



The Cairns Potters Club

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SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



A Raku Fired Pot from the Open Day

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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

Our Open Weekend 18/19 August was a great success!

Many people came to have a go on the wheel and we now have 6 new club members. We also got some nice pots out of the raku firing (see page 3).

We would like to personally thank Tom Britton, Russell French and John Charlton for helping with the raku firing at the Open Weekend.

Our National Ceramic exhibition Melting Pot 2018 is getting closer, so if you have not already commenced making your masterpiece/s then start as soon as possible. Entry closes Friday 9 November 2018 . You can download the entry form from our website.

The last big event for the year is our Christmas Fair which will take place Saturday 1 December, so we also hope you are making plenty pots to sell there.

Regards Lone.

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.

A GREAT TURN-OUT TO THE POTTERY OPEN HOUSE

It certainly was an open weekend – on both days people arrived to look around the clubhouse, and to find out what the club has to offer. Club members were constantly busy helping people to either make pots on the electric wheel, hand building or glazing pots for the raku firing. Many pots were also sold on the day. Sunday was even busier – with Tom Britton in charge of the raku firings together with some very able assistants. Many interesting pots were produced! The result of the open weekend was also an increase in memberships of the club.

Thanks again to the small team of club members who came to the clubhouse over the weekend to give a hand. They really worked hard – without their help it would not have been possible to organise such a weekend.



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

- 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
- Members must remember 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.
- 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 wheellie 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.

SHED ROLLER DOOR FIXED

With great work by Russell French and Tom Britton's son Liam as his helper, the roller door to the back shed is now fixed. The guys spent nearly a full Sunday fixing the door and we really appreciate the effort!

Please be aware though that you must open the door very gently, as it is a very lightweight door and it flies open easily, which does cause damage to the door.



LITTLE KILN

Unfortunately the little kiln is cutting out prior to reaching set temperature. We plan to get it checked by an electrician prior to anyone using it. Please refrain from using the little kiln until advised otherwise.

WEEKEND GLASS WORKSHOP

When: 15 & 16 September, 10am to 4pm each day

Who: Kate Prynne will be conducting the workshop

Where: The Clubhouse

How many: Maximum of 10 participants

Cost: \$90 each plus glass and firing

Participants will make a slumped dish or small plate, and a tack-fused wind chime. If there is time, they can make a flat plate which can be used as a cheese platter.

As there are limited spaces, please contact Lone ASAP to book your spot

Phone: 4053 7508 or Email: Lone@tpg.com.au

CLAY FOR SALE - Price Per Bag 2018 *

<i>Blackwattle - White Paper Clay Stoneware</i>	\$25
<i>Walkers No. 10</i>	\$23
<i>Walkers White Handbuilding</i>	\$20
<i>Walkers School Earthenware / Stoneware</i>	\$20
<i>Walkers / Feeneys White Stoneware</i>	\$22
<i>Walkers PB 103</i>	\$23
<i>Feeneys Dark Stoneware</i>	\$21
<i>Feeneys Red Stoneware</i>	\$21
<i>Feeneys White Raku Stoneware</i>	\$20
<i>Feeneys Buff Raku - Sand</i>	\$20
<i>Feeneys Buff Raku - Trachyte</i>	\$20
<i>Feeneys Terracotta</i>	\$18
<i>Feeneys White Raku</i>	\$19
<i>Keanes White Raku</i>	\$26
<i>Keanes Special K</i>	\$27
<i>Keanes Stoneware 33</i>	\$27
<i>Keanes Stoneware 7</i>	\$27
<i>Bats (masonite) 20cm diameter</i>	\$4
<i>Bats (masonite) 39.5cm diameter</i>	\$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@gmail.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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