open to interested people who reside outside the Cairns District) Student (18 and under) \$ 25, Concession \$ 40 - Social Security Cardholder, Group Membership \$ 65 - Key for Clubhouse (optional) \$30
- ❖ Payments may be directly deposited into the Club's Bendigo Bank A/C by making an electronic transfer to the following bank account : Name: **Cairns Potters Club Inc.**
BSB 633-108 Account # 119552826.

Key for the clubhouse

- ❖ If you have bought a key to the clubhouse for 2021, then you will have to come to the clubhouse at the AGM Saturday 27 March at 2 pm to change over of key, as we always do the change-over at the AGM.
- ❖ If you cannot make it to the AGM, then contact the secretary for a suitable time to pick up the key. There are now new procedures in place for key holders. For potters who has used a club key last year, they will have to sign a form agreeing to the responsibilities as a key holder. For new members they will have to take part in an induction course (\$5) provided by the club. More info about that will shortly be on our website.

Re: use of club glazes

- ❖ Our new glaze officer Carol Lomax and her committee are for the moment sorting out which glazes the club will provide for members to use. We are also for the moment looking into how much members will be charged for the glazes applied to their pots. That information will shortly be on the website as well as in the glaze room. For people who want to glaze their pots but have not done it before at the clubhouse, there will be an induction course (\$5) conducted by Carol Lomax, they need to attend before using the glaze room. If you are interested in knowing more about our club glazes and how to apply them please contact Carol Lomax clomax54@gmail.com.

The clay trap — update

The Cairns Regional Council has been concerned about our clay tap, as members have been pouring too much clay slops into the sink instead of depositing the clay slops into the bins beside the sink. The clay trap has several times been overflowing and too much clay might block the pipe.

After inspection of the clay trap last year the council demanded, that we modify the trap and make sure not too much clay goes thru it. Geoff Riley took on the job to organize for the modification – it has been a big job, also expensive, however it is now done.

A big thank you to Geoff for his hard work.



KITE GALLERY welcomes you to participate in "FLIGHT"



GRAND OPENING EXHIBITION

19th March - 16th April 2021

Opening Night: Friday 19th March, 6-9pm

Open day for the space:
Saturday 20th March, 10-5pm

Introduction

Kite Gallery is a generously sized, light-filled space at 133 Grafton St, Cairns. Founders, Craig Edwards and Amanda McGahan provide an inclusive space for artists to exhibit and in collaboration with creatives in the region, they will soon offer classes, workshops and training for individuals and groups, through their not-for-profit organization - Inspired. Expressions of interest to participate or facilitate are welcomed.

The **FLIGHT** exhibition will be presented throughout the entire building, allowing ample space for artworks and to warm the walls for our Open Day on Saturday, 20th March.

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