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JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER



Raku vessel by Geoff Riley

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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

I have just arrived back from a 5 week trip overseas, where I saw many interesting ceramic artworks – it was very inspiring!

It appears that pottery is again very popular here in Cairns . The club has now more members than we have had for many years, and there has been a surge of requests for after hours classes. So at our last Management Committee meeting we discussed providing more classes for both beginners and potters with more advanced skills. Please see page 3 for new class details.

The Cairns Show is the next event where the Cairns Potters Club is involved, and it is only a few weeks away now! Thanks to all the members who volunteered to be on the roster and to those potters who entered the exhibition. You can also sell you ceramics at the show. See below for more info regarding this.

August looks also like being a busy month for the club with the Open Weekend on 17/18 August. Make sure you have some pots ready for the raku firing! See below for more details.

THE CAIRNS SHOW IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER 17, 18 & 19 July!

The Visual Arts Association together with the Cairns Potters Club are again in charge of the visual art display at The Cairns Show. We look forward to seeing the entries on display.

Please note that entries closed on the 28 June, but It is not too late to submit works for sale under the paintings.

Delivery of Exhibits must be to the Visual Arts Hall on Wednesday 10 July between 12pm and 6pm.

Delivery of Pots for Sale must be to the Visual Arts Hall on Monday 15 July between 12pm and 4pm. Do not forget to bring a sales sheet like the one filled out at the Mother's Day Fair.

Collection of all Items will be on Saturday 20 July between 9am to 12pm.

If you have problems with delivery or picking up works for the Show, please call Lone White or Chris George to make other arrangements. Please see the last page for contact details.

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

Hundreds of potters and ceramic artists across Australia will open their studios to the public for a weekend of clay, creativity and community. The Cairns Potters Club will also open its doors to the public over this weekend between 10am and 4pm each day. We invite members of the public and tourists to have a go at wheel throwing and hand building, check out our facilities and buy pots made by our local artists. Sunday's highlight will be the very exciting Raku firing! For more information please see our website or send us an email.

REGULAR CLUBHOUSE CLASSES & CASUAL GATHERINGS

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S CLASSES - \$25 per child - Payment on the Day

Every Sunday afternoon (unless workshops are booked) - 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Maximum of 10 children. Please bring water bottle and wear covered shoes.

Contact Jeananne - 0405 566 879 (phone or SMS is fine)

EVENING CLASSES (new classes starts 17/18 July) - 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).

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Hedy will be running two School Holiday Workshops on Thursday 4th and Thursday 11th July between 9.00am and 12.00pm each day.

Please contact Hedy for all details. You will find her contact info on the last page.

Other members, please refrain from using the club facilities during these times.

ADULT WEEKEND WHEEL THROWING WORKSHOP for BEGINNERS WITH TUTOR RUSSELL FRENCH

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 August AND Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September

9.00am to 4.00pm each day (1 hour lunch break) » 6hrs of lessons x 4 days = 24hrs in total

On the first weekend you will learn the basics of how to wheel throw and turn your pots.

A fortnight later, the second weekend will consist of learning glazing techniques.

Pots will be ready to collect on the the weekend of September 14/15 (exact date tbc).

We will have 6 spots available in this 4 day class. MEMBER: \$200 / NON-MEMBER: \$250

All materials and tools will be supplied and this cost includes up to 6kg of kiln firing per person. Please contact Lone for further information and to register your interest. Contact details are on the last page. Please note that payment needs to be received into our bank account before your application to participate is approved. Bank details are found on the bottom of page 6.

For your convenience there is a kettle, fridge and microwave available for use in the club house.

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.

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.

NEW KILN IS ALMOST HERE

The new kiln is set to arrive in approximately two weeks! We have some work to do to prepare for its arrival. The floor of the kiln room will need to be cleared of all obstructions (shelves and other rubbish), and needs to be swept clean. The old kiln will need to be cold and empty as it must be disconnected and moved. As we do not know the exact date yet we can only pre-warn that there may be a period where this existing kiln can not be used. Please keep an eye on your inbox as we will email all the members regarding this once we do know the dates.

We will print out, and publish an operation manual for this kiln, once it is ready to use

KILN CONTROLLER SETTINGS

As notified in last months newsletter, we are looking to create a clear set of instructions for our kilns and we asked members to email us by Sun 30th June if there was a particular programme they prefer to use. We did not get a single email, therefore please note that we will go ahead and set new programs based on the best operational methods for our kilns. We will print out, and also publish these settings, so you are all aware of the changes.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH - GEOFF RILEY

My mother and my older sister were involved with pottery in the 80's and 90's. I still have some of their pieces at home today. The idea to try my hand at pottery had been in the back of my mind for years. I have never considered myself artistic which probably explains why I left it so long to try. I have great admiration for those blessed with artistic talent.

My first hands on pottery experience was the Raku open days at the club in August last year. A big thank you to Russell for showing me how to throw something on the wheel and also to Sandra for showing me how to glaze a piece for firing. I applied to join the club immediately as I was well and truly hooked. Since then I have taken Yuki's evening classes in November and recently a Saturday wheel throwing class at the Tafe to improve my skills. The internet and Youtube are a constant source of inspiration and intrigue - "I wonder if I could do that", I ask myself. There are so many processes I would like to try, Naked Raku, Alcohol reduction & pit firing to name a few and the list keeps growing. (Geoff ticked alcohol reduction off his list last weekend! ~Ed)

In the future I want to learn how to fire my own pots and experiment with glazes. For now though, I have my own wheel at home to play with clay whenever I like. Pottery is my happy place.



CLAY FOR SALE - Price Per Bag 2019 *

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

*** 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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