

The Cairns Potters Club

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Tangled up in Blue series by Mollie Bosworth See Page 5

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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

Next month is going to be a very busy month for the club, as we will be opening our MELTING POT 2018 National Ceramic Exhibition on the 30 November (see page 3).

We are hoping that you have all been busy making that "special" pot or pots for the exhibition.

We will have the invitations ready in early November. Please come to the opening night with plenty of friends, so everybody can see what exciting works the members can make.

In the November newsletter, we will give more info on the Club's Christmas Fair on which will be held on Saturday 1 December. Get busy potting, so we will have plenty pots to sell. Kind regards, Lone.

TAFE CERAMIC COURSES WITH JENNIFER VALMADRE

Intro to Wheel Throwing - 9 Oct to 11 Dec

10 weeks with 3 hours teaching in the morning (9am to 12 noon), and 3 hours of studio access in the afternoon (12 noon to 3.30pm). Cost is \$390.

Advanced Ceramics - 9 Oct to 11 Dec

10 weeks with 3 hours studio access in the morning (9am to 12.30pm), and 3 hours teaching in the afternoon 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Cost is \$390.

HOW TO ENROL:

Telephone: Simply call 1300 308 233. Payment must be made by credit card at time of enrolment. Please ensure card holder is present at time of payment.

<u>Visit Us:</u> Customer Service Centre - Gatton, Newton, Eureka and Wilkinson Streets,

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Email: info.north@TAFE.qld.edu.au

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.

MELTING POT 2018

National Ceramics Exhibition

The Cairns Potters Club's sub-committee is busy organising the Club's 14th National ceramics exhibition.

Each year we have said "this must be the best ever" but the next year it is even better! It shows how ceramics has developed over the years, and we have great expectations for the Melting Pot 2018 exhibition!

We hope many of you are considering entering the exhibition this year. We love being

able to show the people of Cairns, and visitors to Cairns, all the different type of ceramic works we have had the enjoyment of creating.

The entries close Friday 9 November and you can either print the form from the club's website or pick up a copy from the clubhouse.

The exhibition will be judged by Sharon Jewel, the president of North Qld Potters Association in Townsville.

Unfortunately, the Cairns Regional Council (who was always our main sponsor) has decided this year to no longer give grants for prize money for exhibitions. However it has been agreed that the Club will sponsor the main award of \$3000 this year.



The Cairns Art Gallery has also shifted the exhibition space from the ground floor to the second floor, and restricted us to only exhibit 60 ceramic works, but we are still in charge of curating the exhibition. The reduction in gallery space means we may only be able to exhibit 2 to 3 pieces of your artwork, and if this happens, we will refund the fee if your pot is not exhibited.

We will be looking for helpers to set-up and break-down the exhibition, so if you are looking to gain experience in a gallery environment, please let the committee know. We are also keen to organise a dinner on the opening night, so please let us know if you are interested and able to attend. Venue is TBC at this stage but it will be in the vicinity of the Gallery, and the price reasonable.



Ian Whittaker



Exhibits from Melting Pot 2017



Peter Thompson

CLUBHOUSE HAPPENINGS

CHILDRENS' CLASSES

THURSDAYS - 3.30pm TO 5.00pm

Contact Hedy - 0428 883 121 or email hedy.verhulst@hotmail.com

EVENING CLASSES

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

(Note: Starts again 10th October)

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

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNINGS - 9.00am TO 12.00pm

NO COST INVOLVED

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 on 0438741922 (prefer SMS).

HOUSEKEEPING

- Members <u>must remember</u> to clean up and leave the place in a clean and tidy manner. This includes cleaning all tools, wheels, sponges, containers and the bench tops.
- Please be advised that no clay or material slops can be thrown out in the garden. We have a bin for clay slops and it is located close to the sinks, next to the shelves with tools and underneath the window. Ensure the slops bucket next to your wheel is cleaned into the slops bin near the sink (or take it home yourself), and then clean out the bucket too.
- There are still members who forget to sign in and out it is very important that you do this. One of the reasons is, if you are unfortunate enough to be involved in an injury while on site, and it is found later you did not sign in or out, it cannot be proven the accident happened at the clubhouse and you will not be covered by insurance.
- If you eat in the clubhouse, you do so at your own peril. There are many dangers in combining food with clay dust, glazes, or even the copious amounts of pest faeces that are around the clubhouse!
- If you have bought in food, please make sure to throw it away when it is past its best-before date. The fridge is filling up with some rather old items. Remember NOT to dispose of any food scraps in the bins inside the clubhouse there is a green council wheelie bin out near the road please use this.
- If you are firing in the kiln, please be present for the final temperature. Ensure you use cones to know what the temperature got to, and record your results in the book.
- Read the meter immediately after firing. It is in your own best interest as otherwise other electricity use will be billed to your firing.

MOLLIE BOSWORTH - The Nature of Blue

Cairns Pottery Club member and Kuranda resident Mollie Bosworth is best known for her porcelain work, usually wheel thrown and employing many surface techniques including decals and watersoluble metallic salts. Often her work is driven by the materials and processes. Textures and patterns in nature influence her work, often drawn from her love of gardening. We have an opportunity to view Mollie's artwork up close at her exhibition at the Cairns Art Gallery, from 21 Sept to 18 Nov.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS CERAMIC WORKSHOP

Thursday 4th of October, 9.30 - 11.00am \$20 - clay, glaze and firing included Held at the Cairns Potters Club, 28a Grove Street. Bookings essential: hedy.verhulst@hotmail.com or 0428 883 121 Limited places available

SUCCULENT MARKET

A succulent market will be held in the front garden of the clubhouse on Sunday 16 November between 9am and 12 noon. There is an opportunity to have a stall to sell your pots. Please contact Johanna for more deatils, on 0403 696 672 or johannabradley22@gmail.com

LITTLE KILN

The little kiln has been checked and we have confirmed there is an error with a relay. We will continue to look into fixing this issue, but for now, please refrain from using the little kiln until advised otherwise.

PNG TOUR

Please be advised that the PNG Cultural Tour has been postponed.

A new date in 2019 will be advised as soon as possible.

CLAY FOR SALE - Price Per Bag 2018 *

Blackwattle - White Paper Clay Stoneware	\$25
Walkers No. 10	\$23
Walkers White Handbuilding	\$20
Walkers School Earthenware / Stoneware	\$20
Walkers / Feeneys White Stoneware	\$22
Walkers PB 103	\$23
Feeneys Dark Stoneware	\$21
Feeneys Red Stoneware	\$21
Feeneys White Raku Stoneware	\$20
Feeneys Buff Raku - Sand	\$20
Feeneys Buff Raku - Trachyte	\$20
Feeneys Terracotta	\$18
Feeneys White Raku	\$19
Keanes White Raku	\$26
Keanes Special K	\$27
Keanes Stoneware 33	\$27
Keanes Stoneware 7	\$27
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 on one of the following: 4032 4487, or 0419 657 553, or email disantart@qmail.com

However please note that Di Sant will be on holidays from mid July to mid August, so during this time, please contact Christina George on 4053 2240 or Lone White on 4053 7508 during that period.

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. Make sure to show your name and reference **clay and/or materials** when you choose to do an electronic transfer.

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